

activity 2010



Funding from DENR allowed the group to upgrade the marking of *Italowie* from Grindell Hut to Italowie Gap. Here members are preparing to carry materials from Mount McKinlay Spring down Italowie Gorge.



WTSG has continued to assist with the development of walks in natural heritage reserves for the National Trust South Australia. At *Wilabalangaloo* on the Murray River a Conservation Volunteer Australia team, all Korean, do the hard yards.



While accepting that not everyone is interested in interpretation, many visitors appreciate a good map, clear directions and background information. A trial at *Hale* and *Sandy Creek* supported by DENR providing laminated leaflets on a use and return basis, despite a little vandalism, is working well.



Encouraging the visiting public to walk and enjoy some of the more interesting parts of the Flinders in part depends on availability of good information. WTSG is undertaking the supply and servicing of leaflets at trailheads. Here, Grindell trailhead, a map column, leaflet dispenser and, critical to our capacity to print leaflets, a donation column.

Map plates at walk checkpoints, here on the Weetootla bushwalk, are much appreciated by walkers.



Lies, damned lies and statistics! Pedestrian counters well placed and monitored over time do indicate trends and in the absence of any other technology are a valuable indicator of use. Here a completely self contained *Traker* in Hale Conservation Park records around 1500 walkers per year.





Answer the door when opportunity knocks! We have long been concerned at the progressive degradation of a section of *Warren Tower* beyond checkpoint W3. A vigorous fuel reduction burn opened the way for improved routing of this section which is also portion of the Heysen Trail. Still in need of further development!



Tracks to traditional destinations have often become degraded through poor original siting and lack of maintenance. While realignment involving control of longitudinal and cross track grades will usually rectify problems sometimes there is a need for interception drains to ensure that the track does not capture natural run-off. An example on the *Dutchman Stern* this year.



Geological guide notes have been added to the Flinders bushwalks information on the website. A sample stratigraphic column for the Oppaminda-Nudlamutana bushwalk is shown on p.3. A geological hammer symbol has been introduced to identify places of geological interest.



STRATIGRAPHIC COLUMN for OPPAMINDA — NUDLAMUTANA GEOLOGY WALK



<u>Note</u> – Here, rocks below (east of) the Paralana Fault (below on column above) are younger (in the Umberatana Group) than the older rocks (in the Burra Group) which lie (structurally) above them. This is because the rocks west of the Paralana Fault have been pushed, up and over younger rocks, along the fault

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Safety practice

Geology Introduction

Full Glossary of geology terms used List of Birds that may be observed

Keeping a web page fresh and pertinent is important. The index page for **Flinders Ranges** now reflects our perception of visitor expectations, an interpretive leaflet, good maps and for those with the interest geological information on the Ranges which are unique in the world.

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