



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

**February March 2010**

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**Patron – Mrs Elizabeth Jamieson**

## **NEWSLETTER**

Dear Friends

Welcome to 2010 activities of our Friends Group.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Findon Community Centre on Saturday 20 February and was well attended. The guest speaker Dr David Peacock, Research Officer from the Department of Water Land Biodiversity Conservation in Adelaide gave an extremely interesting and thought provoking illustrated address on the possibility or desirability of re-introducing the Western Quoll into the Flinders Ranges, particularly Wilpena Pound. This, he proposes, is a suitable area to attempt to use quolls to control rabbits.

The re-election of Officers resulted in the return of the same office bearers as in 2009. During "Other Business" a discussion about having 2 meetings in Adelaide during 2010 (in addition to the those already scheduled for Oraparinna) be held so that those members who can't get to the Flinders can contribute to the work of the Friends and to keep up with current issues involving the Park.

Tony suggested that the meetings be held at the State Library and the research work for the data base could follow a brief meeting. Passed. The first meeting will be Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 10-30 a.m. – State Library - venue to be confirmed.

Athol then showed Peter's computerised photographic exhibition of the Flinders Ranges.

We were delighted to welcome our Patron Mrs Elizabeth Jamieson and her husband Prof Jamieson at the meeting.

### **The programme for 2010 is as per November/December outline.**

Dates of working bees for 2010			
February		Saturday 20	Annual General Meeting
March *****	4 <sup>th</sup> Weekend	Friday 26 – Tuesday 30	Oraparinna Shearers Quarters
April	3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend	Friday 16 – Monday 19	Oraparinna Shearers Quarters.
May	4 <sup>th</sup> Weekend	Friday 21 – Monday 24	Oraparinna Shearers Quarters.
June	4 <sup>th</sup> Weekend	Friday 25 – Monday 28	Oraparinna Shearers Quarters.
July	3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend	Friday 16 – Monday 19	Oraparinna Shearers Quarters.
August	3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend	Friday 20 – Tuesday 24	Oraparinna Shearers Quarters
September	3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend	Friday 17 – Monday 20	Oraparinna Shearers Quarters.
October	3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend	Friday 15 – Monday 18	Oraparinna Shearers Quarters.
November	3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend	Friday 19 – Monday 22	Oraparinna Shearers Quarters.
*****Cancelled if 35°+ heat Pt Augusta Thursday forecast			

## **MARCH MEETING – ORAPARINNA FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Friday 26 March - p.m. arrive at Oraparinna and share "happy hour" 5 p.m. – 6-30 p.m.

Dinner followed by general discussion.

Saturday 27 March – 9-00 a.m. – Drive to Guide Hut: continue wiring and pugging inside walls.

12 noon - 1-00 p.m. Lunch at Guide Hut

Afternoon – continue tasks at Guide Hut

4-00 p.m. Return to Oraparinna and barbecue tea.

7-30 p.m. – 8-00 p.m. Brief Business Meeting.

Sunday 28 March – Data Base collection : Lunch at Blinman/Parachilna.

Monday 29 March – as for Saturday at Guide Hut/ Appealinna Garden Wall project.

Tuesday 30 March – a.m. – clean quarters - return to Adelaide via Quorn Quondong Café.

**As for the last 2 years there will be no week-end at Oraparinna 26th – 30th March if the forecast temperature for Port Augusta for Friday is 35°C+.**

**Room Bookings to Tony by Sunday 21 March please.**

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**A reminder that the 2010 Annual Membership fee remains at \$20 per family.**

**Please pay your Annual Membership asap as members working in the Park need to be financial for insurance purposes.**



**Dr David Peacock – Guest Speaker AGM**