

FRIENDS of the GREAT VICTORIA DESERT PARKS

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2020 - 22 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Over the last 3 years there have been some challenges facing the Executive of the FOGVD in organising and undertaking the Photo Point and Quandong Surveys.

In 2020 although all the planning had been done, both Surveys were cancelled due to COVID. In 2021 although permits were approved for both Surveys only the Photo Point Survey was undertaken as COVID struck again while the Quandong Survey team was on route to Ceduna and permission to enter the GVD was withdrawn. This resulted in the team heading to the Gawler Ranges to do a bit of camping and visiting some areas they hadn't visited previously.

In 2022 both Surveys were approved and undertaken. However, as the Maralinga Tjarutja Lands were still in isolation due to COVID approval was granted with the support of Sam Doudle Ranger Co Ordinator and I would like to express our appreciation for her support.

With the development of the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Boards detailed Strategic Plans for 2021 - 26 which outlines their priorities for the management of the Lands. This has seen a shift in planning relating to our activities away from the Department to the Management of Oak Valley.

Although previously our focus was to assist organisations such as the Herbarium and Museum, we are now focusing on assisting the Oak Valley Rangers in gathering data to assist in measuring their Strategic goals.



With this in mind I believe we need to review our name and the logo to ensure it reflects the area we operate in and what we are trying to achieve. The Oak Valley Art Area have done some excellent initial sketches of possible logo designs, which the Exec will pursue in early 2023 with Sam Doudle.

Given our age profile the Executive has been embarking on ensuring we have sufficient members who are qualified in Senior First Aid with a focus on providing assistance in remote areas, as well as providing Defibrillators to maximise Members survival if they have cardiac issues while in a remote area.

Planning has commenced for both Photo Point and Quandong Survey for 2023 and details will be provided in the 2023 February meeting. In the meantime, on behalf of the Executive I would like to wish you all and your families a very Merry Christmas and enjoyable Festive Season.

Peter Wilson
President FOGVD

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CANTARA CAMPOUT 2022 *Lynton Huxley*



Sat night BBQ chefs.



Sat night BBQ.

Over the Anzac Day long weekend, 40 people attended our inaugural campout at Cantara Homestead in the Coorong National Park.

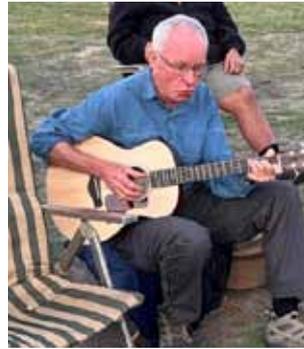
The attendees were from Friends of the Simpson Desert (FOS) and Friends of the Great Victoria Desert (GVD) and a number of the attendees were joint members of both groups.

The main reason for organising the campout was to catch up with members who can no longer attend our annual working bees, but who are still keen caravaners and campers. It was planned to be a social event and it certainly worked in achieving that goal, with many members of both groups renewing old acquaintances.

Consensus from the group was “let’s do it again next year”.

We had exclusive use of Cantara which is a great venue with lots of lawned space to camp and the ability to accommodate the non-campers within the homestead. We had showers, toilets, a kitchen, community BBQ and every night, in perfect weather, we had a community campfire.

Apart from lots of socializing, here are some photos of some of the weekend’s activities and on page 2, with a number of clean up jobs completed.



Garden clean-up team



Crooked meat hanging shed



Straight again - the shed stabilizing team.



Straight again - the shed stabilizing team.

PHOTOGRAPHIC FIELD TRIP REPORT AUGUST 2021

The Field Trip consisted of two groups.

Peter Facy, Ian Jackson and Peter Wilson carried out the surface photographing of existing vegetation sites while Phil Prust, Brian and Gill McKay flew the drone to photograph selected vegetation sites from the air, Bill Dowling “floated” between the two groups as required.

We all met in the Foreshore Hotel at Ceduna for dinner on Monday 23rd and left the following morning after meeting with Brett Backhouse and other staff at the Ceduna office.

There were 77 vegetation sites scheduled to be visited along the Lake Dey Dey road, the Dey Dey road north of Oak Valley, the business road to the border of WA, the two BMR roads (north/south and the northern east/west one) and the Voakes Hill – Cook Road.



There were only three campsites used, the Irish Well site for 2 nights, the corner of the Cook Road and the business roads for 4 nights and the corner of the BMR and the business roads for 3 nights. This allowed us to reduce the daily driving distances to the sites and kept moving camps to a minimum.

We were able to photograph 68 sites. 3 sites on the NE road from Irish Well and 3 on the Dey Dey road north of Oak Valley are no longer able to be reached due to the overgrown road. We also were not able to reach 3 sites south of Immarna siding east of Ooldea as the railways now prohibit the use of their maintenance roads.

The Drone team were able to photograph 37 sites. Some of those not photographed were protected sites which are now off limits and some could not be photographed due to wind conditions and time constraints.

One of the highlights of the trip was the increased rapport the Friends have developed with the local community at Oak Valley. In particular, with Sam Doudle (Ranger Co-Ordinator at Oak Valley), her husband Shane (Ranger) and Jeremy LeBois, chair of the Maralinga Tjarutja Trust.

Three days into the trip Sam drove 52 kms to our camp

to lend us a satellite phone which allowed us to keep in contact as Oak Valley had been closed during a COVID scare at Ceduna and Nundroo where we had refuelled. While this was done primarily to safeguard the Oak Valley community, we were impressed with this effort to help us.

When the COVID scare was reduced, we were invited to Oak Valley for a BBQ while Ian and I were accompanied by Shane and a number of community residents north on the Dey Day road to photograph 6 sites.

We returned to Ceduna after the last camp on the Irish Well road on Thursday 2nd of September to a closing dinner at the Foreshore Hotel.

The trip was a great success and enjoyed by all members. It was unfortunate that the “Quandong Trip”, which was to overlap us, could not take place due to the COVID restrictions.

Peter Facy
Trip Leader



BMR (Northern track).



Rodinia airstrip.

CANCELLED 2021 QUANDONG SURVEY TRIP – SUBSTITUTED WITH AN EXCURSION TO THE GAWLER RANGES AND BEYOND, TRIP REPORT

Team members

Claire and Martin Forsyth
Kathryn and Phil Gaukroger
Karen and Lynton Huxley
Ann and Manfred Jusaitis
Erica and David Tomkins

Our team of Quandong tree huggers completed all of the departmental paper work and necessary phone call to obtain COVID clearance from the Oak Valley Community and were on their way..... well they thought they were!

Saturday morning, about 10 km south of Port Wakefield, I received a call from Sam Doudle to say that our permits had been revoked!!!! The Community was in lockdown to prevent possible COVID infection following an eastern state truck driver and his passenger testing positive on their way to Western Australia. We were advised to avoid stopping in Port Augusta and Ceduna as the offending truck had made fuel purchases and rest stops at those locations. We could be ordered into quarantine if we too visited those locations which were at that time still being determined – so best to play it safe.

I made the dreaded call to all team members and we agreed to meet at Lake Gilles Conservation Park to implement our Plan B – a visit to the Gawler Ranges. I also cancelled our dinner reservation, caravan bookings and let Bret Backhouse know we would not be meeting with him on Monday. Brett was able to give me some valuable information for our plan B trip. On Sunday night we fine-tuned arrangements and the next morning drove through Kimba to Wudinna and Minnipa for fuel top ups and any purchase of supplies that had been planned for Ceduna.

We used Scrubby Creek Campground as our base for five days during which we explored the Organ Pipes, Pondanna Outstation and Pildappa Rock etc. We also had two roast dinners here which proved to be very successful social events. The more adventuresome also climbed nearby hills

just for fun!! Karen and I chose to do some non-strenuous birding activities and relax.

Given the helpful tips from Brett on what we might do, the group decided to venture further north to Kingoonya (on the Trans Australian Railway Line) via Lake Gairdner. At this stage of the trip Claire and Martin reluctantly left at the junction to return home, while the rest headed north.

We travelled up to Lake Gairdner and stayed at the conservation park for more exploring and relaxing. Wild flowers (particularly the Sturt Desert Pea) were a real treat. Unfortunately the morning we were leaving Dave tore an Achilles tendon! It was great to have some medical expertise in the group and with some appropriate care and drugs to ease his discomfort we maintained our route to Kingoonya and an evening meal at the hotel. We had a great time that night and were most impressed by all patrons adhering to the COVID protocols at this remote location. The following morning Dave and Erica headed home so that Dave could rest and get appropriate care. Our group was now reduced to three couples and with Phil and Kathryn's guidance we headed to a private property they had visited previously for some quiet camping and exciting driving along scenic ridge tracks. A different type of driving than we would experience on a normal GVD trip. Camping at Horseshoe TopEnd, near Mookra in the lower Flinders Ranges proved a good way to end our cancelled 2021 Quandong Survey.

On behalf of all of our trip members I would like to express our thanks for the invitation from the Oak Valley Community to participate in this year's Quandong Survey. Whilst that trip did not eventuate it is our wish to be considered for any future survey visits.

Stay happy and Healthy from all of us.

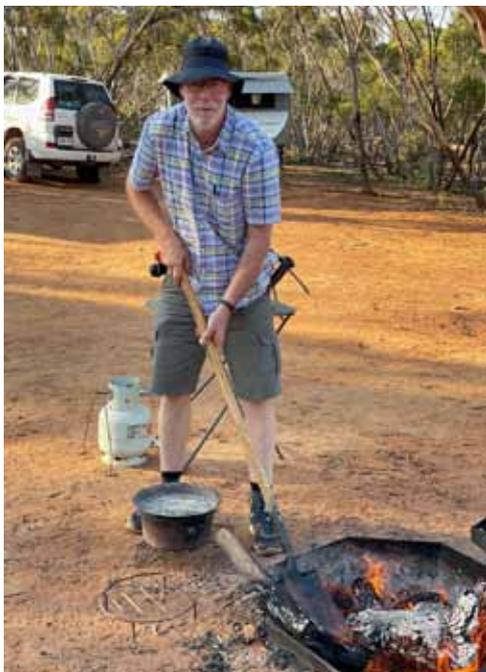
Lynton Huxley
Trip Leader



Being the trip leader – I soon understood how tough it can be rounding them up! I decided then – I will be CHARLIE. Phil was under the back of his Troopy for a while. Was he really searching for the spark plugs? Kathryn taking in the serenity and lovely sunset. But where is Phil? Well evidently he was in the New Age van choosing his outfit for the next Day!



Our 1st roast dinner was a formal affair – on a warm evening. Great meal – choice of 3 meats.



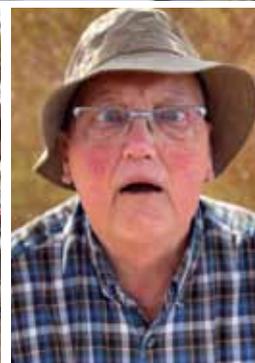
Phil preparing coals for the afternoon scones, jam and cream. Our second batch. Martin on his 3rd scone..



2nd Roast dinner – the evening was frosty so I thought it best to have a couples setting



Our drive to Kingoonya was wildflower heaven



Kingoonya Hotel for dinner. Our motley group fitted in well with the locals. That evening Erica told Dave she was taking him home! The look on his face was priceless. Next morning he was still crying



We were camped at Horseshoe TopEnd a private property and lovely spot. On our second afternoon there, the nesting galahs were screeching nonstop. Something was not right! The cause – a large goanna was slowly going from hollow to nesting hollow for his tucker. That's life in the wild.



The property at Horseshoe TopEnd had good ridgetop tracks – an excellent way for us to end our trip.

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Peter Facy, Ian Jackson, Justin Jay, Margaret Donohue, Peter & Margaret Wright carried out the surface photographing of existing vegetation sites while Phil Prust, Brian & Gill McKay and Geoff Rishworth flew the drone to photograph selected vegetation sites from the air.

We left Ceduna on Tuesday 16th after meeting with Yasmin Wolf, Ollanta Lipcer, Brett Backhouse and other staff at the Ceduna office, we carried a “Spot Checker” and a Satellite phone provided by the department for safety purposes.

Before we left Ceduna, we all submitted results of our “RAT” tests by phone to Maralinga.

There were 37 vegetation sites scheduled to be photographed on a four-year rotation basis although it has been 5 years since these sites were photographed, 2020 being missed due to COVID restrictions. These sites were along the Emu Road, around Lake Meramangye and along the Anne Beadell Highway to Coober Pedy.



Our first camp was at the intersection of the Dey-Dey Road and the Maralinga – Watson bitumen road. The next morning, we were met at the southern Maralinga gate by Roger Petersen, who along with his wife Pricilla are the Maralinga caretakers. Roger escorted us to the northern gate showing us the airfield and other sites along the way



The drone team - Phil Prust, Brian McKay & Geoff Rishworth.

which was great for those who had not been there before.

We were due to be accompanied along the Emu Road by Jeremy LeBois, the Chairman of the Maralinga Tjarutja Trust, but unfortunately, he was unavailable at the time and he gave his permission for us to drive the Emu Road unaccompanied, such is

his trust in us to avoid areas of cultural significance, which we appreciated.

We visited and photographed 15 sites before reaching Emu airstrip, the drone team could only photograph 4 sites due to restrictions and wind conditions.

The next 3 days were spent photographing 9 sites around Lake Meramangye, all were successful as both the surface and the drone teams completed all sites.

One patch of Buffel grass was asked to be inspected by Adam Wood at the following co-ordinates- 52 785224E 6837019N and was found to be sprayed and now dead.

The next 2 days were on the Anne Beadell Highway from Emu to Coober Pedy where we photographed 13 sites from the surface while the Drone Team completed 7 sites only due to windy conditions.

Another patch of Buffel grass was inspected at 53 273807E 6804041N and was found to be sprayed and dead.

We found four live Buffel grass plants on the northern side of the highway from our Vegetation site – 53 381536E 6793399N which have been reported to Adam Wood.

The Field Trip was a great success except for the windy conditions which prevented some of the Drone operations, thank you to both teams in the manner in which they carried out their work.

Peter Facy
Trip Leader



Maralinga - Roger Petersen.



Thorny Devil at Emu.

FGVD PHOTO report August 2022 *Margaret Wright*

Most of our crew had met up in Ceduna on the night of the 15th August. Peter and I had booked a tour of Maralinga, so we joined the others near the Maralinga village area on the morning of Wednesday the 17th August. Roger, the manager of the area, gave us all a bit of a tour as he escorted us through the restricted area to the northern gate. Here we had a group photo taken before setting off to begin our tasks of taking photo points and drone footage.



The group was split into two and during the day the two groups would leap frog each other from site to site. In the late afternoon we set up camped together and mostly we had morning tea and lunch in the same place.

Phil was our “fire monitor” and did an excellent job of choosing a site for digging the pit, supervising the collection of suitable wood and that it was neatly stacked, making sure it was left safely at night and ensuring that the site was covered up in the morning before we left camp. A big job well done. Ian usually managed the “plant” something on top to help with the “cover-up”.

With the exception of one night, we all gathered around the camp fire in the evening. Some cooked on it others joined in for the chat or just to enjoy the companionship and location. Thank you to those who shared stories and life experiences. There is so much to learn about from others, then there are the things you find you have in common. A few of the experiences I found I shared with others were, going to the same country school, teaching, diving, caving, scouting, overseas and Australian destinations visited.

The area that we worked in looked beautiful, the plants all looked “fresh” from the rains and in patches there were wild flowers. Both the Margaret’s often got quite distracted from their allotted chores taking photos of them and needed to be dragged back to task.

The Emu Road was in quite good condition and good time was made along this section. I think we all recognised the privilege we had of being able to travel in this restricted area.



When we first arrived at our Emu airstrip campsite it was extremely windy. People spread out to find a bit of shelter and set up camp, Brian and Gill retreated to the other side of the airstrip to find a spot sheltered enough for their tent. The wind did ease off in time for a fire to be lit later though. There was only one night that it was not possible to sit outside. Every one retreated into their own little havens and some took the chance to read the books they had bought along.

Once we started to travel on the shot lines north and west of the airstrip the tracks became more interesting. It seemed that no one had been on these tracks since FGVD had been there 5 years ago and they were becoming quite overgrown in places. 1 minute video here. https://youtu.be/U_sPB2tS4Pk

Peter F, our intrepid leader, with his “offsider” Ian needed to stop often to clear away fallen branches. Ian eventually announced that he was “Working at the Branch office today” to which Justin replied “I hope he can stick to that”. Margaret W declared that the joke of the day to which Peter F commented “Margaret glad you twigged to that” . Apologies to all of you that were not there to appreciate how significant a moment this was.

There were times when the track just seemed to disappear and so there would be a lot of walking ahead, mostly by Ian. On the odd occasion it was necessary to create a diversion around an immovable object. Some of us enjoyed this bit of the countryside the most.

Camels were seen at the Emu airstrip and one took a close look at what was for supper in Justin and Margaret D’s camp. Another mob of camels were spotted out on the shot lines. Their locations were recorded to report back to DEW.

On one day Justin and Margaret D swapped with Geoff so they could see what the drone group task was all about. Justin also had some drone flying lessons at our second Emu airstrip camp. At this camp we seemed to have had plenty of time to relax, do some bird watching find some wild flowers and take photos.

We did check on a buffle grass location on the Anne Beadell Highway for DEW but it seems that their spraying had worked and we could not find any live specimens. It was interesting to have Justin with us as he had been involved through his work some 30 years ago in the original setting up of some of the photo sites that the FGVD now keep up to date.

The Anne Beadell Highway was very corrugated as expected, which shook and rattled vehicles and occupants about.

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2022 QUANDONG SURVEY TRIP

Team members

- Mary and Glynn Bartel
- Claire and Martin Forsyth
- Kathryn and Phil Gaukroger
- Karen and Lynton Huxley
- David Inverarity
- Ann and Manfred Jusaitis
- Peter Wilson

Our team made their own travel plans to Ceduna, having all agreed to forgo the usual meet, greet and meal at the Foreshore Hotel to minimise any exposure to COVID because we did not want to risk a repeat of the trip cancellation in 2021. Our first team meeting was therefore when we assembled at the Ceduna office at 0900 on Tuesday 23 August to undertake and submit our individual 'RAT' by phone to the Oak Valley Clinic for approval to proceed. With that done we were on our way, only stopping at Nundroo to top up fuel for the vehicles and for some essential hot chips!

The trip via Colona and Ooldea to our first bush camp at Irish Well was uneventful. The next morning we visited the Oak Valley Community to collect two monitoring devices (tablets) containing all previous data history and the location of each tree for our survey. We visited the art centre where some made purchases, whilst others visited the store for ice-creams and/or pies!

After setting up our camp for the next 3 days at a convenient site along BMR6 Road (Rodinia Track North), we familiarised ourselves with the updated monitoring program and agreed to split into two teams. This allowed for the Transect 2 Quandong survey of 69 trees to be completed faster and also provided for some good natured banter/reverie ie the **A team** was led by me and the **B team** was led by Peter – I will let you decide which one thought they were best. A very enjoyable shared roast dinner was had on our first night at this site.

Whilst we had only been authorised to do Transect 2 and Transect 1 in our Permit, we contacted the Community and received approval to include the survey of trees for Transects 4 and 6 if that was able to be completed within the Permit time.

During the move to our next camp on the Voakes Hill Road we stopped to survey the 4 trees identified at Transect 4 (along the Aboriginal Business Road) before turning north to do the 100 trees of Transect 1 (Voakes Hill Corner Road South). During our stay here, Karen and I were welcomed into the 'Ruby Wedding Club' with a spectacular and most memorable initiation ceremony (all other couples were already members). We also enjoyed our second shared roast dinner meal, which fittingly ended with a brilliant sunset. It was from this camp that we drove to Voakes Hill Corner to see the recently installed shelter and make



Photos:

1. First campsite, Irish Well.
2. Dinner with sunset.
3. Roadside rest
4. Our first Quandong Survey tree for 2022.
5. One of the best trees for survey 2022.
6. Roadside hunt.
7. Scones jam and cream.
8. Group at 'the blow hole'.

a quick visit to the 'Hill'. Our main purpose though was to update the records for the 55 trees of Transect 6 (Voakes Hill Corner North). Unfortunately we could only complete the update of records for 29 trees before low light forced us to head to camp with our headlights on! A forecast weather change convinced us to move to the endorsed camp close to the Business road intersection which would allow us to visit the Community early the next day to meet with staff and return the equipment. Our plans for the return journey to Ceduna were amended to a camp near the Ooldea rail crossing. It was here that we ventured to the site commemorating the joining of the rail track from east and west. We broke camp to head for Ceduna in dense fog.

Our time in the desert made 99% of us appreciate having trailing accommodation equipped with a heater to endure the cool nights and mornings. No one complained or even gave a second thought to the conditions being experienced by David in his tent. Well done David!

I greatly appreciated the efforts made by all to complete the 2023 Quandong survey for the Oak Valley Community and for making this another enjoyable Friends of the Great Victoria Desert trip. Let's hope we get to do it again next year.

Lynton Huxley
Trip Leader



FGVD PHOTO report August 2022

Margaret Wright continued from page 5.



The OKA broke a brake line which caused some to worry about its stopping ability so it was delegated leader until Peter managed to block off the line in camp. Brian had something come loose underneath his Prado that got a temporary fix on the side of the road. These were the only obvious vehicle problems both of

which did not cause any major hold ups. How we managed not to have even a single staked tyre on the shot lines is amazing. Partly this was due to the track clearing done by mostly Ian and at times others. Maybe we had exceptional, experienced drivers that knew their vehicles and had pre prepared them well? We like to think so.

There were a few little side attractions we stopped for added interest. Len Beadle's plaque on the Emu Road is not seen by many. The automated weather stations we visited on the Emu Road and Anne Beadell Highway were both in disrepair. There is not a lot left of Emu township to see but we took a look. We also saw Tallaringa Native Well along the Anne Beadell.

Early afternoon on the 23rd just on the outskirts of Coober Pedy, we took a final group photo and said our farewells to Geoff. The rest of us headed in to town to find motels, cabins or free camp sites for the night. For some there was a super market run to do, water to be found, clothes to wash, showers to be had and hair to be washed. After regrouping for a very good pizza dinner there were more farewells to be said.

Personally, I would like to thank Peter F for his ability to cross all the t's and dot all the i's to enable this trip to happen. Also, thanks Peter F for your delegation skills so that everyone had a job to do so they felt very much part of the team. Thanks to Justin and others who were able to share their knowledge of this beautiful bit of South Australia with me, I hope I can retain some of it.

**SOCIAL CAMPOUT - CANTARA HOMESTEAD
FROM FRIDAY 14 TO WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL 2023**

Following on from the successful social campout held earlier this year, your committee has arranged for another social campout for GVD members to be held at Cantara Homestead in the Coorong National Park. Members of the Friends of the Simpson Desert will also be attending. Both groups undertake valuable roles in remote northern regions of this State and this free event should enable some members who can no longer attend those remote areas to join us and share their stories of past working bee achievements / activities.

Full details on this event and relevant maps will be circulated to all members via separate email shortly. If planning to attend please note the following 4 points as these will assist your stay:

1. You will need to use the combination lock to access or exit the property each time and instructions will be provided in the separate email;

2. We need to supply firewood for our planned campfire activity - please bring timber if you can;
3. Saturday 15 April evening dinner - your committee will provide meat and salads for the barbeque. If your diet requires something special you may need to cater for that on the night;
4. To assist with catering and general activities please respond to me directly via email (preferred) or phone if you are planning to attend.

If you have any queries or require further clarification please contact me.

Lynton Huxley
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PEST PLANTS AND ANIMALS IN THE ALINYTJARA WILURARA (AW) REGION

Pest animals and plants pose significant threats to the natural environment and public safety in the Alinytjara Wilurara (AW) region. The AW Landscape team works closely with communities to find ways of reducing the impact of pest species in order to improve land condition and public safety.

In South Australia there are a number of weeds that are declared plants SA because they pose risks to primary industries, the environment and/or public safety. The list of declared plants is currently under review.

Priority weeds in the region

Athel pine

Common name: Athel pine
 Scientific name: *Tamarix aphylla*
 Status: Declared: must be controlled, banned from sale.
 Weed of National Significance
 Related links:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamarix_aphylla



Buffel grass

Common name: Buffel grass
 Scientific name: *Cenchrus ciliaris*
 Status: Notify AW Landscape Board if found
 Related links:



- Buffel grass (<https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/aw/projects/buffel-grass>)
- AW Buffel Grass Operational Strategy 2018-2023 (<https://cdn.environment.sa.gov.au/landscape/docs/aw/aw-buffel-grass-operational-strategy-2018-2023.pdf>)
- AW Buffel Grass Best Practice Guide 2018 (<https://cdn.environment.sa.gov.au/landscape/docs/aw/aw-buffel-grass-best-practice-guide-2018.pdf>)
- SA Buffel Grass Strategic Plan 2019-2024.pdf (https://cdn.environment.sa.gov.au/landscape/docs/aw/sa_buffel_grass_strategic_plan_2019-2024.pdf).

Pest animals in the region

Camel

Common name: Camel
 Scientific name: *Camelus dromedarius*



Cat

Common name: Cat
 Scientific name: *Felis catus*
 Related links:

- Cats in Australia - Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cats_in_Australia#Feral_cats)



Donkey

Common name: Donkey
 Scientific name: *Equus asinus*
 Related links:

- Feral horse and feral donkey information (https://www.dcceew.gov.au/search?search_api_fulltext=feral%20horse.pdf)



Horse

Common name: Horse
 Scientific name: *Equus ferus*
 Related links:

- Feral horse and feral donkey information (https://www.dcceew.gov.au/search?search_api_fulltext=feral%20horse.pdf)



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DIARY DATES

MEETINGS

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Our next General Meeting will be held at St Saviours Anglican Church, Glen Osmond commencing **7:30 pm on Friday 3 February 2023** and also include the AGM. (Members are encouraged to consider taking on a committee role and forms to nominate are available from the Secretary or may be made at the next AGM). All members and prospective members are welcome. The agenda will be available before the meeting in the member's area of the website <http://www.communitywebs.org/fgvd/> 2023 MEETING DATES:

SOCIAL CAMPOUT: All GVD members present and past are invited to a campout at **Cantara Homestead in the Coorong National Park from 14 to 19 April 2023**. Please contact Lynton Huxley on lyntonhuxley@gmail.com or 0498466092 to seek further information and to register your attendance.

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WEB LINKS

DEH information on Mamungari Conservation Park:
<http://www.parks.sa.gov.au/mamungari/index.htm>
Friends of Great Victoria Desert:
<http://www.communitywebs.org/fgvd/>