

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2021



Another year has passed us by and what a year it has turned out to be. Could anything more happen to a year where we actually had everything. Been very hard for many, and the hope is that 2021 will be a far better year.

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 2021 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.

January 2021

The COOTS Barbecoot

Sunday 10th January 2021 - 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 28th January 2021 – 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 2021

(CJCCG) Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th February 2021 – 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 \(9-12\)](#)

Thursday 25th February 2021 – 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.

Friday 26th, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th February 2021 – There is a possibility that I can use one of these days to visit the Hope Valley Reservoir Project, as there needs to be some serious groundwork to tidy up the project area. The site has not be active for a couple of years now, and it does need some tidy up, especially that now the ground have been opened up to the general public, and it could be a reflection on the COOTS Group if we don't look after it.

March 2021

Sunday 14th March 2021 – 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 2020 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 25th March 2021 – 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 27th and Sunday 28th March 2021 is Project Pine Point weekend.

Note now the difference. We will head over to the project for just the one day this year, and carry out seed collection, and some 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 2021

Friday 9th, Saturday 10th and Sunday the 11th April 2021 is the Autumn Plant Sale at the Adelaide Showground. Note that the set up day is the Friday the 9th, 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 3.00 pm on the Sunday afternoon and helpers are always required. Note the earlier time for pack up.

(CJCCG) Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th April 2021 – 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 \(9-12\)](#)

Thursday 22nd April 2021 – 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 April 2021 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 2021

Thursday 27th May 2021 – 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 May 2021 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 2021

(CJCCG) Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th June 2021 – 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 \(9-12\)](#)

Saturday 12th and 13th June 2021 – Possibly 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 24th June 2021 – 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 June 2021 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 25th.

July 2021

Thursday 22nd July 2021 – 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 July 2021 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 2021

(CJCCG) Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th August 2021 – 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 \(9-12\)](#)

Thursday 26th August 2021 – 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 August 2021 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 2021

Thursday 23rd September 2021 – 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 and Sunday 26th September 2021 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 2021

(CJCCG) Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd October 2020 – (This is a long weekend) 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 \(9-12\)](#)

TBA - The Spring Flower Show for 2021 is the Spring Flower Show and Plant Sale at the Adelaide Showground. Note that the set up day is the Friday 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 3.00 pm on the Sunday afternoon and helpers are always required. Again note the earlier time for packing up on Sunday.

Sunday 17th October 2021 – 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.

Thursday 28th October 2021 – 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 and Sunday 31st October 2021 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 2021

Thursday 25th November 2021 – 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 2021

(CJCCG) Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th December 2021 – 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.

Saturday 18th December 2021 – Will be *Acacia rheticocarpa* seed collection day at Pine Point. This is an interesting day and as you can see it is a week earlier than the normal Boxing Day event (depending on the weather). 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 rheticocarpa* is our main focus at that time of year. Hopefully seed has set.

January 2022

The COOTS Barbecoot (please note the later date)

Sunday 9th January 2022 - 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
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