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Staff Activity Report July 2016

1. 4 more Simply Saltbush books were ordered and posted
2. Site visit to Peter Royals and Meldanda with agricultural consultant Tim Prance to look at native grass sowing
3. Worked on final reports for 2 grant funded projects for Natural Resources SA MDB, posted all supporting documentation on a disk to Kathy Hill
4. Started preparations to become a host organisation for Work for the Dole placements; risk assessments, inductions, activity sheets, met with MMC Heather Caudle to discuss health and safety requirements when volunteers on council property and adapting councils templates to suit our needs. Meeting with Cambrai Area School principal and other staff in relation to WFD placements at Meldanda and a supporting role for the groundsman with a maintenance person
5. Attended Keyneton Open Space community meeting 04/07/16 and Truro's on the 05/07/16
6. Organised a new accountant in the Barossa – Barossa Accounting and Tax Services, our accountant has officially retired and I had the handover of necessary documents on the 29/07/16
7. Processed and paid all required monthly accounts
8. Promoted the Meldanda Reunion to be held on the 11th of September and attended a on ground working group meeting on the 29/07/16
9. Signed grant agreement for SA Country Arts grant we were successful for to build a Bush Stone-curlew visitor shelter at Meldanda
10. Compiled staff monthly report, financial; report and correspondence list, supported monthly committee meeting, paid quarterly sitting fees. Booked in the PS Marion for our upcoming AGM in November
11. Enquired with Ranges to River NRM Group Monique White about assisting us to have a representative from Natural Resources SA MDB– an authorised officer, as this skill set is valuable on our committee like we use to have Neville Schultz
12. Attended an Open Space meeting in Mt Barker on the 08/07/16 to discuss project with project team and consultant
13. Attended new frog app meeting in Mt Barker 08/07/16 with other project officers and wetland staff to have an introduction to the new app and how the upcoming workshops will be run. We can set up a group e.g Devon Downs Wetland Group

14. Meeting with Cambrai Depot manager Mark O'brian to talk about the erosion issue at Blackhill Cemetery and how it can be addressed for long term control, will prioritise a management plan for cemetery as gravestones are becoming uncovered
15. Set up new work plan for current project delivering '*Beyond biodiversity, creating a connected community*- a 12 month project. Have been putting together a new contract to reflect this and the available level of funding for my position, including the project I will be assisting the MMC with. Did an online feral cat survey and forwarded onto the committee as well as an electronic version of the Drift 13/07/16
16. Surveyed reserves around Bowhill/Purnong on the 13/07/16
17. Updated webpage with latest upcoming events including the program for the Cambrai Community Nursery, Change Exchange, FrogWatch, LASA newsletter and managed Facebook Page and promoted other events to the MMC Facebook Page
18. Had a week of leave
19. Meeting with designer Amy Hermann to put in motion several projects, including; a) the development of a logo for Meldanda that we can use on promotional material including some shirts, b) designing 2 new pull up banners that we can use at events for Mid Murray Landcare SA, c) self-guided brochure for Meldanda
20. Prepared material to put up on resources display at the Cambrai Community Library
21. Organised to attend upcoming Progress Association meeting in Swan Reach to start planning the Landcare Project with monies donated from SRDLC
22. Organised venues for upcoming FrogWatch Workshops and promoted event, will have our committee meeting on the same Friday in Mannum, booked our committee meeting at the MMC chambers in Mannum, the committee was happy to change the date.
23. Booked and started organising to host the next LAP Matters Meeting (CARE Team meeting) in Mannum
24. Posted 20 bat packs to community engagement project officer for the Office of Environment and Heritage in NSW which will be distributed to 11 Hunter Councils to engage and inform people about bats and other relevant colleagues in National Parks and Wildlife Services.
25. Irene Bugeja ran a workshop at the nursery on propagation *Olearia pannosa*, and 19/07/16 with 4 people attending. Assisted with Work for Dole preparations.



OFFICE

- attended a "work for the Dote" meeting with Aimee and Irene for future workforce helpers - we gave consideration to risk assessments at the nursery and Meldanda.
- attended a meeting with Tony Hannan to begin preliminary arrangements for our successful Country Arts project. We have renewed the site for the sculptural structure and are addressing council planning requirements.

MELDANDA ~ 60 ltrs of round-up used in Bushgardens and Fire Garden, 6 litres of garlon used on thistles in Grass Nursery Paddock.
Attended x2 Friends of Meldanda mornings where we hoed parts of the walking trails and weeded around plantings.
Several hours spent whippersniping and mowing in various feature gardens, and along driveway and pathways.