



Friends
of
Belair National Park
Volunteers working for Conservation
Established 1985



Patron: Dr. David C. Paton AM

Quarterly Newsletter September 2015

President's Report

Last quarter I mentioned extending our Masterplan to include all those of our activities outside bushcare. These include our History and Heritage efforts around preserving evidence and artefacts which define the Park's progress over the last 124 years, and our community interaction activities. All members have been asked by email and at the August general meeting to contribute their views on just what should be included in those parts of our plan. If you have not already had your say please contribute by sending comments to the "Friends" email address. Should we conduct walks? Do we have enough? How should we interact with schools, scouts/cubs and corporate volunteers? What should we be doing to protect the history we have of the Park?

"Our first ARTC weeding session for the year went well in the planning and logistics stages but failed in execution. This was nobody's fault. It just tipped it down with rain." That was my comment in the last newsletter. Let's hope this coming Friday's event is not similarly rained off. During the last three months we have also renewed our agreement with ARTC. So, we are set for another year.

In relation to History and Heritage I have written to the Hon. Ian Hunter MLC Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation with respect to apparent lack of funding within DEWNR for restoration and maintenance for many of the older buildings in the park. This only happened a few days ago and he has not yet had time to respond. However, this letter was copied to Sam Duluk our local MP and Mark Parnell our Senator. Sam Duluk has already replied and requested a meeting. I'll be giving him a tour of some of the buildings in question tomorrow. Watch this space.

Mark Pedlar

New Members

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members.

Marta Rodriguez-Rey

Cliff & Ineke Tavner

AIMS OF THE HERITAGE GROUP

1. To conserve the records and memorabilia held by the Friends.
 - a) Continue digitizing records for digital retrieval.
 - b) Collate photos, records, memorabilia, and library accessions for FoBNP.
 - c) Keep members of the Friends of Belair National Park informed about the history and sites within the Park.
2. To determine, research, photograph, document and monitor sites and structures within the Park for their conservation.
 - a) Preparation of Heritage Sites and Structures register with each entry including details of location, VMU reference, GPS point(s), description of item, heritage values, condition, map, photographs, historical and cultural research and other relevant information:
 - b) Heritage walks, hosted by the Friends of Belair NP:
 - c) Seek funding where appropriate:
for example new signage, and restoration of degraded signs, such as at
 - Echo Tunnel
 - The old road to the gullies
 - The steps to the National Park Railway siding .(depending on safety issues)
 - d) Prepare applications for possible State Heritage Listing.

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Editor needed.

The December newsletter will be my last edition.

Is there anybody out there prepared to take on the job of editor from January 2016.

Retiring editor

Brian DuBois.

WORKING ON RAILWAY LAND.

There is approximately 5 kilometres of railway line and railway land in Belair National Park. It is impossible for the Friends of Belair National Park to weed the entire length of railway land. We try to, on occasions, to weed railway land which is adjacent to areas which we have weeded and look after in the Park.



Unfortunately, this takes quite a lot of organisation. Firstly, we have to suggest a date, giving 14 days notice. If this suits the Rail Corp, they will organise a Safety Officer to come to watch us work on the Railway Land. If it rains on the arranged day then the weeding is cancelled and we have to start the organisation again from the beginning. So far this year we have only managed to have one weeding session on Railway Land.

This was organised for June 19th. Unfortunately it rained that day, so it was cancelled. We did manage to weed railway land on July 3rd. This session was successful. We had a large group of Volunteers, removing Broom and Boneseed next to VMU 16 from the Gate 2 Bridge towards the east. Gemma Opie, the Community Relations Officer for ARTC, joined us and helped with the weeding.



It was hard going with lots of Broom and we didn't complete the area and need to organise another session soon.

Michael Cerchez 30th July 2015



REPORT FROM THE HERITAGE GROUP

Recent meetings of Friends of Belair who are interested in heritage and history have progressed where we are going. These Friends are not a "finite" group, but have a common interest, so if that is your interest too, please let us know. We have an E-mailing list from friendsofbelairpark@msn.com, or you can telephone the secretary, Jill, on 8278 6736. Meetings have been "ad hoc" so far, so let us know that you are interested and we will advise you if a meeting is planned. Several things are happening, mostly for all the Friends, but with a *Heritage* slant.

1. Liaising with our ranger, Jen Pitman, we have been invited to take an active part in the celebrations next year of the 125th anniversary of the Belair National Park.
2. We have put in an application for a grant for historic signs in Belair National Park and for printing historic cards for sale, as part of the 125th anniversary.
3. We have drawn up a list of "Aims of the Heritage Group" (see below).
4. Items shown in the album of "Historic Sites and Structures" which contains photographs by Jenny Skinner, are being documented in detail by Pam Tamblyn.

125th ANNIVERSARY OF BELAIR NATIONAL PARK

There are likely to be 4 major days of celebrations in the Park during 2016.

About Time. (May)

Ron Tamblyn has planned three guided walks of historic sites. These could be repeated on other days during the year. Guided tours by bus are also being considered.

Belair Open Day (September 4th 2016),

not confirmed yet in the spring this time.

Parks Social Club Last Day

First Saturday in December 2016, which the Social Club is planning as a very large event.

Nature Play

Another day which is for children. As yet no date has been set.

Meetings are booked for planning this, on Friday mornings at 11am on 11/9/2015, 13/11/2015 and 8/1/2016. All at the Volunteer Centre.

Forthcoming September Events

Annual Sir John Cleland Memorial Walk 2015

This year two different walks will be available, both on Sunday 13 September 2015:

Walk 1 – a “family friendly” stroll, commencing at 10.00 am for about two hours, to enjoy the flora and fauna of Belair National Park.

Walk 2 – a “Perimeter Hike”, to commemorate the annual park boundary walk by Sir John. This hike of about 15 kms will start at 9.00 am and will take around 6 hours.

These walks will be an ideal introduction to the pleasures found within Belair National Park, especially for those who do not know the park.

Bookings must be made for the limited number of places on each walk: contact and for further details - Barb and Alan Raine - telephone 8278 2370, or email rainea@bettanet.com.au

Aldinga Scrub CP Trip

A Bus trip has been arranged for Sunday 20 September 2015, when The Friends of Aldinga Scrub CP will give us a Guided Tour of this remnant pre-settlement native coastal scrub reserve, including the rare Lacy Coral Lichen (*Cladia ferdiandii*). Meet at Gate 2 at 9.15am, for a 9.30 departure, returning by mid-afternoon. The cost is about \$12.00 per person, not included lunch.

For bookings and further details –

contact

Peter Raine: e-mail :— pirate-pete75@hotmail.com
or phone :— 0400 066 775,
Barb and Alan Raine: e-mail :— rainea@bettanet.com.au
phone :— 8278 2370,

There are still some places available – be quick!!

WHAT HAS A TASTE FOR ORCHID BULBS?

In reply to a notice about suspected theft of orchids from Belair National Park:

"Hopefully it will be echidna diggings instead of orchid theft. Tim and I have been weeding in 9D between Lodge, Morowie and Bradey Gully tracks several times recently and there have been a lot of echidna diggings there. We saw 2 echidnas one day while we were weeding and last visit noticed several shingle backs. That means the snakes aren't far behind!

Jen Tolley."

A few friends to look out for in the coming months



Brown Snake dark form



Tiger snake



Brown Snake lighter form



Black snake



Red belly snake



Pigmy copper head



Whip snake

FRIENDS OF BELAIR NATIONAL PARK

Postal Address:- PO Box 2 BELAIR SA 5052

Email:- friendsofbelairpark@msn.com

Website:- www.communitywebs.org/friendsofbelairpark

Website & Newsletter:- bandoobs@gmail.com

Facebook:- www.facebook.com/fobnp

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2015

PRESIDENT	Mark Pedlar	8278 1991
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TREASURER	Carol Parrott	8278 6783
COMMITTEE MEMBERS.	Mary Cole, Brian DuBois, Barry Palmer, Barbara Raine, Jim Trueman.	

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WORKING BEE COORDINATOR	Barbara Raine	8278 2370
WORKING BEES for Tuesday or Friday,	Barbara Raine	8278 2370

BELAIR NATIONAL PARK

Belair National Park Office 8278 5477

After hours Emergency 0427 556 676

Put these numbers in your mobile.

FREE GUIDED WALKS April to November

Normally held on the 4th Tuesday of the month. No guided walks over summer.

Ask at the Park Ticket Office for your free entry, and meet in the car park there at the Office at 1.45 pm for a 2.00pm start

Dates are: September 22nd, October 27th and November 24th.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friends of Parks 30th Annual Forum to be held in 2016.

Details of the next forum will be published when available.

Professor Cleland Memorial Walk

The Friends of Belair National Park, will be holding their annual Sir John Cleland Memorial for 2015. Details and date in this news letter in "September events".

Birthday Party

Held on the 19th of December to celebrate the birthday of Belair National Park.

MONTHLY MEETINGS 2014/15

Usually (**not always**) on the first Saturday of the month.

1 pm at the Volunteer Centre, Long Gully, Belair NP.

Usually with an interesting speaker first, then the meeting.

Visitors welcome

2015

October 3rd 12.30pm:- Barbecue

November 7th 1pm:- Prof Chris Daniels - Spiders

December 5th 1pm Clive & Claire Chesson Wild flower gems of greater Adelaide region.

WORKING BEES.

Meet by Belair Park Ticket Office

BEFORE 8.30am Standard daylight time or BEFORE 8am Daylight saving time

Tuesday and Friday mornings. For information phone Barbara on 8278 2370

Daylight Saving starts Sunday 4th October 2015 and ends on Sunday 3rd April 2016

Working Bees on other days, meet by arrangement.

For Mondays, phone Vaike on 8277 9596

For 3rd Saturday of each month at 9.00am phone 8278 2370

Membership Payments

- 1) Pay the treasurer at a meeting
- 2) Forward payment and **your contact details to**
The Treasurer
Friends of Belair NP
PO Box 2, Belair 5052
- 3) Pay by internet use the following account information **and email your contact information to**
acmeparrott@picknowl.com.au
Bank SA
BSB 105-078
Acc No:- 306250940
Acc Name:- Friends of Belair Park
Acc Ref:- your name (membership fees)

Annual renewal is \$10 a single, \$15 for a family regardless of when it is paid.

If joining after 30th June, your first half year is discounted to half price, so please pay \$5 for single, or \$7.50 for joint membership.

