



Flinders Ranges

Pursuing World Heritage

Key messages for Community Reference Group members

Developed at the Community Reference Group meeting held at Parachilna on 22 November 2021

1. World Heritage is being pursued for the Flinders Ranges for its geological and palaeontological significance under [criterion \(viii\)](#) of the World Heritage Convention. 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.*
 2. The Flinders Ranges World Heritage Community Reference Group (CRG) met at Parachilna on 22 November 2021. The CRG discussed ways to raise awareness about the FRWH project, ensure that the adjacent towns and communities are planning for World Heritage and how the profile of the CRG can be increased to ensure the community know who to go to for World Heritage information.
 3. Stephen Hore, Senior Geologist, from the Geological Survey of South Australia attended the CRG meeting and spoke about his role in the project, as one of the lead authors of the Flinders Ranges World Heritage Nomination Dossier.
 4. The CRG visited Nilpena Ediacara National Park to preview the work underway in developing the property into a unique tourism experience that is all-accessible, allowing everyone of all mobility types to view fossils up-close.
 5. The South Australian Tourism Commission is partnering with the Department for Environment and Water to develop a business case to understand what is required to deliver a sophisticated and sustainable World Heritage tourism experience in the Flinders Ranges.
 6. People who would like to visit World Heritage sites now can arrange a private guided tour at Nilpena (booked via the Prairie Hotel) and geological tours at Arkaroola. Self-guided visitors can also experience some of the World Heritage values along the Brachina Gorge Geological Trail in Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park. Nilpena Ediacara National Park will be officially opened in the first half of 2022 once the new visitor infrastructure is complete. The park will only be accessible via guided tours.
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