



Friends of EcoAction – We appreciate it has been a long time since we communicated but with such a timely, drawn-out Public Parks not Private Playgrounds campaign our committee members were exhausted. We have since regrouped and are providing all our supporters with a much overdue up-date on where our group is at and very importantly the fall out of the PPnotPP campaign.



The past 24 months have seen the Core Group in intensive action, amongst other issues, the SA Government's development approval for luxury accommodation in Flinders Chase NP. A coalition of KI Friends of Parks and EcoAction formed under the banner of Public Parks not Private Playgrounds to challenge this development and as a legal entity with standing, EcoAction took court action against Minister Spiers, the Department of Environment and Water, the Australian Walking Company and the Tasmanian Walking Company as joint defendants.

Over \$100,000 was raised by crowd funding and expended in this court action until a settlement was proposed by the Minister.

As a consequence of the settlement, EcoAction is now represented in the Australian Walking Company design team for the Flinders Chase development to ensure the siting and extent of facilities does comply with the Parks legislation.

The Department of Environment and Water is funding an "environmental dividend" for further conservation works to be managed by EcoAction and members of PPnPP coalition.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2021

Please join us on

Sunday 26 September, 2021 1pm – 5pm

Kangaroo Island Yacht Club
Brownlow Road, Kingscote

Guest speaker: The Hon. Robert Simms MLC, Greens SA

The "world premiere" of the Landcare funded documentary *EcoAction - Recovering KI Wildlife* will be shown.

RSVP at kiecoaction@gmail.com

Conservation Dividend Meeting

A consequence of our court action has been the re-instatement of consultative committees with Parks management in all regions of SA, and a directive from the top of the Department to repair relationships between Parks and local community groups.



2021 SA ENVIRONMENT AWARD - UNSUNG HERO AWARD - ECOACTION
"leading the conservation movement on KI to protect its unique biodiversity and acting as champions for this irreplaceable part of the SA environment"
Congratulations to Bev and Colin – runners up in the Jill Hudson Award

some ISSUES ECOACTION ARE INVOLVED WITH-
Parliamentary inquiry into the NV act and regulations, protection of shore birds on beaches, roadside clearance – proposed plan for Ropers Gums highway expansion, lobbying to prevent Government revoking Marine Parks sanctuary zones, input into the Re-imagine process, submission on the review of apiary in National Parks, pre planning submission – Flinders Chase Management Plan and Fire Management Plan, input into management of pigs, tree planting, Blue Gums

CORE GROUP COMMITTEE MEMBERS –
Fraser Vickery John Matheson Ingereth MacFarlane Deb Laver
Peter Hammond John Hodgson Caroline Paterson

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MEMBERSHIP IS NOW DUE - \$15 each BSB 105 094 account 361414340
 Many thanks to all who have paid. Your continued support will allow EcoAction to advocate for Kangaroo Island's Wild Places.