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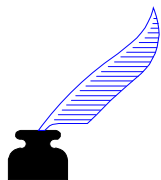
Reminiscing – 30 years work with Friends of Anstey Hill 1988-2018.

Roy Manning (Foundation President) at left
and Roger Collier (Foundation and current member) at right.

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From the Editor's Desk

Committee sends seasonal greetings and best wishes to all members and supporters of our special group who so freely give of their time to promote the objectives of the Friends of Anstey Hill. It has been another wonderful calendar year of commitment and achievement for the benefit of ourselves and for others who we may not have met.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson said in his poem 'Success':

'To appreciate beauty; To find the best in others; To give of one's self; To leave the world a little better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition.

This is to have succeeded.'

What an inspiring observation.

I thank Lea and Jim in particular for maintaining the flow of text and photos which have allowed me to assemble and package this edition of the Newsletter.



FOAH and DEW Contacts and Key Dates

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Key Dates 2018-19

Committee Meetings

Wednesday 7.30pm
TTG Heritage Museum

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

Scheduled Propagation/Planting Days 2018-19

- Sun. 2 Dec. 2018
- Sun. 19 May 2019
- Sun. 16 Jun. 2019
- Sun. 18 Aug. 2019

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

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1/2019	30 Nov. 2018
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(until 26 April 2019)

Steph Cole

(from 26 April 2019)

President's Report

Happy 30th anniversary to FOAH! The Friends group was formed on 14th November 1988. Our history shows what remarkable outcomes have been made to conserving and promoting the natural and built environment within Anstey Hill Recreation Park.

Our last gathering was last Sunday, 11th November at 2 pm to celebrate this wonderful milestone. The event occurred at the Tea Tree Gully Heritage Museum, Perseverance Road at Tea Tree Gully. Afternoon tea was catered for by volunteers at the museum. Grant Pelton, Acting Group Director, Parks and Regions, DEW, with the assistance of Nick Purdew, Anstey Hill Ranger, presented letters, certificates and badges from Minister David Spiers to those who had been FOAH members for 30, 25, 20 and 10 years. We were fortunate to have Roy Manning, inaugural FOAH President attend the event and Roger Collier who is a 30 year member and continues to assist at weekly working bees and has re-joined the FOAH committee. Letters of congratulations were received from the Minister and also John Schutz, Chief Executive, DEW. Thank you to Christine Thomas, FOAH secretary for assisting with the anniversary preparations. Thank you also to members and friends who attended or sent congratulatory emails. Frances Bedford MP attended earlier and received her letter, certificate and badge and presented us with a donation.

Mary Lane has checked out the planted enclosures and is not convinced that they are a good idea, as the plants disappear as soon as the fence goes down. She suggests we go back to only using tree guards for 2019. Mary has suggested that FOAH do a bit of a renovation at the Look Out including “putting up a new sign, perhaps new seating, and possibly widen the track to it from Ridgetop Walk, so that we can get a car and trailer up there to take up mulch, tools etc more easily. A further idea would be putting in a new path straight down from the Look Out with a few “natural” steps following the present “goat” track.” Mary is happy to come to our next committee meeting to discuss her suggestions and realises that these renovations would need to be done in consultation with Nick and DEW.

The fire crew have been in the park carrying out fire prevention behind the shed on the western side adjacent to the track. They carried logs into the shed for us to create a native bee hotel in the park. We decided we will name it ‘**Graham’s Hotel**’, after Graham Fisher, as it was his idea!

Our Volunteer Support Officer, Amy Anderson, is offering to conduct a ‘Bush Regeneration Workshop’ for FOAH volunteers this year. Please consider this offer and let me know if you are interested.

FOAH were invited by the Tea Tree Gully Museum to have a stall at their ‘Spring in the Garden’ event on 21st October. Thank you to members who assisted on the day.

Picture below shows Judy and Christine at the table waiting for enquiries and happily soaking up the Spring sunshine and enjoying the live music.

We will need to look at improved marketing opportunities to further promote FOAH, for example, purchasing a banner.



Photo courtesy Steve Lukacs

On 13th November, Nick and I attended the launch of the RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan) at the invitation of the Banksia Park Kindergarten. The kindy conducts 4 sessions a term at Anstey Hill RP. On Thursday 22nd November I am attending a 'Bush Kindy' session at AHRP. If anyone would like to come along, please let me know.

Danny McCreddie, wildlife photographer, attended our AGM. He has a wonderful library of photos that you can peruse on the web. Some have been taken at AHRP.

Martin Crabbe, Modbury High School, has provided us with a list of plants at Newmans Nursery and surrounds. The file has been emailed to you for your information.

On Wednesday 21st November I am attending the last of the FOP's President's workshops to finalise a draft Board business plan that mainly reflects member's priorities for the organisation into the future. A final draft plan will then be posted onto the Friends website for information and feedback. The objectives of the business plan are to ensure that the FOP's organisation remains responsive to a changing business and market place, and that it continues to be reflective of community values and expectations, while maintaining a strong focus on supporting DEW.

**Lea Crosby
November 2018**

Park Report

Since the last report the Wednesday Working Group has continued the ongoing tasks of weed removal in particular olives, boneseed and cape tulip. The work has also included the removal of tree guards (where appropriate), graffiti and fencing.

Staff from Laureate University have committed to volunteer with the group on Wednesday 21 November.

Amy Anderson (Volunteer Support Officer – Central District) will be approached to see if personal protective equipment and spray bottles can be provided for working group use.

Sorting of files continues. The library is almost complete with one more cupboard of files to sort through and cataloguing of photos to be done.

Since the last report 144 hours have been worked with an average application of 20.5 hours/morning. Average number of volunteers each session has been 7.

**Jim Crosby
November 2018**



**Photo courtesy Jim
Crosby**



Photo courtesy Keith Rendell

The mid-week Working Group ready for another session of weed control on Newman's Track. 28 November 2018.

From l to r: John Harmer, Rob Carthew, Lyn George, Kevin Laurence, Roger Collier and Jim Crosby.

Does this Happen to You?

Phone call from Roger Collier early this morning returning my call of a few days ago to request specific information to help in putting this copy to print. Vaguely remember making the original call now but no idea what I needed to know at the time. Not wanting to waste Roger's time I, without hesitation, asked him if knew the smallest number that could be expressed in two different ways as the sum of two cubes. Quick as a flash he said that he didn't. Thanked him and hung up.

Quick thinking often solves an immediate problem!

This sort of thing seems to be happening with increasing frequency these days.

I suspect that these lapses of memory are age-related!

Marion is convinced that they are and she is usually right.

Just wanted to warn you in case I respond similarly when I next phone you, or vice versa. Please be understanding!

Look What Lea has Found in her Travels.



Blue Pincushion
Brunonia australis



Dainty Maidenhair or Limestone
Maidenhair
Adiantum capillus-veneris

It is rated as rare in SA and endangered in the Mount Lofty Ranges with AHRP being one of the few recorded locations!

Photos courtesy Lea Crosby

Member Service Recognition

A number of our members, as listed, have now qualified for recognition of their long service to FOAH. Some of those have already received presentation on an opportunity basis. These are shown with shaded backgrounds in the following table.

Some presentations, but not all, are pictured below.

Years of Service	Member
30	Don and Margaret Bursill, Roger Collier, Graham Fisher, Victor and Olga Gostin Total: 6
25	Merv and Jill Fenwick, Mary Lane, David Sheppard, Rodney Attwood Total: 5
20	Frances Bedford MP JP, Roy and Pat Caldwell, Rommy Freebairn, Ken Poole, Keith Rendell Total: 6
10	Dennis Broome, Chris Bushell, Fiona Lewis, Shirley Lydyard Total: 4

By my reckoning that's 465 years of service accruing to the cause by 21 long-serving members.

Project that backwards from today- 2018 - and it takes us back to 1553 which is 11 years before Shakespeare was born and 53 years before Luis Vaez de Torres possibly 'discovered' Australia without realizing it at the time!

Puts it into perspective doesn't it?

4 Photos courtesy Jim Crosby

Graham Fisher
(30 years)





Pat and Roy Caldwell
(20 years)



Frances Bedford
(20 years)

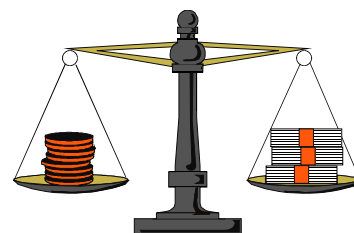
Mary Lane
(25 years)



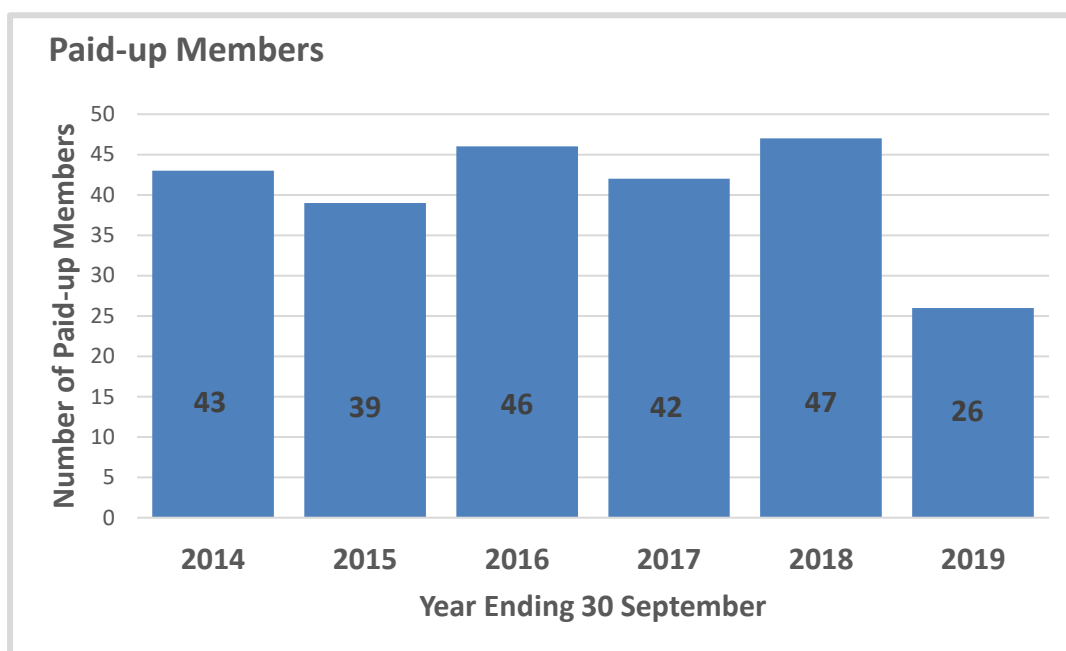
Membership Renewal

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

At 23 November 2018 we have 26 members who have already paid up for the current year ending 30 September 2019 compared with 47 who 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

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!

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

Watch this space in future issues.

Looking Back on 30 Years Service

The Friends of Anstey Hill's 30th anniversary was celebrated at the TTG Heritage Museum, Perseverance Rd. on Sunday 11 November, 2018. Lea has already made reference to some highlights of the afternoon in her report which appears on pages 4 - 6 of this Newsletter.

In opening the meeting Lea welcomed:

- Frances Bedford State Member for Florey, a long-time member and supporter of FOAH. Frances attended early as she had another function to attend. Thank you to Frances for your generous donation to FOAH.
- Department for Environment and Water (DEW) representative Grant Pelton, Acting Group Director, Parks and Regions, Stuart Paul, our ranger Nick Purdew and Pam Smith, Grants and Volunteer Program Administration Officer.
- Members and volunteers past and present, some of whom have committed many hours since 1988, including inaugural President Roy Manning and Roger Collier.

David Speirs, Minister for Environment and Water, sent a letter to FOAH congratulating us on 30 years of valued community service and stated that he appreciates the contribution by members to reach this significant milestone while helping to conserve our state's natural and built heritage. The Minister added that the continued support provided by FOAH will ensure that this area remains a valuable and protected region of South Australia for future generations to enjoy.

Chief Executive of DEW, John Schutz also sent a letter in which he congratulated FOAH on "30 years of invaluable service to the Anstey Hill Recreation Park". He added that "Volunteers make an enormous and valued contribution to projects across South Australia, helping to conserve the environment and manage our natural resources and heritage sites, and in our wonderful National Parks. The significant contributions made by members, both past and present, has helped to sustain the Region's biodiversity as well as maintain a strong community connection to these valuable natural environments. He thanked all for playing a part to help ensure that Anstey Hill Recreation Park remains a valuable part of South Australia's system of parks and reserves, for current and future generations to enjoy."

Apologies were received from:

- Duncan MacKenzie OAM, President of Friends of Parks Inc. who has a commitment at Gluepot Reserve today.
- John Schutz, Chief Executive of DEW.
- DEW officers Tammy Leggett, Amy Anderson, and Steph Cole who happens to be volunteering in India, in the field of marine conservation of sea turtles!
- Gill Peacey, Manager, Volunteer Support Programs, Regional Programs Branch, Parks and Regions.
- Dr Richard Harvey MP, State Member of Newland.
- FOAH members Graham Fisher and Olga Gostin, (both 30 year members), Roy and Pat Caldwell, John Harmer, Marie Mudge, Lyn George and members from the early days of FOAH, Angela and Roger Stuart.
- Carole Simmonds, President, Tea Tree Gully & District Historical Society.

Thank you to Gill Starks, President, Tea Tree Gully Heritage Museum and her team for catering for our celebration. As I mentioned at our 25th anniversary, it is important to establish partnerships and engage with likeminded community organisations and their volunteers – it creates community ownership within regions.

Let us reminisce again to 1988:

The Inaugural Meeting was held on 14th November 1988 with over 100 people attending. Dene Cordes, Community Liaison Officer for National Parks and Wildlife Service spoke about the importance of community support. Anstey Hill was dedicated on 17 September 1989 as a Recreation Park with a budget of \$10,000.



The inaugural committee included President Roy Manning, Angela Stuart, Secretary, and Patron Di Gayler, M.P.

It is worth mentioning again that an article in the Leader Messenger of 2 November 1994 had its headline article titled:

"Mystery trio wants to develop restaurant, monorail and Hahndorf-style village. \$100m 'vision' for Anstey Hill".

The developers stated that the plan would not go ahead without the approval of the Friends of Anstey Hill. We know the result of that communication.

It is a pleasure to volunteer alongside such dedicated people who have a passion for conserving the natural environment. Changes in the park environment have been quite remarkable over the past 30 years thanks to dedicated staff and volunteers. With working bee members wearing FOAH work shirts and also a large sign on our trailer, more visitors are aware of the work carried out by volunteers in the park.

It must be noted that one of South Australia's significant cultural heritage sites, Water Gully, originally owned by the Newman family, lies within Anstey Hill Recreation Park. Some original plants including a camellia tree, survive at the site. Care will need to be taken to contain the spread of the introduced plants further into the park.

Wednesday morning working bees continue each week come rain or shine. Most of the work carried out has been to eradicate olives with pleasing results in many areas. The department's Weed Management Plan highlights the priority areas in which volunteers can work.

Events that have occurred in the park this year include major mountain bike competitions, a few weddings in the quarry area of the park and regular bush kindly sessions. It is encouraging to see teachers educate children within a local natural environment.

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Lea Crosby

Propagation Day Reminder

Sunday 2 December 2018. Join us at the Friends Shed via Gate 18 at 9.30 am to plant seeds in pots in preparation for planting in the Park in mid – 2019.

Refreshments and fellowship to follow at about 11.30 am



In Retrospect

In previous issues of the Newsletter Editor has attempted to achieve a reasonable balance in content between topics which loosely fall into different categories of interest whilst at the same time producing a document that is of manageable size.

In my view the reporting of the work of the group is of paramount importance whilst such features as local history and the parallel work of environmentally driven organisations, both professional and voluntary, are required for balance.

As editor I will be guided by your comment and assisted by your occasional input of material.

With this issue I have received a lot of input some of which I have necessarily retained for future inclusion.

I do not anticipate that I will be relying on Sudoku squares or cryptic crosswords to fill areas of white space in the immediate future. Keep it coming.

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

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).