

# **FRIENDS OF ANSTEY HILL**

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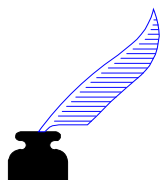


Our resident possum at the Friends Shed. Usually on hand to supervise the signing-in by the members of the mid-week working group.

**Photo courtesy Lea Crosby**

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## From the Editor's Desk

It has been a busy and eventful 3 months for our members under Lea's direction and guidance.

I hope that this issue of the Newsletter presents a relevant coverage of the extensive and varied work that has been undertaken for the wellbeing of our cherished park.

Two aspects in particular stand out in my mind:

- The willingness of members to support the programme that has been set down by Lea and her active committee.
- The spectacular growth of our membership base which enables objectives to be achieved with enthusiasm and mutual fellowship.

We must be doing something right!

Thanks to all who provided material for this issue. Keep it coming.

# FOAH and DEW Contacts and Key Dates

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### Committee Members:

**President & Minute Secretary:** *Lea Crosby*  
**Treasurer:** *Jim Crosby*  
**Secretary and Facebook Coord:** *Christine Thomas*  
**Webmaster:** *Nathan Lysaght*

### General Committee Members

*Rob Carthew, Roger Collier, Steve Lukacs, John Harmer, Marie Mudge*

### Non-Committee Members

**FOAH Seed Collector:** *Mary Lane*  
**Newsletter Editor:** *Keith Rendell*

### Key Dates 2018-19

#### Committee Meetings

Wednesday 7.30pm  
TTG Heritage Museum  
○ 2 Oct. 2019 - AGM  
○ 6 Nov. 2019

#### Cancelled Planting Day 2018-19

○ ~~Sun. 18 Aug. 2019~~  
~~Meet at Friends Shed~~  
~~via Gate 18 at 9-30am~~

#### Newsletter Issues

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## 2. DEW

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# President's Report

Finally we have had some rain at AHRP! Although not enough, it did enable us to plant seedlings on our Planting Day, 16th June. The Wednesday working group have watered seedlings at the Lookout and up from Gate 1 adjacent to the car park. A tedious job but worth the results.

Planting Day was held on 16th June with several volunteers helping to plant seedlings on a disused power pad in from Gate 16, and along Newmans Track. It was also an opportunity to engage with walkers in the park. Thank you to everyone who assisted including FOAH member Steve who organised the BBQ lunch back at the Friends Shed.

The Wednesday working group has been busy preparing sites for planting, weeding as well as checking previous plantings. On the last Wednesday morning of the month, the volunteers finish their working bee with a gathering at the Friends Shed for morning tea and conversation. On 31st July, we added a stroll along Wildflower Walk to admire flowering native plants and native orchids almost ready to flower.

As previously mentioned, our ranger, Nick Purdew has left our shores, but we have been fortunate enough to have great support from rangers Pete Hannon and Aislinn McAleer as well as Steph Cole, our Volunteer Support Officer. We congratulate the rangers on their efforts and dedication and wish them a happy World Ranger Day celebrated on 31st July.

Through our \$5,000 Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board (AMLR NRM) grant, we purchased 300 plants from Kersbrook Landcare Nursery at Williamstown. Thirteen Banksia Park International High School (BPIHS) students from Year 8-12 and Sustainable Communities teacher Josh, planted most of the 300 seedlings on Friday, 21st June. Thank you to Ashley Fowler from BPIHS for contacting us and to Josh for their passion and commitment in educating students to care for our natural environment. Thank you also to Jim Crosby and our Volunteer Support Officer, Steph Cole for helping out on the day. The students were encouraged to have a sense of ownership of the park and to return to monitor 'their plants'. The school will have a continuing involvement with FOAH and DEW. The students next visit will be assisting FOAH volunteers in weed eradication. Through our grant funding, we have also purchased swabbers and tools for the students to use in the park.

The grant funding has also enabled us to contract Shanelle Palmer from *The Bush Classroom* to conduct sessions in the park with two local kindergartens, namely Banksia Park and Kathleen Mellor, Tea Tree Gully. The Banksia Park kindy students assisted by FOAH volunteers Marie and John planted fifty seedlings up from Gate 1 adjacent to the car park. Kathleen Mellor students will be planting seedlings in the same area in August. Our grateful thanks to the AMLR NRM Board for the grant funding to enable us to engage with local communities, especially young people to continue preserving our natural environment within AHRP.

The Hon David Speirs MP, Minister for Environment and Water, extended an invitation to Friends of Anstey Hill representatives to an afternoon tea on Thursday 27th June. We were asked to host the event which was held in our Friends Shed via Gate 18 at Anstey Hill Recreation Park. This Minister also invited representatives of Black Hill and Morialta, Cobbler Creek, Para Wirra and Sandy Creek Friends groups. Dr Richard Harvey MP, Member for Newland and FOAH member, and Ms Paula Luethen MP, Member for King, attended as well as DEW regional staff.

The Minister met with Friends groups' representatives in an informal setting and thanked them for their contribution to the parks in the north east region. The Minister discussed with members potential opportunities going forward. It was also an occasion to mingle with other Friends group members and share ideas and information. The Minister also 'launched' our banner which was created to use at functions and promotional events. It was a perfect day weatherwise, and following afternoon tea we took the Minister on a walk up to the Lookout to show him the area where the BPIHS students planted seedlings, the interpretive signs (both old and new!) and the panoramic views.

To accomplish the conservation work FOAH volunteers do in the park, we are supported by FOAH members and a few local organisations. These include the ReGen Op Shop on Milne Road. If you are able to support the charity op shop, please consider donating goods or purchasing items from them. There are two volunteers at the op shop who donate their time to assist us.

Please consider assisting the great work the Wednesday work group do in the park. A few dedicated members are increasingly finding it difficult to work on uneven ground or use some of the equipment. There has been a suggestion that another group be formed to volunteer on a weekend morning. This would require someone willing to coordinate this group. It would not be difficult, but a volunteer would be needed. The rewards are great, knowing that you are contributing to preserving a precious part of the Adelaide Hills region and keeping healthier. Another added benefit is to engage with likeminded people, and appreciate the abundance of flora, birdlife and fauna.

Some members will remember Jim and Judy Smith who were active members of FOAH during the early days of the Friends group. Jim (pictured) had also been President of FOAH in 2005.



Here is a News release from Natural Resources South East:

***"Dedicated duo awarded for decades of environmental stewardship"***

**Photo inserted by Keith Rendell**

*For the past decade, Robe couple Jim and Judy Smith have volunteered their time to protecting and enhancing our local parks. Now, with a total of 30 years of parks volunteering across the state, they're making the move to Mount Gambier.*

*The Department for Environment and Water has recognised the couple's 30 years voluntary conservation stewardship by awarding them 30 years of service badges, and a Parks Gold Pass.*

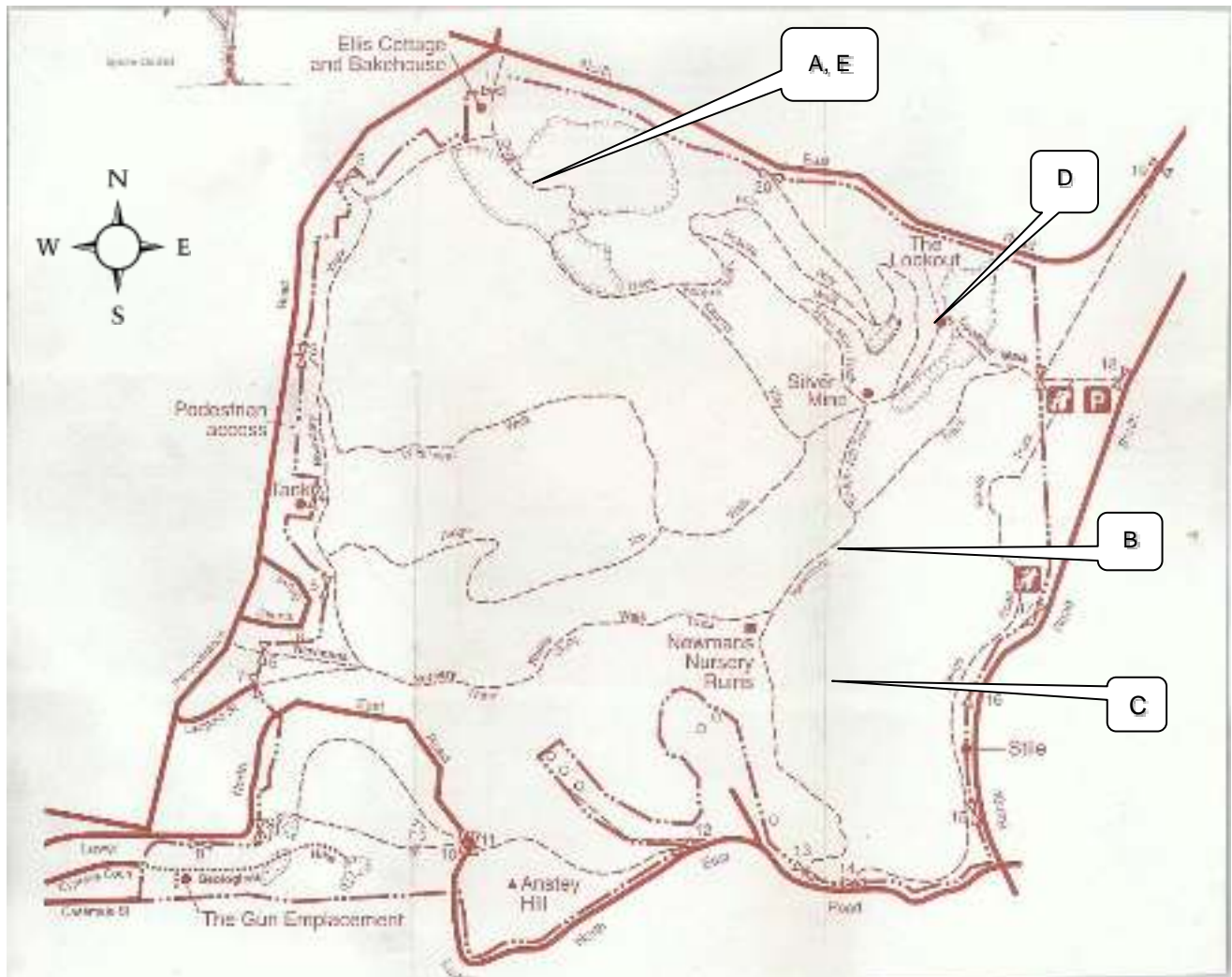
*Senior Ranger Cath Bell said throughout their volunteer history with Friends of Parks groups in Robe and the Adelaide Hills, Jim and Judy have made a significant contribution to protecting these natural areas."*

Our Facebook page has many photos submitted by people walking in the park. It is worth having a look at the photos! Thanks to FOAH committee members Christine for managing the page and to Nathan for looking after our FOAH website.

**Lea Crosby  
August 2019**

# Where the Action Was

Check the following map to see where the work activities have been concentrated since the publication of the previous Newsletter in May 2019.



Code	Activity	Date(s)
A	Banksia Park Kindergarten Planting	25 July 2019
B	Planting on Newman's Track	16 June 2019
C	Planting to reclaim former pylon site	16 June 2019
D	Banksia Park Int. High School planting	21 June 2019
E	Kathleen Mellor Pre-school Kindy planting	14 August 2019



# Introducing Local Young Communities to Anstey Hill Recreation Park.

## **Banksia Park International High School.**

On Friday the 21st of June, eighteen students, Ms Baker and Mr Castle offered their time to assist the Friends of Anstey Hill in revegetating the National Park with native plants. Along with the help of the organiser, Lea Crosby, we planted 300 plants of various native species within the span of four hours. Whilst planting the trees, we got to gain an understanding about the current issues surrounding Anstey Hill and the procedures which are being undertaken to solve them. After hours of hard work, we were then able to sit down and enjoy lunch, followed by an exploration of the beautiful park. It was a great opportunity to not only plant trees, but to also be able to visit the history within Anstey Hill such as the Silver Mines and the Newmans' Ruins. It was also very relaxing to be out in the fresh air and take a break from the stressful school work.

The educational benefits of this day provided us with a broad understanding for how to care for and protect plants from wildlife and people who mistreat plants. Overall, this was a fun, educating and rewarding experience which we hope can become an ongoing arrangement where students can continue to help the Friends of Anstey Hill in the future.

**Sophie Dawkins and Hayley Gluyas**



Preparing

Planting





The Planting Team 21 June 2019



Revisit Banksia Park International High School Planting after hail 18 August 2019.

Editor just happened to be passing at the right time!



## **Banksia Park Kindergarten**

Thursday 25 July 2019.

John and Marie from the Wednesday Working Group worked with an excited and willing group of children and staff from the kindergarten to plant approximately 50 healthy plants on the southern side of Little Quarry Loop and proceeding eastwards from the parking area.

This photo below was taken on 20 August 2019 and shows in the distance the planting subsequently done by children from Kathleen Mellor Kindergarten on 14 August 2019 as part of an integrated exercise.



Banksia Park Kindergarten planting on 25 July 2019 in foreground.  
Kathleen Mellor Kindergarten planting on 14 August 2019 beyond.

## Kathleen Mellor Preschool Kindergarten, Tea Tree Gully.

Wednesday 14 August 2019.

After a long run of cold, wet and unwelcoming weather it was a fine, cloudless and almost warm morning for 6 members of the Wednesday Working Group who met an enthusiastic contingent of children, parents and staff from the kindergarten. During a 90 minute session about 50 plants were planted on the southern side of Little Quarry Loop following a brief presentation on the site and its history by Rob Carthew. The planting was conducted as an extension of the planting made by Banksia Park Kindergarten children on 25 July 2019.

Towards the end of the session our young visitors were excited when a koala and two tawny frogmouths were found silently supervising the operations from comfortable vantage points.



Kathleen Mellor Kindergarten Planting Site adjoining Little Quarry Loop – 14 August 2019

Who knows, perhaps some of these young enthusiasts whose work we have reported on this and earlier pages will enter into a long relationship with our park.

*'The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.  
The second best time is now.'*

**Ancient Chinese Proverb**



## Planting Day – 16 June 2019

We had more than 30 members, families and friends turning up for this event. This enabled two working parties and a refreshment catering group to ply their respective trades at separate locations.

### **Planting Zone 1 – Newman's Track, Eastern side.**



**Roger and John are not new to this game!**

Planting of cultivated tubestock as part of revegetation process.

The close proximity of FOAH volunteers to Newman's Track enabled contact with a number of people who were enjoying a walk in the park.

There was evidence of genuine interest in the work of our volunteers. Is it a coincidence that our records are showing an influx of new members at this time?

## Planting Zone 2 – Reclaimed Area to West of Gate 16.

Planting of cultivated tubestock to reclaim vehicular access track and original pylon foundation area following earlier relocation of Electranet cable pylon.



Original pylon foundation.

Access track to original pylon.  
Ridgetop Walk in background.





### Refreshment Zone 3 – Friends Shed.

Presentation of Premier's Certificate of Recognition of Outstanding Volunteer Service to Roger Collier by Richard Harvey, State Member for Newland.

Refreshment provided by FOAH member caterers.



Roger receives his volunteer certificate from Richard Harvey, MP.

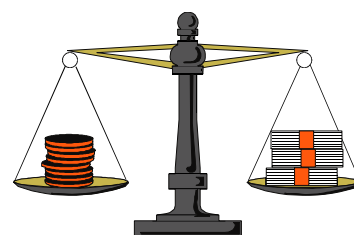
Post-planting refreshment and fellowship at The Shed.  
Mary, Roger, Chris and Robyn.



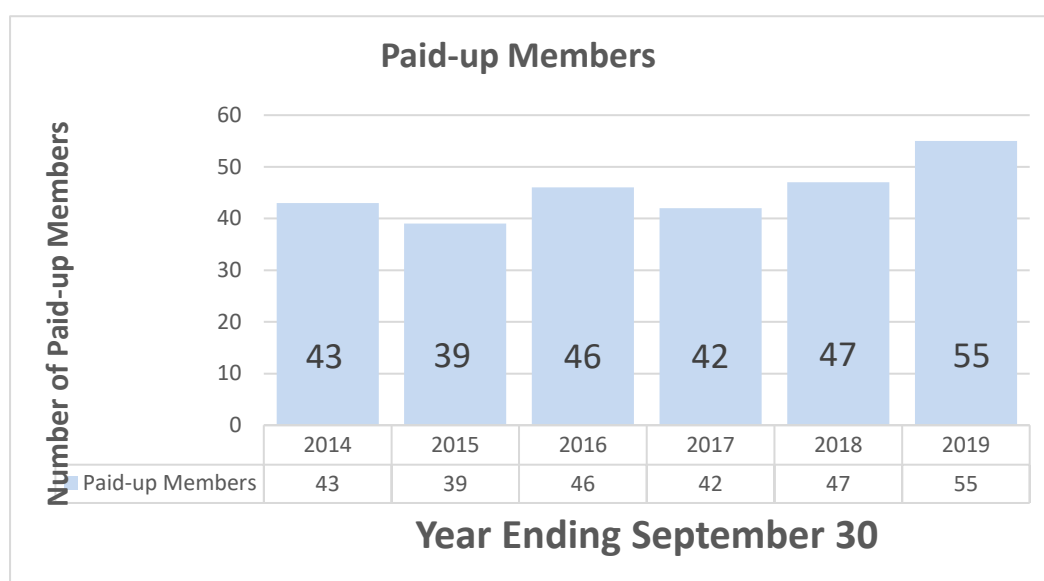
# Membership Renewal

Treasurer Jim continues to do what treasurers do best – balancing the books and maintaining records. That involves encouraging current membership renewals. There are still some outstanding!

At 8 August 2019 we have 55 members who have 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 reflects encouraging growth and 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 14 for printing, completing and posting.

Spoiled for options!

It's pleasing to see the right hand element of the bar chart above has now extended beyond the 50 level. Certainly the past month has seen a marked increase in members.

In addition to our paid-up members a further 14 supporting individuals and groups receive our quarterly Newsletter.

# 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:*

<input type="checkbox"/> Single	\$14	<input type="checkbox"/> Single concession*	\$12
<input type="checkbox"/> Family*	\$16	<input type="checkbox"/> Family concession*	\$14

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

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

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).