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"KEEPING IN TOUCH"

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NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK

INTERCLUB WORKING BEE 29th & 30th March 2025

WHAT: Each year a group of volunteers from FWDSA affiliated clubs meet at the Ngarkat CP to undertake a number of tasks that have been developed in conjunction with the Senior Ranger, Natural Resources (SA Murray-Darling Basin, DEW) from Lameroo. These tasks assist DEWNR in maintaining, sustaining, and enhancing the Ngarkat CP for all park visitors.

This year the work to be undertaken is again generally on or near the one-way and two-way section of the Ngarkat CP Border Track and includes trail marking & clearing, fencing (repair, replacement or installation), fireplace & rubbish clean-up, track maintenance, signage, vegetation trimming and painting. DEW will be providing materials and specialist tools needed for the work and the volunteers will need to provide all the basic hand tools and labour.

The one-way section of the Border Track is closed to public traffic until the first weekend of April and therefore will be closed to public traffic during the working bee.

WHEN: Weekend of 29th & 30th March 2024. Work starts at 9am on the Saturday, but you may setup camp on the afternoon or evening of the preceding Friday.

WHERE: Meet at the Ngarkat CP Pine Hut Soak campground (S35º 25' 24.7" E140º 52' 46.2"). See the map overleaf.
Overflow, if necessary, to the nearby Nanam Well and Cox's Windmill campgrounds.
Naturally, as this is an official working bee, you do not need to pay for camping nor the park entry fee.

Directions: Heading south from Tailem Bend cross the railway overpass, turn left onto the Mallee Highway; drive through Lameroo, Parilla and past the T-Junction to Bordertown (do not turn), then after ~1.9km turn right on to Rosy Pine Road (Ngarkat Park sign at this point), continue south for ~14.7 km to the Park Entrance (there may be one or two gates near the end of this road). 250m on from the Park Entrance is the visitor information shelter and a further 70m is the turn left to the adjacent Pine Hut Soak campground.

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WHAT TO BRING:

Camping: Camper trailers and caravans can be accommodated. The Pine Hut Soak campground has one long drop toilet, but you need to bring everything else (water, food, shelter). Please note that the working bee dates will still be in fire danger season so the "campfire" will need to be artificial (a gas stove will be OK for cooking).

Equipment:

Tools Post hole digging tools, pruners, loppers, bow saw, handsaw, shovel, rake, hand tools, battery powered electric drill / angle grinder with a range of drill sizes and spade bits.

UHF In car and handheld UHF radios will be useful; Channel 16 will be used initially.

Personal Working gloves and footwear, drinking water, sun protection (hat, long sleeves, long pants, sunscreen).
Bring high visibility vests or clothing and possibly share them with your fellow workers.

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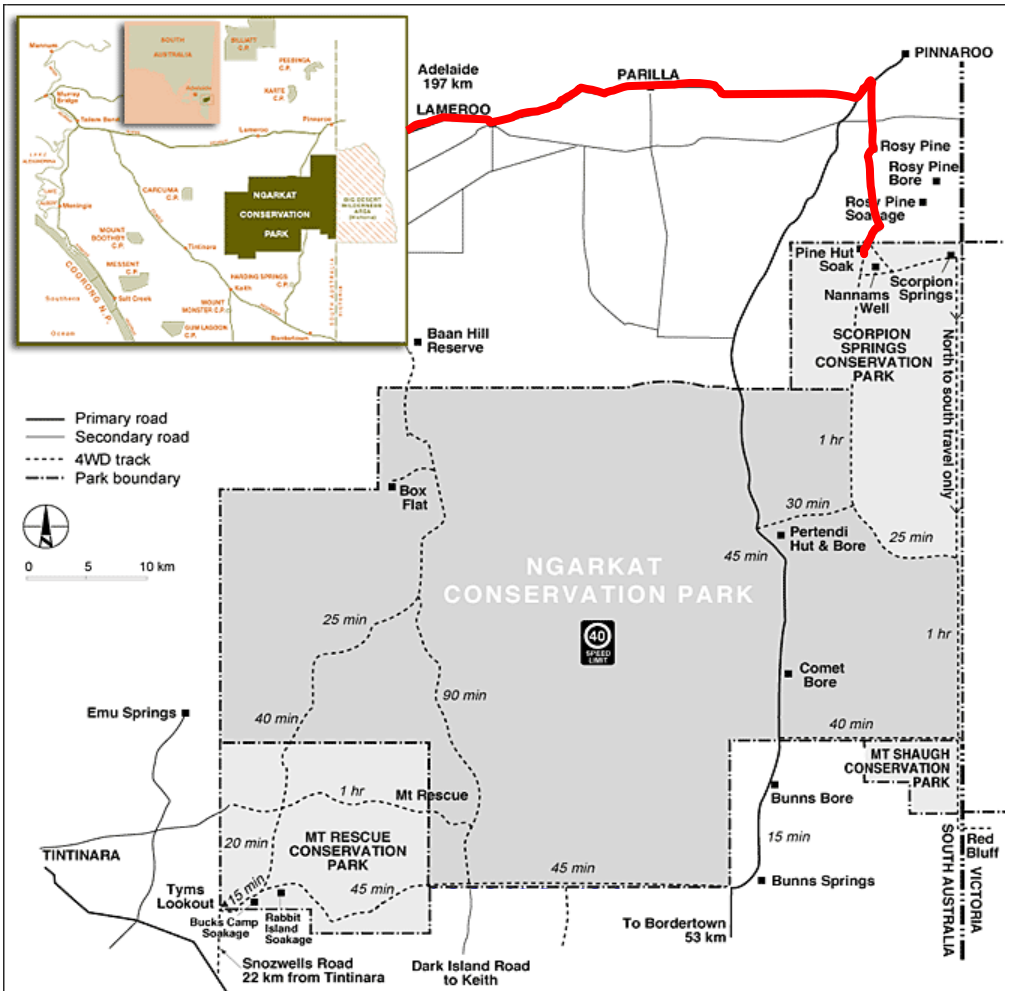
REGISTRATION:

This year we have introduced registration via TryBooking. It is essential that all attending register via TryBooking as numbers are limited this year. Please use using this link to register: https://www.trybooking.com/CYKOD

Registration is now open.

Don't forget to register with your club trip sheet as well.

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