

If you are interested in preserving our environment for future generations and joining an enthusiastic and dedicated group of volunteers who manage and operate Gluepot Reserve, why not consider joining the **'Friends of Gluepot'** group.

The Friends of Gluepot is an affiliated group of the Friends of Parks scheme in South Australia. There are 117 such groups comprising 6,000 people who do voluntary work in parks each year.

Gluepot Reserve is one of Australia's largest community owned and managed conservation reserves. Situated 64 km from the River Murray in South Australia's Riverland district, the reserve is managed and operated entirely by volunteers. Some 54,390 ha in size, it is home to 17 nationally threatened species of birds, 50 species of reptiles and 12 species of bats, some of which are nationally threatened. There are few areas of the world that support such a concentration of threatened species.



Removing a bat from a mistnet during survey work

The Reserve is within the River Murray Catchment in South Australia and is part of the largest block of intact mallee left in Australia, and so the viability of threatened bird populations and other flora and fauna is high. The last major fire on Gluepot was over half a century ago in December 1950. Importantly, some whole areas were not burnt at all during these widespread fires. A diversity of fire impacts, together with a diversity of understoreys within the mallee and other woodland communities, gives rise to a wide variety of niches for birds and other animals. Many of the trees within the mallee and Casuarina woodland are hundreds of years old with numerous hollows. Such old-growth habitat is essential for many species including threatened species.



The Gluepot environment

By successfully combining the elements of biodiversity conservation and land management, scientific research and monitoring and sustainable ecotourism, Gluepot Reserve has taken conservation management into a new era. The Reserve is providing an international 'model' to show that sustainable use of the landscape is both feasible and desirable. A highly successful program of this size and complexity is unique in Australian land management and serves to increase awareness of the environmental issues surrounding this highly endangered area of Australian Wilderness.

Volunteers are the life-blood of the Reserve and come from all states of Australia and overseas. During 2002 and 2003, our volunteers donated 46,013 hours and 271,792 kilometres to the Reserve. To the end of December 2003, volunteers had donated the equivalent of \$2,180,118 in hours and mileage to the Reserve since it was purchased in July 1997.



The Friends of Gluepot welcomes people of all ages, nationalities, and locations who care about Gluepot Reserve and its' environment. No offer is turned away - there is something for everyone whether you are young or old, male or female. Friends are especially beneficial because of their skills and experience, caring about nature, and a concern for the type of world they are handing on to their grandchildren.

YES! I want to become a member of the 'Friends of

Please tick the activities you are interested in.

- Plant and animal identification and surveys.
- Vegetation mapping
- Wildlife monitoring
- Bird Atlassing
- Weed management
- Helping maintain the Reserve track system
- Maintaining the Reserves 14 walking trails and designing new trails.
- Designing and producing brochures and visitor hand-out material.
- Promoting local interest in the Reserve through education, field days and local publicity.
- Arranging guided walks/tours on the Reserve.
- Heritage and history research, recording, photography and working bees.
- Public speaking.
- Photopoints, photography, collections etc.
- Maintenance of the Reserves library
- Maintenance of the Herbarium collection.
- Records management
- Assisting Committee members: eg. Treasurer
- Computer operations including data entry and data base management.
- Construction and building projects.
- Assisting research personnel.
- Invertebrate studies and collection.
- Fundraising projects including the Gluepot Reserve Foundation.
- Revegetation projects
- Building and equipment maintenance
- Friends Newsletter
- Preparation of a 'Gluepot Cookbook' for sale.
- Maintenance of the Michael Hyde Visitor Centre
- Assisting with the design and implementation of environmental education courses.
- Supporter only

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

MOBILE: _____

FAX: _____

My/our membership subscription of \$10 is enclosed - covers a single person, couple or family.

Please accept my: money order cash

cheque (payable to: *Friends of Gluepot Reserve*)

If you are completing this form in the Gluepot Visitor Centre, please include your payment and this form in the envelope provided and place it in the appropriate slot.

If mailing payment, please send to:

**Margaret Jennings
The Treasurer
Friends of Gluepot Reserve
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Friends of Gluepot Reserve

"Working together to ensure we leave a better, healthier environment for our grandchildren"



'Friends' undertake a variety of biodiversity survey projects including work on mammals, reptiles, birds, insects and plants.