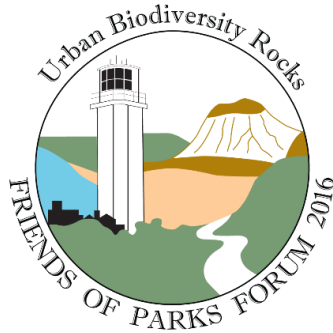




Government of South Australia
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30th Friends of Parks Forum

Friday 14 to Sunday 16 October 2016

COVE CIVIC CENTRE, 1 Ragamuffin Drive, HALLETT COVE SA

The Friends of Glenthorne Farm, Hallett Cove CP, Lower Field River, Marino CP and O'Halloran Hill RP are pleased to invite you to the 2016 Friends of Parks Forum, to be held in the Cove Civic Centre, on the corner of Lonsdale Road, Ramrod Avenue and Ragamuffin Drive, Hallett Cove.

A varied program of speakers and field trips has been planned for your enjoyment and entertainment.

The Friday afternoon registration, casual meal and program will be held in the Main Hall at the Cove Civic Centre, off Ragamuffin Drive, Hallett Cove. The registration desk will be open from 4.00 pm, and the food will be served from 6.00 pm, with the formal session starting at 7.15 pm.

The Saturday and Sunday morning programs of speakers will also be held at the Cove Civic Centre, Hallett Cove, in the Main Hall, and buses to the afternoon field trips will leave from there.

Car parking may be limited around the Civic Centre and adjacent churches, but the Hallett Cove Shopping Centre, with ample parking, is just across Ramrod Avenue.

The traditional Saturday night Forum Dinner is sponsored by the Nature Foundation of SA, and will be held at Club Marion, 262 Sturt Road, Marion, with pre-dinner drinks at 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start. Club Marion and its car park entrance are opposite the City of Marion Council Chambers on Sturt Road. Our speaker will keep us entertained between the main course and dessert, with an awards presentation to follow dessert. The dress code is neat casual. As numbers will be limited because of the venue, **please book early**.

Attached are a Registration Form, a list of the interesting speakers we have been able to engage for you, details of Field Trips for Saturday and Sunday afternoons, from which you can choose in priority order, and suggestions for accommodation, should you need it.

The Field Trips will be filled on a first come basis, but we will attempt to accommodate your wishes where possible. As walking will be up and down hills, steps and stairs, and over uneven ground, we suggest participants wear sturdy shoes, a shady, secure hat, and carry water.

Unfortunately, there will not be enough room for displays at either the Cove Civic Centre or the dinner venue, and so please do not bring them.

Please print off and return your Registration Form with Field Trip choices and make payment by 31 August 2016, to assist with planning.

We look forward to meeting you at the Forum.

Alan Burns
Chairperson
2016 Friends of Parks Forum Committee

2016 FRIENDS OF PARKS FORUM

URBAN BIODIVERSITY ROCKS!

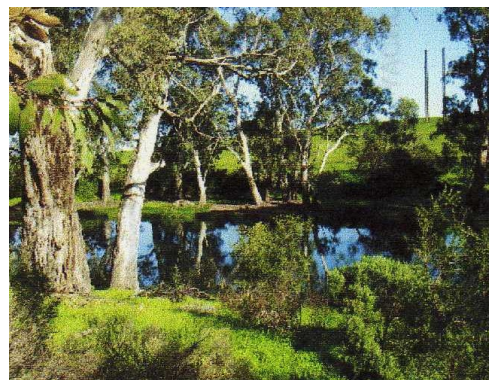
PROGRAM OF SPEAKERS Minor changes may be necessary to this scheduled Program

Time slot	Subject	Speaker
Friday 4.00 - 7.00pm	Registration, and evening meal from 6pm	
Friday 7.15 - 7.30pm	Opening of Forum	Hon Ian Hunter MLC
Friday 7.30 - 8.00pm	Bat Experience	Mr Terry Reardon
Saturday 9.00 - 9.15am	Acknowledgement of Country	
Saturday 9.15 - 9.30am	Welcome to Forum	Mr Duncan McKenzie, President FoP
Saturday 9.30 - 10.15am	Biodiversity & Habitat Restoration	Mr Andrew Allanson
Saturday 10.15 - 11.00am	Biodiversity - ecology & birds	Assoc. Prof. David Paton
	Morning Tea to 11.30am	
Saturday 11.30-12.10pm	Geology - Ice Age to Hallett Cove	Mr Bob Major
Saturday 12.10-12.30pm	Geology - Impacts of Urbanisation	Mr Colin Winsor
	Field Trips	
Saturday 8.00 - 8.30pm	Dinner Speaker	Professor Chris Daniels
Sunday 9.00 - 9.30am	Botany - plants & biodiversity into context	Ms Ann Prescott
Sunday 9.30 - 10.00am	Herpetology - reptiles	Mr Mark Hutchinson - SA Museum
	Morning Tea to 10.30am	
Sunday 10.30 - 11.00am	Historic Buildings - Glenthorne Farm	Dr. Pam Smith/Dr Keryn Walshe
Sunday 11.00 - 11.30am	Historic Buildings - Mining	Mr Greg Drew
Sunday 11.30 - 12.15pm	Q & A - Open Forum	Mr John Schutz and panel
Sunday 12.15 - 12.30pm	Close of Forum	
	Field Trips	

FIELD TRIPS - 15 to 16 October 2016

Glenthorne Farm – Sunday 1.45 – 4.45 pm

Visit Glenthorne Farm, which has been inaccessible to the public since 1913, and now only open to the Friends of Glenthorne for a few hours each month. For 20 years the Friends have been fighting for its protection and for greater access for the community. This site of 208 hectares with heritage buildings dating back to the 1850s, has ancient *Eucalyptus microcarpa* (Grey Box), ephemeral water-way and revegetated areas. Come on a walk through history, from 1839 when SA's first police commissioner, Major Thomas O'Halloran, settled and established his home; through the war years 1913 to 1947 as a remount station; the CSIRO research years; and more recently the two decades of indecision and community frustration. This is a unique opportunity for a 2 km walk around the heritage precinct, up and down undulating hills and at times over rough ground. Medium fitness recommended.



Hallett Cove Geology – Saturday 1.00 – 4.00 pm OR 2.00 – 4.30 pm and Sunday 1.00 – 4.00 pm OR 2.00 – 4.30 pm

In this internationally renowned area, explore 5 geological periods from Pre Cambrian 640 million years ago to the present in the eroded sediments. See 280 million year old glacial markings above a dramatic coastline. Learn about the evidence for tectonic plate movement, climate change and everyday forces that mould our landscape. Walking up and down steps will be required on this 2 km walk.

Hallett Cove Revegetation - Saturday 2.00 – 4.30 pm and Sunday 2.00 – 4.30 pm

Witness the rehabilitation of this 53 hectare park from denuded hills with patches of remnant coastal heath to what we believe to be its pre-colonial vegetation cover. Occupied by Aborigines for over 30,000 years, it became agricultural fields with holiday shacks along the coast. Valued and saved for its geology 40 years ago, it has since been successfully revegetated, and is now an environmental education and passive recreation facility. Some steps and rough ground will be covered on this 3 km scenic walk.



Lower Field River – Saturday 1.30 – 3.30 pm and Sunday 1.30 – 3.30 pm

Learn about the fossilised remains of a diprotodon being discovered in 1992 along this short section of a spring-fed river, which flows to the sea all year round. Sea birds visit the river-mouth to drink and de-salt; native fish enter the fresh water to spawn. The coast and adjacent parkland has been cleared of major weeds and revegetated, the work being ongoing. Sediment from quarries and a high nutrient load from the suburbs make maintenance of this freshwater environment a challenge.

Some pebbly beach walking is included in this 2 km walk over fairly even terrain.

Marino Conservation Park – Saturday 1.00 – 3.00 pm and Sunday 1.00 – 3.00 pm

Once, much of the southern Adelaide metropolitan coastline was covered by low growing coastal heath. Today the best remaining intact example is located within Marino Conservation Park along the western slopes. Enjoy a relatively easy 1.4km walk along the recently completed Botanical Trail and take in some of the most spectacular views of the Metropolitan coastline as you pass through areas of revegetation and natural regeneration. Hear about the history of this park which included the use of a deep gully through the eastern section by Marion Council, as a refuse dump; since covered with landfill. Learn, from an experienced botanist and foundation member of the Friends Group, about the vegetation which makes up the coastal heath and at the end of your walk, take in the beautiful views of Adelaide's western suburbs from the hilltop next to the Marino Lighthouse.



O'Halloran Hill Recreation Park – Saturday 2.00 – 4.30 pm

One of the jewels of Adelaide's parks, the northern section is part of the hills face and, as such, the park offers some of the best views of Adelaide, its suburbs and coastline. Before the Friends of O'Halloran Hill took over the park, it was a massive weed patch of artichoke thistles, fennel and olive trees. The artichokes are almost gone, and the Friends are working on the olives. The fennel is next on the agenda for eradication. The Friends, along with 'Million Trees' have planted thousands of trees in the park and it is predicted the park will become to Adelaide what Kings Park is to Perth. There are multiple tracks in the park where people can mountain bike, walk,

horse ride and run. See for yourself and find out how it was achieved. Some steep uphill and track walking

SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATION FOR THE 2016 FRIENDS OF PARKS FORUM

CABINS AND CAMPING

Sturt River Park - Brookside Road Darlington – Ph: 08 8296 0003

sturtrivercaravan@bigpond.com Cabins and camping

Brownhill Creek Caravan Park – Brownhill Creek Road Brownhill Creek – Ph: 08 8373 7392

www.brownhillcreekcaravanpark.com.au Cabins and camping

Woodcroft Park – Lot 1 Bains Road Woodcroft 5162 – Ph: 08 8325 1233

www.woodcroftpark.com.au Cabins and camping

Marion Holiday Park – 323 Sturt Road Bedford Park 5042 – Ph: 08 8276 6695

info@marionp.com.au Apartments, cabins and camping

Brighton Caravan Park and Holiday Village – Ph: 08 8377 0833

info@brightoncaravanpark.com.au Cabins + ensuite camping

Adelaide Shores Caravan Park – 1 Military Road West Beach – Ph: 1800 444 567

www.adelaideshores.com.au Deluxe cabins to camping sites

Christies Beach Tourist Park – 39 Sydney Crescent Christies beach Ph: 08 8326 0311 1800 144 114

HOTELS AND MOTELS

St Francis Winery – 14 Bridge Street Old Reynella 5161 – Ph: 08 8322 2246

Accommodation and Restaurant 40 Rooms from \$105.00 to \$150.00

Lonsdale Hotel – 25-27 Sherriffs Road Lonsdale – Ph: 08 8381 3144

Accommodation and Restaurant, 7 rooms \$90.00

Esplanade Hotel - Cnr Jetty Road and Esplanade Brighton – Ph: 08 8296 7177

Accommodation and Restaurant, 17 rooms, (4 no ensuite), from \$95.00 double \$80.00 single

Marion Hotel – 849 Marion Road Mitchell Park – Ph: 08 8276 8888

Accommodation and Restaurant, 12 rooms about \$150.00

Watermark Hotel Glenelg - 631 Anzac Highway Glenelg – Ph: 08 8294 2300

Accommodation and Restaurant, 15 rooms, includes a family unit, from \$145.00

Also try **Trivago** and **accommodation.com** for internet deals

HOLIDAY HOUSES

GOOGLE SITES - There are many to choose from using the following searches.

Accommodation in Seacliff Aura Travel

Accommodation in Hallett Cove Aura Travel

Accommodation in Morphett Vale Aura Travel

Glenelg Gateway Apartments – 35 Brighton Road Glenelg. 14 minutes from Seacliff.

Ph: 08 8376 3914

If you are still unable to source accommodation please contact Lyn on 08 8387 1108

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