

FRIENDS of the GREAT VICTORIA DESERT PARKS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT from Marlene Friebe

I have had a busy five months. With Terry I spent 3 months travelling through south west Queensland across the Northern Territory and into Western Australia. We then "followed" the wild flowers to the Highway before turning east. What a wonderful experience we had. We chose to travel through Queensland because I had attended an Outback consultative meeting the first weekend in July.

Since returning I have commented on the Mamungari Board of Management Draft Management Plan, travelled to Port Augusta to meet with our Desert Parks District Ranger, Mike Hinsliff and Tony Magor, Senior Ranger to discuss future work in Tallaringa Conservation Park. I have also had several 'phone conversations with Brett Dalzel District Ranger, Ceduna. We are fortunate to have approachable DEH staff.

This year we have reintroduced Committee Meetings and this has been of great benefit enabling our Committee to "weed out" less important issues prior to general meetings. However as we have only three meetings a year there has still been a great deal of information to be discussed resulting in quite long meetings. Perhaps in 2008 we may have to reintroduce 4 General Meetings a year.

I am looking forward to meeting members at our Australia Day BYO Picnic in the Gardens.

I wish members and their families Peace and Happiness during the Festive Season and in 2008.

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CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR GET TOGETHER

at ADELAIDE BOTANIC GARDENS
on MONDAY 28th. JANUARY 2008.

Please meet at the PLANE TREE DRIVE at 11.00AM
(THE MORTON BAY FIG ROAD INTO THE PARK).

DURING THE DAY BILL DOWLING WILL LEAD MEMBERS ON A WALK AROUND THE ARID GARDEN AREA.

BYO FOOD AND DRINKS

DON'T FORGET YOUR CHAIRS and to SLIP SLAP SLOP

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Membership fees are \$20 pa payable to Treasurer, Unit 12, 108 Fendon Road, SALISBURY 5108 S.AUST. on 1st January of each year.

Newsletter Editor: Jan Forrest OAM - forrestjan@adam.com.au

Articles for newsletter may be posted to Editor, Friends of the Great Victoria Desert, C/- South Australian Museum, North Terrace, ADELAIDE, 5000

Meetings: three meetings are held annually in the Camden Community Centre, 7 Carlisle Street, CAMDEN PARK.



PLANTS OF THE GREAT VICTORIA DESERT

This is a list of the plants I was able to identify and photograph during the 2005 and 2007 working bees. The photos are on disks which are doing the rounds. You can also email me at arlbill@bigpond.net.au if you would like a particular photo.

My plant identification skills leave a bit to be desired, so please don't take the listing too seriously or use it as a complete list of GVD plants – there are many, many more!

If we have not been able to identify the species, 'sp.' appears, eg 'Maireana sp.' means the plant is of the *Maireana* genus, but we don't know which one.

<i>Abutilon otocarpum</i>	<i>Grevillea stenobotrya</i>
<i>Acacia aneura</i>	<i>Gyrostemon ramulosus</i>
<i>Acacia aneura var conifera</i>	<i>Hakea francisiana</i>
<i>Acacia colletioides</i>	<i>Hakea leucoptera</i>
<i>Acacia gilesiana</i>	<i>Halgania cyanea</i>
<i>Acacia ligulata</i>	<i>Hibiscus krichauffianus</i>
<i>Acacia maitlandii</i>	<i>Keraudrenia integrifolia</i>
<i>Acacia oswaldii</i>	<i>Keraudrenia nephrosperma</i>
<i>Acacia papryocarpa</i>	<i>Lysania exocarpis</i>
<i>Acacia ramulosa</i>	<i>Maireana sedifolia</i>
<i>Acacia tetragonophylla</i>	<i>Maireana sp.</i>
<i>Alectryon oleifolius</i>	<i>Melaleuca nanophylla</i>
<i>Aluta maisonneuvei</i>	<i>Nicotiana sp.</i>
<i>Alyogne sp.</i>	<i>Pittosporum angustifolium</i>
<i>Amemya sp.</i>	<i>Prostanthera sp.</i>
<i>Aristida holothera</i>	<i>Ptilotus obovatus</i>
<i>Aristida sp.</i>	<i>Rhyncharrena linearis</i>
<i>Brachychiton gregoryii</i>	<i>Salsola kali</i>
<i>Brachycome ciliaris</i>	<i>Santalum acuminatum</i>
<i>Callitris verrucosa</i>	<i>Scaevola depauperata</i>
<i>Casuarina pauper</i>	<i>Sclerolaena dicantha</i>
<i>Codonocarpus cotinifolius</i>	<i>Senna artemisiodes ssp. helmsii</i>
<i>Disphysma crassifolium</i>	<i>Senna artemisiodes ssp. petiolaris</i>
<i>Dodonaea lobulata</i>	<i>Senna pleurocarpa</i>
<i>Enchylaena tomentosa</i>	<i>Sida sp.</i>
<i>Eremophila longifolia</i>	<i>Solanum quadriloculatum</i>
<i>Eremophila macdonnellii</i>	<i>Solanum sp.</i>
<i>Eremophila willsii</i>	<i>Swainsona sp.</i>
<i>Eremophila sp.</i>	<i>Triodia basedowii</i>
<i>Erodium cygnorum</i>	<i>Wurmbea sp.</i>
<i>Eucalyptus socialis ssp. eucentrica</i>	<i>Zygophyllum aurantiacum</i>
<i>Eucalyptus gonglyocarpa</i>	<i>Zygophyllum simile</i>
<i>Eucalyptus youngiana</i>	
<i>Euphorbia drummondii</i>	
<i>Euphorbia tannensis</i>	
<i>Exocarpus sparteus</i>	
<i>Grevillea juncifolia</i>	
<i>Grevillea nematophylla</i>	

Bill Dowling

WHAT A DIFFERENCE FIVE YEARS MAKE - *Marlene Friebe*



The photograph above of Jack's tree was taken in August 1996 six months after the fire.

The photograph above right was taken in August 2001 and the one below it in June this year. These photographs have been taken from Jack's Tree overlooking the swale in a Westerly direction.

When in the Great Victoria Desert recently there was some concern that burnt areas would not regenerate and reproduce similarly to what they'd been prior to wild fire.

Below is a great example of how wonderful nature is and of how time heals.

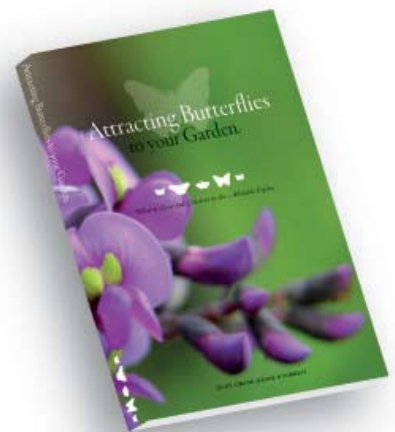


**ATTRACTING BUTTERFLIES TO YOUR GARDEN
WHAT TO GROW AND CONSERVE IN THE ADELAIDE REGION**

Hunt, Grund, Keane and Forrest
Butterfly Conservation SA Inc. 2007

This superbly illustrated book is now available from members of Butterfly Conservation SA, the SAMuseum, Botanic Gardens, State Flora Nursery Belair and Dymocks in Adelaide and Burnside.

The book retails for \$29.95 however members of the Friends of the GVD may obtain a copy directly from Jan Forrest for \$25 (plus postage). Ring Jan on 8297 8230 to order your copy. The book features 40 Adelaide butterfly species and includes plant lists of both caterpillar food plants and adult nectar plants as well as information on how to create a butterfly garden.



For information on butterfly gardening go to the new website:
www.butterflygardening.net.au

THE LINK

The latest edition of the DEH's electronic volunteers newsletter is now online. You can view it at http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/dehaa/volunteer_news.html

If you have any questions or comments please call the DEH Volunteer Support Unit on 8124 4784 or email DEHVolunteers@saugov.sa.gov.au

THE STATE OF VOLUNTEERING ON-LINE

Read this fortnight's edition of the Office for Volunteers' electronic newsletter, The State of Volunteering On-line, by visiting <http://www.ofv.sa.gov.au/newsletter.htm>.

Tell us your story The Office for Volunteers wants to feature your story in The State of Volunteering On-line. Sharing your story is easy - just tell us when and why you started volunteering, your experiences, and what volunteering means to you. Stories and photos can be provided to the 'Editor' by emailing hayes.evlynn@saugov.sa.gov.au, phoning 08 8463 4490 or faxing 08 8463 4400.

COOKS CORNER

CAMP OVEN MEATLOAF

Ingredients.

- 500g beef mince.
- 1 egg
- 1 small onion
- 2 tblspn bread crumbs
- 1 tblspn chilli sauce
- 10 stuffed green olives [sliced]
- 1/4 cup red wine
- salt and pepper

Combine all ingredients in a bowl. Mix thoroughly. Spoon mixture into two greased enamel mugs. Bake in camp oven for about 25-30 minutes.

When done separate around edges with knife and remove onto a plate.

Serve with salad or veggies.

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE

Please send your annual fee of \$20 to:

Treasurer,
Friends of the Great Victoria Desert,
Unit 12,
108 Fendon Road,
SALISBURY 5108 S.AUST.

2008 ROTARY CLUB OF GLEN OSMOND AWARDS

Nominations are now open, for the 2008 Rotary Club of Glen Osmond Awards. Groups may nominate both Rangers and Volunteers. If you have any suggestions feel free to contact Marlene Friebe before 31st December. Nominations close 1st February, 2008

2008 FORUM

This forum is to be held from 15th -17th August 2008 at the impressive buildings of Old Wilpena Station with Wilpena Pound as a backdrop.

Vince Motorola, President of the Flinders Ranges group addressed our meeting on 9th November and from his report this Forum promises to be something not to be missed.

More information from President Marlene Friebe

AGM 22nd FEBRUARY 2008

at the Camden Community Centre

Guest Speaker: Martin O'Leary from the State Herbarium.

Topic: Research being undertaken on *Acacia* sp.

2008 DESERT WORKING PARTY

At this point in time a date has not been set for a group to work in the desert during 2008. However should you like to lead a trip please contact Marlene to commence planning. We are fortunate to have Peter Facy and Ian Jackson prepared to undertake planning/overseeing of the Vegetation Surveys.

PROFILE - PETER FACY

Peter was born in 1939 in Adelaide and educated at St Andrew's School Walkerville, Pulteney Grammar and St Peters College. He left school in 1954 and joined J.W.Taylor's (Later trading as Taylor's of Medindie), a motor vehicle franchise selling Austin & Morris cars. After completing five years as an apprentice motor mechanic he continued his studies to complete Diesel Mechanic, Auto Electrician and Oxy Welding certificates.

Peter went to England in 1961 to complete a six-month Service Engineer's course with the British Motor Corporation sponsored by J.W.Taylor's and B.M.C. Australia.

He then joined the British Merchant Navy as a 4th Engineer and completed two tours of duty, firstly on an oil tanker carrying oil to numerous Brazilian ports and secondly on a bulk ore carrier carrying iron ore from Sept-Iles in the St Lawrence River Canada and from Monrovia in Liberia to Liverpool in U.K.



Whilst coming home through South Africa he drove transports from Johannesburg to Nairobi and back for a transport company and eventually rejoined "Taylor's" in 1963. Appointed Service Manager in 1968, a position he held until 1979 when he was appointed the assistant General Manager whilst he studied Business Management majoring in Accounting at night school.

Peter was appointed General Manager (Accountant) and a Director of JWT (Sales) Pty Ltd (Taylor's of Medindie) with John Taylor in 1981, a position he held until the business was sold in June 2005.

During the 50 plus years since he began at Taylor's of Medindie they held many new car franchises including all the BMC range, Jaguar, Jensen, Lotus, Rover Cars, Range and Land Rovers, Citroen and finally Peugeot.

Peter lived in Medindie with his parents until he married Helen in 1969 and has subsequently lived in Tusmore for thirty-four years. They now live in Hazelwood Park in a new house they built in 2003. They have three children, Tonia and Emma who live in Melbourne and Nigel who lives in London.

During his school days Peter sang in the St Peters Cathedral choir for 5 years and was a member of the Boy Scouts before later moving to Sea Scouts. While he was a Sea Scout he was encouraged to take up ocean yacht racing and was fortunate enough to sail in five Sydney — Hobart races as well as numerous trips to Sydney from Adelaide and back from Hobart. Whilst in England in the early sixties he also sailed a number of ocean yacht races around the UK including the Fastnet race, he also holds an "Offshore Yachtmasters Certificate".

After leaving school Peter played 309 Amateur League football games for St Peters Old Collegians and retired in 1974 to the more genteel sport of golf.

He was always fascinated by the "Bush" and if it wasn't for the insistence of his Father to gain a "Trade" I imagine he would have lived all his life in the outback on sheep stations. His early school holidays were always spent with his cousin on his uncle's sheep stations, Nonning, Moonaree and Oakden Hills in the North West of SA, learning "Bush life and caring for animals and the country".

Peter's thirst for "outback travel" was fuelled by his Father who was one of the early R.A.A. mapping officers who mapped many of the outback roads in SA including driving the Nullarbor Plain to Perth in the 1920's in a RACWA vehicle to map the track.

Peter's introduction to "Four Wheel Driving" was when he purchased a left-hand drive American Willys Jeep in 1958. After major rectifications, was used for many trips to outback of SA. His first "modern" four wheel drive was a Discovery followed by two Rovers purchased in the early eightys and since then has had two more Range rovers and four Land rovers all of which have carried his family to many outback camping spots in Australia, including many Simpson Desert crossings.

Peter has been a member of the Range Rover Club of S.A. for over 20 years and holds the "Basic Recreational Four Wheel Driving Certificate" conducted by the S.A. Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs. He has been a member of FOS for 14 years and joined FOGVD just last year.

Peter and Helen purchased a caravan two years ago and when he can persuade Helen to retire they plan to travel extensively in Australia.

MAMUNGARI DRAFT MANAGEMENT COMMENTS

As reported at the last general meeting President Marlene Friebe provided comment on the Mamungari Conservation Park Board of Management Draft Management Plan on behalf of our Friends group as follows:

- the Friends of the Great Victoria Desert Parks supporting no mining within the Park
- a glossary of terms to make the Plan more readable
- the spelling of Voakes
- preservation of both Aboriginal and European historic sites
- introduced plants and animals, in particular camel numbers should be monitored and if necessary culled
- Involving Community - The Friends recognised and included within the Plan
- public access within the park
- camping - a list of areas already used for camping included
- condition of tracks within the park
- provision for campfires within the park

Marlene also questioned whether Mamungari is still to be registered as a Biosphere Reserve and suggested that for the Park to retain its' recognition as both a National and International reserve of significance its' status should be included within the Plan.

FRIENDS OF THE GREAT VICTORIA DESERT COMMITTEE 2008

I am appealing to the membership to consider taking on Executive positions for our group in 2008. We will desperately need a President, Vice President and Secretary. If you are interested in filling one of the positions please contact me. It is important that the President/Secretary Positions should not be held by one person for reasons of Governance. If I can't get nominations for these positions I will have to approach the Friends Of Parks Incorporated for advice re putting the group into recess.

Marlene

**COMMUNITY LIAISON UNIT
NAME CHANGE**

Members please note that as from July 1st the Community Liaison Unit was renamed the Volunteer Support Unit.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Deadline for the next newsletter will be the end of Feb 2008. Please do not format text. Images are very welcome however, please send them separately as a jpg. or tif. file.

DIARY DATES

MEETINGS

Christmas and New Year Get Together:

Monday 28th January at Botanic Gardens at 11.00am, Meet Plane Tree Drive (the morton bay fig road into the park)

Next meeting: *AGM* Friday 22nd February, 2008 in the Camden Community Centre, 7 Carlisle Street, CAMDEN PARK

2008 FRIENDS OF PARKS FORUM

The 2008 Friends of Parks Forum (www.communitywebs.org/FriendsofParks/) is being held at Wilpena in the Flinders Ranges 15th -17th August 2008 hosted by the Friends Groups for the Flinders Ranges.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Shelagh Bond	Treasurer	08 8258 0934
Arlene Dowling	Minutes Secretary	08 8339 6562
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WEB LINKS

- DEH:** <http://www.parks.sa.gov.au/mamungari/index.htm>
- Friends of Great Victoria Desert:** http://www.communitywebs.org/~FGVD/wiki/index.php/Main_Page