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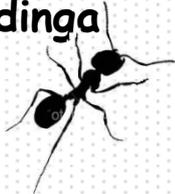
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NEWSLETTER

December 2011

'Getting to know the ants of Aldinga Scrub'



We have been fortunate to receive a grant from the AMLR Natural Resources Management Board to conduct a workshop which will be held early in 2012.



The program will include an indoor session and field trips in Aldinga Scrub, with a follow up session in June to look at the results.



The program will be conducted by entomologist Annette Vincent, who specialises in the study of ants. Annette is also an accomplished artist, and all participants will receive a copy of her book, *The art of ants*.

Don't miss out — contact Neville now on 8556 6782 to register your interest.



New name and new location for our traditional end of year gathering!



'Sunday on Sunday'

4 December from 9:00 am

Rowley Road Reserve
(see below for directions)

Join us once again for a picnic breakfast as we celebrate a very successful year of working together to care for Aldinga Scrub.

As usual, please BYO everything (including seating).

Contact Helen on 8556 3166 for more information.



Meet here — southern end of Rowley Road opposite Hart Road wetland

From the committee ...

- we have been successful in securing grants to continue our work in 2012. Our budget will include
 - *\$4000 from City of Onkaparinga for treatment of bridal creeper
 - *\$9000 from NRM for removal of veldt grass
 - *\$20000 from Caring for Country for woody weed eradication
- weeds which were introduced when the levee bank was constructed along the eastern boundary are now proliferating. We have asked our ranger Dennis to bring this to the attention of council officers and request an eradication program be implemented as a matter of urgency.

An invitation
from the Southern
Lofty District staff



Take is easy for a couple of hours
come along to the

Annual Volunteer BBQ
Monday 28 November
Cleland Wildlife Park
from 4:00 pm

Please contact Helen if you would like to attend — we

Park news

- our workers have been busy removing boneseed in the south-eastern corner, and also African daisy and Cape tulip in the northern areas.
- graffiti has been cleared from the markers on the Coral Lichen Circuit, and the missing marker #7 will be replaced shortly. The brochure is also being updated.
- NRM officer, Jess Mitchell, has allocated a team from Conservation Volunteers to spend a day in ASCP removing evening primrose.
- the issue of access for cyclists between Hart and Cox Roads was discussed again at our November general meeting. It was agreed that our preferred solution is the implementation of a pathway which is indicated on council's Recreational Trails Strategy 2007-2012. We will ask our ranger Dennis to raise our concerns with council and lobby for a path to be developed **outside** of the park boundary.
- a group of TAFE students studying Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management has recently undertaken a kangaroo survey in ASCP.
- Coastal NRM officer, Emma Stephens, has funded a fox eradication program in ASCP. A thorough survey was carried out to locate the dens which were recently fumigated. Three active dens were found, and another 3 possible dens identified.

Tube Filling Day

Sunday 27 November



7 Palmer Street from 10:30 am

Come along and help to fill tubes with soil for our 2011/12 growing season. Bring a plate and stay for a shared lunch.

Working Bees

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am

During the warmer months, working bees will be held on a week by week basis, according to the suitability of the weather.

If you are available to help, please contact John each week on 0488 552 797 to find whether the group will be working.

Financial Report as at 31 September 2011

Funds held at Bendigo Bank, Aldinga

Club Cheque account	\$1995.05
Extra Cash Management account	\$7831.44
Fixed Deposit account	<u>\$15000.00</u>
Total funds	\$24826.49