

Friends of Glenthorne Inc

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University Student at Glenthorne

"I am Emanuelle Gerlach PhD student at the University of Adelaide working on a project researching revegetation methods for native herbaceous understory plants of grassy woodlands, I am conducting some field trials at Glenthorne Farm. David Paton has started planting some Grey Box seedlings in a fenced off part of the farm near South Road. I will be using the same site to run some trials to test the effects of different methods and site conditions on controlling weeds and encouraging native plant establishment. I will have 300 small plots in blocks of six and apply 5 different treatments.

- Soil scraping—to remove weed seed and excess nutrients
- Carbon addition—using sugar and sawdust to increase microbial activity causing nitrogen levels to decrease which inhibits weed species
- Shade— I will construct shade cloth structures to see if canopy shading inhibits weed growth
- Canopy— some of my plots will be under the existing trees to see how these affect weed and native plant establishment
- Control— no treatment

The results from the different treatments will be compared to help us determine the most effective methods for revegetating Glenthorne Farm and other grassy woodlands.

David is trying to organize long term funding for the Woodland Recovery Initiative and Glenthorne revegetation and hopefully by the time some money starts coming in we will have a better idea of how to spend it for the benefit of our native woodlands and their inhabitants."

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The Friends of Glenthorne welcome Emmy to our common interest in Glenthorne Farm. We are willing to offer support and resources that will assist her to achieve her project objectives. Already members Linda, Martin, Alan, Sidney and Mark have taken the opportunity to work on site with Emmy. Their efforts have demonstrated F.O.G. willingness to work in partnership.

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

Advancement — " A Point of View"

Events during the first half of 2011, have given 'momentum' to a number of areas related to Glenthorne. Many connections have been 'sparked' with members of the University of Adelaide, other environmental groups, and our members at Working Bees (Enjoyment Days). Some activities have been very public, while others have been 'behind the scenes,' probing and prodding to further our aims.

Many examples in this Newsletter will provide evidence of such events.

Since 1996 our members have contributed hundreds of hours planting trees; managing weeds; countless meetings; attended seminars and workshops; all for the purpose of broadening their understanding of the property's ecology and cultural significance.

As a 'not for profit' organization, we need your support to continue our work. It is our belief that as the community becomes increasingly familiar with the property and what it has to offer, the greater their commitment will be to protect and preserve the site for future generations.

The year to date has seen significant developments on a number of 'fronts'. All positive. However, much is still to be done on the long and arduous process of formulating an **Integrated Management Plan** for the property, and all it represents.

It has been encouraging to have a diverse range of community members willing to share their knowledge and expertise. It is re-assuring to have the support of citizens, willing to stand up, speak out and make constructive comments for the future of Glenthorne.

Is it not our duty to preserve this special place in our States history and to acknowledge the contribution of Major Thomas O'Halloran ??

Peter S.

MEETINGS/CONTACTS—Made by Members

- Future of Sheidow Land-Sale of F.LFR. David Greenhough, John Valentine (Marion C)
- Phillip White blog - 9th May- Glenthorne Carve up (<http://drinkster.blogspot.com>)
- Alan Sibbons, State MP for Mitchell
- Implications of Southern Expressway duplication—Rebecca Neumann (Marion C)
- Tim Simpson - Post heritage architect for SA National Trust—keen interest in Urban Design and communities being able to utilize open space for their health and well being
- Prof. Chris Daniels - Prof. of Urban Ecology Uni of S.A.- Sthn. Expressway duplication
- Friends of O'Halloran Hill Recreation Park—exchange of information, tree guard stakes, plus bird spotting numbers—John Bollinger

In the Pipeline

Planning is underway for a September (Date to be confirmed) evening meeting, to be held at Marion Council. It will involve guest speakers who will focus their presentations on the History of Glenthorne and the significance of its heritage buildings. Current issues needing to be address about the development plan for the property will be discussed.

Keep a 'lookout' for publicity in September and encourage your neighbours to attend.

Significant Event

Meeting held at University of Adelaide, Mitchell Building - March 29th—4pm.

Present Martin Schumacher—FOG., Alan Burns- FOG., Peter Smytherman - FOG
Paul Duldig -Vice President—Seniors Resources
David Paton- Assoc. Prof. Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Context

- Extracts from Letter to Paul Duldig from Martin Schumacher for FoG.
- Request a time for us to meet....., in order to help the Friends of Glenthorne understand and be able to contribute to the University's concept plan for Glenthorne.
- The FoG have significant experience/ resources that we want to use to contribute..... are seeking direction from the University of where our efforts may be most effectively utilized
- We are keen to re-establish native habitat by controlling weed and re-introducing local indigenous plants.
- We are pleased that the Adelaide University has allowed us to continue to contribute our part to improve this land as part of the Greater Southern Urban Forest, and we enjoy a good relationship with other focus groups that also contribute to this wider plan.

Outcome

1. FoG be given 'structure, support and guidance' around what can/can't occur in the short term.

2. **Letter from Paul Duldig—25th May 2011**

Thank you for your recent correspondence and my apologies for not getting back in contact with you sooner. I do appreciate the view of Friends of Glenthorne and value the support you provide the University of Glenthorne.

In order to support and promote Glenthorne holistically, I have directed one of the University's Environmental Project Officers, Mathew Jeffrey, to work with appropriate parties to further develop a master plan for the site. This plan will build on 2007 concept plan and the agreed priority of the Woodland Recovery Project led by Assoc. Professor David Paton.

I think it is important that all parties have a single point of contact with respect to possible future land use of the site. I expect that it will take at least six months for a comprehensive master plan to be completed but also acknowledge that many groups play an active role on the site today and so therefore need some structure, support and guidance around what can or can't occur in the short term.

I am confident that this solution will meet the needs of the University and support research, education, commercial and community activities on Glenthorne.

Mathew will be in touch with you shortly to discuss Friends Of Glenthorne's involvement in this process.

Thanks again for your time and continued support.

Paul Duldig
Vice President, Services & Resources—University of Adelaide

3. FoG has made contact with Mathew - the first steps have been taken in working towards a lasting outcome for the Glenthorne property.

In Preparation for the Next Meeting with the University

At this stage the Friends of Glenthorne don't really have a clear understanding of the current and future use by the University of Glenthorne Farm.

Proposed Agenda at this point

1. Review of the 'Memorandum of Understanding' between the University / FoG.
2. Update on the University's proposed "Concept Plan" for Glenthorne
3. Uni /FoG Plans for the "Southern Expressway Extension" - Impact on Glenthorne
4. Revegetation and Weed control Desalination Pipeline area
5. An understanding of other activities at Glenthorne
6. Feasibility of regular meetings with University of Adelaide
7. Progress on involving FoG Volunteers into the University Volunteer Program
8. The Glenthorne Deed, specifically the section concerning involvement of the community/Friends of Glenthorne (2001, sect 3.2.4)

We look forward to working closely with Mathew and the University, to ensure an excellent and lasting outcome for the Glenthorne Property.

Enjoyment Days for remainder of 2011

Working Bees

June 19	Afternoon 1pm—4pm	
July 17	Morning	Commence at 10am.
Aug. 21	Morning	Sign in at Main Gate off Majors Rd opp. TAFE car park
Sep 18	Morning	Conclude 1pm. Over a 'cuppa & cake'
Oct 16	Morning	
Nov 20	Morning	
Dec ?	Purpose of Celebration	TBA

Points to Ponder

Glenthorne Farm is a significant part of the journey 'going South' through to the attractions of the Fleurieu Peninsula. It is a significant landmark and has the economic potential from eco-tourism:- sustainable, low impact, recreational, heritage & cultural activities.

The development of 'significant attributes' would attract visitors, both local and overseas:

- Natural landscape & unique flora
- A sense of space and parklands
- Fauna corridors
- Closeness to Adelaide (16kms)
- Easy access.

We welcome you to joins us. For further information contact
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