

## Field Naturalists Society SA

### General Excursion

Para Woodlands Nature Reserve,

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017

beginning 2pm, BYO tea 4:30pm,

and for those wishing to stay spotlighting and Anabat recording after dark.



All Welcome, Members, Families and Friends.

Meeting at Para Woodlands Nature Reserve gate.

**Directions:** from Murray St Gawler turn east into Calton Rd, then turn right into Balmoral Road, then right into Allendale Rd. Para Woodlands is 4.4km along Allendale Road from the intersection with Balmoral Road. The reserve is located in the township of Kalbeeba. The entry gate will be marked with a displayed FNSSA sign at the entrance.

Para Woodlands Reserve was acquired in 2003 consisting of 500 ha (5 sq km) where revegetation of native grass and plant species is being co-managed by Nature Foundation SA and DEWNR. Para Woodlands is a former farming property generously donated by Mrs Elizabeth Law-Smith and her late husband David to Nature Foundation SA.

The aim for this reserve is to restore the natural ecosystem to conserve wildlife by providing valuable habitat for declining woodland birds. The property consists of existing remnant vegetation, including River Red Gum, Peppermint Box (*Eucalyptus odorata*), SA Blue Gum, native grasses and herbs. The Para Woodlands Restoration Project is mainly focusing on restoring a functioning grassy ecosystem to the site. In June 2016, 10,000 native seedlings were planted by about 100 volunteers as part of the two-day Para Woodlands planting event.

<https://www.naturefoundation.org.au/our-properties/para-woodlands-nature-reserve>

Remember to bring water, drinks, snacks, camera, hats, sunblock and walking shoes.

**CANCELLED** if morning forecast is 36°C or above and/or a Mount Lofty FIRE BAN occurs and Mount Lofty parks and reserves are declared closed.

On behalf of the FNSSA let's have a wonderful time.

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if you intend to participate.

