



AGM – FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2024

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Call for members to nominate for the Friends of V-GRNP Committee - especially for the vacant Secretary position.

The Friends of VGRNP Committee have for some time been without a Secretary to manage correspondence and other Secretarial duties in relation to the groups' activities. You may wonder how we have been operating without a committee member who is designated as Secretary. Well, the answer is that the role is not arduous, now that most of our business is conducted on-line via electronic communications – even our committee meetings! So the duties have been performed by other people on the committee as and when required.

Well then, do we need a secretary? Yes – it is important for the Committee to share responsibilities in supporting the group on behalf of our members and the position is one of four Office Bearer positions stated in our Constitution. It is also useful to have a few people with an overall knowledge of what is going on across various aspects of the groups' activities. Being on the committee is a chance to be involved in something that interests you and with people in an organisation that has a track record of getting things done. So, we call on all our members to consider whether you would like to be involved in the Friends of v-GRNP Committee and help build an exciting future for our group.

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GRANT NEWS

The Friends have again been successful in obtaining two grants from the Friends of Parks Small Grants Program 2023/24. We have secured funding of: -

- \$5,000.00 for the production of plant labels for the Balcanoona revegetation plantings, and
- \$4,800.00 for partial fuel reimbursement for vehicle providers for our park visits this year.

Call for a volunteer to lead our Plants Labels Project

Plant-identification labels for trees and shrubs planted by the Friends of V-GRNP for the Re-vegetation project at Balcanoona Headquarters.

We now call for Expressions of Interest from our members to take charge of the production of plant labels. This would involve:

1. Finalising the list of Common/Adnyamathanha/Scientific names that would be on the labels (we have a list of almost final names).
2. Finalising the list of plants at Balcanoona for which labels are required and the number of each variety. (This could be done by the members attending Balcanoona in April with assistance of the Rangers).
3. Liaising with a commercial firm that would produce the labels (we have a suggested supplier in Pt Augusta).
4. Purchasing aluminium rod and making of stakes, and a person or people to physically attach the labels onto stakes as required.
5. Locating the labels in the ground adjacent to the appropriate plants.
6. Reporting to the Committee on progress with the grant funds expenditure.

If you are willing to be the person to drive this, please contact Martin Caon (m.caon56@gmail.com or 0415 108 807).

BELOW - DEW STYLE OF LABEL AND STAKES FOR BALCANOONA



The Copley Botanic Garden

The **Botanic Garden** is adjacent to the toilets at the southern end of the town. Members attending a working visit might stop and wander around the garden, and perhaps try their luck on the exercise equipment by the new picnic area under the big tree.

The Copley Community Garden (CCG)

The **Community Garden** is situated on the western side of the town. Turn left at the MOGAS servo then right on West Tce. Drop by and introduce yourself to Ron Johnston, he'll be pleased to see you. The Friends and the CCG have been propagating seedlings for use in the V-GRNP, Copley and nearby pastoral properties. Photos of the large propagating building and the extensive community garden.



Friends of Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park Inc.

2024 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

The Friends have full program again this year with four working bees planned during the coming months –

Weetootla – 19-26 April and August 25 to 1 Sept. and

Balcanoona – April 26 to May 3 and August 18 - 25.

AGM – Friday 22nd March at Fullarton Park Community Centre.

To participate in the working-bees members must be financial, so you are reminded that your 2024 membership subscription is due and payable.

The Bank Account is: -

Bank SA - BSB 105-078 Acc. No. 053063140.

Please include your last name as reference, or post a cheque payable to the Friends of Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park Inc. to 2/17 Waite Street Blackwood SA 5051.

To be covered by our insurance whilst participating in our working bees members must be financial. The Friends constitution does not provide a Family Membership, so if both members (spouses/partners) from the same household intend to participate in the working bees it is necessary that a payment of \$30.00 so that both members are covered by our insurance. Our membership fee is \$20.00; to enable the second person from the same household to participate a discounted amount of \$10.00 will cover that person.

Individual membership fee is \$20.00 per annum.

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