

Friends of Willunga Basin

Latest Newsletter

This is an extremely brief newsletter, sent at short notice as there are several events to publicise. You will no doubt notice it does not have the superb style of the last two newsletters that were put together by our new editor Rosie Knott!

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting is to be held in September on Wednesday 23rd at 7:30pm. Again it will be held in Waverly House, St Peters Terrace Willunga. Waverly House is the old homestead building behind the Willunga Bowling Club, and adjacent to the car park for the golf club.

Our guest speaker is a committed local environmental activist who is also the principal of the Galilee Catholic School at Aldinga. She has been very strong in introducing an environmental focus into the lessons at the school in a holistic manner. **Please come along** to hear about our future environmentalists, to support our organisation and perhaps stand for a position on the committee.

We believe there will be at least one vacancy on the committee, and would urge anybody interested to nominate. For more information please contact Chris Davies (8556 2353) or David Gill (8556 2289).

Aldinga Climate Action Network debate.

Another meeting for you to know about. **Aldinga Climate Action Network** are hosting a **debate about the adequacy of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Bill** to deal with reducing the nation's emissions. To be held this week at Christies Beach High School at 7:30pm on Thursday 27th August, local Federal Member Amanda Rishworth will debate with Tim Kelly, Climate Policy Analyst & Mark Andrews, Aldinga Climate Action Group.

With the Senate's rejection of the Government's Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme, the scene is set for an early election on the issue of how Australia should reduce its carbon emissions. This debate will give the Government and its opponents the opportunity to put their case to the local community, as well as offering an alternative plan of action.

Council's Residential Infill & Character PDA

Friends of Willunga Basin have lodged a submission, supporting this in general terms but proposing certain changes. It is a most important planning document, which is necessary to enable higher density and mixed use development around transit nodes, but also throughout the area to allow for the imposed population increase hopefully without excessive sprawl.

State Government 30 plan for Greater Adelaide.

Another very important planning document, FOWB are preparing a response to this draft plan.

David Paton Talk about The Coorong

Another event of interest is a talk being organised by the Willunga Environment Centre early next month. The Environment Centre has been fortunate enough to get David Paton, of Adelaide Uni to talk about Coorong issues, the theme of his talk is *The Coorong: a changing wetland system*. David Paton is not only an inspiring speaker, he has been a key person in the public debate about the future of the Coorong and Lower Lakes. I strongly urge you to come along – it is on Wednesday, 9th Sept in the Lutheran Church Hall, McLaren Vale. Please contact the Willunga Environment Centre on 8556 4188 or email willungaenviro@westnet.com.au to register. And a free supper is provided!

Southern Community Coalition Forum

Yet another important meeting. On **Thursday, September 17th** from 6 to 9pm in the Aldinga Institute Hall the Southern Community Coalition (which formed to deal with issues around Aldinga Township and the expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary) and the McLaren Vale Wine Grape & Tourism Association is holding a forum.

It is to discuss future planning of the region. We are all very concerned at threats from urban sprawl to piece by piece consume our beautiful region. At the forum will be local MPs John Hill & Leon Bignell, reps of Departments of Planning, Transport & the Land Management Corporation. They will be speaking and answering questions. Members are invited, please see the attached flier.

Meeting Leon Bignell re Willunga basin protection

Committee members are this week meeting with local State MP, Leon Bignell to discuss the idea of legislation to protect Willunga Basin from constant planning changes.

Internet

FOWB can now announce that we are moving into a new era (for us) in that we have at last registered an internet address, which will be a good way for members to find out more and new people to find us. The site is still in its early days, but can be seen at www.fowb.net . We also have an email address based on this site, it is info@fowb.net so it can be used to communicate with us.

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