

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2019



Another year has passed us by and we now look toward 2019 and see what kind of year that will be. Been dry in 2018, so want to see a wet year for a change.

COOTS have once again been busy at our two main sites, Lands End and Pine Point, and it has been a fairly reduced year for our plantings which is needed now because fewer people come out to the projects, so much more maintenance, and weed removal seems to be the main focus now. Even our Seed Sowing is much more reduced.

I have made significant changes to the calendar this year, making our trips to the projects a one day event rather than a full weekend, however having said that, depending on what needs to be done, and the weather, I may now spend anything up to three or four days at a project, but that will be advised at the time if its decided to do that.

Hopefully all my dates are correct, so please advise me if you see glaring mistakes?

These are all the main dates of the COOTS events throughout 2018 for your information plus those dates of the Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group.

Please ask me or another COOTS volunteer for any further information. There may also be additional events that could be announced from time to time, so keep an eye out for those additions.

I again would like to mention that if anyone can afford the time, to attend some of the working bees that the Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group has throughout the year, because Carolyn Schultz and Liz Cousins both members of the group give their time willingly to the COOTS effort, so it is always good to be able to reciprocate. I will add their dates to my calendar for everyone's consideration this year as well, because others may wish to be involved, and I know that new faces are always welcomed, and it is a great part of the world down there at Cape Jervis. Those dates are preceded by CJCCG (Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group). They have a website also, so check there for further information.

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## **January 2019**

The COOTS Barbecoot

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019** – General Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 18 Arthur Street, Unley, in the Unley Senior Citizens Centre. The meetings commence at 7.30 and invited guest speaker's present talks on various subjects, but generally around the subject of the Australian native flora. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Good opportunity to get propagation aids, get a book from the library, or purchase a new book. A specimen from your garden is always a good talking point.

**Sunday 27th January 2019** - This is the annual event for all COOTS volunteers, or for any other person who has helped in any way at all in the COOTS projects. This year it will continue to be at the new venue, Heywood Park, the actual address is: Northgate St, Unley Park. I would like to invite our new Growers to this event, because they too were at our Seed Sowing Day last November, and took plants home for COOTS as well as sown seed for the next Plant Sale, so would be appropriate to include them also.

I just ask that you all bring some sweets and what drink that you need. Starts at 11.30 am and it will be a great get-together for us all.

Please advise me though who will be coming as I wish to cater.....

## **February 2019**

**(CJCCG) Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd February 2019** – The Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group will be having a working bee at their site near the ferry terminal at Cape Jervis, and all are welcome to join in the activities at their site.

Please contact Carolyn Schultz for further details on 0448 909 881.

**Thursday 28th February 2019** – General Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 18 Arthur Street, Unley, in the Unley Senior Citizens Centre. The meetings commence at 7.30 and invited guest speaker's present talks on various subjects, but generally around the subject of the Australian native flora. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Good opportunity to get propagation aids, get a book from the library, or purchase a new book. A specimen from your garden is always a good talking point.

### March 2019

**Sunday 10th March 2019** – having this additional Seed Sowing Day seems to make good sense, because many species prefer this time of year to be planted, so that will then complete the 2017 sowing. Again we will piggy back our Seed Sowing Day with the Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group, if they intend to plant any species, because they too may wish to experiment with species that prefer this time of year as well.

**Thursday 28th March 2019** – General Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 18 Arthur Street, Unley, in the Unley Senior Citizens Centre. The meetings commence at 7.30 and invited guest speaker's present talks on various subjects, but generally around the subject of the Australian native flora. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Good opportunity to get propagation aids, get a book from the library, or purchase a new book. A specimen from your garden is always a good talking point.

**Saturday 30th March 2019** is Project Pine Point.

Note now the difference. We will head over to the project for just the one day this year, and carry out general maintenance. It generally is hot at this time of year, so we will assess the work done to date, look at areas that need work or planting done, and possibly carry out some weed removal.

### April 2019

**Friday 12th, Saturday 13th and Sunday the 14th April 2019** is the Autumn Plant Sale at the Adelaide Showground. Note that the set up day is the Friday the 12th, starting with the truck loading at the clubrooms at 7.30 am, then at the Showground to set up.

Plant Sale begins at 10.00 am on the Saturday morning and once again at 10.00 am on the Sunday morning. Packing up begins at 4.00 pm on the Sunday afternoon and helpers are always required.

**Thursday 25th April 2019** – No General Meeting due to ANZAC day.

**(CJCCG) Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th April 2019** – The Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group will be having a working bee at their site near the ferry terminal at Cape Jervis, and all are welcome to join in the activities at their site. Please contact Carolyn Schultz for further details on 0448 909 881.

**Saturday 27th April 2019** is Project Lands End. Again this will be only the one day, unless the weather and conditions are right, and we can spend a few days at the site. There is still a lot of work to do. Lopping, brush-cutting, chain-sawing, poisoning, hand removal, the list goes on. There is Boxthorn, Olives, Melianthus, Onion Weed, Scabiosa, and Acacia species to contend with.

### May 2019

**Thursday 23rd May 2019** – General Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 18 Arthur Street, Unley, in the Unley Senior Citizens Centre. The meetings commence at 7.30 and invited guest speaker's present talks on various subjects, but generally around the subject of the Australian native flora. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Good opportunity to get propagation aids, get a book from the library, or purchase a new book. A specimen from your garden is always a good talking point.

**Saturday 25th May 2019** is Project Pine Point. This is a possible time of year where if conditions are right, we may spend a few days on site, especially if the ground is moist and we are able to do plantings.

### June 2019

**(CJCCG) Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd June 2019** – The Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group will be having a working bee (planting days) at their site near the ferry terminal at Cape Jervis, and all are welcome to join in the activities at their site. Please contact Carolyn Schultz for further details on 0448 909 881.

**Saturday 8th June 2019** – Birthday celebrations for COOTS volunteer John Edmeades and any others who are fortunate to be having a birthday at this time of year. It will be held at my property Sandalwoods, and will also be an opportunity to view

my plantings progress as well. Camping over the weekend may be considered for some? Maybe this date could be shared on social media, so that others can come and visit.

**Thursday 27th June 2019** – General Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 18 Arthur Street, Unley, in the Unley Senior Citizens Centre. The meetings commence at 7.30 and invited guest speaker's present talks on various subjects, but generally around the subject of the Australian native flora. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Good opportunity to get propagation aids, get a book from the library, or purchase a new book. A specimen from your garden is always a good talking point.

**Saturday 29th June 2019** is Project Lands End. This also is a possible time of year where if conditions are right, we may spend a few days on site, especially if the ground is moist and we are able to do plantings. Remember it all depends on conditions at the time. I will inform everyone prior to going to the site of my intended stay at the project.

### July 2019

**Thursday 25th July 2019** – General Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 18 Arthur Street, Unley, in the Unley Senior Citizens Centre. The meetings commence at 7.30 and invited guest speaker's present talks on various subjects, but generally around the subject of the Australian native flora. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Good opportunity to get propagation aids, get a book from the library, or purchase a new book. A specimen from your garden is always a good talking point.

**Saturday 27th July 2019** is Project Pine Point. This is a possible time of year where if conditions are right, we may spend a few days on site, especially if the ground is moist and we are able to do plantings. Although July may well be drying off, so would be unwise to plant if that is the case. Still only the one day at this stage, although that could change, but I shall inform everyone if there is a change, and I intend to stay for a few days.

### August 2019

**(CJCCG) Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th August 2019** – The Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group will be having a working bee at their site near the ferry terminal at Cape Jervis, and all are welcome to join in the activities at their site. Please contact Carolyn Schultz for further details on 0448 909 881.

**Thursday 22nd August 2019** – General Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 18 Arthur Street, Unley, in the Unley Senior Citizens Centre. The meetings commence at 7.30 and invited guest speaker's present talks on various subjects, but generally around the subject of the Australian native flora. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Good opportunity to get propagation aids, get a book from the library, or purchase a new book. A specimen from your garden is always a good talking point.

**Saturday 24th August 2019** is Lands End at Cape Jervis. Good time of the year, everything should still be green and maybe some planting can be done. If not there is always *Acacia cyclops* to remove. Lots of little seedlings I suspect. Good time of year to take pictures of all those flowering plants. Still only the one day at this stage, although that could change, but I shall inform everyone if there is a change, and I intend to stay for a few days.

### September 2019

**Thursday 26th September 2019** – General Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 18 Arthur Street, Unley, in the Unley Senior Citizens Centre. The meetings commence at 7.30 and invited guest speaker's present talks on various subjects, but generally around the subject of the Australian native flora. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Good opportunity to get propagation aids, get a book from the library, or purchase a new book. A specimen from your garden is always a good talking point.

**Saturday 28th September 2019** is Project Pine Point. Never sure about September, could be very dry, and it could also be quite wet, so will look at what is to be done when this time comes around. Still only the one day at this stage, although that could change, but I shall inform everyone if there is a change, and I intend to stay for a few days. There should be many plants in flower though. Slashing may also be needed at this time of year, depending on what stage the wild oats is at.

### October 2019

**Friday 11th, Saturday 12th and Sunday the 13th October 2019** is the Spring Flower Show and Plant Sale at the Adelaide Showground. Note that the set up day is the Friday the 11th, starting with the truck loading at the clubrooms at 7.30 am, then at the Showground to set up. Plant Sale begins at 10.00 am on Saturday morning and once again at 10.00 am on the Sunday morning. Packing up begins at 4.00 pm on the Sunday afternoon and helpers are always required.

**(CJCCG) Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th October 2019** – The Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group will be having a working bee at their site near the ferry terminal at Cape Jervis, and all are welcome to join in the activities at their site. Please contact Carolyn Schultz for further details on 0448 909 881. **Watch this date, as it may change.**

**Thursday 24th October 2019** – General Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 18 Arthur Street, Unley, in the Unley Senior Citizens Centre. The meetings commence at 7.30 and invited guest speaker's present talks on various subjects, but generally around the subject of the Australian native flora. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Good opportunity to get propagation aids, get a book from the library, or purchase a new book. A specimen from your garden is always a good talking point.

**Saturday 26th October 2019** is Project Lands End. Single day visit, and the weather now is starting to dry off, so no more planting, just concentrate on the weeds, as they are always an issue. Slashing or poisoning, and maybe some seed collection.

### November 2019

**Sunday 3rd November 2019** – this is our annual Seed Sowing Day, and this is an opportunity to be involved with the COOTS Group, especially if you may be unable to go to the actual sites. One can babysit the plants in readiness for our planting time, which is around June the following year. This can be of immense help to the group. The Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group will also carry out their seed sowing with us on the same day.

**Thursday 28th November 2019** – General Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 18 Arthur Street, Unley, in the Unley Senior Citizens Centre. The meeting this month commences at 7.30 and is the Annual Quiz Night, where everyone has a lot of fun, and maybe even a prize or two. Those who come on the night are asked to bring a Christmas wrapped gift around the \$10.00 mark, and a plate of supper to share. Doors will open at 7.00 pm. You are still able to get propagation aids, get a book from the library, or purchase a new book. A specimen from your garden is always a good talking point, even on Quiz Night.

### December 2019

**(CJCCG) Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December 2019** – The Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group will be having a working bee at their site near the ferry terminal at Cape Jervis, and all are welcome to join in the activities at their site. Please contact Carolyn Schultz for further details on 0448 909 881.

(Note) No General Meeting in December.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2019** – Will be *Acacia rhotinocarpa* seed collection day at Pine Point. This is an interesting day and as you can see it is on Boxing Day (depending on the weather). This is the best time to collect that very rare species for the Pine Point Project. Of course we also collect other species, but *Acacia rhotinocarpa* is our main focus at that time of year. Hopefully seed has set.

### January 2020

The COOTS Barbecoot (please note the later date)

**Sunday 12th January 2020** - This is the annual event for all COOTS volunteers, or for any other person who has helped in any way at all in the COOTS projects. This will be held at Heywood Park in Unley as it a more central location. I will put on a barbecue for all those who come; I just ask that you bring some sweets and what drink that you need. Starts at 11.30 am and it will be a great get-together for us all. Please advise me though who will be coming as I wish to cater.....

An important note for everyone this year, and for all coming years, is to promote the work that COOTS does, and see that any announcement is liked and shared across the social media platform. Volunteers are always needed to help with this valuable work, and as we all know, Government funding is getting much tighter, so I am looking at all the help that we can get. I also wish to hand over the baton to another younger and more enthusiastic coordinator, who will continue with this work, and look toward more projects that the group can be involved with, especially areas closer to Adelaide. I know that there are many out there who care a lot about our precious environment; just we need to be able to find you, and invite you to be involved. Please consider how you can help with that?

Jeff Reid  
COOTS Coordinator.