



Friends
of
Belair National Park
Volunteers working for Conservation
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Friends group of the decade 2004



Best Newsletter 1996 - Friends Group of the year 1998

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WHICH GROUP?

Arguably, age is the most important demographic feature because it effects all of us.

There are 4 recognisable generation groups.

- ❖ **Baby Boomers 1946- 1961**
- ❖ **Generation X 1962- 1976**
- ❖ **Generation Y 1977- 1991**
- ❖ **Generation Z 1992+**

Do you feel left out? Should you start your own group?

CALENDAR 2006

SEPTEMBER 2006

Saturday 2nd 1pm General Meeting
Tuesday 12th 2pm Guided Walk
Tuesday 26th 2pm Guided Walk

OCTOBER 2006

Saturday 7th 1pm General Meeting
Speaker: Joe Haslan, Friends of Urbrae Wetlands
Sunday 8th Prof. Cleland Memorial Walk.
Tuesday 10th 2pm Guided Walk
Tuesday 24th 2pm guided walk

Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd OCTOBER
Friends 22nd Forum at Echunga & Hahndorf
Hosted by Southern Hills (Belair fiends with
Others) Ask for information

NOVEMBER 2006

BARBECUE Saturday 4th November

There will be a barbecue at 12.30 followed by a general meeting. at the Volunteer Centre. Please bring a plate of salad or sweets to share. We ask for a small

donation to cover the cost of meat. Tea, coffee, and cordial will be available. If you have never been to a meeting before, this is a good chance to meet other Friends and find out what we do in Belair National Park. Any enquiries ask a committee member.
Tuesday 14th 2pm Guided Walk
Tuesday 28th 2pm Guided Walk

DECEMBER 2006

Saturday 2nd 1pm General Meeting
Tuesday 12th 2pm Guided Walk
Tuesday 19th Belair Park 115th Birthday
and Friends 21st Birthday
Tuesday 26th 2pm Guided Walk

NEWSLETTER DATES

Newsletters will hopefully be handed out at the December meetings.

DUE DATE for the December Newsletter is October 20th 2006. Items for the Newsletter should be to me before that date.....

Michael Cerchez

WORKING BEES

TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

8.30 - 10.30 AM

AFTER DAYLIGHT SAVING COMMENCES

8.00 - 10.00 AM

SATURDAYS

9.00 – 11.00 AM

BIRDS

It all started with a picture of a spotted drongo.

If you have a hooded robin, why not a hatted barbara. Ever seen a bottom-up weeder, a blue-shirted friend, a careless litterer, or heard a white-browed babbler, cheerful whistler, or an inveterate chatterer. There's a white-naped honeyeater, so what about a black-browed teardrinker? A house martin, and a pub peter? A Eurasian coot and a silly coot? And don't forget the little crow and big port power. A banded rail and a striped fence-post, a duck and a weave, a laughing kookaburra and a whining two-year-old.

As for a zitting cisticola, it sounds as if someone made it up.

Signing off,
the spectacled jill

“Orchids of South Australia” – Revised Version

Bob Bates, one of the co-authors of the pink orchid book, has finally completed a revised edition. Fortunately it is in the form of a CD. Anyone wishing to borrow and copy this CD can contact Jenny Skinner on 82788986. Bob is quite happy for this to happen so we wouldn't be breaching any copyright laws! There have been many name changes since the first edition was printed. Since the new classifications have now been based on DNA studies, it is likely that they may not change again for a while. We can always hope!

FRIENDS OF BELAIR EMBROIDERED BADGES.

These sew-on badges of our logo, with the rosella in full colour, are available for \$5 each. They are suitable for shirts and windcheaters, and very attractive on a hat. You can buy them at a general meeting, or telephone Jill on 8278 6736.

NEW SHIRTS AND WINDCHEATERS

Have you seen them? The colour is different. The embroidered logo looks great.

Do you want one or both? Further orders will be taken in future, so don't miss out this time! Shirts are \$23 and windcheaters are \$34.

The English Language

Especially for all the native English speakers, take pity on those who have English as a second language. Does it really make sense?

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.
11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail
18. After a number of injections my jaw got number.
19. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
20. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests
21. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

REQUEST TO HELP WITH RESEARCH INTO YELLOW TAILED BLACK COCKATOO

G'day everyone,

Just letting you know about some genetic work that is about to resume with Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoo. The EP population provides the impetus and the \$ for the work, with a state and national context being investigated to 1) put the EP birds into context and 2) to improve the knowledge base so we can refine the management of the population if necessary. The inconclusive work to date (outlined in the proposal attached) suggests that there are probably going to be quite a few interesting findings for most SA regions where the birds occur.

As indicated in the attached proposal, additional genetic samples are required from each region to improve the confidence levels of any finding obtained. Small sample sizes have prevented definitive conclusions in the past, so we're pretty keen to ensure that this project doesn't fall in the same trap. Whilst Janette has requested 10-20 additional samples from each region, we're pretty keen to see if we can double the number of samples (too easy I reckon....if not then it's nice to dream anyway!). Basically a sample = a feather and they are pretty easy to find around Pines (especially Aleppo's) in most parts of their range, particularly if they have been feeding there recently. It would be great to also get some samples from places like the upper SE and Ngarkat but these areas could be tricky.

To collect a feather, you just have to avoid touching the shaft (to prevent genetic contamination), wack it in an envelope or clean plastic bag with details such as a) GPS coordinates & datum, b) date, c) collector, d) brief description eg collected under a pine tree in Naracoorte. If we could receive any samples shortly after they are collected that would be great as that way we can track how things are going and identify where we may need to spend more time ourselves. We are keen to obtain the bulk of the samples in the next 6 months, so the birds should have visited most of their foraging areas over that time. Multiple feathers from the same site is fine, but please store them separately (unless it appears that they have come from the same bird eg a clump of feathers, dead bird etc). Note: demerit points will be earned for every crow feather we receive!

Feel free to forward this information to others who may be able to assist with the collection of feather samples and please let me know if you have any queries. I also realise that many of you are unlikely to be able to contribute directly yourselves.

Thanks,

Jason & Sarah.

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