BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION SAINC.



NEWSLETTER

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SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN, **BOOK AND EXHIBITION LAUNCH**

What an amazing two months we have had. At Wittunga Botanic Gardens on 16th August, Professor Chris Daniels launched the 'Bring the butterflies back to Adelaide' campaign the Butterfly Gardening website and the Wittunga Butterfly Garden. Thanks go to students from Blackwood Primary School who helped launch the campaign and website by planting out the Wittunga Butterfly Garden.

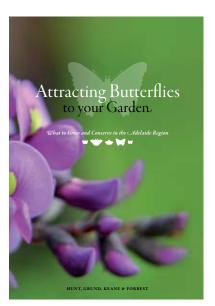
This was followed on 21st September at the South Australian Museum with the launch of our book 'Attracting Butterflies to your Garden, what to grow and conserve in the Adelaide Region' and the launch of the exhibition at 'Bringing Back the Butterflies' by Museum Director Dr. Suzanne Miller.

The website may be found at www.butterflygardening.net.au and the book is on sale at the Museum, Botanic Gardens, State Flora Nursery at Belair, Dymocks and other book sellers

Will you promote and sell some books please? An order form is included with this newsletter.











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Launch of the campaign and website at Wittunga Botanic Gardens on 16th August, 2007. Centre photo: Prof. Chris Daniels, Jan Forrest (Secretary) and David Keane (Chairman).

BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION SA. INC. for membership enquiries and annual membership payments (\$10): Treasurer: 20 Thornton Avenue, KENSINGTON

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO ROGER GRUND

Changes to the Constitution were approved at the AGM to provide for Family and Honorary Life Membership and at their September meeting, the committe were delighted to confer Honorary Life Membership on Roger Grund.

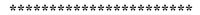
Roger Grund has been interested in butterflies for most of his life. Being a petroleum geologist he had the chance to study butterflies as a hobby in many places around the world while in pursuit of his work. Upon retirement in the early 1990's his interest in South Australian butterflies was once again fostered.

He has undertaken many surveys for butterflies for the Department of Environment in South Australia and soon recognised that the extensive

urbanisation and agriculturalisation of the environment that occurred in the intervening 40 year period of his absence from Adelaide had caused severe consequential loss of habitat and butterflies, many of which were irreplaceable forms now totally lost by extinction.

Roger is one of the founding members of Butterfly Conservation South Australia and was its chairman from 2001-2007. He has continued to write and publish many scientific papers, and has amassed an extensive photo collection of butterflies and their biology, some of which are portrayed in 'South Australian Butterflies' on the internet.

On many of his later surveys he was accompanied by his friend and fellow lepidopterist the late Lindsay Hunt, who together added ten additional butterflies to South Australia's butterfly fauna (from an original number of 64 at the time). Roger has managed to elucidate and photograph all the butterflies occurring in South Australia along with the early stage biology, a few of which are portrayed in our new book 'Attracting Butterflies to your Garden' of which he is a co-author.



2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The following were elected to the committee:

Chairman: David Keane Secretary: Jan Forrest OAM Minute Secretary: Maria Johns Treasurer: Rowan Moore Committee Members:

> Ron Bellchambers Jill Davy Roger Grund Tim Gudgeon Andy Young

Auditor: Kevin Parken

Thanks to outgoing chairman Roger Grund and Treasurer Rosemary Grund for their work on the committee during the 2006-2007 financial year and welcome to new members Rowan Moore, Ron Bellchambers and Andy Young.

Meetings are usually held bi-monthly on the second Monday of the month at the Urrbrae Wetlands Resource Centre, Cross Roads Urrbrae. All members are welcome to attend however please telephone Secretary Jan Forrest 8297 8230 prior to the meeting confirm the date and venue. ******

OUR BOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE however we need help from members to sell them!

Our book was funded primarily by a grant from the Federal Government through the Envirofund. As is often the case however, all of the grant was used for design and development primarily because the size of the book was increased and additional colour was added. This means we now have a very large outstanding account for the printing costs.

In order to pay this account we need to sell at least 1000 books! We also owe some additional funds to Ecocreative when this printers account is paid!

Fortunately, as of this newsletter date we are more than half way to raising the funds required and are confident that the target will be reached in the time frame.

This does not mean we should slacken off though and the committee is asking members to please take up our offer of ten or more books for \$25 each and sell to your friends, your workmates and to members of other organisations to which you belong.

As a back-up, the Australian Plants Society have agreed to loan us some funds to bridge any gap between the income from book sales and the deadline for the account payments.

We would prefer not to have to call upon them.

CAN WE RELY ON YOUR HELP PLEASE?

An Order form is included with this newsletter.

'Attracting Butterflies to your Garden' What to plant and conserve in the Adelaide Region

HUNT, GRUND, KEANE and FORREST

164pp published by Butterfly Conservation SA Inc. 2007

Now available from members of Butterfly Conservation SA Inc., South Australian Museum, Botanic Gardens, State Flora Nursery Belair, Dymocks and other selected book retailers.

Have you ever wondered where all thebutterflies have gone? *Attracting Butterflies to your Garden* is for those people who would like to see more of these beautiful creatures in the gardens of the Adelaide region.

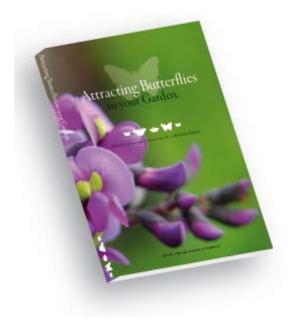
This book shows how to encourage fourt of the more common butterflies to visit and breed in your garden. Following an exploration of the fascinating life-cycle of butterflies and the principles of 'butterfly gardening', each species is profiled, along with local native plants that butterflies like - and you'll love - in your garden.

Several lifetimes of experienc and knowledge are to be found in this book. The authors each have a specialist's knowledge of butterflies, other insects plants, and gardening.

"I commend this book.... and believe it is a must-have for those interested in conserving our fragile earth and all its inhabitants".

Prof. Tim Flannery.





Recommended retail price \$29.95.

Environmental organistions, Garden Clubs, 'Friends' groups etc. receive a discount when purchasing ten or more books.

Orders from booksellers welcome, wholesale price on application.

To order your copy now please contact: Jan Forrest C/- South Australian Museum, North Terrace, ADELAIDE. 5000 ph:08)8297 8230 h home email: forrestjan@adam.com.au

or Trevor Rowe ph:08)8296 1607 hesperilla@hotmail.com.



'It is in the wildest corners of our gardens that we are most likely to see butterflies'











SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM EXHIBITION 'Bringing Back the Butterflies' 22nd September - 25th November, 2007.



The exhibition features over 1500 butterfly specimens from the Research Collections of the South Australian Museum.



Butterfly Conservation SA stand at the Museum Exhibition.









'Bringing back the butterflies' at the South Australian Museum

A majority of panels in the exhibition have come from a previous 2000 exhibition "Where have all the Butterflies Gone?"

Four new panels have been developed for this exhibition. These are: an introductory panel using part image of 'Alice meets the caterpiller' from Alice in Wonderland; life history of *Ogyris genoveva* and its dependance as a caterpillar on mistletoe; a nectar plant list; information on conserving wetlands and grasslands and the case 'For' and 'Against' the introduced butterfly, the Wanderer...

The exhibition runs until 25th November, 2007.



EXCURSION TO ALDINGA SCRUB

It is not too late to book. Excursion is this Sunday 21st October. We will join with members from the Willunga Resource Centre.

Meet 10.30am at the corner of Dover and Frazer Street carpark (Adelaide side of Aldinga scrub) and bring a picnic lunch.

Contact Jan Forrest 82978230 if you are coming, also if you would like transport.

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OUTREACH PROGRAM

The full exhibition and AO size panels from the Exhibition "Where have all the Butterflies gone?" are available from Jan Forrest at the South Australian Museum for use by Landcare and other Conservation groups at seminars, conferences and workshops or just for display. Included are five introductory panels, and seventeen panels from seven habitat areas: Coastal, Grasses, Mallee, Urban, Migration/Vagrant, Eucalyptus Forrest/Woodland, Arid, Wetland and Lower South East.

DIARY DATES

MEETINGS - Committee meetings are held bi-monthly (usually the second Monday of the month) at 6.00pm in the Urrbrae Wetlands Resource Centre, Cross Roads, Urrbrae. All members are welcome to attend. If you would like further information or receive an agenda please contact Secretary Jan Forrest. Next Meeting: Monday 12th November, 2007 at 6.00pm.

WEB SITES

- "Butterfly Gardening" www.butterflygardening.net.au
- 'Butterfly Conservation SA Inc.' http://www.chariot.net.au/~bcsa/index.htm
- 'South Australian Butterflies' (Roger Grund private site)
- http://www.chariot.net.au/~rgrund/index.htm
- 'Butterfly Watch' SAMuseum website

www.samuseum.sa.gov.au then click on 'Media' then 'online exhibitions'.

Teacher Resources (Jackie Miers) - http://www.teachers.ash.org.au/jmresources/butadelaide/Butterflies of Adelaide.html

BCSA DISPLAY STAND AT AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE

Secretary of BCSA and campaign organiser of the "Bring back the Butterflies to Adelaide" Jan Forrest holds up our new book at the recent Australian Plant Society show and sale. We were delighted by the positive response by members of the public to our book, our new website and our display. Thanks to committee members who helped on the stall.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

SYLVIE CREED **BILL ROWLAND TIM JURY** JULIE D MORRIS RICHARD ROWLANDS GILLIAN VINEY GILLIAN HUNTER BARBERY O'BRIEN **INGRID GAFFNEY** JOHN WOODS JODIE O'SULLIVAN MICHELLE DENNY ISOBEL HARRISON SUSAN SAMPSON **REBECCA NEUMAN** TONY FLAHERTY CRISTESCU ROMANE JAYNE AYLIFF KATE CLINCH-JONES JOAN SHROADER MEGAN WARK CATHY HOUSTON SHARON WALLACE and STEVE YARROW CHERYL COOK JM CROCKER JAMES SMITH ROSALIE McCARTHY **BRIAN RIGDEN**

