

FRIENDS OF ALDINGA SCRUB

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Coming Events

Thursday April 11th—Our own Julie Burgher is the speaker. Her subject is: “Kangaroo Island in Summer”. I believe we’re in for a feast of interesting and beautiful photos.

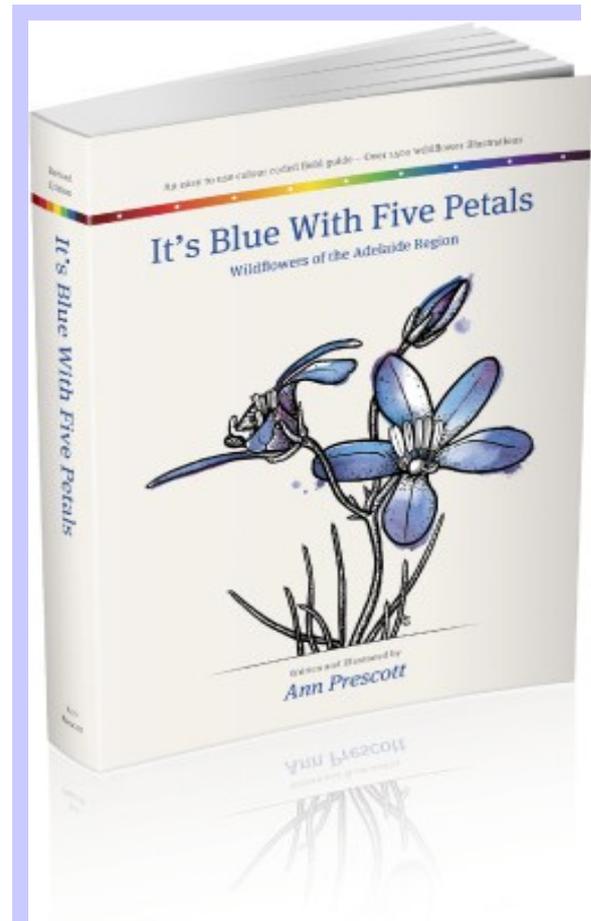
Thursday May 9th—Markus Pichler, from Flinders University of South Australia, School of the Environment, Geo/Hydro/Earth Sciences. His talk is titled: “Geology and the Environment”.

All welcome!



Members may like to visit the Aldinga Library to see a display of echidnas ranging from beautiful to cute to quirky. They are from a private collection and reflect a love of these amazing animals that are an icon species of Aldinga Scrub. They will be on display for another 3 weeks.

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Park News

- * Our volunteer workers have been hampered by high temperatures in March but have still managed to put in a good many hours.
- * Rhamnus and Boneseed are ever present and have even been removed from neighbouring properties.
- * It's been noted that the burnt area opposite the Cox Rd Caravan Park has not recovered well. Some Yacca plants (*Xanthorrhoea semiplana*) have not recovered at all and there has been very little seed germination suggesting the burn-off was too hot. There certainly appears to be more Veldt Grass and other weeds. We feel it may be interesting to do some monitoring of this area.
- * Plans are underway to start on this year's monitoring of our three sites.

News from the Committee

As you will remember, last month was our AGM. There were a couple of changes to the Committee membership. We thank Julie for her many years as a wonderful President and are pleased she's remaining on the committee and will be available to help us.

President: John Ackers
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Committee Members:
Julie Burgher John Edmeades
Joy Forrest Heather Carrangis
and a big welcome to Joyce Williams.

A copy of the President's Report is attached. We are very impressed with our achievements over the last year.

Breaking News:

Another new plant found in Aldinga Scrub

Gyrostemon australasicus, false buck-bush. "Twiggy soft-wooded shrub to waist high. Plant often red or orange tinged. Leaves linear, almost fleshy, but easily snapped. Fruit segmented like an orange. More common in seasons after fire and then dying back. Heath. Winter to early summer."

description from It's Blue With Five Petals

Subscriptions.

Members are reminded that subscriptions are due.

Subscriptions are: **Family \$15.00**
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- ♦ Electronic transfer. (Preferred option)
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If so please contact Secretary Helen to have it sent to you via

e-mail.

Helen's email;

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Working Bees **Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am**

Regular working bees are in full swing during the coming months.

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



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