

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2023

Again this year I have included many visits to the Hope Valley Reservoir, so we want to display our remnant vegetation to all those who use the grounds, so they get a better understanding of just how valuable the area really is. Each visit will be short, probably for a couple of hours, and I have spread the days, so that it gives people a chance to come along and be a part of the project.

Another addition this year, is the inclusion of workshops in the APS clubrooms at regular intervals throughout the year, and these will be in the main, COOTS propagation workshops, of which I can explain later in detail the reasons for holding these.

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.

It is a very full calendar this year, and people are not expected to come to everything; however I have spread dates around, so that everyone can work in a date or two to help COOTS.

January 2023

The COOTS Barbecoot

Sunday 8th January 2023 - 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.....

Again I would like to continue the idea of inviting our new Growers to this event, because many are growing for the COOTS projects, and the day can also be for those volunteers as well.

Thursday 12th January 2023 – We will spend, depending on the weather, a couple of hours at the Hope Valley Reservoir. May be a little hot at this time of year, but if it's OK we may look at preparing an area for the coming year's planting, which may entail as always some on ground weeding in preparation. Call me to verify the visit.

Thursday 19th January 2023 – Will visit the Hope Valley Reservoir site to carry out more preparation work in the grounds, but only for a couple of hours as it will still be quite warm. Definitely a hat and water bag needed.

Thursday 26th January 2023 – 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.

February 2023

(CJCCG) Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th February 2023 – 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 (10-4) and Sunday (9-12)**

Tuesday 14th February 2023 – Will visit the Hope Valley Reservoir site to carry out more preparation work in the grounds, but only for a couple of hours as it will still be quite warm. Definitely a hat and water bag needed.

Tuesday 21st February 2023 – Will visit the Hope Valley Reservoir site to carry out more preparation work in the grounds, but only for a couple of hours as it will still be quite warm. Definitely a hat and water bag needed.

Thursday 23rd February 2023 – 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 February 2023 – The first of the propagation workshops which will include discussion on being APS growers and growing particular species for our Plant Sales. More information on these workshops will be announced closer to the dates.

March 2023

Thursday 9th March 2023 – Will visit the Hope Valley Reservoir site to carry out more preparation work in the grounds, but only for a couple of hours as it will still be quite warm. Definitely a hat and water bag needed.

Sunday 12th March 2023 – 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 2023 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. This event is held at the Goodwood clubrooms (21A Richards Terrace) and will begin around 10.30 am. We will have a sausage sizzle for lunch.

Thursday 16th March 2023 – Will visit the Hope Valley Reservoir site to carry out more preparation work in the grounds, but only for a couple of hours as it will still be quite warm. Definitely a hat and water bag needed, and again this all depends on the weather.

Thursday 23rd March 2023 – This General Meeting is our AGM at 18 Arthur Street, Unley, in the Unley Senior Citizens Centre. The meeting commence at 7.30 and appointment of Officers is held firstly. If time permits, we may have an invited guest speaker, who generally talks on 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 as well.

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th March 2023 is Project Pine Point weekend.

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. **(Depending on weather conditions, I will advise closer to the date, if we go there or not)**

April 2023

(CJCCG) Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd April 2023 – 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 (10-4) and Sunday (9-12)**

Friday 14th April 2023 – Will visit the Hope Valley Reservoir site to carry out more preparation work in the grounds, but only for a couple of hours as it will still be quite warm. Definitely a hat and water bag needed, and again this all depends on the weather. **This is a tentative date, and may change.**

Friday 21st April 2023 – Will visit the Hope Valley Reservoir site to carry out more preparation work in the grounds, but only for a couple of hours.

Thursday 27th April 2023 – 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 and Sunday 30th April 2023 is Project Lands End. This will be a full weekend, going down there on the Friday night, unless the weather and conditions are not 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 2023

Monday 1st May 2023 – Will visit the Hope Valley Reservoir site to carry out more preparation work in the grounds, but only for a couple of hours, and there is a possibility of a planting now. This all depends on the weather.

Saturday 6th May 2023 – this is the date for the second COOTS workshop at the APS clubrooms. This is an opportunity to become a grower for the APS plant sales and earn some money in the process. More information on these workshops will be announced closer to the dates.

Monday 8th May 2023 – Will visit the Hope Valley Reservoir site to carry out more preparation work in the grounds, but only for a couple of hours, and as per the week before, maybe some planting can take place, this all depends on the weather.

Saturday 13th May 2023 – The APS Plant Sale at Urrbrae School – COOTS may be involved depending on who and how many plants can be rounded up. Generally we will present plants that are indigenous to our project areas, but we will try to concentrate on the small pretty's and even unusual species.

Thursday 25th May 2023 – 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 and Sunday 28th May 2023 is a weekend at 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. A big if!

June 2023

(CJCCG) Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th June 2023 – 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 \(10-4\) and Sunday \(9-12\)](#)

Thursday 8th June 2023 – Will visit the Hope Valley Reservoir site to carry out more preparation work in the grounds, but only for a couple of hours, and maybe some planting can take place, this all depends on the weather and plants that we have ready. **This is a tentative date, and may change.**

Thursday 15th June 2023 – Will visit the Hope Valley Reservoir site to carry out more preparation work in the grounds, but only for a couple of hours, and as per the week before, maybe some planting can take place, this all depends on the weather.

Thursday 22nd June 2023 – 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 and Sunday 25th June 2023 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, but suspect that we stay only for the weekend as per usual, in which case I would head down there on the Friday night of the 23rd.

July 2023

Monday 3rd July 2023 – Will visit the Hope Valley Reservoir site to carry out more preparation work in the grounds, but only for a couple of hours, and maybe some planting can take place, this all depends on the weather.

Monday 10th July 2023 – Will visit the Hope Valley Reservoir site to carry out more preparation work in the grounds, but only for a couple of hours, and as per the week before, maybe some planting can take place, this all depends on the weather.

Thursday 27th July 2023 – 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 and Sunday 30th July 2023 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 we will go there for the weekend as before.

August 2023

Wednesday 2nd August 2023 – Will visit the Hope Valley Reservoir site to carry out more preparation work in the grounds, but only for a couple of hours, and maybe some planting can take place, this all depends on the weather.

(CJCCG) Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th August 2023 – 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 \(10-4\)](#) and [Sunday \(9-12\)](#)

Wednesday 9th August 2023 – Will visit the Hope Valley Reservoir site to carry out more preparation work in the grounds, but only for a couple of hours, and as per the week before, maybe some planting can take place, this all depends on the weather. **This is a tentative date, and may change.**

Saturday 12th August 2023 – this is the date for the third COOTS workshop at the APS clubrooms. This is an opportunity to become a grower for the APS plant sales and earn some money in the process. More information on these workshops will be announced closer to the dates.

Thursday 24th August 2023 – 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 and Sunday 27th August 2023 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.

September 2023

Thursday 14th September 2023 – Will visit the Hope Valley Reservoir site to carry out more preparation work in the grounds, but only for a couple of hours, and maybe some planting can take place, this all depends on the weather. **This is a tentative date, and may change.**

The Spring Flower Show for 2023 is the Spring Flower Show and Plant Sale at the Urrbrae School from 9:30 am to 3.00 pm. Follow the signs from the Fullarton Road entrance. Gate A. A gold coin as a donation would be appreciated.

Thursday 21st September 2023 – Will visit the Hope Valley Reservoir site to carry out more preparation work in the grounds, but only for a couple of hours, and as per the week before, maybe some planting can take place, this all depends on the weather.

Thursday 28th September 2023 – 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 September 30th and Sunday the 1st October 2023 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. 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. **(I will advise closer to the date, which day we go there)**

October 2023

(CJCCG) Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th October 2023 – 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 \(10-4\)](#) and [Sunday \(9-12\)](#)

Saturday 14th October 2023 – Will visit the Hope Valley Reservoir site to carry out more preparation work in the grounds, but only for a couple of hours, and maybe some planting can take place, this all depends on the weather. **This is a tentative date, and may change.**

Sunday 15th October 2023 – this is our annual Seed Sowing Day two weeks earlier than normal, 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. This event is held at the Goodwood clubrooms (21A Richards Terrace) and will begin around 10.30 am. Will have a sausage sizzle for lunch, maybe bring a little salad to share).

Saturday 21st October 2023 – Will visit the Hope Valley Reservoir site to carry out more preparation work in the grounds, but only for a couple of hours, and as per the week before, maybe some planting can take place, this all depends on the weather. **This is a tentative date, and may change.**

Thursday 26th October 2023 – 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 and Sunday 29th October 2023 is Project Lands End. Possible 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 2023

Saturday 18th November 2023 – this is the date for the fourth and final COOTS workshop at the APS clubrooms for the year. This is an opportunity to become a grower for the APS plant sales and earn some money in the process. More information on these workshops will be announced closer to the dates.

Thursday 23rd November 2023 – 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 possibly will be our 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 2023

(CJCCG) Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December 2023 – 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 (10-4) and Sunday (9-12)**

(Note) No General Meeting in December.

Tuesday 26th December 2023 – Will be *Acacia rheticarpa* seed collection day at Pine Point. **(Boxing Day again)** We had determined back in 2022, that it should be a week earlier than the normal Boxing Day event but due to seed not being ripe we have reverted back and holding it on Boxing Day again. This we have determined is the best time to collect that very rare species for the Pine Point Project plus another rare species, *Acacia triquetra*, where there is just two plants in the entire area. Of course we also collect other species, but *Acacia rheticarpa* is our main focus at that time of year. Hopefully seed has set.

January 2024

The COOTS Barbecoot (please note the later date)

Sunday 6th January 2024 - 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.