



# **friends of the flinders ranges national park**

**May - June 2010**

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## **NEWSLETTER**

### **Thursday 13 May – Adelaide State Library**

Six members attended the first “city” meeting of the Friends Group and spent a most informative two hours, after coffee, in the quiet of a library study room. Tony, as Chair, went through the developments in the on-going Appealinna saga and showed the drafts of the interp signs and the proposed walking trail through the site as presented by Lorraine Edmunds earlier at Oraparinna. Much discussion followed on that topic but also on the future of walking trails in the Park, Guide Hut and the Visitors’ Centre. District Ranger Darren filled in a lot of the details about what is happening in the Park, and what is hoped will happen in the future. Don and Graham, Barbara and Kevin were the other members who attended. It was generally felt that the meeting was a success. This was a relief because there had been some antagonism towards “another meeting” but the members at the AGM asked that it be tried, and so it was. Another such meeting is proposed for September or October – details to be advised.

### **21-24 May 2010 at Oraparinna**

This turned out to be a rather different weekend to any we have experienced in the Park before.

Saturday saw Athol taking Peter, Marge and Ron out to Guide Hut in his vehicle while Tony went with Tom in the Park’s cruiser. Just as well as the Moodlatanna Creek was still flowing and the big crossing was under water, sand and mud. No problems and soon we were all pugging away in the Hut. Athol worked on the doors to counteract the impact of the weather and time on them and the doorjams. Not long after lunch all tasks were completed satisfactorily and so we wound our way back to Oraparinna, rather carefully because virtually all creek and gully crossings had been washed out and could be quite dangerous, not to say impassable to conventional 2x2 vehicles with low clearance. The BBQ tea was a joy to behold, and eat, as usual.

Sunday started with a shower of rain and then plenty more so that we were virtually condemned to quarters for the whole day. It would have been pointless wandering around in the rain out in the Park and we didn’t, enabling Ron and Marge to leave early to get back to Whyalla. Fortunately there was room for Terrie and Trevor and their family later in the day when they were glad and relieved to arrive from Aroona Camp Ground where the rain was threatening to close the roads especially for people towing trailers and caravans! So our enlarged group sat in front of the fire, watched TV and all that “out of the rain” stuff. Some of us even got some work done on the data base collation of material.

Monday was rainy but the bitumen road ensured a safe trip home, well, as long as some of the creeks did not rise and dig out the crossings even more. It was surprising to see so much water in Kanyaka Creek and Wirreanda Creek, even more remarkable to see Boolcunda Creek flowing across the main road perhaps a foot deep in the middle. Oraparinna certainly did not get that sort of rain on Sunday. It sure added some interest to the drive across the Willochra Plain however. Peter and Tony managed to enjoy the food at the Quandong Café in Quorn after all that excitement.

### **June Meeting: Oraparinna Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 2010**

Programme:

Arrive Friday, discussion session after tea.

Saturday – 9 a.m. to Guide Hut – selection of stone for floors and laying of same.

4-00 p.m. to Oraparinna; BBQ tea, Meeting. Review of data base project.

Sunday – 9 a.m. to Appealinna – clearing of ruins; lunch;

pm Completion of data base information for some of the sites north of Oraparinna

4-00 p.m. to Oraparinna

Monday 8-00 a.m. – clean Quarters; Drive to Quorn for morning tea at the Quandong Café.

## Future Meetings:

June – 4 <sup>th</sup> Weekend Friday 25 – Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Oraparinna Shearers Quarters
July - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend Friday 16 - Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ditto
Aug. – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend Friday 20 – Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Ditto
Sept. – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ditto
Oct. - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend Friday 15 – Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ditto
Nov - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ditto

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### Reminders:

Annual subscriptions for the year 2010 are due - **\$20 per family.**

**Copies of the booklets** “*Exploring the Flinders – Flinders Ranges National Park Tours*” and “*Diary of an Artist*” are now available for distribution and sale to/by members for \$10 per copy.

Friends intending to attend June week-end please reserve your room by ringing Tony Bott by Monday 21st June

