



Activity - 2018

This year was the driest we have seen the Central and Northern Flinders Ranges in 25 years. There have been no prolonged wet periods since the millennium drought. There was no ground cover and hardy shrubs are losing their leaves; fauna is struggling.

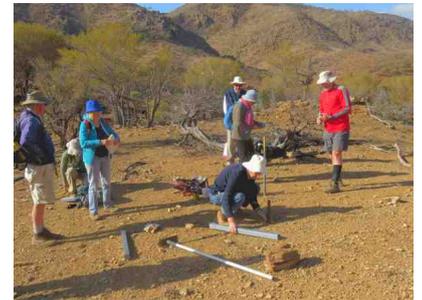
For some of the time we had seven extra pairs of hands to help. With encouragement from last year's helpers, five came from New Zealand. All that support meant we achieved most of our objectives. There are always some left for next year!

Fortunately our efforts at consolidation are reflected in a notable increase in use, which must in turn reflect visitor appreciation of these natural areas.



◀ Wilcolo
Young Echidna, trying to hide!

Wilkawillina
Our friends from NZ watch how to install a Geosite marker ▶



◀ Dutchman's Stern
A place for restful viewing of Quorn and Stony Creek

Balcanoona Creek
A tree enveloped in Devils Twine; a smothering semi parasite ▶



◀ Terrapinna Tors
Not butterflies! – the open woody fruit of Corkbark have shed their seed

Arkaroola
Our banner encouraging visitors to enjoy some walks ▶



◀ Mawson Spriggina
Long awaited realignments to improve the walk and reduce erosion

Burnside
Hard data, from regular checking of pedestrian counters on trails, demonstrate increasing use. It wins support from management here and in Barossa parks ▶





Para Wirra

- ◀ No generator, just a battery – helps bring rock down from high side. Hard work made easier

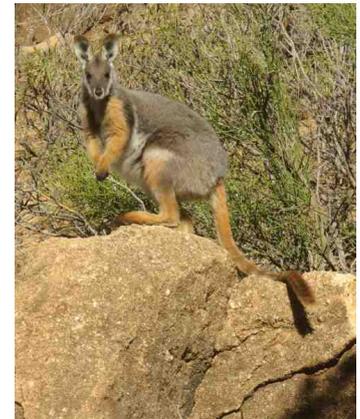
Mawson Spriggina Geosite at Sitting Bull, one of 1000 markers, being photographed and GPS'ed for an Asset Register ▶



Aroona Youngoona

- ◀ The painting shirt – responsible for blue bands on markers needing greater visibility

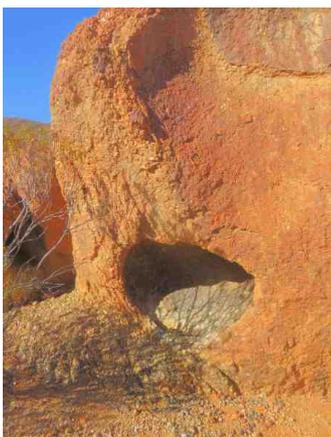
Balcanoona Creek
The Yellowfoots like every other animal have to travel increasing distances to water; this one competes for supply with the two Dorper sheep we saw ▶



Balcanoona Creek

- ◀ Every year 'line of sight' has to be maintained at creek crossings, fewer Red Gum seedlings this year because of the continuing dry

Italowie Walk
We saw kangaroos come to drink from remnant supplies in this little hole at McKinlay Spring. No surface water anywhere. If you look carefully there is a dribble of water on a stone left of the hole ▶



Terrapinna Tors

- ◀ A good example of cavernous weathering, typical of granite

Dutchman's Stern
Removing the last of the donation bollards ▶

