

Friends Of Glenthorne

CARING TO IMPROVE OUR NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



Working Bee Schedule JUNE - DECEMBER 2007

Working bees are held on the 3rd Sunday of most months. Members and volunteers are asked to meet at the front gate of Glenthorne farm before 10:00am so that signing in can be organised for insurance purposes.

Activities include:

- Weed control:
Hoeing, spraying with glyphosate, cut & swab and brush cutting, etc.
- Revegetation:
Planting and watering of indigenous trees, shrubs, riparian plants and grasses, etc.
- See Collection
- Bird Surveys

The Friends of Glenthorne Inc provide equipment such as brush cutters and hoes, as well as personal protective equipment for the safety of all members and volunteers. The use of the volunteer's personal working bee equipment is encouraged.

For more information, please see the Contacts information on the last page of this newsletter.

Members of the Friends of Glenthorne Inc are continuing to be active in preserving a significant part of South Australia's history, heritage and environment.

Dates:

Please note all working bee dates are held on a Sunday

- 17th June 2007
- 15th July 2007
- 19th August 2007
- 16th September 2007
- 21st October 2007
- 18th November 2007

December 2007: under consideration



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ONE:

Despite the driest year on record, our group has planted 100 indigenous shrubs and grasses along the water course, to complement already 4,500 trees and shrubs planted since September 2002.

Our weed control around the northern dam and associated fence line is at a level better than ever achieved at this time of year.

The group's members have received training in Brush Cutter Safety & Operation as well as chemical handling.

THREE

The Friends are very appreciative to the University for the authority to use the 2 car garage on the eastern hill adjacent to the manager's residence.

At this stage we plan to use this garage to house our equipment trailer, once the security work is completed and use it for shelter when winter weather is extreme.

We also now have access to the toilets located in Building 23 and accept the cleaning responsibility.

Current Progress of our work at **GLENTHORNE FARM**

TWO:

Our group is keen to work with The University's Jennifer Gardner and the SA Urban Forests to protect the remnant Grey Box (*Eucalyptus Microcarpa*) trees located on the eastern side of the property along South Road.

All parties agree that this is the area of highest priority for the property, as these trees have significant heritage and biodiversity value. Our Chairman is currently contacting Jennifer Gardner to further pursue this matter.

Friends of Glenthorne will apply for funding to fence and protect these important trees which are being damaged by sheep which eat the lower foliage, trample the ground around the trunks and concentrate defecation in the near vicinity.

FOUR

In the nearly 6 years of control by the University of Adelaide, since approximately June 2001, no progress has been made in the protection of the heritage buildings.

Despite The University of Adelaide having 'panels of advisors to assist in any determination regarding heritage buildings', the buildings have suffered from weather exposure and damage from massive olive trees that are growing right through these fragile structures.

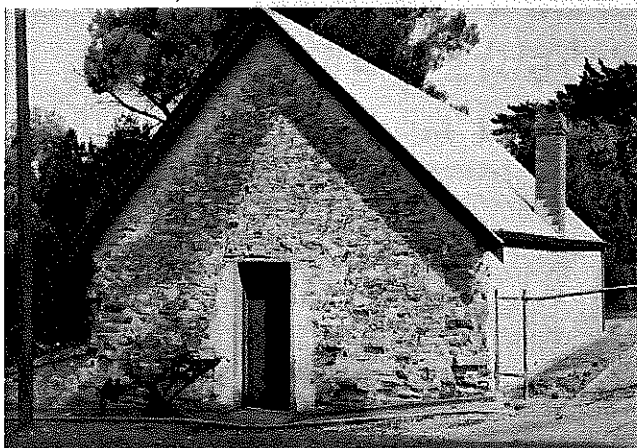
These buildings date back to the 1840's when Captain O'Halloran and his family lived at Glenthorne farm, known then as Lizard Lodge.

In Pam Smith's 'Historic sites and landscaped - The Southern Hills Volume IV' booklet from 2005, the archaeologist from Flinders

University says "It is strongly recommended that the existing nineteenth century buildings be restored and interpretive signs erected. If work does not start soon, there will be nothing left to restore.

FIVE

Kym Richardson, MP Federal Member for Kingston announced Friends of Glenthorne had been successful in its application of the 'Volunteer Small Equipment' Grant.



Historical Background

A condensed chronology of the Glenthorne property, which falls under the parent title of CT 4129/765 (Volume 5377, Folio 7) is given below.

- 1839: Major O'Halloran arrives with his wife and two sons on the Rajasthan to take up his land grant.
- 1839: O'Halloran family moves into Lizard Lodge, ten miles from Adelaide.
- 1840: O'Halloran appointed Major Commandant of the South Australian Militia and Commissioner of Peace.
- 1842: O'Halloran resigns his positions and enters the Legislative Council.
- 1870: O'Halloran dies at the age of 83
- 1878: O'Halloran estate purchased by Thomas Porter, who renamed the estate Glenthorne.
- 1879: Construction of Glenthorne House
- 1903: Estate purchased by George Brookman, MLC.
- 1910: Estate purchased by Harold Charles Drew.
- 1913: Glenthorne compulsorily acquired by the Commonwealth and established as No. 9 Remount Station.
- 1932: Glenthorne House gutted by fire and remains are razed by military engineers who leave little evidence of the original house.
- 1947: CSIRO (then CSIR) acquires the property to establish the Glenthorne Field Station.
- 1997: Glenthorne purchased by University of Adelaide.

"I believe that the Friends of Glenthorne Farm very much deserve the grant and I would be delighted if you could keep me update and involved with your progress in putting your grant funding to use" he said at the handover.

SIX

Secretary, Alan, has produced a promotional DVD featuring aspects of the farm. This valuable resource, in a brief space of time raises awareness of the views to the natural features, vegetation & cultural significance of the property. Well done!

Copies can be obtained by contacting Alan.

FRIENDS OF GLENTHORNE

OBJECTS & PURPOSES

- To preserve and enhance the Natural and Cultural heritage assets of the property for perpetuity
- To maintain integrity of current legislation at State & Local Government levels that ensures long term certainty for maintaining the area as Open Space.
- To assist with formulating a long-term VISION for the establishment of an Integrated Management Plan for the property.
- To promote Community Awareness and a Public education programme about the development of Glenthorne Farm

MEETINGS & WORKING BEES

For current working bee schedule, see front page

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Seed collecting & planting, weeding
- Water Monitoring
- Site visits for special interest groups
- Workshops and working bees
- Guest speakers
- Development of Interpretation trail
- Working with community groups
- Community awareness of the value of open space
- Newsletters
- Opportunities to volunteer, share your skills and interests on specific projects
 - Prevention, Re-vegetation, conservation
 - Recording, organising displays and collections
 - Photographic work
 - Production of newsletters
 - Clerical assistance
 - Development of pamphlets and educational materials

Volunteers work with staff from the Biodiversity Program, Marion Council, Adelaide University, Flinders University & O'Halloran Hill Campus of TAFE.

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