



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 others- viz.

- 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



upgraded track
 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

