

Activity 2013

A few thoughts

Production of *Explore the Flinders Ranges* by the Royal Geographical Society of South Australia in the early 90s prompted development of the structured walks we continue to care for. We used the idea of othersviz.

- the importance of controlled grades and effective drainage to minimise track related erosion came from Walking Track Manual 1987 (Australian NP and WS and Tasmania LP and WS)
- marked distances to destinations came from mossy routed timber markers on Mt Warning (NSW) a volcanic core named by Captain James Cook 1770
- interpretive leaflets at trailheads was prompted by those at a spring in Death Valley USA. Also the origin of using 6 inch bore casing for donations!
- the walks are being consolidated from use by the many who might not have walked except to follow a marked route which explains the natural features
- activity of the last few years in the Flinders has been directed at tidying up our loose ends, applying
 new thinking and upgrading twenty year old assets all in part prompted by a new edition of Explore
 the Flinders Ranges

Some achievements this year

- the problem of the southern trailhead of the Wilkawillina walk is now resolved
- the introduction bi-directional marking on *Mount Brown, Wilkawillina, Mawson Spriggina, Acacia Ridge* and *Bararranna*
- some pics follow



occasional wildlife male Tawny Dragon Ctenophorus decresii

Wilpena Pound – close to its northern limit

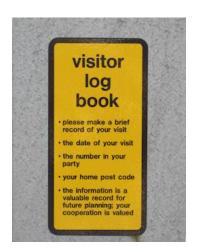
too much wildlife Little Corella

Cacatua sanguinea
destroying trees,
Devils Peak in the background











imported wildlife

Mexican Poppy

Argemone subfusiformis
an unwelcome newcomer to

Hamilton Creek

some geology

portion of the Little Bunkers Range Trezona Formation moved by a fault of the Wilkawillina Graben



a difficult section of the Warren Tower walk now more negotiable after 13 years!

a logical alignment

a small portion between

McKinlay Springs and Italowie Creek |

largely looks after itself

usage numbers

not everyone fills in log books, and ped counters register kangaroos, but some idea of usage is a useful management tool

providing for all-comers

important to cover all options, encouraging more users to stay on the *Bararranna* track

new alignment for Wilkawillina

negotiation and physical effort has resulted in ready access to new Little Bunkers trailhead

improved Wilkawillina waymarking

four checkpoints, a topogram and bi-directional distance marking better defines this walk







