

# Kangaroo Island Eco-Action : NEWS

# UPDATE

# SEPTEMBER-2022

**Reminder**-MEMBER.SHIPS DUE \$15 per person [BSB 105 094 account 3614 14340] Thanks to those who have already paid [especially to those who included a donation]

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 @ 2 pm

Duck Lagoon, Cygnet River

Guest Speaker [tbc] shared afternoon tea

RSVP-please email mia\_vickery@yahoo.com or speak to a Core Group member if you are going/not going to attend.

#### KANGAROO ISLAND MARINE PARKS SANCTUARY ZONES

Since the recent election, the *Lensink* Bill has been disallowed and we are back to square one. In relation to KI we are still trying to settle the matter and maintain all other sanctuary zones while giving up 2/3 of the Cape duCouedic zone but trying to secure a seagrass Sanctuary Zone in D'Estrees Bay. Negotiations with the new Government are ongoing but have been made difficult because the Local Member opposes sanctuary zones [especially in D'Estrees Bay] and has been lobbying the Minister for Environment [Susan Close] to prevent this happening!

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF THE ECO-ACTION CORE <u>GROUP?</u>

Speak to a Core group member if this is YOU.

CORE GROUP Tony Geyer, Ingereth MacFarlane, Deb Laver, Peter Hammond, Caroline Paterson, Fraser Vickery, Key issues—by EcoAction, Friends of Parks and The Wilderness Society

- Marine Parks Sanctuary Zones
- Western Parks Management Plan [adopted by previous Minister prior to last election]
- $\Rightarrow$  Proposed destruction of the Ravine de Casoars WPA
- $\Rightarrow$  Feral bees in parks
- $\Rightarrow$  Developments in parks
  - Shore birds and beach management



A letter has been received by a concerned "local" from Minister Close, which basically endorses all the disastrous policies of the last Government and Speirs. The correspondence cuts across all of the promises made to the conservation fraternity prior to the last election. Peter Owen [TWS] and Fraser Vickery [EA] are to meet with James Johnson [Minister Close's Environmental Advisor] to provide more background on these issues and to try to get a more appropriate response to our concerns.

The local Member Leon Bignell, and DEW seem to be major threats to our cause.



### Fire Management in Parks

Caroline [FOPs] Fraser [EA] Peter Owen [TWS] have been heavily involved in early stage consultation

with DEW ,regarding the fire management plan and particularly the proposed destruction of the WPA [tracks and fuel reduction zones] to ensure the DEW firework [AKA park burning] is scientifically based, achieves real objectives in terms of protecting the community and conserving biodiversity rather that just being politically driven to satisfy the land clearers.

Eco-Action is always looking to increase our membership base. Do you know of any one who would be interested?

They can contact any Core Group member for more information and/or newsletters so they can understand what Eco-Action's objectives are.

**Environmental Advocacy** for the **protection** of Kangaroo Island's un

unique biodiversity

and our future.