



## **Year-end Update for Annual General Meeting**

Friends of Little Dip Conservation Park  
&  
Robe Coastcare

August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 5pm  
Robe

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## **Summary of activities since last AGM**

### **Nursery**

- 1000+ new seedlings germinated from collected native seeds & cuttings each year.
- Had excess trees this year that have gone to members and others in the community to be planted on private property (with donations to support our work).
- Various repairs to shade cloth on shade house & fence (which has again been blown down... researching slats to replace cloth?)
- Regular donation of potting mix from Bunnings Mount Gambier

### **Re-vegetation**

- Lake St Clair, hundreds of new Tea Treas planted, as well as a couple trays of Skeoks
- Reveg site at Long Gully, Stoney Rise, Gums, Old Man Lake campgrounds all doing really well.
- Planting continuing to be added behind track fencing throughout park as we do maintenance.
- <https://robefold.org/reveg> has map of reveg areas from last couple years.

### **Walk maintenance**

- Freshwater Lake & Lake Eliza, pruning back walking and access tracks.

### **Beach, track and campground clean-ups**

- Clean-ups on almost all beaches in the park, as well as long beach.
- Clean-ups at campgrounds around busy season.
- Clean-up Australia Day @ Long Beach

## **Track fencing and dune protection**

- Fixed and installed new track and dune protection fencing throughout park. With closing off blow-outs (cut corners) in a number of places. Lots of these with reveg to back them.

## **Weekly work sessions**

- Weekly work sessions continue to be working well, discussion regarding changing day and/or time going forward.
- Changing membership, a number of regular new members have been coming over the last year and some regular members not coming as often. Have several members with children and/or grand children and that's been fun to include them in our work.

## **Special projects / Community Partnerships**

- Polygala control project with DEW and Burrandies, done a huge amount of work on the northern part of the park, as well as adjacent private and council property. More work to do on this project including a community day.
- Walking the Seasons project collaboration with Landscape SA, Robe & Kingston Primary Schools & Uncle Doug (Burrandies)
  - Community session, 6 sessions with children, including a working session with FOLD
- Signage at Freshwater Lake has been redone by DEW, we're put in a couple of them and there are a couple more to complete!
- Chainsaw training via DEW for 4 FOLD members completed.

## **Community Outreach**

- Activity here has reduced, need to organize some help with this!
- New website is up and running. There's lots of things we can do with this... as interest from group & time allows.

## **DEW updates from Cath**

- Report

## **Looking forward 2025 / 2026**

- Continue regular work sessions on priority items.
  - Protection of wild landscape, plants, native animals.
  - Mitigation of current human impacts.
  - Re-vegetation areas including track maintenance support
  - Weed control projects, in the park as well as other conservation land (Cullen reserve)
- Council has asked if we might be able to support Foxes beach with reveg once they have fixed up. Not sure if they have a long-term plan engineered yet but I've indicated we would be happy to help.

- Council is looking to do a walking track along the drain out towards the Woakwine Conservation park. Potential to support that work with conservation corridors, signage, etc.
- Continue Engagement with Indigenous community members with regard to our work and the management of the entire landscape we work in.
  - Weed control grant has been a great start to this.
  - Look for future opportunities (drain walk signage, more weed control, etc) to continue this work.
- Looking for members interested in getting involved with admin
  - Communicating with membership about activities
  - Broader community engagement & recruiting
  - Grants?