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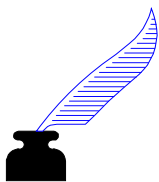


**Photo courtesy Jim Crosby**

**Great turnout for Propagation Day on Sunday 2 December 2018  
Refer to article on pages 7 and 8**

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## From the Editor's Desk

Editor's quill has only just returned from its quarterly 25,000 word service and the calendar tells me that it's time for another Friends of Anstey Hill Newsletter to hit the airwaves. How time flies when you are having fun!

So the act of manipulating, moulding, massaging and merging copy received from ever faithful contributors with the editorial glue to hold it all together begins again in earnest.

Editor is always on the lookout for text, photos and polite suggestions as to ways of producing a readable, entertaining and helpful document.

For subsequent issues please let me have material that you would like to share with other readers.

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### Facebook Coordinator

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### Committee Meetings

Wednesday 7.30pm

TTG Heritage Museum

- 3 Apr. 2019
- 5 June 2019
- 7 Aug. 2019
- 2 Oct. 2019- AGM
- 6 Nov. 2019

### Scheduled Planting Days 2018-19

- Sun. 19 May 2019
- Sun. 16 Jun. 2019
- Sun. 18 Aug. 2019

Meet at Friends Shed  
via Gate 18 at 9-30am

### Newsletter Issues

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3/2019	29 May 2019
4/2019	28 Aug. 2019
1/2020	27 Nov. 2019

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## President's Report

A very happy New Year to all FOAH members and friends! (where did 2018 go?) Someone mentioned to me recently that they were just getting used to writing 2018!

Our meetings will continue to be held at the Tea Tree Gully Museum for 2019. Members are always welcome to attend our meetings. The dates for our next meetings are 3rd April, 5th June, 7th August and 2nd October (AGM).

We thank Gill Starks, President of the Tea Tree Gully National Trust who allows FOAH to meet at this significant local heritage building adjacent to AHRP. This year, Gill and other museum volunteers will be cataloguing the artefacts in the Bakehouse adjacent to Gate 1 entrance to the park. The group will follow Museum Australia guidelines.

Thank you to the Wednesday Working Bee volunteers who kept toiling in the park during the holiday season. As well as working in the park, the volunteers also cleaned and sorted items in the Friends Shed. Recent very hot weather meant they were not able to work in the park for a few weeks. We welcome anyone who is able to assist on a Wednesday morning. We meet at the Friends Shed via Gate 18, Range Road South at 8.15 a.m. if you can help us out, even for an hour, it would be appreciated. On the last Wednesday morning of the month we meet back at the Friends Shed at 11.30 a.m. for morning tea and conversation (usually with our resident possum looking on).

Work undertaken since the November 2018 report included:

Both sides of Newman's Track from Ridgetop Walk.

Removal of Artichoke, African Daisy and Olive.

Water Gully Track from the ruins towards Perseverance Road.

Removal of Artichoke, African Daisy and Olive.

Creek line heading south of Newmans Nursery ruins.

Removal of feral plants including Olive, Hawthorn, African Daisy.

Preparation for Propagation Day

Including sterilising pots.

Collecting boxes of soil, fertilizer etc from Trees for Life

Propagation Day was held on 2nd December 2018 at the Friends Shed and proved very successful with over 20 members and friends attending along with our ranger, Nick. A delicious BBQ and sweets followed the planting of the 9 boxes of seeds provided by our seed collector, Mary Lane.

*(Editor's Note: Members who are caring for the growing plants are asked to note Mary's advice which is documented on page 12 of this Newsletter.)*

Future priorities include:

Clearing feral plants from the creek line heading south from the ruins

Preparing areas identified in preparation for Planting Days in May, June and August.

Refurbishment of the table and seats at the Lookout

Ten staff from Laureate International University in Adelaide joined our Wednesday Working group over 2 weeks in November and December as part of their 'Global Days of Service' obligation. We thank them for their support and look forward to seeing them again later this year.

Due to the recent hot weather encountered, total fire ban days and holiday period, the number of volunteers on Wednesday mornings has been slightly less than normal. However, numbers are expected to increase as the weather cools and the holiday period comes to an end.

Statistics for the Wednesday Working Group from 21 November 2018 – 30 January 2019:

Eight (8) mornings worked

Total of 153.25 hours

Average number of hours per morning is 19.15

Average number of workers per morning is 6.6

In addition:

The 10 Laureate International University staff contributed 25 hours over 2 Wednesdays.

Over 20 members and families contributed 38 hours on Propagation Day.

Volunteers will continue to attend workshops and training sessions including an 'Introduction to Bush Regeneration' workshop that will be conducted by Amy Anderson, our Volunteer Support Officer, and an 'Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training' session.

It was wonderful to see a number of FOAH members represented at Graham Fisher's funeral on 19 December last year. Graham will always be remembered as a staunch supporter of FOAH and one of its inaugural hard working members.

Our ranger, Nick Purdew reported that motor bike riders have been seen in Anstey Hill Recreation Park (AHRP). Nick has asked that FOAH members and park visitors remain vigilant, and that any reports are forwarded to him ASAP. If possible, forward him the details of time, location, vehicle and rider description. Nick stressed that under no circumstance should people confront anyone suspected of illegal activity and not do anything that would put yourselves in a position of potential danger.

This year will see more students from local schools, including Banksia Park Kindy and Banksia Park International High School Key Club, volunteering in the park. We hope to encourage the students to take 'ownership' of the area they work in, so that they continue to be involved in the preservation and conservation of this wonderful park. Staff from Laureate University in Adelaide also volunteered in the park on 2 occasions in November. We appreciate their assistance and indicated they would like to return to volunteer in the park.

Thank you to our ranger, Nick who assisted us in our applications for two grants endorsed by Friends of Parks Inc which supports the AMLR Natural Resources Management Board's 2018-19 Community NRM Action Grants application for \$5,000 for the project 'Plant a Feast' from FOAH.

The second application from FOAH is for \$10,000 to restore the degraded Water Gully Creek line.

Marketing is an important part of FOAH's future to increase active membership, and to encourage involvement and engagement. One strategy is to look at purchasing banners as a visual reminder of our presence in the park and at functions. Our Facebook page and website have proved very successful in engaging with and informing people of AHRP. There have been some complaints on our Facebook page of people leaving their doggy dropping' bags in the park. Please remember to take the bags with you when leaving the park.

FOAH members Roy and Pat Caldwell have offered several of their 'nature books' to FOAH. When all of our collection has been finally catalogued, we should have quite a wide range of publications in our library.

The *Native Orchid Society of SA* has released its 2019 calendar. The calendar includes details of the society's events, orchid species information, flowering times and of course beautiful photos. The calendar is \$20 plus postage and handling. If you would like to purchase a copy, please [email Rosalie Lawrence](mailto:Rosalie.Lawrence@sa.gov.au) or call 0488 159 357.

A gentle reminder if you have not renewed your FOAH membership for 2018/2019! The FOAH committee appreciates your ongoing support. Current membership status is stated on page 10 and a Membership Form is provided at page 15.

**Lea Crosby**  
**President**  
**January 2019**



## Meet the Fire Crew

Thanks for the delivery of the stack of logs which we intend to use to build a Native Bee Hotel.

This had been a pet project of Graham Fisher in earlier days and will eventually become a reality.



## Propagation Day 2018

A coolish but mercifully dry morning encouraged 25 members and families to our annual propagation day at the Friends Shed. Always difficult to do a head count at FOAH working functions on account of member hyperactivity.

Interestingly the 2017 Propagation Day also attracted 25 members. We are certainly consistent!

In quick time about 250 seeding boxes were filled with soil and fertiliser to receive seed of the following listed plants.

<b>Themeda triandra</b>	<i>Kangaroo grass</i>	½ box
<b>Clematis microphylla</b>	<i>Old man's beard</i>	1 box
<b>Eucalyptus leucoxylon</b>	<i>South Australian Blue Gum</i>	½ box
<b>Eucalyptus goniocalyx</b>	<i>Long-leaved box</i>	½ box
<b>Eucalyptus fasciculosa</b>	<i>Pink gum</i>	½ box
<b>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</b>	<i>River red gum</i>	½ box
<b>Kennedia prostrata</b>	<i>Running postman</i>	½ box
<b>Allocasuarina verticillata</b>	<i>Drooping shea-oak</i>	½ box
<b>Leptospermum myrsinoides</b>	<i>Heath tea-tree</i>	½ box
<b>Hakea rostrata</b>	<i>Beaked hakea</i>	½ box
<b>Acacia pycnantha</b>	<i>Golden wattle</i>	½ box
<b>Dodonaea viscosa</b>	<i>Sticky hop-bush</i>	1 box
<b>Acacia myrtifolia</b>	<i>Myrtle wattle</i>	½ box
<b>Acacia paradoxa</b>	<i>Prickly wattle</i>	½ box
<b>Acacia acinacea</b>	<i>Wreath wattle</i>	½ box

The boxes and seed were taken by members to be nurtured over the summer months in readiness for our three chosen planting days on Sundays 19 May, 16 June and 18 August.

Mary has subsequently provided advice to growers of the propagated seedlings. See page 12

During the filling of boxes there was spontaneous music (see below) while you worked and traditional FOAH refreshment to follow.



Photo courtesy Jim Crosby



Members of the Friends of Anstey Hill baroque ensemble Keith, Jenny and Kevin (percussion) and Rob (keyboards) entertain the workers and at the same time prepare the tubes for seeding.

Well that's what it looks like from the Editor's desk!

With music of such spontaneity, passion and soul we should surely charge for admission next year.

Now all we need is a name for the group and the bookings will surely start rolling in.

Who knows, perhaps a gig at the Fringe, the occasional wedding or, at worst, street busking.

Be assured that in the immediate future the minstrels will be restricting their appearances to Propagation and Planting Days in Anstey Hill Recreation Park.



# VALE Graham Fisher

8 June 1942 – 13 December 2018

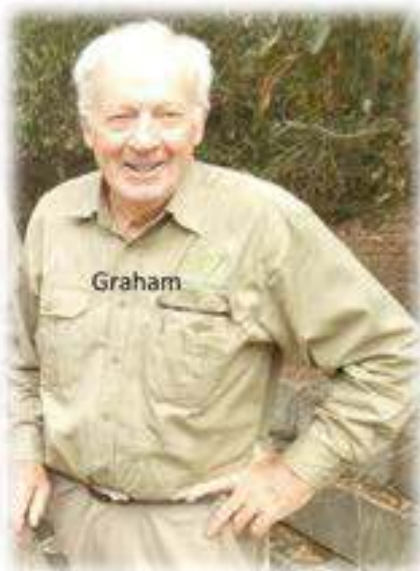
Passed away peacefully on Thursday, 13 December 2018

Committed and active member of Friends of Anstey Hill for more than 30 years

**1991**



**2000**



**2017**



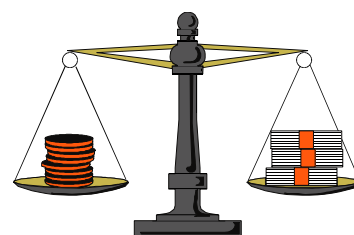
**2001**

Wherever you walk within the Park you will see evidence of Graham's work and commitment over 30 years service with Friends of Anstey Hill..

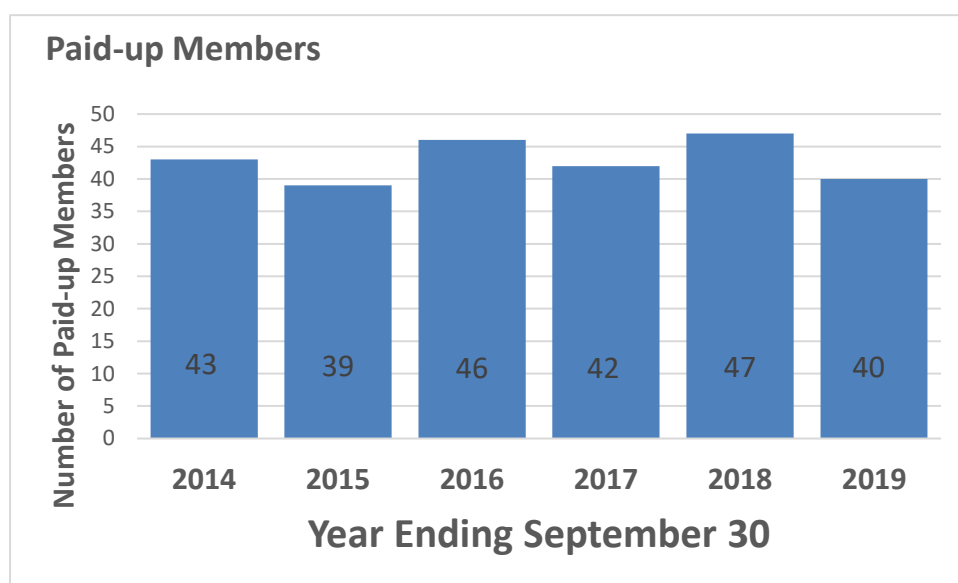
# Membership Renewal

Treasurer has been doing what treasurers do best – balancing the books! That involves encouraging current membership renewals. There are still some outstanding.

At 5 February 2019 we have 40 members who have already paid up for the current year ending 30 September 2019 compared to 47 that had paid membership dues for the previous year ending 30 September 2018.



Further review has shown the following group membership statistics for the past few years:



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 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 and Donation Advice can be found at our website:

[www.communitywebs.org/friendsofansteyhill/assets/form/membership-form.pdf](http://www.communitywebs.org/friendsofansteyhill/assets/form/membership-form.pdf)

To provide an alternative method for payment we include a Membership Form and Donation Advice at page 15 for printing, completing and posting.

Spoiled for options!

It would be nice to see the right hand element of the bar chart above sneak up towards, and maybe even rise above, the 50 level.

Watch this space in future issues.

# Tea Tree Gully Citizenship and Award Ceremony

At the City of Tea Tree Gully Australia Day Citizenship and Award Ceremony on Saturday 26 January 2019 Mayor Kevin Knight announced the winners of Outstanding Citizen and Outstanding Community Group and presented the Awards for 2019.

- **The Outstanding Citizen, Christine Houlson**, has been the Tea Tree Gully and Northern Zone president and member of the Red Cross Board for three years.

As Emergency Service Liaison Officer with Red Cross, Christine was sent to Queensland to assist with an equine flu epidemic and a severe storm.

Christine is also the district chairman for Inner Wheel and a member of a choir who raise money for charity.

- **The Outstanding Community Group, the Tea Tree Gully Toy Library**, is enjoyed by families with children aged under 12, and residents with additional needs, grandparents and carers.

The toy library is an independent not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers that helps to foster children's social development and offers support to isolated and disadvantaged families.

Mayor Kevin Knight, in presenting the awards acknowledged the achievements of award winners and nominees.

"It's wonderful to have people and groups like this in our community. The work they do and the way they go about it is to be commended," he said.

Other nominees were:-

- **Outstanding Citizen:** Brad Chilcott, David Durant, Jacob Hofland, Jeffrey McCormack and Mario Giovanni Minuzzo
- **Outstanding Community Group:** Friends of Anstey Hill, Lions Club of Golden Grove and Pioneer Court Community Garden.



We appreciate the nomination of FOAH by Adla Mattiske of Banksia Park who is a regular user of Anstey Hill Recreation Park.

## Advice to Members Growing Seedlings for AHRP.

Mary offers the following suggestions to those who are growing seedlings:

1. All seedlings must now be out in FULL sun all day.
2. Thin out seedlings to only ONE strong seedling in each tube.
3. It is getting too late to transplant seedlings.
4. Check for slugs etc in the boxes. A good tip is to take all the tubes out of the white box, checking for slugs on the bottom, then hose out the box. Replace the tubes, grading them from tallest to shortest, so small plants aren't shaded by taller ones.
5. If your seedlings are still small (or to push along smaller plants) water with HALF strength liquid fertiliser. (With natives fertilising more is not better.)
6. Maintain watering, but be aware that as the weather cools less moisture is ok.
7. Any problems feel free to call Mary Lane (0419 671 819).

## Trees for Life Newsletter February 2019

Lea has drawn attention to an interesting article relating to Shane Meyer's wonderful children's book. A few photos on his Facebook page from Richard Harvey at Propagation Day at AHRP too

Also, information on plant sales.



**Trees for Life** member Shane Meyer has written and illustrated a new children's book - *The Hungry Honeyeater* - with \$1 from every book donated to TFL

The book is aimed at children between the ages of five and eight, but can be enjoyed by all ages. Available in hardcover for \$24.95 and softcover for \$12.95.

The book can be made out to someone with a personal message and/or autographed. Just

add the info in the 'Order Details' section at the 'Checkout'

We're grateful to Shane for his support. For more information visit [The Hungry Honeyeater Facebook page](#).

## Sedge Snippet



'Sedge Snippet' is a monthly e-newsletter published by Natural Resources Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges, that promotes the latest volunteering opportunities around Adelaide, as well as interesting environmental stories, volunteer achievements, case studies, upcoming events, grants, and training.

To subscribe go to [www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/adelaidemtloftyranges/subscribe](http://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/adelaidemtloftyranges/subscribe)

## Changes in the Park

In the May 2018 issue of Friends of Anstey Hill Newsletter we featured an article which showed how the outlook at the intersection of Torture Hill Track, Ridgetop Walk and Silver Mine Track had changed over the period 1992 – 2018 largely due to revegetation activities during the period. The article was well received by readers and attracted some comment.

When Editor recently found in archival material a photograph that had been taken in March 1983 which showed the devastation caused by the February 16 bushfires of that year he decided to document a similar comparison of 'then and now' photographs.

Making the decision was the easy bit. Putting it into practice was a bit harder. It took a while to realize that many of the identifying landmarks which are visible after a fire has gone through an area are hidden from view when natural regrowth occurs over time. As an added complication people who appear in an earlier photo tend to have moved on to other places when you next look. This doesn't help the task of rediscovering the location and, as the second photo shows, the natural regrowth over the period has been nothing short of spectacular. Considerable track upgrades carried out by National Parks and Wildlife in or about 2009 has also changed the general appearance of the view.

So like most of my 'good ideas at the time' it took a while to come to fruition.

In the event the unique rock configuration at trackside was the prominent identifying factor. Some things remain constant whilst other things are happening!

An interesting exercise with the emphasis on exercise.

Must do it again soon but need some rest first!





Water Gully Track – March 1983



Water Gully Track – Feb. 2019



# Membership Form for Year 2018-19



## Membership Form and Donation Advice (for year ending 30 Sept. 2019)

Friends of Anstey Hill, P.O. Box 653, St Agnes SA 5097

ABN 53 952 413 248

Please indicate membership category by ticking appropriate boxes:

☐ Single \$14      ☐ Single concession\* \$12

☐ Family\* \$16      ☐ Family concession\* \$14

Note: \* Standard definition for concession/family apply.

☐ Group \$22      community association/club, business, government body etc.

☐ Renewal of Membership      ☐ New Membership

I would also like to include a donation of \$..... towards future and ongoing projects.

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (mob) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*For family memberships, please feel free to add additional names and email addresses so that all family members can be informed of FOAH activities and receive the club newsletter. Normally all correspondence will be by email, but if you wish to receive a hard copy of our newsletter (approx. 4 each year), please let us know.*

### Payment methods:

☐ direct debit      ☐ pay by mail (see below)

1. Payment by direct debit can be made to our bank account:

**Friends of Anstey Hill, BSB: 105 155, Account no: 578 101 140**

Please include the reference 'membership fees, your surname and initials'

Post this form or, alternatively, email the above details to [anstey.friends@gmail.com](mailto:anstey.friends@gmail.com)

2. Mail this form together with your cheque/money order/cash (no coins please) to the above address. (as our postal address is a PO box, it should be safe to mail cash, although other forms of payment are preferred)

For more information on FOAH refer to <http://www.communitywebs.org/friendsofansteyhill>

**Volunteer safety reminder:** if you intend to help us undertake activities in the park, you are required to complete a Department for Environment and Water 'Volunteer Activity Registration Form' which can be accessed via our website. Submit the completed form either via email or post (see address above).