

Friends of the Simpson Desert Parks



Working Bee - 2017

Members are invited to participate in the working bee during the period from:

Monday May 22nd to Wednesday May 31st inclusive.

Please join us in working on a diverse program of park development and maintenance, desert track infrastructure, biodiversity surveys and weed control. Projects will be located at Algebucknia Bridge, Witjira National Park and the Simpson Desert areas.

Due to the cancellation of the 2016 working bee because of the unseasonable rains the 2016, projects have been brought forward to the 2017. Where possible we will complete those projects and if possible look to several other projects depending on the number of members attending the working bee.

Projects currently being developed include:

Algebucknia Bridge

Maintenance on walkway.

Witjira National Park / Dalhousie Spring Campground:

Create a concrete pathway from benches to the new steps leading into the Dalhousie Springs.

Installation of decking on all walking bridges leading to the springs steps.

Remove existing star dropper and wire and replace them with bollards and cable.

Remove and mulch vegetation from fence lines within the Dalhousie campground.

Re visit and monitor revegetation sites and photo points.

Install new dripper line and plant trees around the existing workshop area.

Continue the maintenance program to irrigation system throughout campground.

Identify regrowth of Date palms at Dalhousie Springs and the ruins and surrounding areas.

Install three pre fabricated work shelters.

Simpson Desert:

Leave from Birdsville and carryout small maintenance projects and re visit photo points to monitor vehicle damage to the tracks and vegetation.

Members proposing to attend need to keep in mind the following:

- Plan to arrive at Dalhousie by Sunday evening 21st May for welcome drink and nibbles (BYO).
- On Monday morning there will be an Occupational Health & Safety briefing for all.
- Please be fully self-sufficient for camping equipment and provisions. Additional drinking water is available at 3 O' Clock Creek (about 13kms away on the Mt Dare track). Nearest fuel is available at Oodnadatta or Mt Dare.
- Ensure your vehicle is in first class mechanical condition and you are carrying appropriate tools and recovery equipment. Even if you can't use them; someone can help.
- You need a CB Radio to keep in touch.

All participants will receive the Desert Park Passes. At this time a SA Government grants application has been submitted to assist with work related expenses for the working bee. As in the past, DEWNR will demonstrate their appreciation by providing a barbeque upon completion of the working bee at Dalhousie Springs on Wednesday the 31st May.

Please return the attached registration slip as early as possible to assist in the planning process to.

Bill Dwyer Working bee co-ordinator

REGISTRATION FORM

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Name/s:

No. of Adults

Address:Post Code

Phone Bus: After hrs: Mobile:

Satellite Phone: Email:

I /we are available for the full period. / If No, supply date leaving

Vehicle Make Model Year of manufacture

Vehicle Registration No: Fuel type Petrol - Diesel

I wish to travel to start point in convoy?

I can carry extra passenger / s If Yes Number?

I / We have a current Senior First Aid Certificate Expiry date.....

CB Radio HF Radio Selcall No

HF Radio association or club:

Working glove size X large..... Large Medium SMALL

Signed: Date:

FOR MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN ON A WORKING BEE.

Please complete the following:

I have had previous experience in driving in remote outback areas? **Yes / No**

I have had previous experience in sand dune driving? **Yes / No**

My vehicle is maintained and equipped for severe driving conditions? **Yes / No**

I carry basic recovery equipment, i.e. tool kit, snatch strap, tyre pump and shovel? **Yes / No**

I carry additional spare wheel, or tyre, plus tube, repair kit and tools? **Yes / No**

My vehicle is fitted with a UHF radio? **Yes / No**