

Presidents Report presented at AGM November 2014

It has been a very busy year with a lot of changes. At this AGM I would like to go through what I see as some of the more significant events.

Liz Milner was awarded with the Quiet Achiever Award 2014 at the Norton Summit Resource Centre.

The committee instigated the process of considering whether it was time to come up with a new logo to reflect a more modern image while respecting the original design and the history associated with it.



Fourth Creek

We once again linked up with the national Bushcare and held our own Major Day Event.

The main emphasis of the events is to raise community awareness of conservation values of parks.

This year we had a focus on restoring riparian habitats for the frogs. Also the major infestation of nasturtians was once again attached.

To attract younger family participants we had a presentation of the local frogs and luckily one was found on cue!!!

Join us for

Bushcare's Major Day Out

Join experienced Bushcarers and those who've never tried Bushcare before. Help us rid our frog habitat of weeds along the creek and help our native plantings put in for the frogs to thrive.

09.00am to 12.00pm
Sunday 31st August 2014

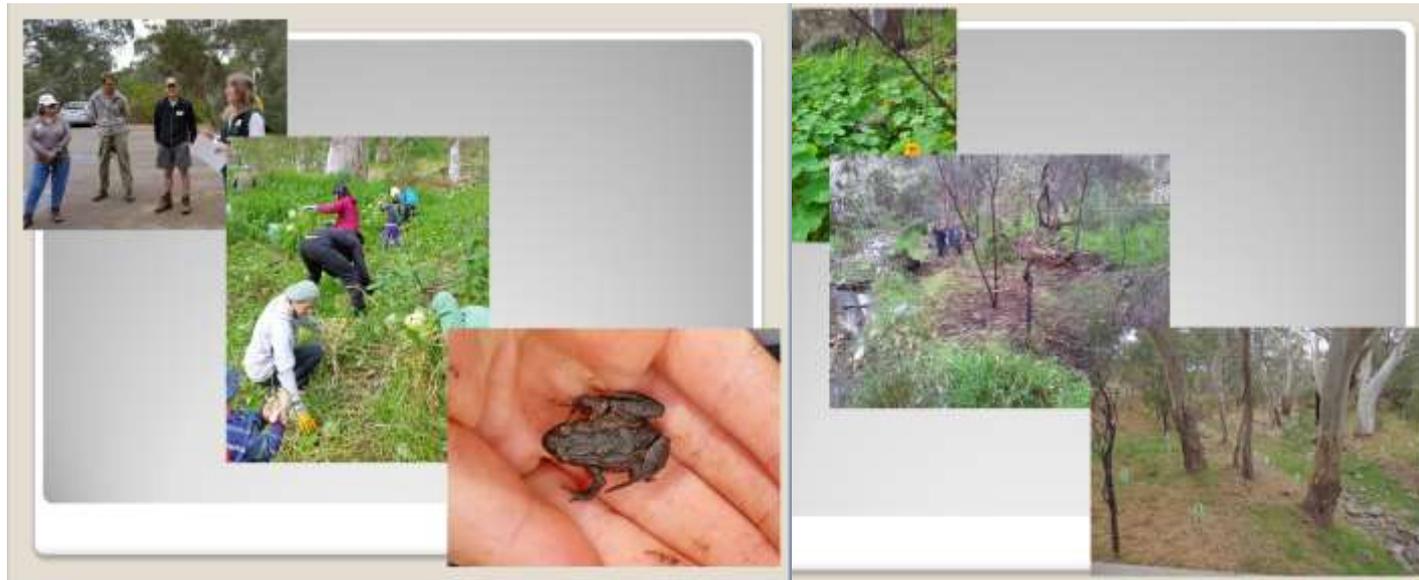
Morialta Conservation Park

Resource Centre Car Park,
Morialta Falls Road, Woodforde

Morning Tea provided. Bring a hat and wear sturdy shoes. Tools and gloves will be provided by the Friends of Black Hill and Morialta. The Kiwanis Club of Athelstone will be cooking up a sausage sizzle lunch.

Friends of Black Hill & Morialta Inc. RSVP by 29th August, to Liz Milner at 4thcreek@fobhm.org www.fobhm.org

This year we saw another 150 planting into the 4th creek area as well as the ordering of plants for next year.



ARPA Project Site

Sadly this year so the end of ARPA's involvement with the Morialta creek area after 25 years.

The Project started in 1989 and will continue mainly in a monitoring role. Since 1989 over 4,000 local trees have been grown and planted.

Also massive amounts of rubbish and introduced weed were removed from the project site.



Horsnell Gully



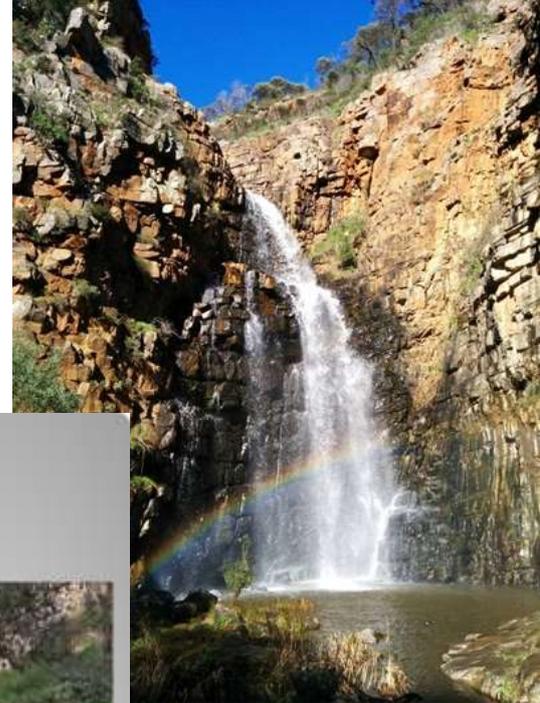
This year so further consolidation of the work carried out on previous years as well additional plantings into recently cleared areas.

Also Carolyn and Dennis attacked a major *Ornithogalum thyrsoides*, (chinkerinchee) infestation that had broken out at the top of the project site.



First Falls New Project Site

Work continued with the new project site setup by Liz Milner. A regular group of volunteers turns up on Wednesday mornings to continue this work. One of the major accomplishments this year was breaking through a large black berry infestation.



Morialta Celebrates – 100th Centenary

A massive amount of planning and work has already gone into the events to be staged in what will be a very special year for Morialta – 100 years after it was declared a recreational park!

An organising sub-committee has been set up with Liz, John and Ann.

The main emphasis of the events is to raise community awareness of conservation values of parks.

To date events planned include:

- Historic images exhibition collecting and sorting through 100's of images from public archives and DEWNR. A selection of twenty of these images will be framed and be available for sponsorship.
- Planting day along fourth creek
- Major day out bush care day
- Bioblitz event with the University of SA
- Picnic in the park
- Centenary web site

