



# Friends of Willunga Basin

Newsletter September 2011

## IMPORTANT NOTICE!

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## FOWB AGM



**Wednesday 28 September 7:30pm**

Waverley Park homestead, Willunga Golf Course

**Special Guest Speaker:  
Professor Andrew Millington**

(Dean of the School of the Environment, Flinders University, and currently engaged in the 'Sense of Place' study of Willunga Basin)

The meeting will be followed by supper



FOWB has been very fortunate in engaging Prof Andrew Millington, Dean of Flinders Uni School of the Environment, to be our guest speaker for the AGM on Wednesday, 28 September at Waverley House, St Peters Terrace, Willunga.

Dr Millington is currently heading up the 'Sense of Place' study of Willunga Basin and will present his initial findings at the meeting, as well as probably conducting some sort of group activity related to 'sense of place'.

This promises to be a really interesting night, so put the date in your diaries please!

Dr Millington started his academic career in 1978 as a geography lecturer at the University of Sierra Leone with subsequent appointments at University of Reading, University of Leicester and Texas A&M University. He has also consulted for the World Bank, United Nations and the European Union.

Dr Millington's research has focused on the impact of people on vegetation and land use-land cover change, landscape fragmentation and biodiversity.

Prior to this appointment as Dean of the School of the Environment at Flinders University in July last year, he was Director of Environmental Programs in Geosciences and Professor of Geography at Texas A&M University in the United States.



# ... a sense of place

## Some words of introduction from Dr Andrew Millington

Our underlying philosophy is that the environment is inherently interdisciplinary and that sound research that can advance society's understanding of environmental issues forms the basis of stimulating educational courses; and helps develop solutions requiring good science, good social science, and explorations at the many interfaces between the two. Human and natural systems are coupled and complex, they involve feedbacks between environment and society, and need to recognise that many of the relationships between the two are non-linear. Researching and teaching in the environmental area is exciting for staff and students alike, to know you are helping to solve some of Australia's (and the world's) main contemporary issues is simply icing on the cake.

What excited me about joining this School was the breadth of expertise. Working together with such a comprehensive group including geologists, hydrologists, hydrogeologists, meteorologists, oceanographers, environmental managers, biogeographers, land change scientists, demographers and environmental health experts means that we can develop and deliver exciting and relevant courses (courses we have started to plan and will roll out over the next three years), prosecute quality research, and use our expertise to engage with communities in South Australia and elsewhere on applied issues.

We are developing five research-led strategic clusters - water; spatial information; health and environment; environment and society; and environmental geosciences - and will be building our research, educational, and community engagement portfolios around these.

Flinders' School of the Environment will be changing, increasing its educational and research impact, and making a difference to Australia and its neighbours in the next few years.



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Flinders University

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DATE

 **WILLUNGA**  
**Environment Centre** INC.

# COMMUNITY, SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT

## EXPO

October 8 & 9, 2011

10am - 4pm at **Willunga High School**

and various other locations around Willunga community

**FREE ENTRY**

COME AND LEARN ABOUT

Biodynamics in vineyards, Organics in agriculture, Sustainable agriculture, Strawbale building, Permaculture, Solar and water innovations, Recycling household water with reed beds, Sustainable energy, Organic gardening, Composting, Worm farming, Water conservation/native gardens, Indigenous gardens, Community and kitchen gardens in schools, no-dig summer vegie gardens, edible backyard weeds, Peak Oil, Transition Towns, snake awareness, butter making, bush walks

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# Don't forget

You can renew your annual membership of FOWB at the AGM, and you can use the form on the right of this page to give to friends who might be interested.

Just print this page and give it to your friends!

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## Friends of Willunga Basin MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

There is an annual fee of \$8 (concession \$6, family \$10).

Members have voting rights at general meetings, and are eligible to stand for office.

Please post to: PO Box 710 Willunga SA 5172

### Main Objectives

Friends of Willunga Basin actively endeavour to:

- Retain natural and heritage assets
- Restore damaged ecosystems
- Keep housing within present urban growth boundaries
- Ensure planning precedes development
- Retain agriculture as the primary land use east of South Rd
- Promote sustainable lifestyles
- Achieve legislative backing for the above objectives.

I hereby join as a FRIEND OF WILLUNGA BASIN and declare my support for retaining the natural and rural character of the Willunga Basin as stated in the objectives listed in the brochure.

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