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Australians Invade Mars Desert Research Station

A team of Australian researchers from Mars Society Australia has descended upon the Mars Desert Research Station in Utah as part of a joint venture with the Mars Society of Canada known as Expedition One. The intention of this month long mission due to finish in mid March is to focus research efforts on those aspects of a human Mars surface exploration mission that have received scant attention to date. Scientist and engineers are conducting studies of exploration strategies, science data logging technology as well as crew interactions in environments similar to those that future explorers may find upon arrival on the Martian surface. Of particular interest to date has been the first field test of the Australian designed and built MarsSkin spacesuit. To follow the crews reports from Expedition One and for more details about the mission visit www.marssociety.org.au



Australians at work at the Mars Desert Research Station in Utah

MSA NSW Seminar Series begins in 2003

Beginning in March 2003 the NSW Branch of Mars Society Australia is proud to present a series of seminars by prominent speakers from a variety of fields on topics related to the scientific, engineering and social aspects of Mars exploration. Details of the first of these seminars are below.

Wednesday 26th March 2003 - 6:00pm

"The Australian Centre for Astrobiology: What on Earth is it?"

Speaker: Professor Malcolm Walter - Director, Australian Centre for Astrobiology, Macquarie University

Prof. Malcolm Walter has been involved in the selection of Mars landing sites with NASA for over 20 years and is a world expert on microbial life in high temperature ecosystems. The author of "The Search for Life on Mars" and curator of the special Centenary of Federation exhibition 'Mars and Beyond', Prof. Walter is presently director of the Australia's arm of the NASA Astrobiology Institute.

Location: Mechanical Engineering Building, University of Sydney

For more details on the MSA NSW Seminar Series visit www.marssociety.org.au

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