



Bandicoot Tails

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Conservation Park

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Welcome to your spring edition of Bandicoot Tails.

During spring our scheduled bushcare activities will continue with the regular start time of 9.00am, meeting at the nearest gate for the location of the activity. An email will be sent to bushcarers advising the location in advance. To receive the emails, any new members can contact the leader on info@friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au.

The President's words:

*Spring is sprung, the grass has rizz,
I wonder where the birdies izz?*

I know where some of the birds are. At almost every site in the Park when I have been walking or working there has been anything up to 4 Scarlet Robins busily going about their 'perch and pounce' feeding regime. It's a delight to be in the Park at Springtime. Very soon the intricate beauty of the orchids will be 'nid-nodding' (apologies to 'Said Hanrahan') along the sides of the tracks and the sounds of the mating chorus will fill the valleys and ridges.

This issue of 'Bandicoot Tails' will be emailed to more than 150 people around South Australia and beyond. The news it carries is testament to the dedicated band of volunteers who have been making a difference to the park for more than 30 years.

Winter has also brought us some organisational changes that we need to respond to. In the next few months, we have been requested by the Australian Tax Office to do a return, as a not-for-profit entity about the kind of income that flows through our account books. But that is just one thing. New regulations mean that if we wish to keep our website as a '.org.au' type

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we will need to get registered, possibly as a charity and then incorporated with a new constitution. If that all comes together we will be able to offer our supporters a tax deduction status for their gifts. It will also make that tax reporting a lot simpler.

We have a small hard-working committee making this come together. If only all we had to do was pull weeds and promote indigenous growth, which is the reason we joined the Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park. I'm tempted to sneak in here with the observation that at \$10.00 per year we must be one of the lowest membership fee organisations anywhere. Please check elsewhere in this newsletter for how you can become a member.

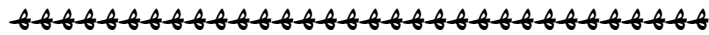
I have remembered the rest of the opening poem:

*The birdie's on the wing.
No. The wing is on the birdie.*

The kids used to recite that every Spring. How about taking a leaf out of Jason's book and find a poetic spot in the Park to celebrate the new season?

Jim Spiker

President Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park.



In Memory of John Butler:

14.12.1936 - 24.3.2024 FoSCCP former Vice President and Bushcare leader

In 1995, the energetic John Butler had retired from full-time work as a CSIRO soil scientist and (prompted by Rosemary) was looking for something else to do. This would have been no surprise to his family. As they noted at his funeral "He certainly worked to live and not lived to work". He and Rosemary even travelled on their wedding day for John's new job—from Tasmania to Adelaide—and within a year moved to the USA for three years. There, in between John's PhD studies, they travelled extensively, as they have in later life. Their children also recalled their many family and friends' camping trips and other adventures, along with all John's other activities. Apart from being a busy "Mr Fixit", these had included the Moke Club, gem fossicking, squash, competitive table tennis, bike riding, kayaking and sailing. He built one of his boats, raced a yacht and sailed a catamaran. So now, with even more spare time, what else could he do?



How fortunate it was for Scott Creek Conservation Park that John happened to chat to the Friends' Patron, renowned botanist Enid Robertson, who promptly suggested joining her to help care for the park. The Friends, with Enid's active involvement, had been developing their approach to the weeds (with a particular focus on the large numbers of the very invasive South African *Monadenia* orchid). John joined in and so began the strong personal bond between him and the equally remarkable Tom Hands, the group's inaugural president, until his untimely death in late 2015. In his final President's Report, Tom made special mention of John's 'quiet dedication in co-ordinating weeding efforts'. Both spent huge amounts of time caring for the park they loved and knew so well. The bird banding team knew the regular 9.30am sound of a car meant that John was about to arrive to take Tom off to do some 'real work' for the park!



By 1996 John was on the committee and in 1998 began his lengthy time as Vice President. It was early in 1999 that his energetic approach to life in the outdoors had Tom reporting John had won the inaugural 'Golden Floatie Award' for using 'his body to plumb the depths of Scott Creek to armpit level'! On a happier note, it was just a few months later Tom could report John's yells were of joy because he'd found a group of large and healthy *Derwentia derwentiana* (Mount Lofty Speedwell) somehow surviving surrounded by Blackberries. A nearby bonus was a large area of *Stipa muelleri* spear grass and Bushrat Creek got its name when they saw one as they left. In December 2010 Tom noted how, after a few years' involvement, John "quietly suggested we had something of an Erica problem which turned out to be one of the great understatements in the life of the group". He also reported on how John had been using his senior scientist skills to help map the park's weed

locations, with John's 'exotic species spread sheet' containing 1600 sites. In 2011 he noted John had done an extra 245 hours.

By then, John's outstanding dedicated contribution to the park had seen him awarded the Rotary Club of Glen Osmond's 2007 annual 'Volunteer of Parks'. In *Bandicoot Tails* 114, July 2007, President Tom Hands wrote about his award: "John's contribution to the group over the past twelve-thirteen years has made a significant difference to our ongoing bushcare programs and our ability to keep track of the ever increasing sites of pest plant infestations. This Group could never have achieved as much as it has, especially in riparian restoration were it not for the extra effort and hundreds of hours he has devoted in so many areas. He is an excellent exponent of persistence over time and systematic follow up, this coupled with a passion to return as much as possible to a semblance of its former state."

The award reads:

Rotary Club of Glen Osmond Inc. Volunteer of Parks Award 2007 presented to Dr John Butler

CITATION

John Butler has been a member of the Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park since 1995. He has served as Vice President and working bee co-ordinator, but more importantly he has been the driving force behind a highly effective and continuing program of managing and restoring threatened ecosystems in the Park, particularly in the creeks and bogs that occur there.

He has personally contributed over 9000 hours of hard physical labour performing unpopular but important tasks such as weed control. He undertakes his work in a highly



professional manner, has acquired a wealth of knowledge on the Park's native flora and initiated and maintained a computer database of mapped distributions of native plant species and weed infestations. He has also made several botanical discoveries.

John has organized and led numerous guided tours through the park, informing visitors of the flora and fauna and the management work being carried out there. He has represented the Friends of the Park at public forums and seminars, always being a strong advocate at these events for increasing and improving efforts to protect and restore the natural environment, particularly threatened wetland systems.

Persons supporting John's nomination for this award describe him as being very approachable and helpful, always willing to share his considerable knowledge and provide leadership and training for other volunteers. He is a hard working and modest individual who willingly gives his time to any task undertaken.

He is a quiet achiever and unsung hero of the conservation movement, whose many years of hard work devoted towards sustaining the State's natural heritage, deserve recognition.

John Butler is a worthy recipient of the Volunteer of the Parks Award for 2007.

Congratulations!

Citation signed by Dr Marshall Hanna [President] 14th May 2007



Over subsequent years, John was involved in the Friends' improvements to bushcare. The park was divided into 33 working bee areas and concern about caring for its creeklines led to the significant Almanda Project. Mapping and the recording of working bee data improved, as did mobile phones and their coverage through the park, offsetting concerns about weeders' whereabouts and also helping gather them together for morning tea!

Unhappily, the decline in Tom's health led to his death at the end of 2015, a particularly huge loss for John. He maintained his group and individual roles for several years, stepping down along with Don Reid at the end of 2017, but continuing his forays on the park's weeds where some company helped offset concerns for his well-being. In 2019 he enjoyed the last of his many bushwalking trips to Tasmania (to Mt Field) as well as to see his family. There had been very many such trips. He had arrived from

England as a young child (with memories of the war and its hardships) along with his two sisters. He went to university there and met and married Rosemary. Over the next 65 years, she actively supported him along with their family's outdoors lifestyle and then joined him in running several walking groups during his retirement. Their park involvement included readily and regularly offering their home for many Friends' occasions (which Rosemary generously continues), but it's also likely her support would have included quite bit of washing dirty clothes! Small wonder that John always expressed his guilt prior to demolishing at least one for Tom's leftover pieces of delicious fruit cake at morning tea.

Rosemary's dedicated thoughtful support continued at home amidst John's deteriorating health and continued when he needed full-time specialised care where he later died on 24th March this year, aged 87. He is remembered by his many Friends as gentle, quiet, patient, courteous, helpful, caring, good-humoured, making an enormous contribution to the park, determined, undaunted, smart.

Thanks to donations due to the family's support of the Friends, a memorial seat will be installed to honour his enormous contribution to the park.

Friends of Parks Forum:

The 33rd Friends of Parks Inc. Forum returned in late August, for the first in-person forum since 2018. The forum was co-hosted by the Friends of Belair National Park and the Friends of Old Government House. Held in Belair National Park and the Club Marion Function Room at Marion, the three-day program incorporated a range of speakers, breakout sessions, panel discussions and tours, along with dinners on Friday and Saturday nights.

The Saturday opening session at the Marion Club was the opportunity for the Hon Susan Close, MP and Deputy Premier, to announce the new name for the Friends of Parks and Nature, recognising that much of the states valued nature exists outside the parks system.

Our group successfully nominated in three of the five categories of Friends of Parks and Nature Awards, winning the Habitat Restoration and Protection Award (*'Post-fire recovery of Scott Creek Conservation Park'*), and coming runner up in both the Wildlife Protection and Recovery Award (*'Before and After Fire Bird Banding Data in Habitat Recovery'*) and Innovation Award (*'Using GIS and spatial data collected over 30 years for fire recovery planning in Scott Creek Conservation Park'*). It was an added bonus to receive the much valued prize money of \$1000 for first place and \$500 for each second place, which will be spent on caring for the park.



Below left: Peter and Anna received the Habitat Restoration and Protection Award from Nature Foundation Chair Jan Ferguson OAM with FOP&N President Duncan MacKenzie OAM

Below right: Friends of Belair NP workshopped the topic Friendraising—How to find more friends



Below: Jason Tynall, CEO of Nature Play SA & long-time member of FoSCCP, presented on Engaging Youth with Friends of Parks



Spring.

Jason Tyndall

Every winter as the wattles begin to bloom, it indicates that spring has slowly started to wake. As the days become slightly warmer the butterflies begin to emerge, the stumpy lizards slowly wake seeking the sun's rays. And finally, as spring arrives the soft chorus of wildflowers brings colour to the bush. Colonies of Greenhoods and Mosquito orchids are well and truly emerging whilst the Blue Squill and Milkmaids are a little more patient as they wait for the warmer days to dance.

Spring is a time to wander the paths in the park, to find a place to settle in, listen to the birds and allow a sense of calmness to fill our hearts – the type of calmness that seldom finds us in the busy pockets of our lives.

Here are some wildflowers you may encounter during spring:

Blue Squill (*Chamaescilla corymbosa*)

A wildflower that announces itself with its bright blue petals on sunny days. Grass-like leaves begin to appear in late winter. In summer, their heart-shaped seed capsules are all that remain. In the Park they are most common in sunny firebreaks or along paths. Hoverflies can often be seen resting on the flowers.



Milkmaids (*Burchardia umbellata*)

These common wildflowers have milk-coloured petals and are held up in a cluster (umbel) for all to see. Over the summer, their seed capsules remain and can often be seen the following year – like skeletal fingers.



Billy Buttons (*Craspedia variabilis*)

A wildflower that seems as if it's from a fairy tale – little yellow pom poms swaying in the understorey of woodlands and open forests. Their button-like flowers are a tight collection of hundreds of little florets (look really closely!) that are often visited by butterflies such as the Painted Lady.



Blue Grass-lily (*Caesia calliantha*)

Although the leaves look like glossy grass at first, their blooms will soon have you realise that they are distinctive and striking lily. Their blue flowers hang with white and purple striped anthers (the male part of the flower). Once the flowers finish blooming, they twist as if they were forming a chrysalis. They are most common in the woodlands throughout the park.



A poem from the book *Where the Birds Sing and Wildflowers Dance* by Jason Tyndall that guides us into spring:

Every moment, every fragment, every dance.

Dearest sky, my darling.
It's hard not to get lost
in your ocean of enormity.
As endless as you are.

Every day you
show the world
glimpses
of your mystery,
your wonder,
your emotion.

During the day
meadows of
white clouds drift
in your sea of blue.
Like majestic
white beasts
on an effortless journey.

I watch them.
Slowly, they separate.
And like soft footprints
they leave behind
beautiful,
scattered fragments
of themselves.
A subtle reminder,
of life's brevity.

Perhaps they are migrating
to where the sun will set.
Where they can dance
and get lost in a field
of colour

Where they can be free.

Dearest sky,
my darling,
let our minds drift
together.
And may we appreciate
every moment,
every fragment,
every dance.

Jason Tyndall

Bushcare activities:

It may be age creeping in, but has it seemed to be a colder than usual winter this year? The rain has come and gone a bit, and late winter has seen some beautiful spring-like sunny days here and there. I guess, like many plants and wildlife, we can be somewhat confused by our changing seasons. A few of our regular bushcarers have taken the opportunity to head to warmer climes, while others have had a few health issues that have kept number attending regular activities a little down.

Almanda Bush Gardening:

The Almanda Bush Gardening team continues to regularly meet and work along the Almanda and Scott Creek areas adjacent to Matthews Road, encouraging the riparian vegetation to regenerate as weeds are removed, and doing the occasional planting.

There are four regular members of this group, and they would welcome along anyone else who has three or four hours they can contribute every now and then to this important work in quite an accessible part of the park. In general they meet Tuesday mornings, but it is best to let them know if you plan to attend, in case of cancellation. Contact via our info@friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au email address.

Scheduled bushcare activities during autumn:

4th June 2024—six volunteers headed to Panhandle Creek to follow-up Sollya, Erica, Montpellier Broom and Boneseed.

8th June 2024—nine volunteers returned to Panhandle Creek to continue follow-up of Sollya, Montpellier Broom, Boneseed and Bridal Creeper.

22nd June 2024—10 volunteers worked through the central, south side of Viminaria Creek, treating lots of Erica, along with Boneseed and some Blackberry and Watsonia.

2nd July 2024—seven volunteers worked through the east side of Almanda Valley, treating Rose, Erica, Boneseed, Montpellier Broom and some Gorse and Blackberry.

14th July 2024—seven volunteers were joined by rangers Courtney and Jason to work on Montpellier Broom and some Blackberry on the east side of Almanda Creek.

27th July 2024—seven volunteers were joined by ranger Will to work on Erica along the west side of Almanda Valley, also dealing with Boneseed, Blackberry and Rose.

6th August 2024—five volunteers were joined by ranger Jason to work with the Almanda Bush Gardening Team on the Montpellier Broom patch at the Dorset Vale Road and Matthews Road junction, then along the west side of Almanda Creek. We finished off the morning getting a tour of the area by John Wamsley.

11th August 2024—six volunteers and ranger Will worked along either side of Bushrat Track, looking for outlier weedy Wattles and Tree Lucerne, and following up Erica further west.

Below left: Large Sollya in the Panhandle.



Below right: Working on Erica and Sollya in the Panhandle.





Above left: Large Montpellier Broom treated in the Panhandle.



Above right: Some isolated Bridal Creeper was dug up in the Panhandle.

Below left: The team knocking out Erica below their lignotubers along Viminaria Creek.



Below right: We also found a number of isolated large Boneseed in Viminaria Creek.



Below: While having morning tea in Almanda Valley, we received several visits from a Southern Brown Bandicoot, here seen inspecting some of our bushcare equipment.





Above left: Fortunately we don't have much of the nasty Gorse in the park, this was east along Almada Valley.



Above right: Boneseed hung up along the western side of Almada Valley.

24th August 2024—four volunteers completed follow-up along either side of Bandicoot Track and around the Crossroads, finding relatively low numbers of our priority weeds Boneseed, Montpellier and English Broom and Tree Lucerne. This is a great result and, after spending a considerable amount of time covering the area since the fire, shows we may finally be getting on top of the weeds here.

Additional bushcare activities:

2nd June 2024—Andrew and Mardi continued previous work in Number 1 Block, treating Sollya, *Acacia longifolia* and Blackberry.

9th June 2024—Glenn patrolled Yakka Hill west around Ash Gully checking the status of Sollya for follow-up, treated any Boneseed and *Acacia longifolia* he found.

16th June 2024—Andrew and Mardi worked in Number 1 Block, treating lots of Sollya and some *Acacia longifolia*.

22nd June 2024—after bushcare, Glenn sprayed regrowth Erica in from gate 7, upper Bushrat Creek.

6th July 2024—after bird banding, Peter sprayed Bridal Creeper along the east side of Almada Valley.

7th July 2024—again after bird banding, Peter finished spraying the Bridal Creeper along the east side of Almada Valley.

14th July 2024—after the regular bushcare session, Glenn and Peter sprayed Bridal Creeper on the hillside behind Almada Mine.

27th July 2024—Glenn and Peter continued spraying of Bridal Creeper on the hillside behind Almada Mine.

Below: Before and after knocking out a patch of Erica along the western side of Almada Valley.





Above: Working on Montpellier Broom with the Bush Gardening Team along Scott Creek.

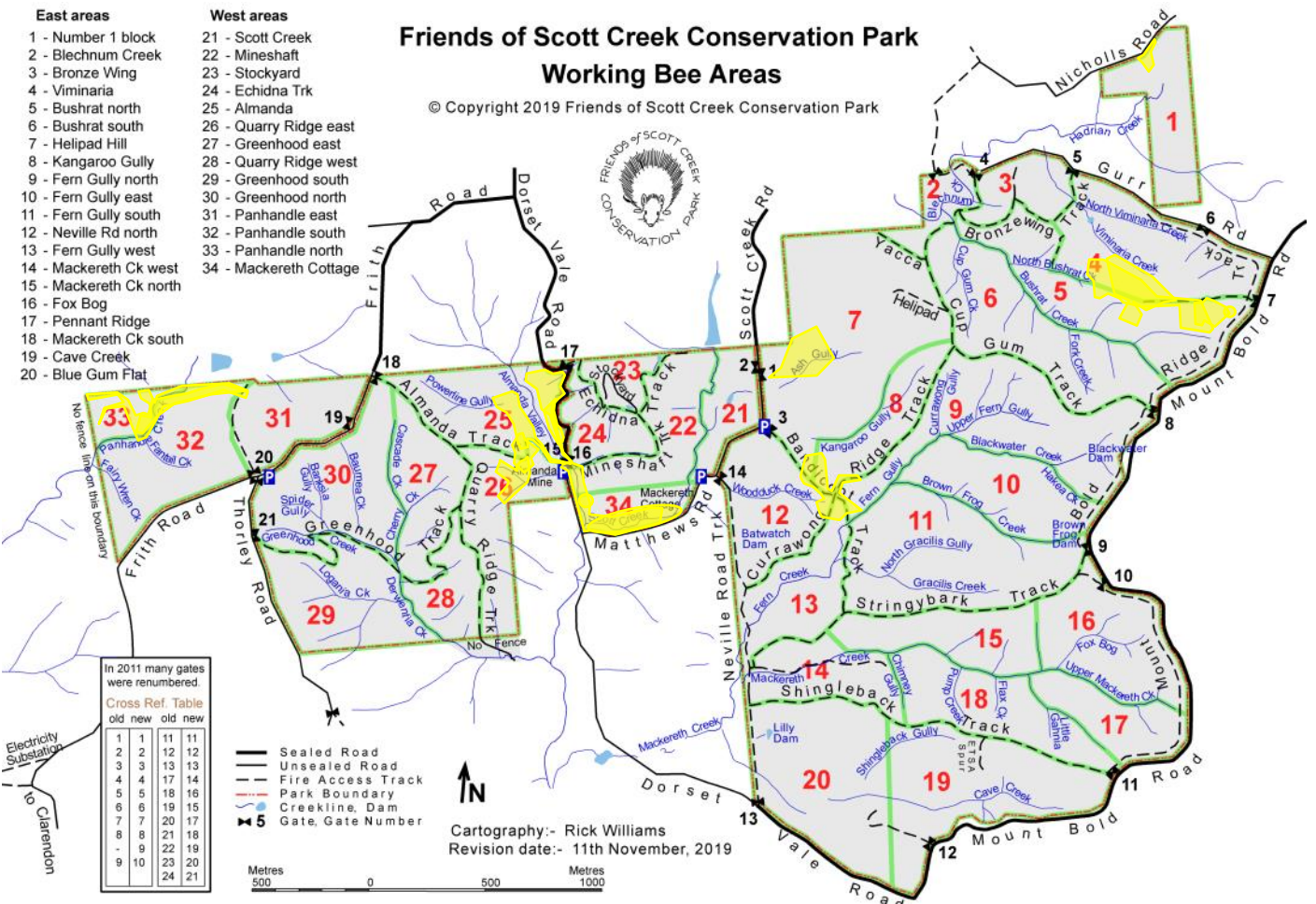
11th August 2024—after the regular bushcare session, Glenn and Peter sprayed the huge number of Bordered Watsonia seedlings that have germinated again this year, along with some older plants and Erica regrowth.

24th August 2024—Glenn returned to the gate 7 patch to spray more Bordered Watsonia and Erica.

Peter Watton



Right: John Wamsley takes us on a tour of the Almanda site.



Funding and Contractor report:

Funding update:

- Submitted NPWS On-Park Volunteer Support Grant—Partnership Grants Program end of financial year report.

Below is a list of the main work that contractors have completed during winter:

- funded from the NPWS On-Park Volunteer Support Grant—Small Grants Program:
 - ⇒ Mackereth Cottage precinct—TFL Works completed budgeted work on Boneseed and Olive.



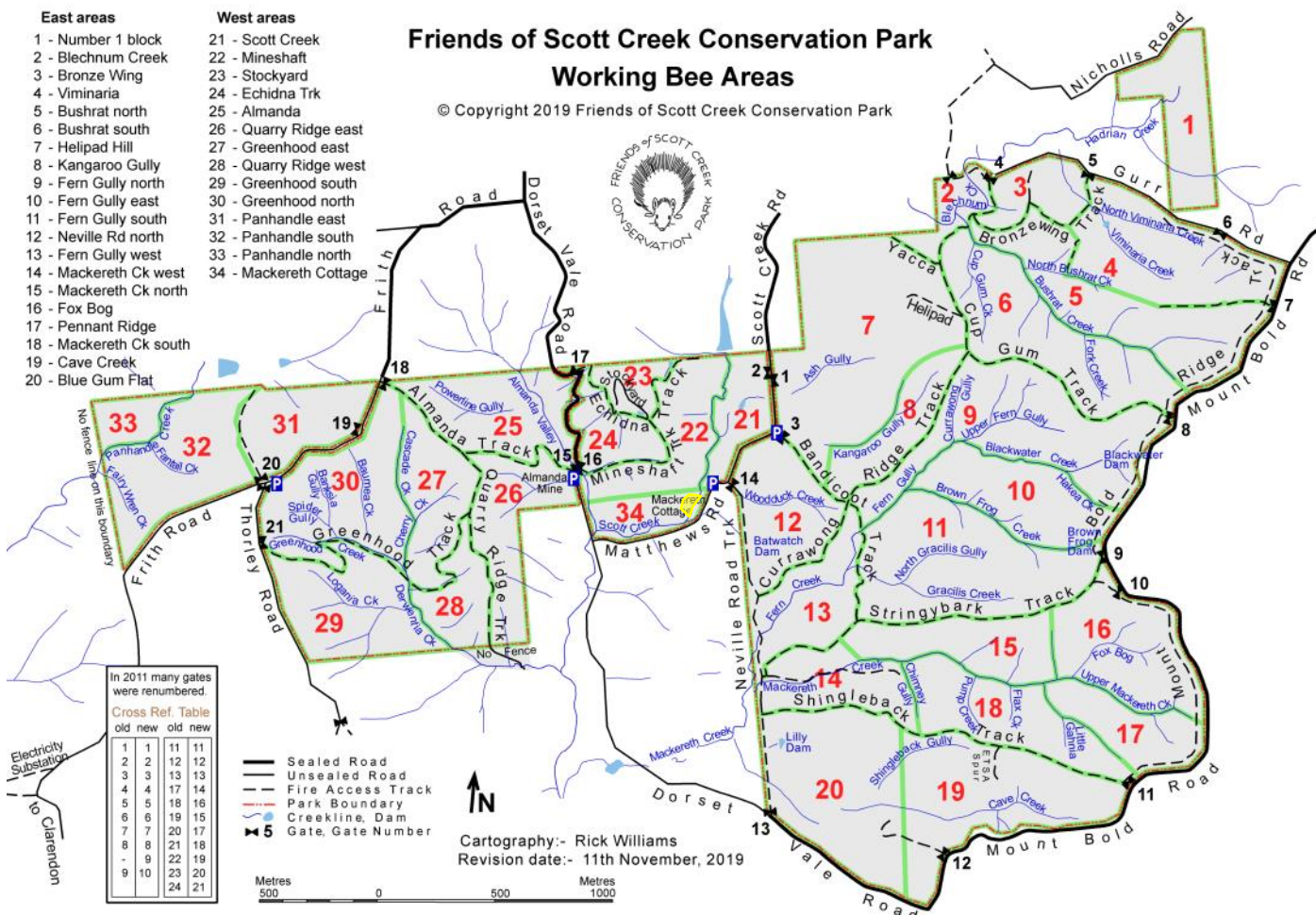
Volunteers working for conservation



Peter Watton—Grants & Funding, Contractor Liaison & Reporting



Above: TFL Works worked on extensive area of Boneseed and Olive behind Mackereth Cottage on Scott Creek.



Threatened species recovery work:

This winter we have again been involved in some threatened species recovery efforts in the park.

In particular, the SA Seed Conservation Centre (SA SCC) has been working to re-establish a population of the Nationally Vulnerable Leafy Greenhood (*Pterostylis cucullata* ssp. *sylvicola*). An initial planting was undertaken in 2022 in Greenhood Valley, near the historical record, and this year more young plants were planted in the same spot, along with two new locations, thought to be suitable habitat for the species.

In addition, more rare species were planted as part of the Green Adelaide – Trees For Life project that has seen other locally rare plant species planted as tubestock in the park. To date this year, we have planted more of the Nationally Vulnerable Clover Glycine (*Glycine latrobeana*), State Endangered Tall Daisy (*Brachyscome diversifolia*) and State Rare Pale Flax-lily (*Dianella longifolia* var. *grandis*), all in Greenhood Valley. More plants will also go in along the Almanda Creek project area.

More of the Nationally Critically Endangered Mount Lofty Speedwell (*Veronica derwentiana* ssp. *homalodonta*) seedlings are still to be provided by the SA SCC as part of our 2021-22 Friends of Parks Partnership Grant. These won't be ready for planting until the 2025 season.

Peter Watton



Above: Leafy Greenhood



Above: Mark with Thai and Jenny from the SA SCC preparing the Leafy Greenhood seedlings for planting (right).

Below: Clover Glycine (left) and Tall Daisy (right) tubestock planted.



Bird Banding Notes June – August 2024:

We cancelled banding 20/21 July because the weather conditions were, to put it mildly, quite unpleasant for birds and people. Several mornings we were delayed beyond our Sunrise start ambition because of frosty low temperatures. The Wildlife Ethics Permit we operate under requires that banding cannot take place when the temperature is below 5 degrees C.



Above: The banding team warming up in the sun after an early start at Kangaroo Gully.

We continue to welcome new banders Olivia, Kate, and Ig, - each one with some bird and wildlife handling experience including U.K. and South Africa. We now have eight banders who are on their way to getting their banding authorisation. Diana is only 26 birds away from the elusive 500 to become the holder of an 'A' Class Authority. We are sad to see Diego leave us to take up work interstate. He presented us with a book on Peruvian bird study that he co-authored as part of his PhD studies.

We were pleased to have a long-anticipated visit to banding from the DEW Executive Officer of the Wildlife Ethics Committee for an 'audit' at Almanda Battery site. Lynne Kajar has endorsed our procedures and took a personal interest in the bird life and beauty of the Park.

While the Superb Fairy-wrens, Striated Thornbills and Red-browed Finches are back in good numbers, we hope that the 7 Yellow-faced Honeyeaters from our last weekend at Pennant Ridge may be a sign that conditions are becoming favourable for all 5 honeyeater species common to the Park. Those of our readers familiar with the current condition of the Park are no doubt aware of the dramatic change the Spring weather is bringing to the vegetation.

The oldest recapture for this quarter was a 5+ Superb Fairy-wren male in full breeding plumage. It was the only bird out of 32 recaptures that was this old.

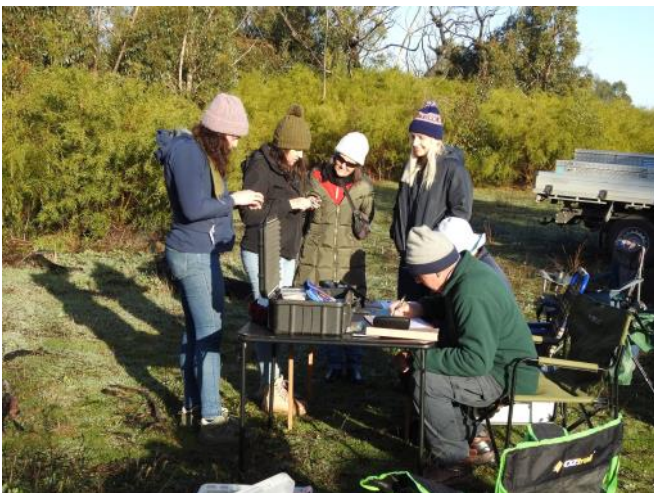
Please check the program at the end of this newsletter for dates and times of future banding sessions. Visitors are welcome to 'come and see' banding without having to commit to an early start. If you would like to receive an email notice, get in touch with me at president@friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au.

Jim Spiker
Bird Banding Coordinator

Bird	1/2 Jun Kangaroo Gully	15/16 Jun Crossroads	6/7 Jul Almanda Battery	3/4 Aug The Plantation	10/11 Aug Pennant Ridge	Total (total/ recaptures)
Brown Thornbill	2	2			2	6/0
Striated Thornbill	3/2	13/4	1	5	8/1	30/7
Buff-rumped Thornbill					3/1	3/1
Golden Whistler		1				1/0
New Holland Honeyeater			1/1		1	2/1
Crescent Honeyeater		1				1/0
Red-browed Finch	6/1	9/4	3	11/1	3	32/6
Scarlet Robin		1	2	3		6/0
Silvereye	1			1	7/1	9/1
White-browed Scrubwren	3	3		2	1	9/0
White-naped Honeyeater		1				1/0
Grey Shrike-thrush	1					1/0
Yellow-faced Honeyeater					7	7/0
Superb Fairy-wren	17/6	6/2	6/2	10/3	9/3	48/16
TOTAL	33/9	37/10	13/3	32/4	41/6	156/32



A few of our newer bird banders who are registered to gain their A Class Banding Authority with Jim, who coordinates the Bird Banding Project in the park.



Grey Shrike-thrush



Brown Thornbill



White-browed Scrubwren (female)



Striated Thornbill



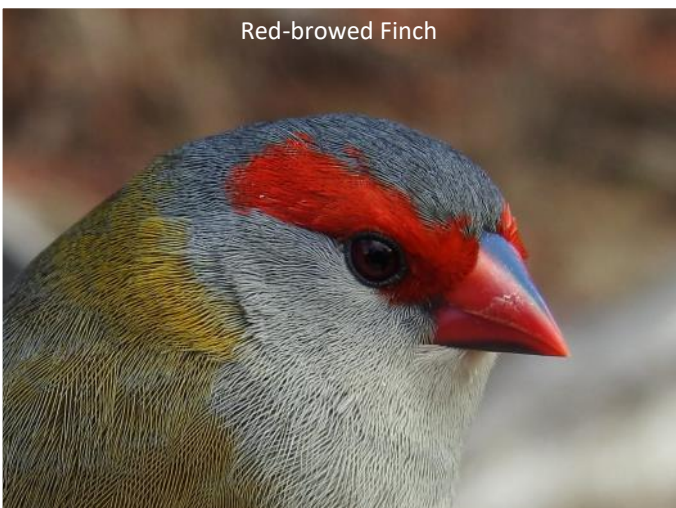
Superb Fairy-wren (male)



Superb Fairy-wren (male in full breeding plumage)



Red-browed Finch



Superb Fairy-wren (female)





Southern Brown Bandicoot



Ploughshare Wattle (*Acacia gunnii*)



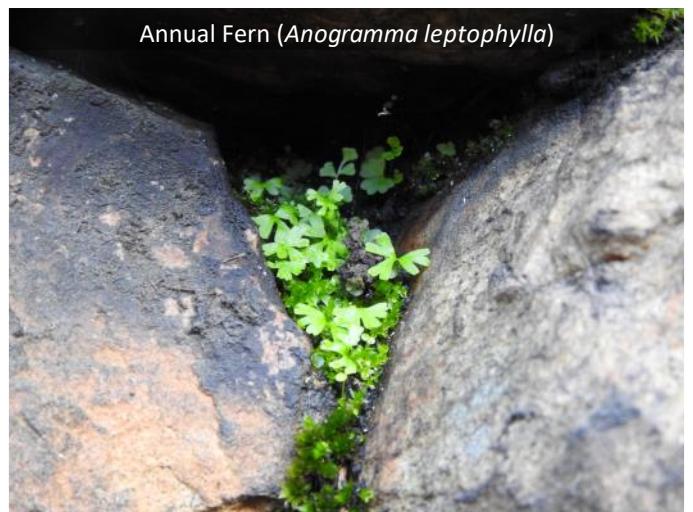
Western Grey Kangaroo—yes, poking its tongue out



Sticky Boobialla (*Myoporum petiolatum*)



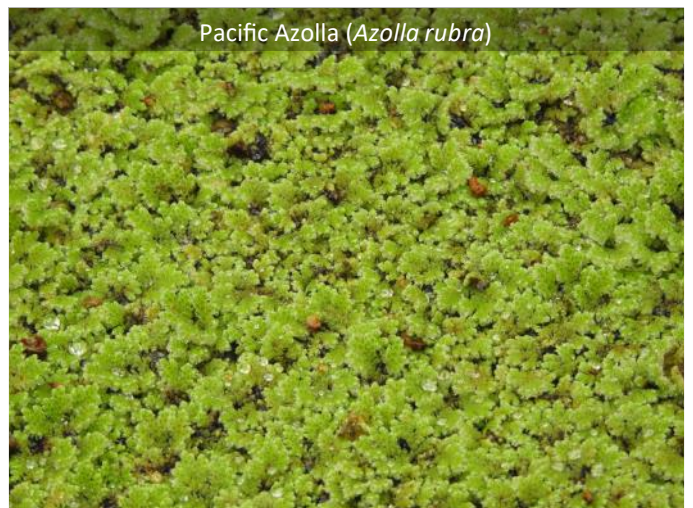
White-throated Treecreeper



Annual Fern (*Anogramma leptophylla*)



Black Rock Scorpion



Pacific Azolla (*Azolla rubra*)





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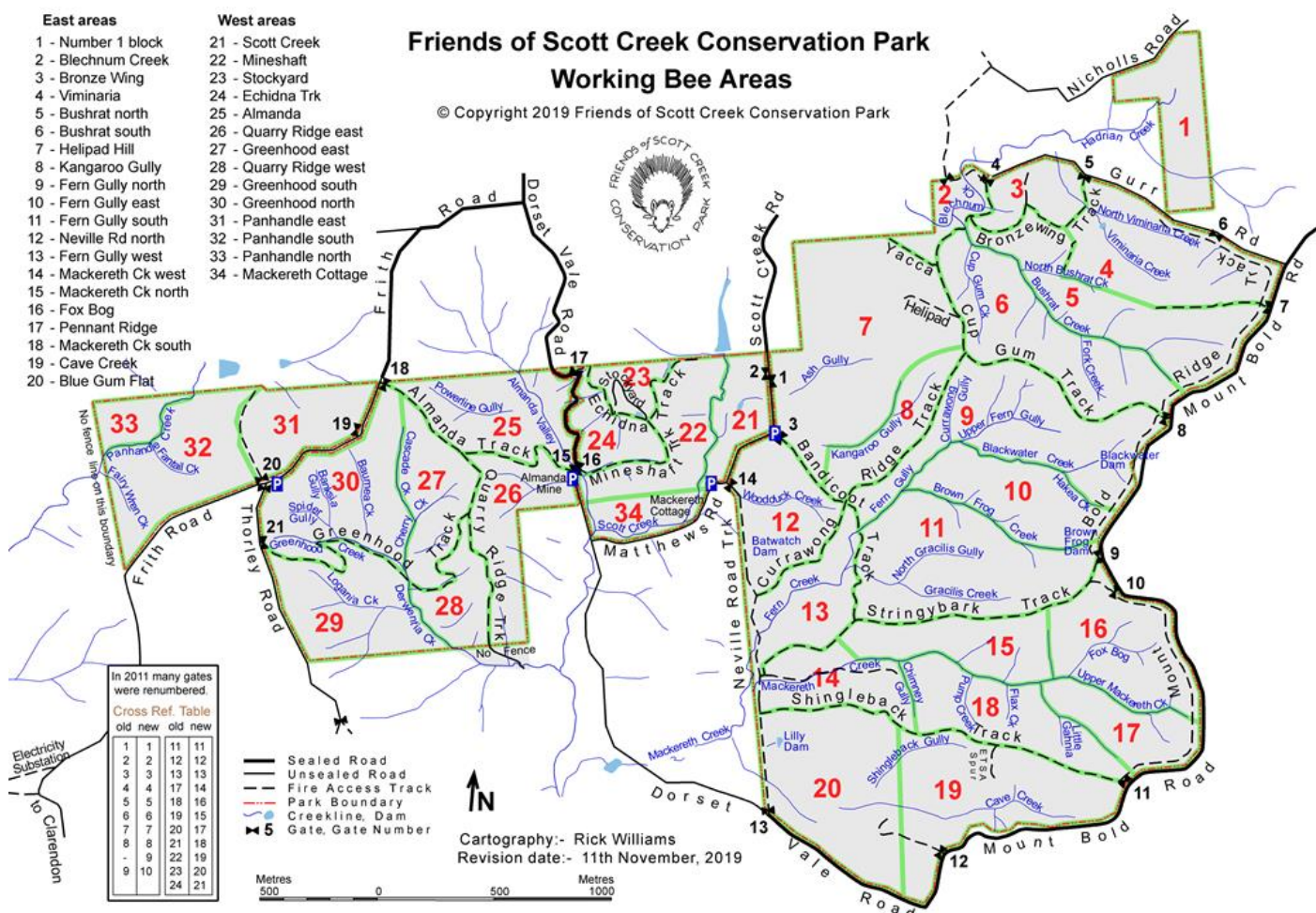
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Winter Program of Activities September–November 2024

The Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park welcome visitors to all of our activities, which include regular bushcare, bird banding and bush gardening.

For enquiries and information: E info@friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au W www.friendsofscottcreekcp.org.au

Bushcare activities: During spring we will meet at **9.00am** at the **nearest gate for the activity location**.

An email will be sent to bushcarers advising the location in advance.

Any **new members** interested in joining us, contact the above email address to receive the email.

Be prepared for walking through sometimes rugged bushland, including areas recovering from fire, and bring a small backpack to carry your morning tea.

Bird Banding activities: Contact the Bird Banding Coordinator (previous page) to receive emails about activities.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Local activities will be **cancelled** if a **fire ban** or **severe weather warning** is announced for the **Mount Lofty Ranges**. Bird banding will also be cancelled in conditions that may adversely affect the birds.

See links to BOM & CFS websites below.

BOM website: <http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/meteve/dorset-vale>

CFS website: https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/bans_and_ratings

Month/Day	Date	Activity	Location
SEPTEMBER 2024			
Saturday, Sunday	31, 1	Bird Banding	TC Twisted Chimney 7:00 am Via Gate 13
Tuesday	3	Bushcare	Post-fire weed regeneration will determine location
Sunday	8	Bushcare	Post-fire weed regeneration will determine location
Saturday, Sunday	14, 15	Bird Banding	PH The Panhandle 7:00 am Gate 20
Tuesday	24	Social Lunch All Welcome	Joan's Pantry—Hawthorndene at noon (Watahuna Ave opposite the oval)
Saturday	28	Bushcare	Post-fire weed regeneration will determine location
Saturday, Sunday	28, 29	Bird Banding	MC Mackereth Cottage 7:00 am Matthews Rd car park
OCTOBER 2024			
Tuesday	1	Bushcare	Post-fire weed regeneration will determine location
Saturday, Sunday, Monday	5, 6, 7	Bird Banding	Gluepot Intro to bird banding – 'residential course'
Sunday	13	Bushcare	Post-fire weed regeneration will determine location
Tuesday	15	General Meeting All Welcome!	Venue and time to be advised
Saturday, Sunday	19, 20	Bird Banding	KG Kangaroo Gully 7:00 am via Gate 3
Wednesday	23	Social Lunch All Welcome	Essence—Stirling at noon (down lane between Gardeners Real Estate and Stirling Florist in Stirling's main street)
Saturday	26	Bushcare	Post-fire weed regeneration will determine location
NOVEMBER 2024			
Saturday, Sunday	2, 3	Bird Banding	DV Derwentia Valley 6:30 am via Gate 21 Thorley Rd
Tuesday	5	Bushcare	Post-fire weed regeneration will determine location
Sunday	10	Bushcare	Post-fire weed regeneration will determine location
Saturday, Sunday	16, 17	Bird Banding	GR Gurr Road 6:30 am Gate 4 Gurr Road
Tuesday	19	Annual General Meeting All Welcome!	Venue and time to be advised
Saturday	23	Bushcare	Post-fire weed regeneration will determine location
Thursday	28	Social Lunch All Welcome	Sheoak Café—Belair at noon (cnr Sheoak and James Roads, parking on three sides)
Saturday, Sunday	30, 1	Bird Banding	MT Mineshaft Track 6:30 am Gate 15