



The Friends of the Desert Park - Who are we?

The main goal of the Friends of the Desert Park is to promote and support the Alice Springs Desert Park. The Friends work in cooperation with the Park Management to achieve this aim. Membership is free and is open to anyone who supports this aim. Interested people can contact the committee to join.

The Friends of the Desert Park is an incorporated association and was first established in 1997. It is managed by a committee elected by the association members. The committee is able to co-opt additional committee members if people wish to join between general meetings. The committee meets about once a month.

The Friends association supports the Desert Park in a number of ways:

- Published a book about the Park (My Desert Diary), based on the animal and bird information signs around the park. It is available at a number of outlets around Alice Springs, including the Desert Park shop.
- Published a series of 10 flora and fauna prints taken from the same artworks. These are also available at the Desert Park shop.
- The group raises funds to purchase item to assist the Park.
- Maintain a fleet of scooters that are available for use by visitors requiring mobility assistance to visit the Park.
- Friends support the Park staff by funding individual staff development courses outside of the work unit's capacity.
- Friends participate in events held by the Park, and often provide support through a barbecue or providing manpower. Including an art exhibition in association with Red Centre Bird Festival.
- Friends of the Desert Park events are held for members from time to time showcasing different aspects of the Park operations such as a behind the scenes night of the Nocturnal House.
- Encourage volunteers to support the Park.
- Publish an occasional flier, 'Focus on Friends' promoting Friends and Park activities, circulated widely via email.



If you're interested in becoming a Friend of the Desert Park email fodesertpark@gmail.com or call Margo on 0417 852 494. Alternatively make contact through the Desert Park via email asdp@nt.gov.au or (08) 8951 8788.