



Friends of Black Hill and Morialta Inc

AGM 2013



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WILDFLOWER GARDEN A BRIEF HISTORY

In 1949 Mr and Mrs P. C. Payne retired and developed the Atholstone Wildflower Garden. Plants from all states and varying habitats were collected and planted in this site where visitors could wander and enjoy the diverse flora and rich bird life.

In 1963 the Paynes sold the garden to the Corporation of the City of Campbelltown. Council adopted its new role and with the expert management of Mr Ray Hobbins the Wildflower Garden nursery flourished. Countless loads and visitors wandered through the garden and were able to purchase a wide range of native plants at very reasonable prices. The garden was later purchased when Council accepted adjoining land under section 813 was subdivided. Soon after, when the then Department for Environment & Planning were considering the 900 hectare Black Hill Nature Park, Council was pressed to sell the Wildflower Garden. One of the conditions of sale was that plants should continue to be made available to the public.

In 1976 the fungus *Phytophthora cinnamomi* was said to be blight in the garden. The entire plant stock was destroyed and a much larger nursery was established on the corner of Myerston and Montacute Roads. Due to continued reductions of funding and staff, the National Parks & Wildlife Service found itself unable to continue the maintenance and upkeep of the Wildflower Garden.

In 1990 the Friends of Black Hill & Morialta Inc. agreed to rehabilitate the garden. Rejuvenation work, along with educational activities, continues to be carried out by the Friends group and its supporters.

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There's lots to do in our National Parks

If it's removing weeds, collecting seeds or just making the morning tea at a working bee. There's a job for you in the Friends. It doesn't matter if you're eight or eighty.

Everyone can help.

You can contact us at
88 Addison Ave, Atholstone SA 5076. - Or phone us on 8336 5257

Thryptomene 'Payne's hybrid' or *Thryptomene 'paynei'*

Thryptomene is an Australian plant distributed in all southern continents and all parts of Africa. It is generally found in the coastal areas of the Cape of Good Hope and in the coastal areas of the Cape of Good Hope. It is a small shrub with white flowers and is a member of the Myrtaceae family. It is a member of the Myrtaceae family. It is a member of the Myrtaceae family.



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Track Map Project

Friends of Black Hill and Morialta Incorporated Track Map Project.

Track Maps
Scout maps for Black Hill, Morialta and Hurren Gully Conservation Parks are produced by the Friends.
When you are planning your next walk in the park, give some thought to using the specially done walking map. It also reports the walking trails the Friends group working in the parks for you and our natural environment.

Maps available from:
FRIENDS OF BLACK HILL & MORIALTA INC.
88 Addison Ave, Atholstone SA 5076
NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE SA
113 Myerston Rd, Atholstone SA 5076, PO BOX 991
CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL
173 Main Street Rd, Renmark SA 3341, PO BOX 1222
THE MAP SHOP
6 Peel St, Adelaide SA 5000, PO BOX 203
SCOUT OUTDOOR CENTRE
192 Rundle St, Adelaide SA 5000, PO BOX 1222

Please note that while every effort is made to ensure the track maps are accurate, at various times paths may be closed for a variety of reasons. These include: Preparation of outcrops or closure due to storm damage. You may wish to confirm track status with the Department of Environment and Heritage.

























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December 2013 saw Holcim working with us to help control erica in the Ambers Gully project site, Black Hill Conservation Park.



Special thanks to Graham for refreshing the display at the Wildflower Garden in March this year.



30 May 2013 – controlled burns were at the forefront of our minds again.

I couldn't let the AGM pass this year without making some reference to the prescribed burn regime. Even within the friends group, there is a variety of attitudes towards the issues around controlled burns. This is a reflection of what a complex issue it is, and the uncertainties of the best ways forward with our stewardship of the natural world.

The desire to protect and maintain the environment around us is understandable and becoming more and more critical as it squares up against the myriad of threats: habitat fragmentation, species loss, feral pest plants and animals, urban encroachment



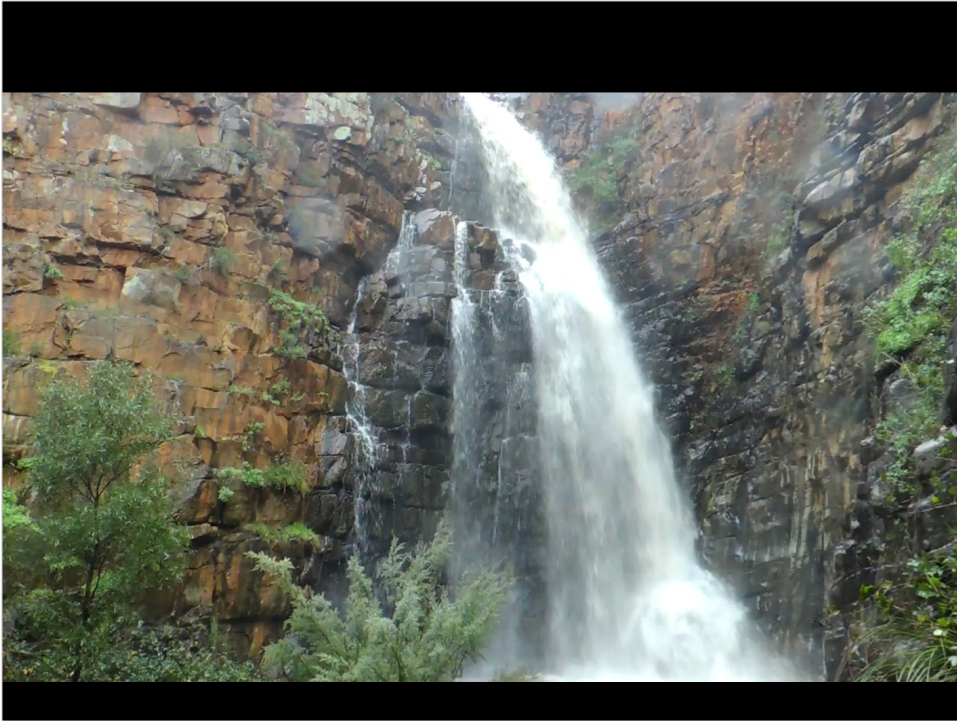
2 June 2013, planting day at Morialta. Special thanks to the Climbing Club of SA, the Athelstone Kiwanis Coral Marsden, our liaison ranger at the time and Liz and Garth.



30 June 2013, more work on the Erica at
Ambers Gully in Black Hill Conservation Park



13 July, special working bee attacking Erica and Boneseed at the Ghost Tree Gully site in Black Hill Conservation Park. Special thanks to Reg Clark for organising this and being patient with all the reschedules!



It rained! Such a difference to the parks, and of course the weeds!



8 September we participated in another Major Day Out event. We are really seeing the progress being made in the 4th Creek project site now as the nasturtiums are being pushed back down the creek towards the entrance.



In September, we found an orchid, not on our plant list, *Microtis nashii*, but it seems that more work needs to be done in resolving these orchids at a species level.



The attack on Chinckerinchee in Horsnell Gully CP is showing signs of progress. Thanks to the great work of all those involved including the scouts.



Pylon Track project site continues to be a special and wondrous place to visit and work in.

While these are vine moths, I still had to add them to the presentation, as they were part of the experience of the day!



The Australian hollyhock the friends planted in the 4th Creek project site is flowering for the first time.



Coming up will no doubt see a lot more effort and results in our project sites, tension and anxiety about next years burns in the parks. Issues around health and safety legislation, challenges about land been added or removed from the Parks.

Then there is the issue of funding or DEWNR and where the environment sits on the political agenda. With State elections coming up, we all have an opportunity to ask our local members where they stand on these issues and what they are proposing to do should they be elected. But we need to thank and acknowledge David Paton for raising the issue in the media, to try to get this on the political agenda this election.



And hopefully we can find enjoyment and satisfaction along the way!

Merry Christmas everyone and thank you on behalf of the committee to everyone who has supported the work of the Friends this year, especially our long suffering liaison rangers, Coral Marsden and Tammy Leggett who get so much of the frustration of the committee poured out on them but also and no less significantly, our friends in ARPA, the Climbing Club of SA, the Lions Club, and the Athelstone Kiwanis.

I shall not be standing for re-election as president this year. I have been doing it for 8 years and it is time for some new blood in that role and would like to express my

