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Ecologist's Report**

**2008-2009    Annual  
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NCSSA major  
concerns include

- Native vegetation, threatened species and habitats
- Protecting all forms of life (biodiversity) on land and in the oceans
- Park dedication, management and legislation
- Education about biodiversity to all sections of the community
- Cooperation with other conservation groups

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## Around NCSSA

### New Management Committee

Congratulations to our new Management Committee who were elected at our recent Annual General Meeting in September.

A number of our previous committee renominated for the coming year; Helen Vonow (President), Katie Fels (Vice President), Susan Graham (Secretary), Richard Winkler (Treasurer), Caroline Taylor (Assistant Secretary), Ben Taylor, Nicole Lewis, Hugh Kneebone, Nerissa Haby and Andrew Crompton. Participation on the NCSSA management committee requires a high level of commitment in terms of time and effort and we would like to congratulate the above NCSSA members on the excellent work they perform in running our organisation. Each individual named above also has pressing work and personal commitments and this highlights their dedication to the preservation of our state's biodiversity.

Welcome to new general committee members, Susan Gehrig and Robert Lawrence. We look forward to working with them this coming year.

Much appreciation goes to outgoing committee member Tina Bentz for all her work over the past year, particularly on the Activities sub-committee.

### Reeves Plains Survey

The annual volunteer survey for 2009 has been completed. On the weekend of 19-20 September, NCSSA volunteers surveyed eight patches of remnant vegetation on Reeves Plains (west of Gawler) using standard Biological Survey of South Australia methodology.

Several other sites were also opportunistically surveyed for flora. The data gathered will contribute greatly to our knowledge of this poorly known area, particularly given the known threat posed by sand mining. Many thanks to the volunteers who participated across the two days, and Meg Robertson for co-ordinating the survey.

### Annual National Parks Australia Council Meeting

The NCSSA and National Parks Associations (NPA) from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and the ACT, form the National Parks Australia Council. This national body meets once per year for an AGM and to discuss key issues and strategies for the coming year. This year's meeting in Sydney on 19-20 September was attended by Tim Milne. Key issues identified by the members of the Council for collaboration in the next year included tourism in Parks, and fire management.

The NSW NPA also arranged for Peter Garrett, the Federal Minister for the Environment, to attend for one hour for an informal discussion of the National Parks system. We were all in broad agreement that Parks are the backbone of the National Reserve System, and that they provide tremendous opportunities to improve community attitudes to conservation. The NPAC iterated that increasing these opportunities should not negatively impact on the core conservation values for which Parks were created.

## NCSSA people

### Management Committee

*President* Helen Vonow  
*Vice-President* Katie Fels  
*Secretary* Susan Graham  
*Assistant Secretary* Caroline Taylor  
*Treasurer* Richard Winkler

### General committee

Ben Taylor, Nicole Lewis, Hugh Kneebone, Nerissa Haby, Andrew Crompton, Robert Lawrence and Susan Gehrig

### Staff

*Conservation Ecologists* Tim Milne and Anthelia Bond  
*Administrative Manager* Elizabeth Lonie  
*Project Manager* Tim Milne  
*Temperate Woodland Campaigner* Penny Paton  
*Threatened Plant Action Group Coordinator* Tim Jury  
*MLR Woodland Bird Survey Coordinator* Tina Bentz  
*2008 Tothills Survey* Georgina Mollison  
*2009 Reeves Plains survey coordinator* Meg Robertson  
*Database & Website Project Officer* Lesley Parton  
Other ongoing project staff: Bill New, Kerry Gilkes

### Regular volunteers

Sara Boulton - *Activities sub-committee*  
Max Possingham - *Membership database*  
Keith Lloyd - *General office support and library*

## Conservation Ecologist's Report:

### Trails development in the reserve system

Cleland Conservation Park was the next in the path of the Trails Master Plan rollout. While we support the vision of the Cleland CP Trails Master Plan to expand public awareness and appreciation for the environment we are dismayed to find, yet again, that inadequate consideration has been given to conservation objectives and the threats posed by trails development. We have no confidence in the impact assessment process, as it falls far short of the rigorous, evidence-based, objective standard we expect and demand for our public reserves system. We are also gravely concerned about the recommendation to review cycling access to the park (that is, allow cycling in the park) as this recommendation is made on the basis of subjectively interpreted, unverified evidence. Opportunities for community/public engagement and biodiversity education could be better identified and addressed by the Plan and we have offered to assist to develop these further.

We have also provided additional feedback on the Belair Trails Master Plan, provided advice to improve DEH's risk/impact assessment process, and bravely promoted biodiversity conservation values at a recent Trails Forum.

### Planning the Adelaide WE ALL WANT

The State Government has put forward a 30 year plan for greater Adelaide, under the bold claim that it is 'planning the Adelaide we all want'. Public comment on the plan closed on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2009. The plan is available to download from this website: <http://www.dplg.sa.gov.au/plan4adelaide/html/plan.cfm>

Very little biodiversity information is given in the plan and we fear that major urban expansion is likely to have severe consequences for biodiversity. Many thanks to Andrew Crompton who prepared a great submission on the plan.

### Moores Road update

You may remember reading in the previous edition of *Xanthopus* that roadside vegetation and associated threatened species in the Moores Road area were under imminent threat from proposed 'grooming' for bushfire management. Concerned local residents in the Cherryville/Norton Summit area are forming a Landcare group to be called the Friends of Moores Road. This group has begun working with the Country Fire Service and the Adelaide Hills Council to develop a site specific management plan for the roadside vegetation along Moores Road and upper Colonial Drive. Its a great step towards establishing roadside vegetation management based on good science, due process, and cooperation between stakeholders and we send our congratulations to the Friends of Moores Road.

### Olympic Dam Expansion EIS – Where is the genuine commitment to biodiversity?

The winter issue of *Xanthopus* 2009 (Volume 27 Part 2) summarised our concerns with the tailings dams detailed in the proposed Olympic Dam Expansion Environmental Impact Statement. We have now evaluated the whole document, and note that the scale and extent of negative environmental impacts imposed by this development is unparalleled, but the evidence provided in the EIS to describe, quantify and evaluate these impacts is weak and patchy.

We were also extremely disappointed with the approach taken to biodiversity protection and management throughout the document – whilst some token efforts are flagged to reduce impacts, there is no commitment to voluntarily create any non-compulsory environmental benefits to offset the monumental and far reaching impacts of the mine. This is at odds with the biodiversity commitments made by BHP Billiton (BHPB) in 2007/08, including the commitment to:

*"Manage our projects, operations and activities in a manner that supports and encourages positive biodiversity outcomes "*

Under the proposal, 17,267 hectares of vegetation will be cleared with proposed native vegetation offsets of 128,278 hectares. There is no detail provided of how these offset areas will be managed in perpetuity to deliver an environmental benefit. If these areas are not currently utilized for stock grazing, they are already protected from this use under legislation and therefore no benefit can be achieved without additional management commitments.

We request BHPB release details of current land management in the proposed offset areas, to allow for an evidence based evaluation of the true environmental benefits that will be achieved in these areas.

A simple calculation of the number of animals that will be killed by this habitat destruction provides a more comprehensive understanding of the true impacts of the proposed expansion, and reveals the mediocrity of the current proposed offset.

**Anthelia Bond and Tim Milne**

NCSSA Conservation Ecologists

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get a grip

## HANDS ON ACTIVITIES FOR MEMBERS

### Upcoming activities of the Threatened Plant Action Group (TPAG)

Come and be involved in some **hands-on** action to help threatened plants and vegetation communities recover with the Threatened Plant Action Group.

Most working bees are in the morning, generally from 9.30am onwards, with training and some tools provided on the day. Please dress sun-smart, wear a hat and sturdy footwear. Everyone welcome. Working bees over the next few months are on the following dates:

#### Millbrook Reservoir

**Every Tuesday**

Come help with the management and restoration of grassy Red gum - Blue gum Woodlands that are habitat for threatened orchids and herbs like *Caladenia rigida*, *Glycine latrobeana* and *Diuris behrii*.

#### Knott Hill, Kuitpo Forest

**Friday October 16**

*Thelymitra cyanapicata* — Help with monitoring and weed control

#### Belair National Park

**Saturday October 11**

Pitch in by joining efforts to protect and restore habitat for the Leafy greenhood orchid (*Pterostylis cucullata*) at Belair NP. Share in the action by doing a morning's work amongst beautiful Manna Gum woodland.

#### Pine Point, Yorke Peninsula

**Weekend of October 24 & 25**

Join in the planting and weeding on these weekend trips to restore habitat for *Acacia rheticarpa*.

**Dates are subject to change due to weather and seasonal factors  
so to volunteer or for further information  
please contact Tim Jury on 08 7127 4166 or [tpag@ncssa.asn.au](mailto:tpag@ncssa.asn.au)**

### Native Plant Propagation Workshop—Farrell Flat, Sunday 18th October

*Workshop instructors:*

**Dave Potter** — member of Trees For Life since 1983 and director of the Mid North Plant Diversity Nursery at Blythe for the past 7 years

**Anne Brown** — revegetation specialist with Greening Australia for the past 12 years

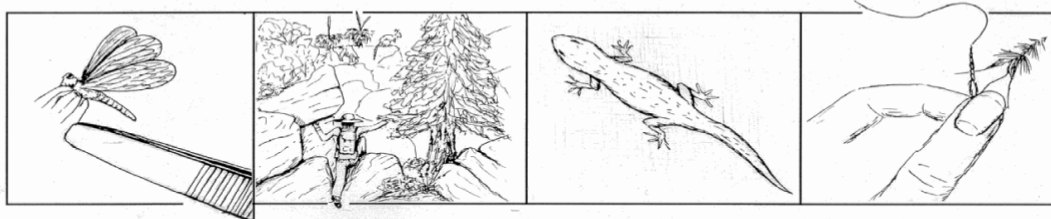
The workshop will be followed by a **PANEL DISCUSSION: The challenge of direct seeding and planting tubestock in broadacre or conservation sites**; with a special emphasis on native grasses and plants of the North Mount Lofty Ranges and Southern Flinders areas.

**Venue:** At Gally's, Patterson Terrace, Farrell Flat (approximately half-way between Clare and Burra)

**Cost** (includes lunch and morning and afternoon tea): Individual \$25.00 Family \$40.00

Register your interest to attend as soon as possible as places are limited by phoning Bob Lamb on 8581 8255 or email Maureen at [wright2@chariot.net.au](mailto:wright2@chariot.net.au)

**The Native Plant Propagation Workshop is an activity of the Friends of Burra Parks**



# 2008-09 ANNUAL REPORT

## NATURE CONSERVATION SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA



### Achievements this year:

- We are continuing to make a significant contribution to biodiversity conservation in this state by means of our advocacy, collaborative biodiversity research and practical actions to protect biodiversity
- We provide a major educational contribution to the community with NCSSA staff delivering workshops to the public and community groups on various flora and fauna topics, and the Bushland Condition Monitoring methodology
- The publication of two new Bushland Condition Monitoring manuals ~ for Eyre Peninsula and the SA Murray Darling Basin ~ allows for an even wider application of this resource to allow community and professionals to score and monitor the condition of their native vegetation
- Running topical and interesting general meetings with talks on current conservation issues. The talks on *Desalination in SA* and *Stormwater harvesting and water security in the Adelaide region* were of particular public interest
- Success in securing funding and winning competitive grants for NCSSA's core areas of research, education and on-ground work
- Funding field research for three student projects through our NCSSA Conservation Biology Grant

Helen Vonow  
President

September 2009



## About the Nature Conservation Society of South Australia

The Nature Conservation Society of South Australia is a not-for profit voluntary conservation organisation working to understand and protect habitat, flora and fauna, particularly of South Australia.

The NCSSA has a history of over forty years as a leader in advocacy for the environment and is a respected source of scientific information and informed comment on the biodiversity of South Australia.

One of the primary objectives of the NCSSA is to “*foster the conservation of the State’s wildlife and natural habitats*”, and the Society has taken action on many varied environmental issues since its formation in 1963.

Our activities include:

- protecting and managing habitats, particularly native vegetation
- researching threatened species and habitats
- working to ensure adequate park dedication, management and legislation
- educating the community and all tiers of government, and
- cooperating with other conservation groups and land managers



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## 2008-2009 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE & STAFF

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**Temperate Woodland Campaigner** Penny Paton

**Eastern Flanks Grassy Ecosystems Officer** Bill New

**Bushland Condition Monitoring Manual Trainer** Janet Pedler

**MLR Woodland Bird Survey Coordinator** Tina Bentz and Bill New

**2008 Tothills Survey** Georgina Mollison

**Mokota Vegetation Survey** Meg Robertson

**Database & Website Project Officer** Lesley Parton

**SE Cemeteries project** Kerry Gilkes

Our part-time Scientific Officer position augments the work of the NCSSA committee in our biodiversity advocacy role.

Georgina Mollison was our Scientific Officer until January 2009, but whilst on parenting leave her position is being shared between Annie Bond and Tim Milne.

Key areas of input include nature conservation and biodiversity protection, public land and sustainable natural resource management and natural heritage conservation.

In the last year we have:

- Presented at the independent review of the EPBC Act, bringing our unique South Australian community perspective based on our first hand experiences. We highlighted opportunities to improve transparency and accountability and support for community engagement
- Provided a submission, and written articles for both *Xanthopus* and the *Ecological Society of Australia* newsletter on the EIS for the Olympic Dam expansion. The scale of the proposed expansion is monumental and the breadth of potential environmental impacts is unrivalled
- Given comment on Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy 2010-2020 (draft) promoting the need for a strategy which truthfully recognizes the current situation and our obligations and responsibilities and provides a practical framework under which collaborative action can be taken
- Reviewed Natural Resource Management Plans for the Eyre Peninsula and SA Murray Darling Basin, highlighting opportunities to improve the way biodiversity is protected and managed
- Reviewed draft plans for trails development in Belair NP and Flinders Ranges NP, and provided comment on the development of DEH's visitor, recreation and tourism policy. We argued that the protection and management of biodiversity should be given foremost consideration in planning recreational use of reserves
- Supported the proposed Marine Parks Outer Boundaries proposal, but advocated for a policy commitment to the conservation sector including commitments to: 10% of all marine habitat types under full no-take protection, involvement of the conservation sector in developing the regulations that will define suitable activities and uses of the four marine park zones, involvement of the conservation sector in defining the boundaries of the four different zone types, and adequate resourcing to ensure that Marine Protected Areas are properly maintained and managed
- With local native flora experts we have assisted Adelaide City Council to recognize significant remnant habitat in Victoria Park. We are still working to help gain adequate protection for this unique and historic site
- Advocated for the closure of the duck hunting season to DEH and National Parks and Wildlife Council based on the best available scientific evidence
- Assisted the Conservation Council of SA to develop a biodiversity policy blue print
- Continued to advocate for the protection of the last remaining natural wetland system in the Upper South East from inappropriate drainage, including organising a tour of the wetlands with local landholders and Mark Parnell Greens MLC
- Continued to provide advice on the impact of climate change on biodiversity. We contributed to a workshop in Canberra on the effect of climate change on grassy ecosystems
- Met with the Minister on three occasions to discuss key biodiversity issues including those highlighted above



Photo by Mark Hutchinson

## RESEARCHING

## MOUNT LOFTY RANGES WOODLAND BIRDS SURVEY

The Mount Lofty Ranges Woodland Bird Monitoring Program is a long-term project initiated by Professor Hugh Possingham from the University of Queensland that has been running since 1999. The Program aims to assess the evidence for declines in woodland birds through repeated surveys of sites throughout the Mount Lofty Ranges.

Survey data is gathered from September to December annually, dependent upon funding. The Nature Conservation Society of SA manages and coordinates the survey as well as securing funding for the project.

Each site is independently surveyed 3 times per year using the Bird Atlas' 2ha/20min methodology.

During the spring and summer of 2008, 163 sites were surveyed by nine different surveyors. A total of 5543 bird records were documented.

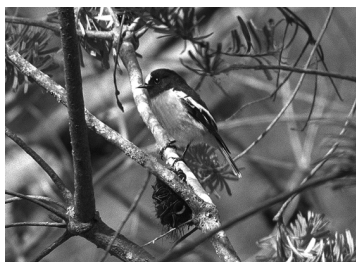


Photo by Brian Furby

Within these data, a total of 89 species were identified (83 native, 6 introduced); and of the native species 8 were of conservation concern in SA.

With nine years of data collated we are just getting to a point where significant changes, if they are occurring, should be discernable in common and moderately common species like the Crescent Honeyeater or Scarlet Robin.

Ongoing funding for this project has been provided by the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board.

## CONSERVATION BIOLOGY GRANT

Each year we offer honours and post-graduate students the opportunity to apply for grant funding of up to \$1000 to support their research into aspects of conservation biology.

Funds are available for research which is aimed at:

- improving understanding of the conservation status of species or ecological communities
- providing recommendations for improvement of some aspect of biodiversity conservation
- understanding the ecology of species or communities, and
- understanding threats to biodiversity and management of those threats.

This year we funded the following research projects:

*Vicki Thomson - University of Adelaide*  
Diet analysis and phylogeographic structure of the locally extinct Ghost Bat *Macroderma gigas* of southern Australia

*Jessica Newton - Flinders University of SA*  
Fire as a management tool for the restoration of senescent plant communities: with particular reference to the reestablishment of insect-animal interactions after burns

*Laura Falkenberg University of Adelaide*  
Interactions between global- and local-scale stressors: consequences for marine assemblages of rocky temperate coasts



Previous grant project: Flinders Ranges scorpion. Photo by Jennifer Munro

## MOKOTA VEGETATION STUDY

In the past six years, NCSSA has been monitoring ecosystem response to the removal of grazing from the critically endangered Irongrass grassland at Mokota Conservation Park. This work has been done in partnership with the University of Adelaide and the Department of Environment and Heritage, with Meg Robertson as project officer.

Funding for this project in recent years has been obtained through the Native Vegetation Research Grant scheme, Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation.

We have obtained further funding to continue the survey in Spring 2009.

## BUSHLAND CONDITION MONITORING

The Bushland Condition Monitoring project provides training and resources to allow community and professionals to score and monitor the condition of native vegetation. Field observations are made on ten condition indicators that are scored regularly. These indicators are measurable and dynamic attributes of bushland. They demonstrate how the bushland is changing, the magnitude of changes, and whether the condition or health of the bushland is improving, deteriorating or remaining stable. The resultant suite of observations is then compared to a set of Vegetation Community specific Condition Benchmarks developed for each region by NCSSA.

In the past year the writing team of Janet Pedler, Sonia Croft and Tim Milne have published two new Monitoring Manuals: "The Bushland Condition Monitoring Manual: Eyre Peninsula" and "The Bushland Condition Monitoring Manual: Murray Darling Basin South Australia". This brings the number of Manuals written to four.

We have continued to develop a database to store and report Bushland Condition Monitoring data in collaboration with the Department for Water, Land and Biodiversity



Training at Waitpinga

Conservation. We have worked with the Federal Government and O'Connor NRM to re-assess Bushland Condition Monitoring sites established as part of the *BushBids* program in the eastern parts of the Mount Lofty Ranges.

We have provided two day training workshops to 46 different community members from across the state, including on the Eyre Peninsula, in the Mid North, the Mount Lofty Ranges and in the Murray Darling Basin.

This training introduces attendees to all the major concepts used in the manual including:

- how to choose monitoring sites
  - recognising native and weed plant species
  - estimating projective cover of various plant layers
  - recognising forms of ground cover
  - creating tree map and assessing tree health
  - assessing signs of feral animals
  - assessing grazing activity
  - scoring and interpreting each indicator
- recognising vegetation associations
  - estimating projective canopy cover

These workshops not only introduce people to the monitoring method, but have also been demonstrated through evaluation to significantly build attendee's understanding of the function of their local ecosystems.

Support for this project has been provided by the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resource Management Board, the Eyre Peninsula Natural Resource Management Board, and the South Australian Murray Darling Basin Natural Resource Management Board.



Drawing by Janet Pedler

INFLUENCING

## THREATENED PLANT ACTION GROUP (TPAG)

TPAG continued with recovery and habitat restoration work throughout South Australia's fragmented agricultural regions for around 60 threatened plant species and six threatened ecological communities.

Over 3500 hours of work by more than 50 volunteers was contributed toward protecting and improving the condition of critical habitat at around 50 sites, equivalent to an in-kind contribution in excess of \$100,000. These sites are spread across the agricultural regions of the state, including Yorke Peninsula, the Mid North, the Mount Lofty Ranges, the Murray Darling Basin and Kangaroo Island.

Implemented recovery

actions included: Abatement of weed and feral herbivore threats; fencing to protect habitat; plant population censuses; vegetation surveys; tube-stock revegetation; stakeholder liaison; and public education.

Effective working partnerships with landholders, environmental agencies and other community groups continue to develop.

Working bees and field days continue to be highly productive with some excellent returns gained from actions undertaken to restore threatened plant habitats.

TPAG continue to make a real

and tangible difference in improving habitat condition and in-situ conservation prospects for South Australia's threatened flora.

Our thanks to Tim Jury for his continued outstanding contribution to the Threatened Plant Action Group through his role as Program Coordinator.



## BIOLOGICAL SURVEY of the TOTHILL RANGES

The 2008 NCSSA Volunteer survey was of the Tothill Ranges in the Mid North.

The Tothill Ranges is a low range (up to 650m above sea level) running 15km south-north, north-east of Marrabel.

The Ranges sit on the eastern edge of the Northern Agricultural area, the western edge of the Murray Darling Basin near Hopkins Creek Conservation Park and are less than 80 km SE of the Southern Flinders.

The Tothills contain the largest area of remnant vegetation in the Northern & Yorke Natural Resources Management region that is outside the formal reserve system.

The Ranges are recognised in the "Biodiversity Plan for the Northern Agricultural Districts of SA" as a "Threatened Habitat Area". Although there had been some documentation of flora and fauna on these holdings there had never been a comprehensive survey

carried out of the whole range. This survey aimed to provide information crucial to the understanding and ongoing monitoring and management of this area.

Over 30 volunteers helped across twelve days to survey the flora and fauna of sixteen sites.

The results obtained demonstrate the importance of the Tothill Ranges to the biodiversity of the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management region. **75** different vertebrate species were confirmed to use the Tothill Ranges as habitat, and over **180** different plant species were confirmed. Eight vascular plants and seven vertebrates were found to be of State or National conservation significance.

All survey data has been entered onto the Biological Survey database managed by the Department for Environment and Heritage. Financial support for this survey was provided by the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board.



## PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

Our general meetings are held bi-monthly and are open to both members and the general public.

The meetings usually involve an update on current issues that we are working on, and any general business of the organisation, followed by a talk from a guest speaker who is invited to discuss an environmental topic of current interest.

Over the past year we have run several of our meetings in partnership with the *Biology Society of South Australia*. These meetings have been well-attended and interesting and much thanks goes to Joel and Laura from the BSSA and Sara Boulton and our Activities sub-committee for their efforts in organising these meetings.

Talks topics over the 2008-2009 year were:

- *Desalination in South Australia*, with - Milind Kumar and Tara Hage, SA Water; The Adelaide Desalination Project and environmental considerations.
- Jackie Dupavillon, University of Adelaide; Impacts of desalination on the giant Australian cuttlefish.

- Dr. Jochen Kaemph, *Flinders University*; Potential risks of brine accumulation associated with desalination and low flushing gulfs

- Anita Poddar, *BHP Billiton*; Proposed BHP Billiton Desalination plant at Point Lowly.

- *Birds of the Coorong – past, present and future...?* by Dr. Daniel Rogers, *The University of Adelaide*
- *Stormwater harvesting and water security in the Adelaide region* with talks by Richard Clark, *Surface water hydrologist* and Steven Gatti, *Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM Board*
- *Discovering Australia's Reptile Diversity* Mark Hutchinson, SA Museum
- *Conservation Medicine – monitoring the health and disease status of wildlife in Australia* Dr. Wayne Boardman, Zoos South Australia

- *The Woodland Recovery Initiative; securing biodiversity in the Mount Lofty Ranges* Professor David Paton, The University of Adelaide

We would like to express our appreciation to all those who spoke at the above meetings.

In addition to our general meetings we also run training workshops for land managers and the community. Some topics over the past year were:

- *Get to know your local vegetation—basic native plant ID*, held at Finniss and Monarto Conservation Park
- *Understanding habitat requirements of local reptiles and birds*, held at Strathalbyn
- *Habitat, tracks and traces of birds, reptiles and others in the field*, held at Cox's Scrub Conservation Park



## WALKS WITH NATURE

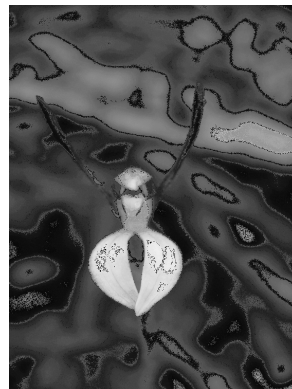
This year our Walks with Nature program was run in conjunction with the Department of Environment and Heritage's *Health Parks, Healthy People* unit.

The walk was highly successful, with approximately 200 members of the public taking part in a range of group bushwalks held at Black Hill Conservation Park and lead by experienced local biologists

and botanists.

Many walkers stayed to share each other's company for lunch, while being entertained by an excellent local drumming group and dancer.

Georgina Mollison coordinated the walk program this year and her enormous efforts were appreciated by all who attended the fun and educational day.



EDUCATING

# NATURE CONSERVATION SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

## 2008-09 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Statement by the Committee

The accompanying financial report comprising the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss statement and notes attached thereto has been prepared as required by the Associations Incorporations Act 1985 and for distribution to the members.

The Management Committee has determined that the Society is not a reporting entity and therefore that there is no requirement to apply Australian Accounting Standards or other mandatory professional reporting requirements in the preparation of this financial report. They have determined that this financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the accounts.

In the opinion of the Management Committee

1. The accompanying Profit and Loss Statement is drawn up so as to present fairly the operations of the Society for the year ended 30 June 2009.
2. The accompanying Balance Sheet is drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs of the Society as at 30 June 2009.
3. The report has been prepared in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act 1985 and is appropriate to meet the needs of members.
4. The Management Committee has reasonable grounds to believe the Society will pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Signed for and on behalf of the Committee at Adelaide this 1st day of September 2009.



HELEN VONOW  
President



RICHARD WINKLER  
Honorary Treasurer

Please note that the Financial Statements produced here are a précis of the complete documents tabled at the Annual General Meeting. Full copies are available from the NCSSA Office.

## **AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF JUNE 2009**

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2009**

## **AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF JUNE 2009**

# **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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## **Upcoming meetings:**

### **NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday 5th 2009, 6.30pm for 7:00pm start

Speaker and Topic TBA

Benham Lecture Theatre, University of Adelaide

### **END OF YEAR GATHERING**

Friday December 4th, 5:30pm

Venue to be advised

**PLEASE NOTE - OUR NEW OFFICE ADDRESS IS  
260 Franklin Street, Adelaide SA 5000**

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