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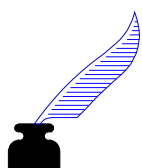


Members of the mid-week working group preparing for a DEWNR olive burn near Boehm Walk in 2015

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From the Editor's Desk



This, the second offering of my current tenure as Editor.

I thank those members who have provided comment and contribution and will attempt to implement their suggestions where it is practical to do so. I value your feedback and comment on content and presentation.

I aim to publish four issues of the Newsletter during the year 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018. This is the second. The final two are planned for May 2018 and August 2018.

Cover Theme – The Mid-Week Working Group.

This group of dedicated volunteers meets in the park each Wednesday, weather permitting, to work in identified problem areas. Average attendance per outing is between 6 and 8

I have browsed through available documentation to try to find the earliest mention of their work and commitment.

Here is what then President **Mary Lane** said in her report to members in November 2004:

*'The mid-week working group yet again has shown that persistence pays off. What they have achieved in the area of olive control down towards Boehm Walk for instance is excellent. **Roy Caldwell, Ken Poole, Trevor Pitt** and all the others are to be congratulated on their efforts and the enthusiasm with which they approach the task.'*

I don't have any earlier records which would enable me to determine the group's debut date but I'm sure somebody will let me know from personal recollection. Pre - 2004 anyway!

Well done all. A huge contribution to the support and preservation of the park environment.

Ed.

Friends of Anstey Hill Committee 2017-18

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Lea Crosby

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Mary Lane (non-committee)
FOAH Seed Collector

Committee Meetings

Wednesday 7.30pm

2018

- January 10th
- February 7th
- April 4th
- June 6th
- August 1st
- October 3rd - AGM
- November 7th

FOAH 30th anniversary

14th November

(Celebration 11th November)

You May Have Noticed

Due to a security issue at our website host, the Friends of Anstey Hill Website has recently been offline. The website is hosted by Community Webs as part of the UniSA 'Sustainable Online Community Engagement' project.

This outage affected many South Australian community organisations. No one is immune to hacking!

Happily the website has just been restored as this issue goes to print.

You don't appreciate the value of a facility until it is suddenly taken away do you?

President's Report

Happy New Year to all our members! I hope it is a happy, healthy and peaceful year and that we all make time to appreciate our natural environment including, of course, Anstey Hill Recreation Park.

Thank you to our previous two Presidents, Rob Carthew and Kevin Kirchner, for their valued and valuable contributions to FOAH. As the incoming President, I hope to continue their good work.

Coming soon - The Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) will be installing more interpretive signs in the park.

FOAH has had a busy start to 2018 with plans in place to further assist the rangers and promote the park:

- **Wednesday working bees** continue to be an important focus of our objectives. An average of 6-8 volunteer members attend the working bees each week.
- **African daisy and small olives** have been removed from the area adjacent to Rosella and Ellis Way. Volunteers will grub or spray isolated artichoke plants adjacent to Water Gully Track.
- **Work Shirts:** see our volunteers looking very smart in their FOAH shirts assisting at working bees and promotional events!
- **Kits:** FOAH are in the process of creating a Welcome/information kit for new members and a kit for student volunteers.
- **School partnerships:** We continue to develop partnerships with local schools including Torrens Valley Christian School & Modbury High School.
- **Business/Group memberships:** Members will be encouraging local businesses and groups to join FOAH as financial members.
- **First Aid training course:** Recently, three FOAH members updated their skills at a First Aid training course. Thank you to DEWNR for its financial support of our attendees.
- **History Month – May 2018.** The TTG branch of the National Trust plan to run guided tours 19th & 20th May in the historic township of TTG and in AHRP. The TTG National trust is coordinating the event in our area, including partnering with FOAH and the TTG & District Historical Society. Partnerships and communication with local groups and organisations is a vital component of fostering and enhancing relationships within the community. [See Lea's article on History Month May 2018 on page 5 below.- Ed.](#)
- **30th anniversary:** FOAH will be celebrating its 30th anniversary on the 14th November 2018. Further details in our next newsletter – what, where & when.
- ReGen need more volunteers at their Op Shop on Milne Road (near Hancock Road). A percentage of the profits goes to your nominated charity. If you would like to volunteer for FOAH, please let us know or visit ReGen Op Shop for further information.

Other News:

Injured koala

Recently, an injured koala was retrieved from the creek bed along Water Gully Track by Fauna Rescue and FOAH members. It had been mauled and left for almost a week. It is believed that the koala was attacked by a dog off lead. Sadly, the koala had to be euthanised. Please ensure that your dog/s are kept on a lead within the park at all times.

History Month May 2018

Meeting held at Rumps Bakehouse at 11 am on 15th January 2018

Present:

Lea Crosby FOAH, Roy and Pat Caldwell FOAH, Gill Starks and Mary Zwar TTG National Trust, Carole Simmonds TTG & District Historical Society, Nick Purdew DEWNR.

Aim:

To discuss engagement and a partnership between DEWNR, FOAH, TTGNT and TTG&DHS regarding repairs, maintenance and restoration of bakehouse and its contents. History Month is in May 2018, and the TTGNT volunteers are planning to take guided tours of the original township and its surroundings including within AHRP (quarry area in from Gate 1 and Newmans Nursery ruins)

Previous communication from Gill to Lea:

The TTGNT volunteer guides take groups including school children to visit the original township of Teatree Gully. Comments are made about the poor state and presentation of the bakehouse. On behalf of the TTGNT, Gill Starks has offered their volunteers to clean and maintain the appearance of Rumps Bakehouse and Ellis Cottage. The trust seeks permission from DEWNR to have access to the cottage and bakehouse including a key. Roy has passed on the bakehouse key to Lea.

History of Rumps Bakehouse and Ellis Cottage:

Roy gave an account from knowledge he had gathered:

Bakehouse:

Bread was served from the entrance of the bakehouse

Coils of newspaper were used as stop gaps between the stone and wooden frame of the entrance

Rolled up paper was used as caulking for insulation. The paper revealed an item relating to the Kaiser reviewing troops in Europe prior to WW1. Roy to check at home for the papers

Wood exposed on internal western wall was a support for shelving

New beams were installed by FOAH adjacent to the original roofing

The slats in the roofing are the original slats

The items on the two tables were dug up from the flooring

A blacksmith's chopping block, with axe cuts, is at the back of the bakehouse

The blue military registration on one table relates to soldiers monitoring traffic going east and west along North East Road

There was an abattoir on the eastern side of the bakehouse

A coach wall abuts the western wall of the bakehouse

When no longer used as a bakehouse, it was used for storage by the Ellis family

FOAH volunteers took three years to restore and repair Rumps Bakehouse and Ellis Cottage

Ellis Cottage:

The cottage was only used as a residence. Pigeons resided in the cottage until FOAH restored and repaired the roofing and gutters. [See comparative pics on page 7 below.- Ed.](#)

No artefacts have been found in the cottage to date

Recommendations:

A Memorandum of Understanding be created between DEWNR and TTGNT to enable TTGNT volunteers to clean and maintain the appearance of Rumps Bakehouse and Ellis Cottage

Permission be given by DEWNR for TTGNT volunteers to have access to the cottage and bakehouse

A key be copied for TTGNT volunteers to access the cottage and bakehouse for cleaning and maintenance purposes

A secure lock be added to Ellis Cottage as a matter of urgency. At present, the lock is not functional on its own

A register of items on the two tables be photographed, catalogued on a register.

An archaeological study to investigate the potential for more artefacts below the flooring in the bakehouse

Apply for funding from DEWNR and/or TTG&DHS for installation of interpretive signs and preservation of artefacts e.g. with Perspex covering items, in the bakehouse. This will enable visitors to be more engaged with their local history

Removal of bamboo on private property (Ruby Rajah restaurant) on western side of Ellis cottage

OHS&W: Metal rods be 'shaved' or removed where possible from paths around Ellis Cottage and northwards to Rumps Bakehouse

Ellis cottage was used as a residence. There is potential for an archaeological survey to ascertain if there are any artefacts below the floor surface.

**Lea Crosby
15 January 2018**



Ellis Cottage 1992

Ellis Cottage 2018



Memorial Seat Option

Committee is considering an option of the installation of a memorial seat at the lookout instead of a simple plaque to acknowledge the efforts of a number of our departed members who have worked in the Park for so many years.

Ranger Nick Purdew has provided photos of two existing memorial seats for possible guidance.

What do you think?

Option #1



Option #2



Mt. Lofty Ranges Woodland Bird Monitoring Program

In August 2017 The Nature Conservation Society of South Australia advised that they would be coordinating the Mt Lofty Ranges Woodland Bird Monitoring Program with observers accessing the parks again during the last 3 months of the year. The project has been running since 1988 and aims to assess the evidence for declines in MLR woodland birds. Continuity is needed for long term monitoring and the project is currently funded by the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management.

Featured on the following two pages are bird lists from surveys previously conducted in Anstey Hill Recreation Park. Please note that to the best of the author's knowledge the lists are accurate, however data is currently being validated for the previous year so is subject to change. Please remember that this is just a snapshot of birds seen or heard 'in' the site and does not include flyovers or those birds seen just outside of the 2ha plots.

Each of the two sites in Anstey Hill Recreation Park is 2 ha in area and is not to be marked in any way. The search method is non-intrusive, walking around the site using existing tracks where possible. Standard protocols for the prevention of Phytophthora transmission are observed. Observers will be making three 20-minute visits to each site – the repetition is necessary to estimate the observation error rates, which is crucial to determining statistically whether birds are declining. These 3 visits would be spread over the period September – December.

The surveyors are given written health and safety guidelines which outline general safety procedures in accordance with the Nature Conservation Society's Occupational Health and Safety policy. This includes information on carrying appropriate equipment at all times and procedures to follow in the event of a bushfire. However, no surveys are done on Total Fire Ban days.

Friends of Anstey Hill acknowledge the cooperation of Ali Ben Kahn, Coordinator, Mt. Lofty Ranges Woodland Bird Monitoring Program, Nature Conservation Society of South Australia in allowing us to publish their program advice as abbreviated above.

The map showing the location of the two observation sites is not included in this article but a copy of the letter, dated 21/08/2017 together with the site map is available in the Friends Shed.

Editor

Bird Survey Results – Site 1

Nature Conservation Society - MLR Woodland Bird Survey													25-Aug-17
<i>Birds observed each year within</i>				<i>Anstey Hill RP</i>			<i>Site No. 1</i>			+ <10, ++ >=10			
Bird	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Adelaide Rosella	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+		
Australian Magpie	+			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike		+						+			+		
Bronzewing Species													
Brown Goshawk													
Brown Thornbill	+		+		+	+	+		+	+			
Brush Bronzewing			+										
Buff-rumped Thornbill	+					+	+	+					
Common Blackbird	+	+	+		+				+	+	+		
Common Bronzewing		+				+		+		+			
Crescent Honeyeater	+		+	+	+	+	+		+		+		
Dusky Woodswallow													
Eastern Spinebill						+			+				
Fan-tailed Cuckoo							+						
Galah					+				+				
Golden Whistler	+		+	+	+	+				+	+		
Grey Currawong		+		+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	
Grey Fantail	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	
Grey Shrike-thrush		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo		+	+				+						
Little Raven				+	+				+				
Mistletoebird			+										
Musk Lorikeet								+					
New Holland Honeyeater	++		+	+		+	+	+	+		+		
Rainbow Lorikeet	+						+						
Red Wattlebird	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Rufous Whistler	+	+		+			+						
Scarlet Robin							+		+				
Silvereye	+	+		+	+	+		+	+				
Spotted Pardalote													
Striated Pardalote	+		+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+		
Striated Thornbill	++	+	+	+		+	+				+		
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo			+				+						
Superb Fairy-wren	+	++	+	+	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	+	
Varied Sittella													
Weebill	+	+			+						+		
White-browed Scrubwren		++	+	+			+	+	+		+		
White-naped Honeyeater													
White-throated Treecreeper													
White-winged Chough													
Yellow-faced Honeyeater	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	++		+		
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo				+		+			+		++		

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Bird Survey Results – Site 2

Nature Conservation Society MLR Woodland Bird Survey													25-Aug-17
<u>Birds observed each year within Anstey Hill RP Site No. 2</u>													+ <10, ++ >=10
Bird	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Adelaide Rosella	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
Australian Magpie	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+		
Australian Wood Duck									+				
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike					+		+						
Brown Goshawk													
Brown Thornbill			+				+						
Brush Bronzewing	+												
Common Blackbird		+	+				+	+	+	+	+		
Common Bronzewing		+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+		
Crescent Honeyeater	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
Dusky Woodswallow													
Eastern Spinebill	+	+							+	+			
Fan-tailed Cuckoo							+	+	+		+		
Galah			+		+		+						
Golden Whistler	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+		
Grey Currawong	+	+	+	+		+	+	++	+	+	+		
Grey Fantail	+	+	+	+	+	+	++	+	+	+	+		
Grey Shrike-thrush	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo		+		+			+		+				
Jacky Winter											+		
Laughing Kookaburra									+				
Little Raven		+	+	+	+	+	+			+			
Little Wattlebird						+							
Mistletoebird								+					
Musk Lorikeet					+			+			+		
New Holland Honeyeater	++	+	+	+	++	+	+	++	++	+	++		
Pallid Cuckoo													
Rainbow Lorikeet	+		+	+	++	+				+	+		
Red Wattlebird	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	++		
Rufous Whistler													
Silvereye	+		+	++		+	+		+				
Spotted Pardalote		+	+										
Striated Pardalote	+	+	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	+	+		
Striated Thornbill	+							+	+				
Superb Fairy-wren	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
Tree Martin		+											
Weebill						+	+					+	
White-browed Scrubwren		+	+		+		+						
White-naped Honeyeater													
White-plumed Honeyeater							+						
White-winged Chough					+								
Yellow Thornbill					+								
Yellow-faced Honeyeater	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+				
Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo													

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From the Archives -1995

Readers and members in particular may be interested to look back to a randomly selected year in history and discover what was happening at the time – particularly in Anstey Hill Recreation Park.

In Space:	US Space Shuttle Atlantis docks with Russia's Mir Space Station – July
On Earth:	Car Bomb devastates Oklahoma City Federal Building - April
In Australia:	Adelaide hosts Australian F1 GP for last time - November
In Adelaide:	Bushfires in Adelaide Hills – January



After the January 1995 bushfire -
view from Ridge Top Walk
looking South towards pipe-line.

Membership Renewal

At 17 February 2018 we have 41 members paid up for year ending 30 September 2018.

All memberships are welcomed, no matter to what extent you are able to physically or financially contribute to the group. There are many ways in which you can support the FOAH in achieving our objectives of conserving and restoring the natural and cultural environment of Anstey Hill Recreation Park, without the need to engage in some of the more physical or time-consuming activities undertaken by the group. At the most basic level, for example, the more members we have the stronger will be our voice in commenting on issues concerning the Park.

The Membership Form can be found at our website

www.communitywebs.org/friendsofansteyhill/assets/form/membership-form.pdf

And while you are about it, why not get your friends and neighbours to sign up as well? No doubt many of them also enjoy walking, exercising or relaxing in the Park!