



friends of the flinders ranges national park

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Progress at Guide Hut

A number of us went up to Oraparinna for the September weekend. It was Gordon's last week at the Flinders Ranges National Park, and we wanted to take the opportunity to work with him on getting the Guide Hut roof in place.

The roofing iron was supplied by Bill and Jane McIntosh, while the ridge capping was supplied by Brendan and Carmel Reynolds.



Since Guide Hut has a hipped roof there was a fair bit of cutting-to-shape required. Trevor and Tony did most of the cutting, then helped Gordon put it in place.

We got most of the iron in place on Saturday. On Sunday we finished the iron then put up most of the ridge capping.



We weren't able to finish the ridge capping completely on Sunday. Tony and I had planned to go out with Gordon on Monday to get the capping finished, but the early hours of Monday morning saw the quite unexpected arrival of rain and strong winds. There would have been no chance of getting any roof work done on the Monday.

Tony and I went out to check for damage – but the roof was still firmly in place at Monday lunchtime! We collected all the tools and equipment, leaving the rest of the work for October's meeting.

Gordon's Farewell

There was a Parks farewell for Gordon on the Monday afternoon – a barbecue late-lunch at the Wilpena Shearers Quarters. Our thanks go to Gordon for the work he has done with our group over the past two years - his building and construction skills have enabled us to tackle some quite demanding work and have it carried out in a very professional manner. We wish Gordon and Kathryn and family every success in their new ventures.

Guide Hut Windows

On Sunday afternoon, Gordon and Athol fitted the three pre-manufactured windows to the front and southern end of Guide Hut. They really look the part, and the hut now looks pretty much as it would have been a hundred and twenty years ago.



Wilpena Homestead Garden

Ron and Marge worked on the homestead garden. They weeded the fruit trees and re-pegged the wire netting around the trees. In addition, they planted a new nectarine tree to replace the one that died in the heat of last summer. The garden is now looking quite neat and tidy.

Weekend of 18-19 October

For the October weekend we are planning to fit the door frames to Guide Hut, and to finish off the fixing of the ridge capping. On the Sunday, if people wish, we can do a bit of a 'history tour' out to the Nuccaleena Mine ruins, off the Glass Gorge road out of Blinman (4WD).

The Wilpena Shearers Quarters are available to us for the October weekend – from Friday 17 til Monday 20th October.

Please contact me Helen or me if you are planning to go up for the weekend.

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