



The Conveyor

November 2021



*Management Committee
wish all members a
Happy and safe
Christmas and
New Year*

*Many thanks to
Doug McAlpine Group Leader
for Creative Photography for
this front cover montage.*

Attention all members
Notice of
**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

**Friday
4th March
2022
at 1pm**
Rooms 8 & 9

Agenda
Welcome
Apologies
Confirmation of Minutes of 2021 AGM
Business arising from the minutes
President's Report
Treasurer's Report
Election of Committee Members
Appointment of Auditor
Notification of Public Officer
Any other business
Close



To all Members of U3A

You are invited to join the *Singing with the Stars* group to help us fill the U3A Halls with the *Sounds of Christmas*. Come and sing or listen to Christmas songs and carols with videos and lyrics on TV screen



Singing with the Stars group having some fun singing spooky Halloween songs!

Monday 6 December 1.30 - 2.30pm, room 8/9

No previous singing experience required
Linda Neale – 0431 885 976

Folk dancing is returning to U3A!



Back into room 8/9 on alternate Monday mornings on first and third of the month. With all your favourite dances from around the world.

Gail will be calling the steps, contact her on **0466 842 620** or email **randallg718@gmail.com**



BOOT SCOOTING LINE DANCING ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

From next year line dancing will be held every Wednesday afternoon 1.15-3.15pm in room 8/9 Contact Group Leader **Bob McFayden 0416 195 763** for more details.
Cowboy hats optional!

Do you want to know how to play Bridge?

Then join our Beginners Bridge Class

Classes start Tuesday February 8
 Room 7

A session runs for about two hours, starting 12:30 pm.

Contact Ross on **0458 801 053**



After a very successful one-off presentation earlier this year, Michael Smith is prepared to run a class next year. Participants will need to bring their laptops and will need to pay \$10 to cover the purchase of the Family Tree Maker software.

Contact our course coordinator **Luci Campestre on 0468 482 219** for more details.



Do you like riding bicycles along bike trails, gravel paths and fire trails around Adelaide?

Do you have a new Electric bike to try out?

Would you like to join a fun, friendly group and improve your fitness and skills?

Basic bike riding skills are a necessity but the pace will be your own.

Contact **Kevin Campbell 0410 201 956**.

President's message

The Annual General Meeting will be held next March 4th at 1pm in room 8/9. I am very grateful of our committee members who will be standing again next year. Mike Norman has reluctantly had to relinquish his position on the committee, and I am very appreciative of the input he has been able to bring to our leadership group.

We are now very lucky to have Michael Prus stepping in to take his place. But we won't have the same people forever and we will need some new blood. If there are any of you who would like to help with grant applications or other areas, please contact me by email kneale014@gmail.com or with a note in my pigeon hole.

As we are running out the new enrollment and database software we are looking for volunteers with some computer experience to assist with the management of the software. Please contact me or the office if you can help.

On the subject of volunteers, U3ASA, which is our umbrella group we belong to, are needing a treasurer, please contact me if you are able to help.

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We have purchased a temperature gauge that will also tell us how much carbon dioxide is in the room. A high level indicates there is not enough fresh air movement. The top windows can be opened to increase ventilation, but they must



be closed at the end of class.

Tony Mittiga has organised the replacement of our carpets in room 2 and 5, which was necessary under our lease agreement with Tea Tree Gully Council. Some members may have noticed an unusual smell. These are VOC's or volatile organic compounds produced in the manufacture of the carpet, which will reduce after time. Our new equipment will be able to monitor these levels along with temperature and humidity.



Many thanks to Michael Prus for the initiative of recycling x-rays, spectacles and mobiles. As you can see many of you have been able to have a clear-out and the boxes are now quite full. Michael has also had approx 60kg of x-rays to be recycled.

The large envelopes the x-rays came in he is passing on to art groups as the white inside is suitable for drawing. Michael doesn't like to waste anything!

As listed on the opposite page we have the return of Folk Dancing and a new class of Line Dancing starting next year. There always seems to be some confusion over our fortnightly class. **It is always either the first and third or second and fourth of the month**, irrespective of when the term starts. When there is a fifth in the month it is up to the Group Leader to decide whether to pick it up.

We are always keen for new group Leaders, so if you know anyone who has skills or knowledge they would like to share with the rest of us please contact our course coordinator Luci Campestre 0468 482 219 lucicampestre@outlook.com

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Hopefully by now we have all had at least our first Covid vaccination, if not our second. We are now able to have third shots six months after our second. I will be having my third in December.

There is a place on our registration forms to mark that you have been vaccinated. All the evidence points to the vaccination reducing the severity of covid if you are unlucky enough to be infected.

I hope to see that everyone has had a jab!

**KEVIN NEALE
PRESIDENT
U3A TTG**



Term dates for 2022

Term 1 Monday 7th February — Thursday 14th April

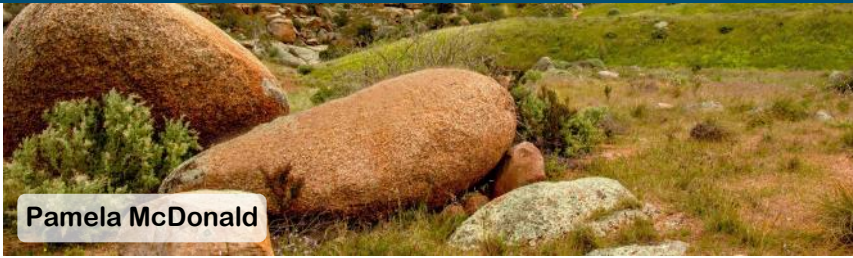
Term 2 Monday 2nd May — Friday 8th July

Term 3 Monday 25th July — Friday 30th September

Term 4 Monday 17th October — Friday 9th December



JACK BOOG'S CLASS MANNUM FALLS PHOTOSHOOT



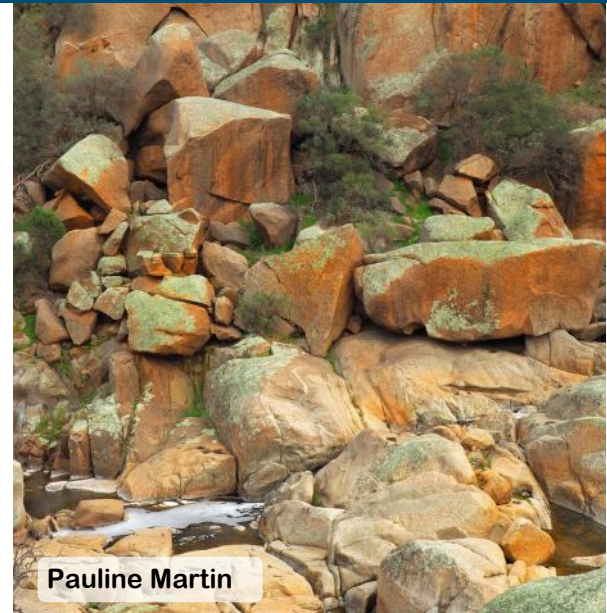
Pamela McDonald

On a cool overcast day, a group of enthusiastic photographers travelled across the Mount Lofty Ranges to Mannum Falls, a sizable river valley leading into the Murray River, near to Mannum.

The expedition contained three challenges. To photograph a miniature water fall, using recently taught techniques to create an illusion of a larger waterfall. The other challenges were to capture the essence of the park in a photograph and to capture some of the magnificent rock formations in the valley. Recent rain had ensured there was plenty of water in the river valley, .

It was a wonderful day highlighted by some excellent photographs, an opportunity to "stretch" our legs and spending time with other photography enthusiasts. The day ended in the group sharing lunch at a nearby hotel, which encouraged members to share stories while bringing much needed income to a local hotel!

Bill Roche — September 2021



Pauline Martin



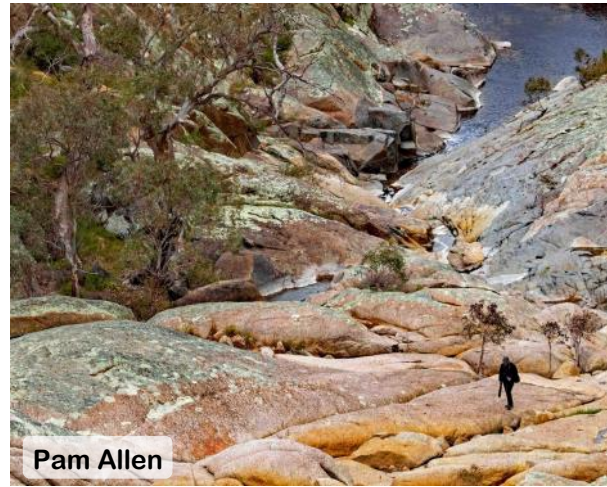
Keith Foord



Kevin Flynn



Paul Coolen



Pam Allen



Alf Coolen

JACK BOOG'S CLASS MAWSON LAKES PHOTOSHOOT

The U3A Photography classes decided to start Term 3 off with an outing and a mini photography competition, rather than an indoor class while there are still some concerns with Covid-19.

So it was off to Mawson Lakes for 27 members of the Intermediate and Beginners class, and it was lovely to have 3 spouses join us for the day out. We met in front of the Boat Deck Café at Mawson Lakes, some arrived earlier for a coffee with Jack before we set off for a leisurely walk around the lake to capture that perfect shot. The focus of the day was the lake and its importance to the town of Mawson Lakes.

The lake is accessible to variety of people, who were out and about on the day, walkers, runners, mothers with prams and school students. A group from the Mawson Lakes Model Boat Club were also out sailing their radio-controlled yachts.

Although the weather was quite mild it was lacking in sunshine, providing an opportunity to put into practice some of the knowledge learnt in class on adjusting our camera settings to suit the conditions. Many shots were taken by everyone and we were all looking forward to the challenge of choosing our best ones to enhance and edit for the class competition.

After the photo session we returned to the Boat Deck Café to enjoy a delicious lunch with plenty of friendly chat. Another very enjoyable day had by all. **June Quinn**



Paul Coolen



Pamela McDonald



Max Banfield



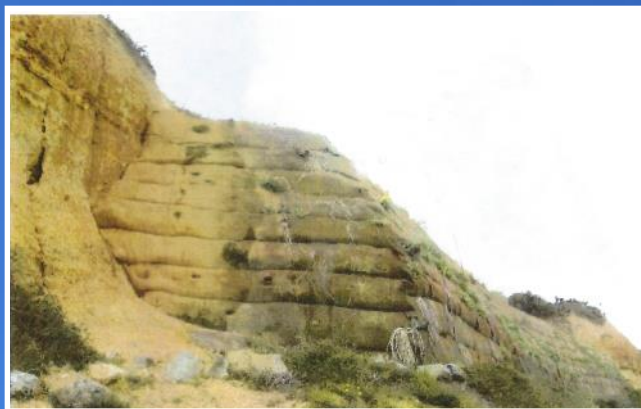
The class at their Mannum lunch

PORT NOARLUNGA TO CHRISTIES BEACH

The excursion to Pt Noarlunga and Christies Beach by Cynthia Pyle's Geology group aimed to investigate the rock platform and cliffs called the Blanche Point Formation which can be seen in the main picture.

The rock platform just above the sand line is a mudstone which is purported to display the remains of the burrows of a giant prawn that thrived about 55 million years ago. Next is a clay and limestone layer which may contain traces of fossilised sponge spicules.

At the top is the recent red alluvial deposit.



The cliff defences near Christie Beach in 2018 showing sandbags placed there to protect the cliff face from erosion



Cynthia's Geology group investigate the surface of the formation called the Gull Rock Member which can contain fossils of spiral snails.



The cliff defences from a distance seem to be successful by 2021 in encouraging vegetation and stabilising the cliff...

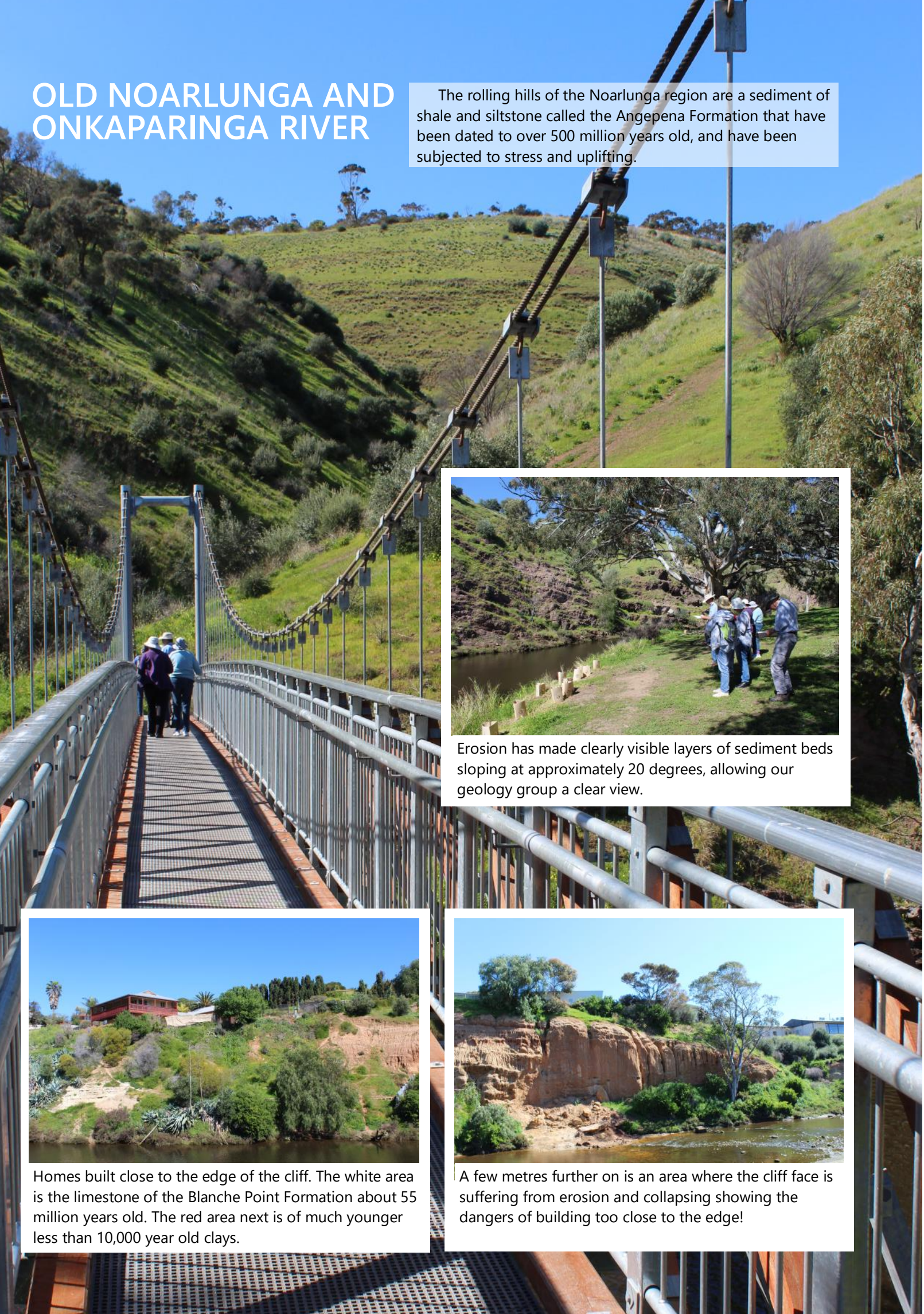


...but on closer inspection they are deteriorating and may collapse before vegetation can take root.



OLD NOARLUNGA AND ONKAPARINGA RIVER

The rolling hills of the Noarlunga region are a sediment of shale and siltstone called the Angepena Formation that have been dated to over 500 million years old, and have been subjected to stress and uplifting.



Erosion has made clearly visible layers of sediment beds sloping at approximately 20 degrees, allowing our geology group a clear view.



Homes built close to the edge of the cliff. The white area is the limestone of the Blanche Point Formation about 55 million years old. The red area next is of much younger less than 10,000 year old clays.

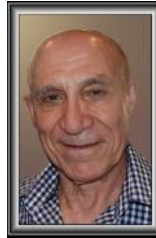


A few metres further on is an area where the cliff face is suffering from erosion and collapsing showing the dangers of building too close to the edge!

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