Friends of Glenthorne Inc

July 2008

What's the future for Glenthorne Farm? ? ?

Find out by attending a Community Meeting

WHEN: This Saturday 19th July 2008, 3pm—5pm.
WHERE: Christ Church Anglican Hall
1708 Main South Road, (Corner Lander Road)
O’Halloran Hill
Kris Hanna MP (Member for Mitchell) will Chair the Meeting and Associate Professor David Paton (Head of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology University of Adelaide) is the guest Speaker

Coffee & tea provided.
Gold coin donation appreciated to cover hall hire.
For more details contact Kris Hanna’s office on 8177 0077
or email mitchell@parliament.sa.gov.au

The University of Adelaide recently announced plans for the development of Glenthorne Farm- the open space between South Road and the Expressway.

What does this mean to the local residents?
Where will the money come from?
Will it mean housing on Glenthorne?

Organised by Kris Hanna MP, this meeting will give us the chance to learn more about what Adelaide University proposes for Glenthorne Farm. Come along and hear the University’s Associate Professor David Paton explain their plans. (See inside for more information)

At the Friends of Glenthorne Inc Annual General Meeting, 20 Friends and visitors from across Adelaide came together to listen to the special guest speaker, Prof. David Paton from the University of Adelaide, speak about Glenthorne farm’s involvement in a ‘woodland recovery’ project of major proportions. In addition to those attending, there were many apologies, including apologies from Mark Parnell Green MP, Kris Hanna MP for Mitchell, Bob Such MP for Fisher and City of Marion councillors Carol Bouwens and Raelene Telfer. It was wonderful to meet many individuals new to our group.

Key points of David Paton’s address included:

- Improved protection of local biodiversity at Glenthorne and throughout the Adelaide plains / Mount Lofty Ranges by increasing the effectiveness and suitability of revegetation efforts. Structure of habitat restoration is a major component.
- Provide research and community education resources that will be made available to other environmental groups through their participation in the bigger Adelaide plains / Mount Lofty Ranges project.
- The project will provide opportunities for members and organisations within the community, including schools, to have a significant role in the project.
- The Friends of Glenthorne could be involved in providing planning assistance, operational procedures, involvement with school groups, guiding visitors and acting as promotional speakers for the project.

The following officers were also elected for 2008 / 2009: Peter Smytherman—Chairperson, Alan Burns—Secretary/Treasurer, Leighton Smith & Bob Kirby—Committee Members and Jean McCormick—Administration Support Officer.

**ACTIVITIY DATES FOR 2008**

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World class environment vision for Mt. Lofty Ranges

Glenthorne to play crucial role in
"Bringing back the species"

One of South Australia’s leading environmentalists will spearhead a world class project to help revegetate the Mt Lofty Ranges, to stave off the effects of climate change and halt the loss of bird, animal and plant species.

Associate Professor David Paton AM from the University of Adelaide will lead a multi-million dollar program that aims to:

- Help re-establish native vegetation to 30% of the Mt. Lofty region—an un-precedent scale globally;
- Prevent loss of the native flora and fauna;
- Promote the return of some native species that have disappeared across the Ranges;
- Provide major environmental outcomes that will benefit the State and local communities for generations to come.

Glenthorne, a 228ha property owned and operated by the University about 17kms south of Adelaide, will play a pivotal role delivering these outcomes.

Dr. Paton from the School of Earth & Environmental Sciences is highly regarded for his research activities at Kangaroo Island and the Coorong, both of which are internationally recognised South Australian icons. Under Dr. Paton’s leadership, the University of Adelaide will embark on a major, research, education and community engagement program centered on Glenthorne called the Woodland Recovery Initiative. The Initiative will:

- Replenish approx. 100ha of Glenthorne with a native habitat that is as close to a pre-colonial state as possible:
- Help scientists to better understand how the Mt Lofty Ranges can be revegetated with habitats that can support the region’s wildlife;
- Help scientists to tackle the added challenges presented by climate change;
- Build on and contribute to existing government and community plans and initiatives aimed at conserving the biodiversity of the Mt. Lofty Ranges;
- Provide opportunities for the community—such as school groups and residents to engage in this important work.

Have your say, give your comments, learn more, attend the meeting on This Saturday, 19th July 2008.
We need answers about Farm Fund!!

At last the University of Adelaide has put forward a proposal for Glenthorne Farm’s future after years of procrastination. But while it blithely talks of $100 million Glenthorne Farm Trust Fund, nowhere in the Southern Times Messenger Article (June 18) or in the University’s media release is there any reference to where is this money to come from? Nor is there any indication as to what use is to be made of the other 1.28ha.

Is this a clear implication that the University intends to either utilise this area for some form of commercial development or to sell it off to developers as a source of at least a part of the $100 million?

Answers are needed before there can be any rational community consultation of the revegetation proposal.

LEIGHTON SMITH
O’Halloran Hill

Working Bees
Assemble at Majors Road entrance 15 minutes early to sign in.

Committee Group held at
O’Halloran Hill TAFE College

Open Meeting held at
Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre

Everybody welcome!

Working Bee Volunteers are requested to be signed up members so that insurance cover applies. Membership cost just $5.00

Come and join us on Sunday 20th July for our next Working FUNDAY SUNDAY...