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VITAL WORK APPEAL 2011

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Research on Australian Sea-lions (*Neophoca cinerea*) is just one of the many research projects that continue to be supported by Nature Foundation. Collecting this vital information helps us protect species and habitats in South Australia.

 We need your help to keep up this vital work.

PHOTO: Brad Page.

(Brad has been conducting Australian Sea-lion research with NFSA support since 2004.)

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Bob Lott



Our Vital Work Appeal is upon us again. In some ways, this is one of the most important activities the Foundation undertakes in its very busy schedule.

Many of the Foundation's achievements are directly linked to our success in attracting support for specific projects. However, the day-to-day running of the Foundation, which enables us to accomplish so much, can only be achieved by attracting support from

our NatureDollars giving scheme, our annual government grant, bequests and, of course, this annual Vital Work Appeal. The Council and staff thank all donors sincerely for their ongoing support of our vital conservation work.

Those of us who attended Witchelina recently will remember the experience forever. We saw many of the ten different land forms, a number of vulnerable species such as the Grey Falcon, a Shovel-nosed Brown Snake, both of the Harrier species and many more. We met with a number of our neighbours at a function on the first evening and we also had a wonderful day of activities with the traditional owners of the southern part of the property, the Adnyamathanha people, many of whom are friends of mine. It was great to catch up with them all again. We knew we were going to live 'close to nature', but trying to sleep at night with mice climbing all over our swags wasn't quite what we expected - it was certainly living close to nature.

At Witchelina, there is a great deal of tidying up to do, rubbish to be removed, a myriad of DIY handypersons' jobs, painting, ripping out old carpets and many tradesperson projects etc. etc. So, if you think you might be able to assist, please let the office know as there will be opportunities to be involved in these activities later this year.

There is great excitement within the Foundation as material is coming to hand for our 30th Anniversary publication, which is being prepared by Barbara Hardy. The Foundation has an unbelievable history, including being involved in the purchase of some of the most important national parks and reserves in the State. As I mentioned at the beginning of this letter, this amazing contribution to our State is largely due to the generosity of our members.

I hope some members may join in at the Para Woodlands planting event on the 18th of June and/or the Planting Festival at Cygnet Park Sanctuary, our jointly owned property on Kangaroo Island on the 8th, 9th or 10th of July.

What a great time to be a supporter of Nature Foundation SA!

Kind regards

Bob Lott
PRESIDENT, NATURE FOUNDATION SA INC.

NFSA welcomes a new councillor



PAUL-JOHN MUDIE

NFSA Councillor

Paul-John Mudie, otherwise known as P-J, is an accountant with local firm Cleland McFarlane Selth. P-J has fifteen years experience as an accountant and has an in-depth knowledge of income tax and

accounting affairs pertaining to small and medium businesses from all sectors, especially primary producers. P-J is a Registered Tax Agent and holds memberships with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and the Tax Institute.

Outside of the office P-J spends time tending to his own patch of native vegetation on an acreage south of Adelaide.

BOB SHARRAD'S TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- 1 Which is larger, Flinders Ranges National Park or the NFSA's Witchelina Reserve?
- 2 What association did explorers Charles Sturt and Collet Barker have in common?
- 3 Which species of Australian snake is the longest?
- 4 Which animals have epipubic bones?
- 5 Which South Australian plant is named after the Persian doctor Avicenna?
- 6 Do cockroaches have wings?
- 7 What type of plant is 'Dead Finish'?
- 8 One of our dragon lizard species is called *Ctenophorus pictus*. What does 'pictus' mean?
- 9 What did the French expedition of 1803 call Kangaroo Island?
- 10 Who were the first Europeans to climb Mount Lofty?

Answers on page 10

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Enthusiastic volunteers at last year's Planting Festival on Kangaroo Island at Cygnet Park Sanctuary, which is partly owned by Nature Foundation SA.

PHOTO: Dave Taylor, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)



ANDREW REILLY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

VITAL WORK APPEAL 2011

Each year at this time we commence a Vital Work Appeal to generate funds for the new financial year.

You may be wondering what kind of vital work has happened in the last twelve months. NFSA has funded so many projects and activities that there is insufficient space to mention most of them. Here are a few highlights for your interest.

RESEARCH

In our last round of grant funding awarded in March, we supported 21 projects with a total of \$78,000. The projects are spread throughout the State and across a range of fauna and flora species. Some interesting examples are:

- Millicent and Kingston Schools Native Fish Breeding Projects Program
- Bushfires and biodiversity
- Sea-lion pups on Kangaroo Island
- Effects of goannas on arid shrublands
- Habitats of the Sandhill Dunnart
- Relationship of water, zooplankton and native fish in the Chowilla Floodplain, north-east of Renmark
- Parasites and the Giant Australian Cuttlefish
- Seed banks to restore freshwater wetlands
- Estimating the population of Southern Hairy-nosed Wombats at Brookfield Conservation Park, west of Blanchetown.

RESERVES

Conservation works at Witchelina Reserve saw 2,000 feral goats removed to reduce grazing pressure. Our ongoing support for Flinders University research at Tiliqua Reserve helps us learn more about managing conservation of the endangered Pygmy Bluetongue. We're also contributing to the cost of 100 UniSA students attending

the Kangaroo Island Planting Festival at Cygnet Park Sanctuary, in July, with the aim of planting over 120,000 trees over three days.

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

It is vital we continually develop the skills of our conservation projects team as



Alex Nankivell explains how a dam was used as a trapping point for goats coming down from Termination Hill during the goat muster at Witchelina in March this year.

PHOTO: Jen St Jack

they create conservation management plans for environments as diverse as arid lands and wetlands. Understanding the opportunities for carbon sequestration in biodiversity management also offers the potential for new conservation income streams.

FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS

Many successful member and donor events were held in the last year, including a tour of K1 Winery, launches of Witchelina and Tiliqua Reserves, the Colin Thiele Memorial at Salt Creek, and the Annual Dinner at Adelaide Zoo. We have upgraded our capability in fundraising and public awareness, with planning underway for higher profile fundraising events such as our 'Walk for Nature' to be held in October.

As you can see, Nature Foundation continues to be highly active by utilising your donated funds to create

Sand Goanna (*Varanus gouldii gouldii*) in Moorunde Wildlife Reserve, near Blanchetown.

PHOTO: Karen Collins



environmental benefits much larger than our initial contributions. We look forward to your generous donations this year and your continued support for all this vital work.

VITAL WORK APPEAL 2011

Nature Foundation seeks your support to continue all the work that we do in saving threatened species, protecting our precious natural environment and supporting revegetation projects.

Our work, backed with your donations, is not glamorous but is pivotal support to those in the field who are working so hard to Save, Protect and Restore our precious natural environment.

Please give generously and remember that all donations over \$2.00 to Nature Foundation SA are fully tax deductible.

Witchelina UPDATE

JEN ST JACK
CONSERVATION PROJECTS OFFICER

Witchelina has been a veritable hive of activity recently, with members of the NFSA Council, the Field Naturalists Society of SA, the SA Ornithological Association, the Pastoral Board, the Sporting Shooters Association and the SAAL NRM Board, as well as a historian, University and independent researchers, neighbours, and Adnyamathanha and Arabunna people all visiting the property in the last few months.

Meanwhile, back in the office, conservation management planning activities are in full swing. A biological survey is being organised for spring 2011, which will inform the complete Management Plan for the Reserve.

A highly successful goat muster, carried out in March, was managed by Roger Johnson from Nepabunna. Another neighbour, Gordon Litchfield from Wilpoorina Station, provided the freight. In this partnership between NFSA, traditional owners and neighbours, around 1,000 goats were removed to reduce grazing pressure on native plant species.

Lush vegetation has returned to Witchelina thanks to heavy rains and reduced grazing pressure.



People from the Adnyamathanha community hosted and prepared a traditional feast in a creek bed.

NFSA COUNCILLORS VISIT Witchelina

PAUL-JOHN MUDIE

NFSA COUNCILLOR

PHOTOS: Jen St Jack

I became involved with NFSA when Witchelina was acquired and subsequently heard much about it. When I was given the opportunity to visit the property, I jumped at the chance and was pleased to take a few days of annual leave (I'm a Chartered Accountant) in order to head 'bush'.



Councilors inspected buildings and infrastructure at Witchelina to see what work needs to be done.

Some NFSA staff and fellow council members spent a few days, from 13-17 April, at Witchelina. The timing of our visit was very fortunate as those familiar with the landscape over the past few decades commented that the land has never looked so good thanks to recent rainfalls. Traditional desert scenes and gibber plains were cloaked with greenery, which is not what one expects in such an arid region.

On the first day at Witchelina, we ate a cooked breakfast in a scenic, open-air location just out from the homestead (thanks to Andrew Dyson and Chris Reed). We subsequently toured the surrounds that included rocky outcrops, sand dunes, swamps and environments that can only be described as picture perfect Australiana. We then looked over many of the buildings, structures, plant and equipment in order to gain an understanding of the work that will need to be undertaken in the future.

On the second day, we were treated to a visit from representatives of the Adnyamathanha community, the traditional owners of the southern areas of Witchelina. In the idyllic surrounds of a rocky creek bed they shared local stories that had been handed down from generation to generation, followed by a contemporary song accompanied by guitar.

Later, again in a creek bed, preparations had been made for a traditional feast including kangaroo and emu cooked for many hours in the hot coals of a campfire. This provided a great opportunity for those who represent NFSA to get to know the Adnyamathanha people in an informal setting.

After finishing the meal, the Adnyamathanha people gave a welcoming speech and set the foundations for a strong and meaningful relationship into the future.

The third day was spent traversing the southern reaches of the Reserve over 4WD tracks, a trek which culminated at a beautiful natural swamp that was flush with water, teeming with bird life and surrounded by red sand dunes.

Upon leaving Witchelina and reflecting on the experience, it is evident to me that the flora, fauna and stark contrast in the topography are the stand-out features of the Reserve. NFSA is very fortunate to hold Witchelina and, whilst there are certainly challenges to be overcome, there are also great rewards. I eagerly look forward to seeing the property flourish under the care of NFSA.

TILIQUA UPDATE

JEN ST JACK
CONSERVATION PROJECTS OFFICER

PHOTOS: JULIE SCHOFIELD



A Pygmy Bluetongue mother and her offspring.
BELOW LEFT: Taking measurements of a juvenile Pygmy Bluetongue.

TILIQUA RESERVE, OPENED BY NATURE FOUNDATION SA IN DECEMBER 2010, IS NOW TEEMING WITH NEW LIFE AFTER THE MOST RECENT SEASON'S HATCHINGS OF THE ENDANGERED PYGMY BLUETONGUE.



Mature female Pygmy Bluetongues (*Tiliqua adelaidensis*) give birth to between one and four young per year, mostly during February. This year there were more litters of three or four babies, which indicates a good season. The babies

weigh only 1.5 grams, but with a litter of four this can add up to a quarter of the mother's body weight. Flinders University PhD student Julie Schofield reports that this season the births were running one to two weeks late compared with the usual timing recorded at Tiliqua.

Juveniles have been known to live in their parental burrows for up to six months, however most young have left home after four weeks. Ms Schofield says that, "This season the young started their exploratory movements after only one week, and on average were leaving home at around two weeks of age."

After high rainfall over the last year, the Natural Temperate Grassland habitat of the lizards is now about waist deep and the wild oats are very dense. According to Ms Schofield, the high

rainfall and numerous insects (pygmy food) are likely to have produced a good breeding environment and there are many females giving birth.

Unfortunately for researchers, the high wild oats make searching for Pygmy Bluetongues in their spider burrow homes rather tricky. Dense growth also makes it more difficult for the lizards to move around, bask and find new burrows.

Prior to European settlement, native herbivores and an absence of weed species would have maintained the perfect plant density for Pygmy Bluetongues. Now, however, we must intervene to restore the balance.

Reserve neighbour, former owner and now NFSA Council member, Chris Reed, has formed a partnership with NFSA and long-time Pygmy Bluetongue researcher Professor Michael Bull to maintain ideal habitat for the lizards.

Mr Reed will shortly commence fencing work to create several sheep pens within the Reserve. Next year, Prof. Bull will work with Mr Reed to undertake trials that will determine the optimal sheep grazing regime for the survival and restoration of this significant Pygmy Bluetongue population.



Bushbank SA is a revolving fund set up by Nature Foundation SA to buy, protect and then on-sell areas of significant vegetation to people who care about conserving our State's natural heritage.

Bushbank SA carefully selects each property, applies a Heritage Agreement, and provides a management plan to help new owners protect the natural assets of their property.

Please browse our website to find properties for sale that may interest you, then contact Jen St Jack on 0428 031 580 or jen.stjack@nfsa.org.au if you would like more information.





Loch Luna in flood on 1 March 2011.
PHOTO: Peter Waanders

CHANCE FOR A BETTER, WETTER FUTURE

JEN ST JACK, CONSERVATION PROJECTS OFFICER

Some wetlands along the River Murray have this year been inundated with water for the first time in eighteen years. While we celebrate the recovery, we must take the opportunity to acquire water for environmental watering projects that will sustain our country's lifeline between the floods.

Looking back on the past century of flood data, flows of the likes that we have seen this summer only occur on average once every fifteen years. Our riverine system needs inundation every two to three years to stay healthy.

With a highly regulated river system, medium level flows in between large flood events are no longer reaching wetlands and floodplains. Environmental watering aims to fill this gap by delivering water to recharge these environments and maintain natural cycles of breeding and germination.

With an abundance of water in the system now, it is the perfect time for Nature Foundation SA's Water for Nature program to acquire more permanent water entitlements, which can be used to deliver revitalising water to wetlands year after year.

DONATE WATER TODAY

Did you know that you can make a donation that will see water delivered to wetlands year after year in dryer times?

Water for Nature is calling for donations of permanent water entitlements, as well as funds that will enable us to purchase water.

Please contact Jen St Jack on 8340 2880 or jen.stjack@nfsa.org.au to donate.



Twin Creeks at Chowilla suffering from water deprivation in October 2004.
PHOTO: Anne Jensen



An immediate response in new growth was evident just two weeks after the start of environmental watering at Twin Creeks in December 2004. PHOTO: Anne Jensen

Highly stressed trees are responding to floodwaters with characteristic epicormic growth, but most of their canopies have not recovered.

PHOTO: Jen St Jack





RESEARCH FUNDED BY NATURE FOUNDATION SA:

GLOSSY BLACK-COCKATOO RECOVERY PROGRAM

RESEARCHER: MICHAEL BARTH, PROJECT OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR)

INTERVIEWER: JENNY PATERSON RESEARCH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Michael, can you describe the aim and purpose of your project?

The South Australian sub-species of Glossy Black-Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus lathami halmaturinus*) is listed as Endangered under Commonwealth and State law and its range is now restricted to Kangaroo Island.

In the early 1990s, the population was estimated at less than 200 birds and declining. A recovery program established in 1995 has helped to reverse the decline by reducing threats such as nest predators and competitors and through protection, enhancement and restoration of critical habitat. There has been a gradual increase in the population to a high of 350 birds in recent years, however, continued management and monitoring is required to ensure the species' full recovery.

Can you summarise the results of your project for Nature Foundation SA members?

Annual censuses of Glossy Black-Cockatoos on Kangaroo Island have been conducted



ABOVE: An adult female Glossy Black-Cockatoo fanning its tail.
THIS PHOTO: A juvenile male (left) with an adult male (right) Glossy Black-Cockatoo.
PHOTOS: Eleanor Sobey

since 1995 to monitor the population and to assess the effects of management actions. The population has shown a steady increase over time with the highest count of 333 birds in 2008.

A lower than expected count of 236 birds in 2009 raised questions as to the possible effects of recent drought conditions on the bird's sole food resource – the Drooping Sheoak (*Allocasuarina verticillata*). Had the population suffered a sudden population

crash, or were some of the major flocks splitting into smaller groups and dispersing over wider areas making them more difficult to detect in the census? The October 2010 annual census, funded through a Nature Foundation SA research grant, attempted to answer this question. The 2010 count of 262 birds indicates there may be a combination of the above factors at work on the population and underpins the importance of the annual census as a tool to measure the recovery effort for this iconic species.

What are the most interesting points about your work?

- On Kangaroo Island, Glossy Black-Cockatoos feed almost exclusively on the seeds of the Drooping Sheoak.
- Over 150 natural tree hollows and over 80 artificial hollows are monitored each year for nesting activity.
- Most Glossy Black nestlings are banded with a numbered metal band on the left leg at about two months of age while still in the nest hollow.
- Nearly all Glossy Blacks are 'left footed' and hold the Drooping Sheoak cone with the left foot while feeding.
- Project staff use high-powered spotting scopes to read the numbered bands on individual birds to gain information on survivorship and movements within the population.

What was the most exciting thing about this work?

It's a real pleasure to observe such an iconic endangered species amongst the amazing landscapes of Kangaroo Island and to share this experience with so many dedicated volunteers.

Project Members

Michael Barth – Project Officer
Lynn Pedler – Project Biologist
Trish Mooney – Bush Management Adviser



If you would like to support the recovery project and the Glossy Black Rescue Fund, we encourage you to visit an art exhibition organised by the Fine Art Kangaroo Island gallery featuring the SA Glossy Black-Cockatoo at the National Wine Centre in Adelaide from 26 July to 28 August 2011.

Environmental Organisations Working TOGETHER

BOB LOTT, NFSA PRESIDENT

Last December, nine of South Australia's Environmental Non-Government Organisations (eNGOs), including Nature Foundation SA, came together for a one-day conference with the Minister for Environment and Conservation, Paul Caica, to discuss improving the relationships and partnerships between the State's Natural Resource Management (NRM) Boards and eNGOs.

This discussion was an opportunity to be a part of the collective voice that ensures government environmental policy recognises the value and importance of on-ground action measures, like those of the Foundation, to achieve high-quality conservation results for South Australian wildlife.



NFSA President Bob Lott, second from right, with the other co-signatories of the Mutual Agreement.

PHOTO: Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resource Management Board

Topics discussed included: how the two sectors can collaborate to achieve better outcomes for the environment; how information can be shared between the sectors; and especially how the community's expectations and aspirations for biodiversity protection need to be understood.

The result of the discussions was a Mutual Agreement that describes how NRM Boards and eNGOs can work in effective collaboration and partnership. In this agreement, NFSA is recognised by the Minister as one of the "key NRM partners in South Australia".

The process is ongoing, with the eNGOs invited to contribute suggestions for action areas and investments where the efforts of NRM Boards and eNGOs can come together to create stronger and better-coordinated actions.

FRIENDS FOR NATURE

JOHN SIBLY, FRIENDS FOR NATURE PRESIDENT

Friends for Nature members, Kaz Herbst and Graeme Oates, serving drinks at a NFSA function in December 2010. PHOTO: Andrew Dyson



In December, NFSA held a get-together for our sponsors and stakeholders to thank them for their support throughout the year. It was a highly successful occasion, on a warm summer afternoon and in what turned out to be an inspired setting. The paved area behind the NFSA offices was the site for the party. On the west, the green of the Manse garden provided plenty of shade. On the north was the old chapel, now called The Arch, while to the south was the old church, now Holden Street Theatre. Across the east, the large marquee was set out with posters and displays of the Foundation. It was, bright, colourful and quite inspired.

The cheery souls who manned the drinks stall and carried around the plates loaded with goodies were members of the Friends for Nature, a smallish group who are keen to step in and give a hand to the Foundation where required. The Friends meet monthly at the Holden Street offices at 12 noon on the first Wednesday of the month. Please consider joining us.

THAT HARDY WOMAN, by name and nature

**An interview with Barbara Hardy AO,
Co-founder of Nature Foundation SA,
on International Women's Day,
8th March 2011**

MELISSA MACK, INDAILY
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Mrs. Barbara Hardy in her office ... she conducts her work, without any help, from her assistant, claimed effortlessly.

A woman of impact

**An article featuring Barbara Hardy in
The Advertiser, 26th January 1982.**

At 84, environmentalist Barbara Hardy wouldn't give women the same advice now that she might have used to inspire women of the 1950s.

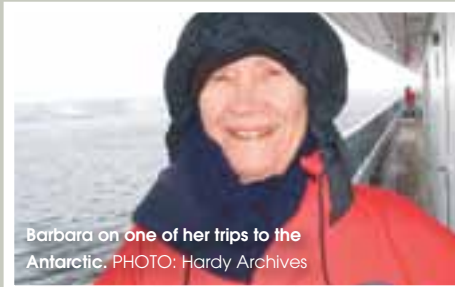
"My advice to women of today is to be yourself, don't take too much notice of what people tell you to do and do the things you love doing or knowing about," Mrs Hardy told InDaily on the eve of International Women's Day.

"In the 1950s, I would have said to remember that women are just as important as men and study what you want to do and do your homework."

Today is the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day. Thousands of events worldwide celebrate women's achievements and highlight the struggles still faced in equality and rights.

As tenacious now as when she played golf for South Australia in the 1940s, Mrs Hardy has never seen her gender as something that has held her back.

Achievements and certificates are displayed on shelves through her Seacliff home. Her office is organised with clippings, books and files on various topics



Barbara on one of her trips to the Antarctic. PHOTO: Hardy Archives

I think women and men are people and we should be able to do whatever we want to do.

of interest. She also danced with the Russian ballet as a teenager and built a boat with her late husband, winemaker Tom Hardy.

"I think it's important to be passionate about something. To be likely to make things happen you also need to do your homework. You need to learn."

Trips to the Flinders Ranges with her young sons inspired a love of geology.

"I got around to looking at the rocks and thought I'd like to know more. So finally, when the boys were a little bit older and weren't as dependent, I went to sit in on geology lectures. That made me even keener."

She went on to study geology part time for five years, leading her towards various causes.

"It made me think about how important science is to everyone."

Mrs Hardy was instrumental in the creation of the Investigator Science Centre and also created the Nature Foundation, which celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. "The economy depends on the environment. The environment is natural resources, it's clean air, pure water, healthy vegetation and animals.

"We need to look after natural resources. That was the rationale behind the Nature Foundation." Mrs Hardy's fight became briefly political.

"I realised the Liberal Party could make a resolution and take it through parliament. So I thought, why don't I belong to this, then

I can get the Nature Foundation into legislation?"

"The reason I started getting political was to get the right sort of laws."

Mrs Hardy had a fossil named after her in 2009.

It's a predator which is a good thing as far

as Barbara Hardy is concerned. "I predate on people and try and make them give money and sponsorship and those kind of things."

Her fight has slowed with age, though her passion hasn't.

"The world is more equal now. You had to tell them back then."

[Go to our Facebook page (Facebook/NFSAI) or contact our office if you would like to see INDAILY's video of this interview online.]



Dick Smith and Barbara Hardy with the 'Barbara Hardy fossil'. PHOTO: NFSA



Barbara with one of her sons camping in the Flinders Ranges. PHOTO: Hardy Archives

SOMEONE SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT

MADELINE WEARNE, COMMUNITY LIAISON & MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

One of my very best friends, when we were having a discussion about the environment, would often say, "Someone should do something about it!" I used to answer (and still do!), "You can and must be that 'someone' who actually does do something."

Those people who make up their minds to "do something about it" make Nature Foundation SA what it is – an environmental organisation with consistent and long term success in protecting and restoring our environment, and conducting vital environmental research. It is the combination of many individuals' commitment and caring that can and does make a huge difference.

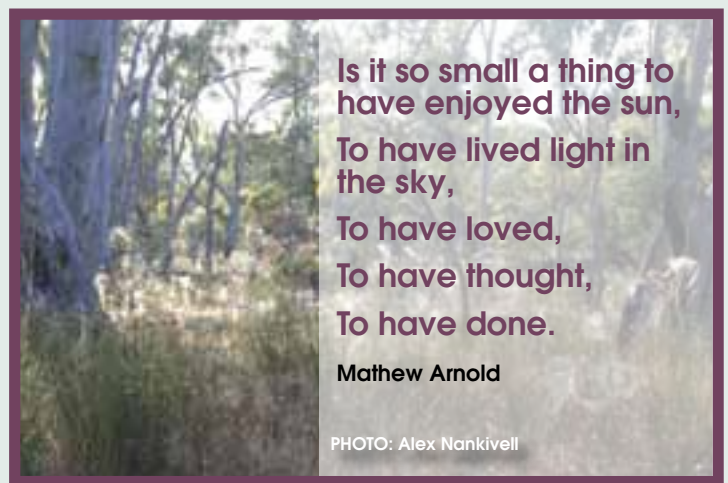
Leaving a charitable bequest is a big decision for someone to make; however, a bequest does not have to be large to make a big difference.

Naturally, when someone is writing their Will, they would want to provide for loved ones and to help secure their future. I, for one, certainly consider our beautiful birds, animals and plants as my loved ones and therefore want to help their future as well. While we certainly need the natural world for our survival, the natural environment needs us to make a stand on its behalf.

Listening recently to the radio over the Easter break, I was thinking about what was being discussed by the presenter and

various people calling in. What was very apparent was how important most people find leaving the city and visiting the country for their relaxation and rejuvenation. What did strike me was how many people take our natural environment for granted and how there is an expectation that it will always be there for us to enjoy. In essence, it seems that most people love our natural environment without even realising it or giving it much thought.

Nature Foundation's members, supporters and friends are a lifeline for our state's beautiful natural heritage, and it is because of all of you that Nature Foundation can continue its success into the future.



An Apology and a Thank you

MADELINE WEARNE, COMMUNITY LIAISON & MEMBERSHIP OFFICER



In our last newsletter, we listed people and businesses who had so generously donated their time and/or goods for our silent auction at last year's Annual Dinner at Adelaide Zoo. Through an oversight on my part, a very special lady was not included.

Meet Sonja of Pimlotts Framing.

When I first rang Sonja to ask her if she would possibly be able to donate her time and the framing materials to have a limited

edition print framed, she was very busy and replied that she certainly did not have the time to be able to do anything for us. Me, being me, I replied that I might pop past anyway.

So I popped in that same day to find Sonja indeed overrun with work. I merely asked her to look at our prints, and as she did so, I spoke of Nature Foundation's work and vision.

It took Sonja approximately two seconds to say that she would not only frame one, but would indeed like to frame both for us. When I was thanking her, Sonja replied that it was she who would like to thank us for giving her the opportunity to do something for nature conservation.

How marvellous is that!

Thank you, Sonja.

By the way, the prints were so beautiful, I outbid you all and bought them myself!

Answers for Bob Sharrad's Trivia Quiz:

1. Witchelina is 3X larger! 2. Both were officers in the 39th Regiment. 3. Amethystine Python. 4. Marsupials. 5. The Grey Mangrove, *Avicennia marina*. 6. Some do but some species are wingless. 7. It is an Acacia: *A. carneorum*. 8. It is Latin for 'painted'. 9. Decres Island. 10. Captain Collet Barker, Mr Kent and Mr Mills in 1831.

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE

PATRICK MENTZEL, FUNDRAISING & MARKETING MANAGER

Kangaroos on the Heysen Trail. PHOTO: Karen Collins



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Volunteers helping out at Para Woodlands Planting Day 2010. PHOTO: Catherine Leo



Enjoying the nature of Kangaroo Island at Remarkable Rocks. PHOTO: Exceptional Kangaroo Island

June from 10am to 3pm. Please register your interest with the Million Trees Program on 8278 0600 or email info@urbanforest.on.net.

Following shortly afterwards is the final Kangaroo Island Planting Festival at Cygnet Park Sanctuary, to be held on Friday 8th, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th July. To register your participation please contact Heinrich Klein on 0437 522 726 or email heinrich.klein@sa.gov.au.

Dear Members and Supporters

It is my belief that you are the heart and soul of this organisation and it is with great pleasure that I write my first article to all of you. I have been both welcomed and inspired by Nature Foundation SA since I started work here on the 1st of February.

I look forward to introducing new member benefits for you to consider, keeping you up to date with our calendar of events, and participating in those events with you. As we all know, together we can make a significant difference, so please get involved as often as you can and bring along your colleagues, friends and family too.

FACEBOOK

I would like to invite you to become a fan of our Facebook site, as this will keep you updated with interesting information on what is happening in nature conservation around the world, nationally, in South Australia and locally. We can be found at www.facebook.com/NFSAI.

ECOTOURISM DISCOUNT OFFER

We have arranged a fabulous ecotourism discount for our members with Exceptional Kangaroo Island, who offer a range of accommodation options and tours across this beautiful island. Browse through the options on their website to find something that is to your liking. When booking, you can nominate to receive a 10% discount and have 10% of the cost of your booking donated to NFSA, or alternatively you can choose to donate the full 20% to NFSA.

We encourage you to take up this generous offer and help the environment while you help yourself to a well-earned holiday. Please note that you will need to provide your member/donor number to be eligible.

PLANTING EVENTS

Coming up in June is the annual community planting day at Para Woodlands, near Gawler, and I encourage all of you to take part on Saturday 18th

WALK FOR NATURE

We have recently added 'Walk for Nature' to our calendar to help raise funds and awareness, which will be held on Sunday 16th October. The walk will be a 6km return hike from the Bridgewater Oval, along the Heysen Trail to Woodhouse Activity Centre, and back.

We are planning food, refreshments and more for Bridgewater Oval, so place the date in your diary. More information will follow shortly, including how to raise funds through everydayhero.com by nominating yourself and having sponsors support your walk.

30th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

This year is our 30th Anniversary and our celebratory dinner will be held on Saturday 12th November at the Adelaide Town Hall. You will be receiving your personal invitation in the mail shortly.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to meeting you at one of our events very soon!

NATURE FOUNDATION SA EVENTS CALENDAR 2011

Para Woodlands Planting Day

Saturday, 18th June
10am - 3pm
Para Woodlands, Gawler

An opportunity to plant native grasses for half a day in the fresh air at our property. Please contact the Million Trees Program to register your interest on 8278 0600 or info@urbanforest.on.net
COST: Free (own transport)

PHOTO: Catherine Leo

KI Planting Festival Cygnet Park Sanctuary

Friday 8th - Sunday 10th July
9am - 5pm each day

Visit beautiful Kangaroo Island, join in tree planting and explore the wonderful sights.
Register with Heinrich Klein at DENR on 0437 522 726 or heinrich.klein@sa.gov.au



K1 Winery Tasting & Lunch

Tynan Road, Kuitpo,
Adelaide Hills
Wednesday, 14th September
9am - 4pm

Wine tasting, lunch and a personalised tour, set in the scenic Kuitpo Forest.
TOTAL COST (including transport from Hindmarsh, wine tasting and lunch): \$79

Walk for Nature

Heysen Trail
Bridgewater to Woodhouse
(6km return)
Sunday, 16th October

Join our first annual Walk for Nature in the Mount Loffy Ranges to raise funds for Nature Foundation SA.

More details to follow.



Earth Station

Long Gully,
Belair National Park
Friday, 21st -
Sunday, 23rd October

A new festival of sustainability & music from around the world.

NFSA - Annual General Meeting

Holden Street Theatre
Wednesday, 26th October
5:30pm

Our annual AGM followed by presentations given by Prof Michael Bull & Dr Bob Sharrad.



Nature Foundation's 30th Anniversary Dinner

Adelaide Town Hall
Saturday, 12th November
6:30pm

Enjoy our celebration of NFSA's achievements, including music, three-course dinner, drinks and presentations.
COST: \$119 per person

If you care about NATURE CONSERVATION in South Australia

Nature Foundation SA has these additional ways for you to support our great work:

- Support us by becoming a member, introducing new members and/or continuing your membership.
Individual \$30 Clubs/Organisations \$40 Couple \$50
Family \$60 Individual Lifetime \$900
- Support us by pledging to NatureDollars, our monthly giving program, to Save, Protect and Restore the environment.
- Support us by hosting or participating in an event and raise funds via everydayhero.com.au:
 - * Host an event of your own (e.g. birthday, adventure challenge).
 - * Enter the City-Bay Fun Run held on 18th September.
 - * Enter our own Walk for Nature held on 16th October.

Pay by phone: 1300 366 191 Fax to: (08) 8340 2506 Email: admin@nfsa.org.au
Download a Membership / NatureDollars form from our website
www.naturefoundation.org.au.



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