

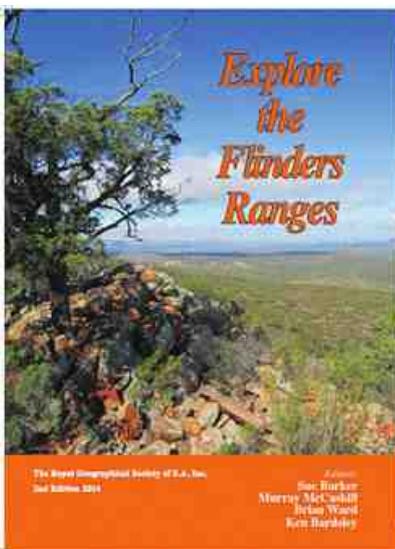


Activity 2014

A few observations

- Flinders Ranges Bush Walks were established to support the original Explore the Flinders Ranges principally for the public at large and on public lands.
- development has been directed to the provision of self-guided access to interesting locations employing sustainable alignments, providing user safe marking and interpretation.
- significant effort by all has been directed to improving presentation latterly with bi-directional marking of distances to trailheads to lessen risks associated starting walks late.
- The Dutchman is the only walk without improved marking but that is scheduled for 2015
- despite consolidation resulting from increased use, improvement of track surfaces and maintenance of effective drainage are ongoing requirements. This year improvements were made to Dutchman Stern, Yuluna, Wilkawillina, Oppaminda–Nudlamutana and Acacia Ridge.
- some 7000 leaflets were used from the fourteen trailhead dispensers. Our hope of funding ongoing printing from on site donations has been dealt a blow by vandalism. Money in remote locations is too tempting as Parks have discovered as well. The positive is we have received donations from appreciative users direct to our bank account. A development we need to pursue.
- where to now? Just as books on line has not seen the end of hard copy there would seem still to be a place for leaflets at trailheads although visitors will increasingly avail themselves of pre-visit information from the web and facebook. Increasing public awareness of the Flinders walks is the challenge, the people that do find them enjoy the experience. Agency provision of information is, of necessity, brief. Our capacity to provide relevant information on the web or apps where phone or WiFi is available would seem the way to go

A few examples



◀ The new edition of Explore the Flinders Ranges will be available October 2014 presenting the walks as sixteen units with improved maps and more pictures

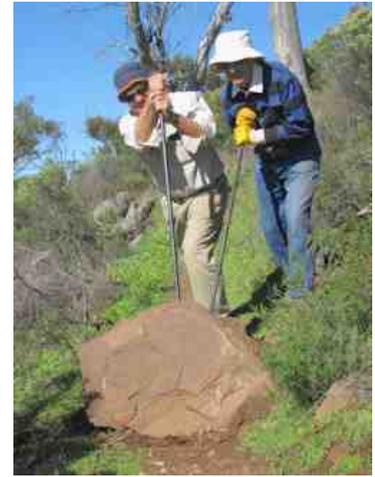
Waymark upgrade
Mount Brown Eastern Ridge ▶





◀ Time to go home. Mount Brown Eastern Ridge.

Don't ever say 'That one can stay', removing a trip stone, The Dutchman's Stern ▶



◀ A GeoSite marker, at the 'Toe of the Glacier', Aroona Youngoona

Stromatolites in Etina Creek, a GeoSite on Trezona walk in Trezona Limestone ▶



◀ Layers of algal mats – ever-present seafloor food since before the Ediacaran, 550 mya; Wilkawillina

The sign that disappeared, now sanctioned restored. Wilkawillina Little Bunkers Trailhead ▶



◀ We are now aware of the density of Barite! Barite boulders are heavy!! Defining Little Bunkers carpark, Wilkawillina

Waymarking upgrade, Terrapinna Tors ... not to mention painting Blue Poles! ▶

