



# Flinders Ranges

*Pursuing World Heritage*

## Key messages for Community Reference Group members

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*Developed following the Community Reference Group meeting held at Hawker on 1 February 2021*

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1. The Flinders Ranges World Heritage Community Reference Group (CRG) met in Hawker on 1 February 2021. The CRG worked diligently over 2020 to prepare a report on regional economic development and business preparedness for future World Heritage listing of the Flinders Ranges. At the 1 February meeting, the CRG agreed to progress the actions presented in the report. The next CRG meeting will focus on identifying the business development and tourism gaps and opportunities in the region in more detail.
  2. Representatives of ATLA attended the CRG meeting to progress working together on the World Heritage proposal. Landholders of Arkaroola, Maynards Well and Angorichina attended the meeting and expressed their commitment to continuing discussions about their involvement in the World Heritage bid.
  3. Seven properties have now been identified that contain outstanding geological and paleontological sites that when brought together tell the Flinders Ranges World Heritage story. These sites are located within Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park, Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park, Ediacara Conservation Park and the land acquired from Nilpena Station that will form part of the new Nilpena Ediacara National Park, Arkaroola Protection Area, Angorichina Station, Maynards Well Station and Puttapa Station.
  4. The Flinders Ranges World Heritage Tentative List submission has been lodged with the Federal Government. Over February 2021 the Federal Government will be working to submit this to UNESCO. Tentative Listing signals a country's intent to prepare a full nomination for World Heritage listing.
  5. The narrative associated with the World Heritage nomination as provided in the Tentative List submission is: *There is no other place on Earth that preserves the most complete geological record of the 'dawn of animal life' as extensively and comprehensively as what is found in the Flinders Ranges. There is nowhere else on Earth where this record is as connected, well exposed and accessible.*
  6. The development of a World Heritage nomination is a complex and involved process that can take many years before World Heritage Listing is achieved. The Flinders Ranges World Heritage Nomination Dossier will be prepared over the next two years, with the current target date of February 2023 for submission to UNESCO. This will be followed by an extensive evaluation and assessment process of at least 14 months.
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