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Our first meetings for 2012!

9 February

Neville Hudson will speak about 'Observations in the Great Victoria Desert over the last five years', relating his experiences on scientific surveys coordinated by officers of the SA Museum.

8 March

This will be our Annual General Meeting, where we review the past year and elect officers for the forthcoming year. Once we have dispensed with the formal business, we will enjoy a social gathering.

Our meetings are held in the
Community Room
Aldinga Library
at 7:30 each month
(February to November)

All welcome!

You are invited to attend this local workshop

Getting to know the ants of Aldinga Scrub

Limited places are still available to attend this hands-on workshop, which will be conducted by entomologist and artist Annette Vincent.

Saturday 18 February

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Aldinga Library Community Room

Introduction to ant families and identification of ant species.

Sunday 19 February

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Aldinga Scrub

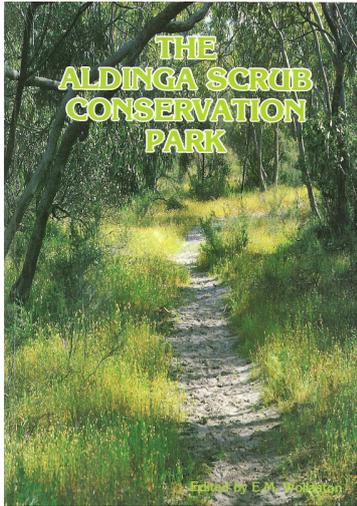
Field trip to set out mini pitfall traps, collect and identify specimens.

Throughout the following week, Annette will be monitoring the mini pitfall traps, and participants will be welcome to join her at any time. She would also appreciate assistance on Thursday 23 February to remove all the traps.

To secure your place, please contact Neville Hudson on 8556 6782.



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New copies now in stock

Due to ongoing demand, Friends of Aldinga Scrub have commissioned a reprint of this seminal source of information about Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park. If you don't have a copy, you may wish to contact a committee member to arrange a purchase.

Contents include information about: history, archaeology, native vegetation, introduced plants, mammals and birds, bats, reptiles, amphibians, butterflies, spiders, insects ... and much more!

Obtain your copy now for just \$15!

Picnickers seek refuge from raging winds!

On 4 December last year, Friends gathered to celebrate another year's achievements. However, our planned 'Sunday on Sunday' breakfast picnic was thwarted by intense gully winds. Not to be deterred, we relocated to a sheltered position near the Dover Street carpark, where we were able to enjoy our cornflakes and cups of tea in comfort!



Trespasser in Paxton Patch



While John Edmeades was recently checking up on last year's planting in the Paxton Patch, he discovered that some very inconsiderate person had removed the small pedestrian gate on the northern side of the enclosure.

As he looked around the enclosed area, John came across a kangaroo happily resting in the shade of the flourishing vegetation. John was able to gently guide the kangaroo out of the enclosure without causing it distress.

In the best tradition of bush engineering, John then put together a makeshift gate using leftover tree guards. Fortunately, it did not appear that the new plantings had been harmed by the trespasser!

Thank you to

- John and Carolyn for creating the Hooded Plover Christmas Tree which was our entry in the Willunga Uniting Church Christmas Festival.
- David Munzberg from Signs of Wood for producing a number '7' marker to replace the missing post on the Coral Lichen Circuit.

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.