

Friends of the Simpson Desert Parks Working Bee - 2019



Monday 20th to Wednesday 29th May inclusive.

Please join us in working on a diverse program of park development and maintenance, desert track infrastructure, biodiversity surveys and weed control. Projects are within the current three year working plan approved by the Witjira Co Management Board, Department of Environment and Water, in conjunction with FOS. Our projects will be located within the Witjira National Park and the Simpson Desert and surrounding areas.

With the construction of the new Department of Environment and Water works compound at Dalhousie Campgrounds, FOS will next year look to establish a new work shed and storage facility to house our BBQ, Heaters and assorted equipment accumulated over the past decades of working with the Traditional owners and the Department of Environment and Water Rangers.

Projects currently being developed include:

Witjira National Park / Dalhousie Spring Campground:

Due to birds devastating this year's planting program of over 500 Old Man Salt bush plants, we will attempt to develop a new protection method and re-plant.

Remove existing star droppers and wire, and replace them with bollards and cable.

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

Continue the maintenance program on the irrigation system throughout the campground.

Identification and removal of regrowth of small Date Palms at Dalhousie Springs, Dalhousie Ruins and surrounding areas.

Revisit the area that the members this year poisoned Buffel grass and expand the treated area.

Construct a 10m x 6m work shed and storage facility within the DEW works compound.

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

- Camp area for members will be located near the old workshop sheds and Kitchen.
- Access to a heated shower and toilet is limited.
- Plan to arrive at Dalhousie by Sunday evening 19th May for welcome drink and nibbles (BYO).
- On Monday morning there will be a Welcome to Country Ceremony and a 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.
- You need a CB Radio to keep in touch.

All participants will receive the Desert Park Pass.

Applications has been made to the Australian Government Community Grants Program and the SA Government Community Grants Program to assist with the purchase of a shed and the associated cost of working in one of South Australia's most remote parks. As in the past, DEWNR will demonstrate their appreciation by providing a BBQ at Dalhousie Springs.

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

Monday 20th through to Wednesday 29th May

Bill Dwyer Working Bee coordinator

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Home (08) 83365561 Mobile: 0434072867

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..... MediumSMALL

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**