



# FRIENDS OF PARKS INC

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## BANDICOOT TAILS

Newsletter of the Friends of Scott Creek

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**The President's Corner:** Our annual flower stall at the Blackwood Rotary Fair went very well indeed. Beautiful weather, bargain prices and gently persuasive sales techniques combined to net the group around \$440. Thanks to all those who helped make this day such an enjoyable and successful one.

The Stirling Rotary Club's working bee on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup>. November saw 18 of them and 6 of us make considerable inroads on the feral plants at the head of Viminaria Creek. Our visitors expressed the wish to return on a regular basis, and I feel it would be uncharitable not to grant that wish. Their efforts are much appreciated. Thanks go to Don for initiating the event and to he and Donna for their hospitality and garden for the BBQ that followed.

Our AGM was well attended and on my being re-elected, Donella presented me with a sheriff's badge in lieu, she claims, a President's badge. I suspect first choice - Tyrannical Despot - was also unavailable. Peter Bird gave a very entertaining and informative talk and slide show covering the mammals, reptiles and amphibians of the Hills. His anecdotes and observations made for a very enjoyable evening.

I wish everyone all the very best for Christmas and the New Year and hope you can come to the Christmas breakup at the Thompson's place, Frith Road, on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Officebearers For 1997:

The AGM saw the following all elected unopposed (surprise!)

President	Tom Hands
Vice-president	John Butler
Secretary	Don Reid
Treasurer	John Thompson
Patron	Enid Robertson
Committee	Last year members, together with the newly-elected members from this year.

Donella Peters has produced the following to celebrate the ease of Tom Hand's retention of the Presidential Chair.

### **The Annual "Tom Hands" Commemorative Ode No. 2**

Tom Hands is President again,  
Three hearty cheers! Long may he reign!  
Elected with so little pain -  
Tom Hands - he's our man.

For six long years he's cracked the whip  
And steered this creaking little ship;  
You'd think it would give him the pip!  
Tom Hands - he's our man.

We've pulled and dug at his behest,  
As chief slave-driver, he's the best.  
He needs a medal for his chest!  
Tom Hands - he's our man.

So now please join me one and all  
And raise the roof right off the hall  
To thank him for answering the call -  
Tom Hands - he's our man!

#### **From the last meeting (AGM):**

Richard Coombe advised that the calici virus was to be released into the park in the week following the meeting (18-11-96) if they can catch enough rabbits to infect. There are problems with other ferals, including cows and deer. The fox-baiting count to date is 352 baits taken in just over 12 months.

Roseworthy College students have done a bandicoot review of the Park, the results of which will be available by the end of December. It seems the distribution of bandicoots, in terms of area, has expanded 10-fold since 1989.

#### **Digging, Pulling, Cutting, Swabbing!**

Is there any other term for 'Working Bee'? or are they supposed to give us a "buzz".

The Stirling Rotary foray into Viminaria Creek resulted in 18 Rotarians and partners plus 6 from FOSCCP, making substantial inroads into the ferals there, including the grove of willows. Rotary time amounted to about 70 man-hours (Manus=hand!) and they are looking for more of the same! Tom is promising to oblige.

Other work has been done by members at Gate 8 (blackberry and broom), Gate 3 (anything that is nasty), Neville Road, (gorse, broom and bridal creeper). Tom has also been back to the Crassula infestation near Gate 20 and hand-pulled more of the stuff. And on top of all this, bags of Monadenia.

**F.O.S.C.C.P. Programme:**

Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	1800	Thompson's, Frith Road	Christmas breakup.
Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	0900	Thompson's	We may try some propagation, if we have enough seed (At Thompson's), or some weeding if we have insufficient material.

No Committee meeting in January. We may deal with some items at the breakup.

Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	0930	Almanda Mine	Tuesday working group
Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	0900	Gate 3	Weeding (but please check with Tom/Don)
Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	0930	Almanda Mine	Tuesday working group
Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	0730	Reid's	Committee meeting
Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	0900	To be advised	Working bee

That should keep us busy!

Any queries on friends activities, please contact your office bearers.

President	Tom Hands	8388 2150
Secretary	Don Reid	8388 2123

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO  
ALL!!**

## **LIST OF BOOKS , PUBLICATIONS & TAPES IN F.O.S.C.C.P. LIBRARY**

**DECEMBER, 1996**

1. Plants of Particular Conservation Significance in South Australia's Agricultural Regions. 5-8-1996. Update of Unpublished Database. Extracted for Southern Mt. Lofty Region. By Lang, P.J. & Kraehenbuhl, D.N., Resource Management Branch, D.E.N.R.
2. South Australian Orchid Conservation. List of S. Aust Orchids Showing Conservation Status, Locations and Management Suggestions
3. Orchids of South Australia, by Bates, R.J. & Weber, J.Z.
4. Complete Book of Australian Mammals - The Photographic Index of Australian Wildlife. Australian Museum
5. General Plant List for Scott Creek Conservation Park by Bates, R.J. April 1995
6. Scott Creek Conservation Park Orchid Survey, by the Native Orchid Society of South Australia
7. The Review Into The Management Of National Parks and Wildlife Act Reserves, Final Report, 1994 D.E.N.R.
8. Bush Regeneration by Joan Bradley
- 9a. Sturt Regional Plan, October, 1992. D.E.N.R.
- 9b. Sturt District Plan - Revised Edition, August 1994 D.E.N.R.
10. Baseline Study: The History And Natural Resources of Scott Creek, South Australia, by Kim. D. Schramm (Thesis for Associate Diploma in Wildlife & Park Management, July 1986
11. Herbicide Use by Volunteers in Parks & Reserves, D.E.N.R.
12. Its Blue With Five Petals - Wildflowers Of The Adelaide Region , written & illustrated by Ann Prescott
13. Its Blue With Five Petals - Kangaroo Island Field Guide, written & illustrated by Ann Prescott, November, 1995
14. Direct Seeding of Trees & Shrubs - A Manual For Australian Conditions, by Greg Dalton, Dept. Primary Industries
15. The Mammals of South Australia, Pts I - III, by Frederic Wood Jones, 1923-25
16. Habitat Utilization & Preferences Of The Southern Brown Bandicoot At Scott Creek Conservation Park, by Rachel Schwartz, 1992

17. Bringing Back The Bush, The Bradley Method Of Bush Regeneration, by Joan Bradley
18. How to Collect Native Tree Seed Easily, by John Doran, Forest Research, C.S.I.R.O., Greening Australia Pamphlet, 1991
19. Acacias of South Australia, by D.J.E. Whibley. Handbook of The Flora & Fauna of South Australia, S.A. Govt., 1980
20. A Guide To The Bats Of South Australia, by T. B. Reardon & S. C. Flavel, S.A. Museum in assoc. with Field Naturalists Society of S.A., 1991
21. Snakes of South Australia, A Species List & Overview, by T.D. Schwaner, S.A. Museum, 1985
22. Spiders & Other Arachnids of South Australia, by D.C. Lee & R.V. Southcott, S.A. Museum, 1979
23. Insects of South Australian Homes & Gardens, by G.F. Gross & E.G. Matthews, S.A. Museum, 1976
24. Community Assistance In The National parks Of U.S.A. & Canada, by Dene Cordes, D.E.N.R., 1985
25. Wildflowers Of The Mount Lofty Ranges - Fleurieu Peninsula To Barossa Valley, by Leona Woolcock, 1985
26. A Fuel Loading And Vegetation Study Of Scott Creek Conservation Park, by David Kingston, B. App, Sc. (N.R.M.O, Belair National Park, 1995
27. D.E.N.R. Management Plans For The Following:
  - Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park
  - Loftia Recreation Park
  - Marino Conservation Park
  - Mark Oliphant Conservation Park
  - Onkaparinga River Reserve
  - Shepherds Hill Recreation Park (Plan & Draft)
  - Windy Point Recreation Park
  - Scott Creek Conservation Park (Draft Plan - unpublished)
28. The Slater Field Guide To Australian Birds, by P, P & R. Slater
29. Cassette tapes Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park. Meeting 28-5-91.
  - Speaker, David Jackson on Bandicoots
  - Friends of Whyalla, F. O. Parks Forum, 1991
  - Speakers, Megan Lewis - 1 tape
  - Margaret Friedel/Sue Barker - 1 tape