



ORAPARINNA TELEGRAPH

Official Bulletin of Friends of Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park

Issue: 2

September, 2016

GEOLOGY GURU

Not only is Victor Gostin our Group's Patron, he is also an extraordinary geologist. Spend an hour in the Flinders Ranges with Victor and you benefit from a lifetime of learning and knowledge. And that is just what 14 of our members were fortunate to do during our August meeting. All agreed that they now know much more about how the ranges formed and how so many geological features worldwide are interdependent.

Victor left a few booklets with us. These will be in our little library if you want to review them.

CO-MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

The Board has been in place for five years and has responsibility for overseeing all activities associated with the Park. We were invited to attend the Board meeting earlier this month to provide a report on the activities and achievements of the Friends Group.

The Board members were very interested in the background of our Group and most impressed by the range of projects we have completed over the years. Members thanked our Group for the contribution we have made to the park and they look forward to our ongoing commitment. They also thanked us for our ready acceptance of the dual naming of the park and incorporating it in our group name.

IGA WARTA INVITATION

Whereas Nepabunna has been home to Adnyamathanha people for 80 years, Iga Warta a few kilometres to the west is soon to celebrate its 20th anniversary.

To celebrate the anniversary the community is inviting people to visit them between October 21 and October 24. In that time visitors will be able to experience cultural cooking, bush tucker, campfire stories and music, and activities around art and jewellery.

If you want more information about the week-and the consequence of that is abundant, we

end's events, phone the community on 8648 3737.

JOHN McDOUALL STUART

We have also been invited to share in an amazing evening featuring one of the best known explorers in South Australia.

Stuart maintained detailed journals of his exploration forays into the unknown outback including the Flinders Ranges and beyond. Writer/actor Danny Gillies has taken Stuart's journal entries and written a fascinating one man play about this misunderstood explorer.

The Toyota Landcruiser Club is presenting the Danny Gillies one man play at the Sporting Car Club, 51 King William Road, Unley on Friday November 11. Tickets are \$15 each which includes the performance and a light snack from 6.00 p.m. The performance starts at 7.30 p.m.

Contact our Trevor Coleman for tickets, either on 8293 1379 or tcntc@optusnet.com.au. The performance is suitable for all ages.

FOP FORUM 2018

An invitation has been received from Friends of Park Board to consider hosting the 2018 Forum. After the effort this group put into hosting the 2008 Forum, we believe we know what our collective response will be, however before we respond to FOP Inc we are giving you the chance to consider the invitation and provide comment.

Drop a quick note to the President if you are interested in us again hosting a Forum. It will need to be a near-unanimous decision by members before we agree to it.

FLINDERS AT ITS BEST

Undoubtedly we all find the Flinders Ranges scenically wonderful, no matter the time of year or the prevailing climatic impact. Nevertheless at times when rain is plentiful While the team of men limewashed, the ladies

enjoy the ranges in all their glory a tad more. That is the situation up there at the moment. Nowhere is there an absence of lush green grass. The trees look healthy and the animals are prolific. The purple of Salvation Jane is already dominating hillsides and valleys, and water flows freely in Bunyeroo and Brachina Gorges.

If you don't have the chance to visit the Flinders soon, close your eyes and think of the best you have ever seen it. This is how it looks right now.

CARRIETON HOTEL

Many of our members pass through Carrieton en-route to Oraparinna. If you consider the hotel there as an option for food and drink along the way you had better look elsewhere. The Carrieton Hotel is closed and there is a "For Lease" sign in the window.

While its demise was probably inevitable, it is still a sad reflection on the remnants of this Flinders Ranges town.

OCTOBER MEETING

Our next scheduled meeting is at Oraparinna on October 6-12. The primary project for the week is the stabilisation of the lonely chimney at Mount Billy Creek. The skeletal remains of the shepherd's hut lay scattered in front of the chimney, but there is no suggestion we restore this hut as we did with Guide Hut.

As the chimney area would become too congested with a large team working on it, there are other tasks for us to tackle during the week. These include weed control, vegetation clearance from signs, and removing star droppers at Trezona campground.

Please let Vince know, asap, if you plan to attend, and if you require a room.

AUGUST ACHIEVEMENTS

Take sunglasses next time you visit Oraparinna to avoid the glare of Blacksmith Shop walls. A small team of artisans applied multiple coats of limewash to the walls over a three day period. Holes were patched and stones replaced. The result is a fine looking piece of history that will stand for another century.

and a couple of spare men removed wire tree guards and stakes from trees at Teamsters and Trezona campgrounds. The change was amazing. Young trees that had been restricted by cages, quickly spread their branches to take their place in the natural landscape. An enjoyable week was had by all.

CULTURAL AWARENESS

Each time we are at Oraparinna our President plans to include opportunities for all to learn more about the Flinders Ranges.

Victor's geology tour was the first of these.

Vince has invited IFRNP Cultural Senior Ranger Arthur Coulthard to join us during our October meeting to begin increasing our understanding of the Adnyamathanha culture. When discussing this with other park staff recently, Vince was told that the Co-management Board intends providing all people who come onto the park, both employees and volunteers, with cultural awareness training. Seems we are just slightly ahead of the times.

As Adnyamathanha heritage and culture has long been part of the fascinating fabric of the Flinders Ranges tapestry, there is value in us knowing more about it than we presently do.

GRADUATE RANGER

Tony Sanderman was employed by DEWNR as a Graduate Ranger at the beginning of September. His first posting is to IFRNP for 6 months. As Graduate Rangers normally work with us in the park we can look forward to meeting Tony in October and having him on site with us. He is young, tall and strong. Guess who will be doing the heavy lifting in October!

BLINMAN GYMKANA

In past years a few members have disappeared from the park only to be spotted at the Blinman Gymkana. This year Gymkana day does not coincide with our week at Oraparinna. However, it is just 3 days later on Saturday October 15, so if you are interested in joining the locals for a day of fun in the sun, keep the day free. There is action throughout the day at the Blinman Racecourse.