

# *Friends of The Innamincka Reserves*

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### *Foreword*

#### *from the President*

The Friends of The Innamincka Reserves volunteer group again welcomes new members. Mike and Sue Shelley of Victor Harbor, SA., joined late in 2014 after reading about us on their Desert Parks Pass, as did Shirley McLean, also of Victor Harbor.

Jan and Ray Hutchinson have been instrumental in encouraging new members, Roger and Colleen Jordan and Colin Lukey and Joyleen Stock of Murray Bridge, as well as Wally Joosen and Jane Hams from Hamilton, Victoria. Chris Roesler, a member for just over twelve months also found another willing pair of hands, Dan Thorpe, of Whyalla. Welcome all.

We bid a fond farewell, with "thanks", to Gil and Ann Ross, who have decided that they are no longer able to contribute to FOIR after many years of service.



The first meeting for the year was the Annual General Meeting held in February. All Office Bearers were re-elected unopposed. They are:- Kate Buckley, President, Mr Peter Olson, Vice President, TC, Secretary, Mr Malcolm McDonald, Treasurer, and Mr Peter Young, Minute Secretary. All Office Bearers were congratulated on being prepared to support the FOIR for another year in these important roles.

The Guest Speaker for our AGM, was Justine Smith. Justine has been employed especially to work on the Innamincka Regional Reserve Management Plan. Justine clearly explained the parametres of her position and welcomed input from members of FOIR. "Thank you" to all who gave input to this important document.

In 2014 the "Arid Lands President's Group" decided to form a small working party to develop 'Policies' for the various Friends Groups in this region. I have attended the four meetings held this year and believe that the documents being developed will be an important reference for all groups.

Through these meetings there has also been the opportunity to link with other groups such as, "The Great Tracks Clean-up" group. They are keen to link with FOIR to assist with working bee issues that we cannot manage, like cleaning up the mining mess.



Mining Mess 2015

(Photograph E Dahl)

We really appreciated the effort that our Ranger, Erik Dahl, made to attend our last meeting in 2014. Erik's attendance at meetings and his Ranger Reports mean that Members get first hand information on any issues relating to Innamincka. For

example, over 120 mm rain fell in January, with 88 mm of that being over four days, closing all roads for some days and many tracks for weeks.



Coongie Turn Off January 2015

(Photograph E Dahl)

Once the tracks have dried out then the trouble really begins for the Ranger and unsuspecting travellers.



Car Park AIM building 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015...(Photograph E Dahl)

The planned May meeting did not go ahead due to many folk being away. However, I emailed out a "President's Report" in order to keep everybody informed of matters relating to FOIR. Eight people attended the August meeting and were keen to hear details relating to the working bee.

Throughout 2014-15 we were able to hold four of our meetings at the Plympton-Glenelg RSL. We are grateful to the RSL for the use of their premises, however, it has become evident that a 'single use' venue would be more suitable for our meetings. From February 2016 our quarterly meetings will be held at the Morialta Resource Centre, corner of Stradbroke and Morialta Road, Woodforde, courtesy of the Morialta Conservation Park. (please refer to the map at the end of the Newsletter).



# Innamincka News

Early January saw the long awaited rain falling on Innamincka with 122 mm recorded.



Bony Bream trying to swim across the Causeway 13-1-2015  
(Photograph E Dahl)

As the roads and tracks were closed, Erik and Jason spent time catching up on paper work and walking out to Burkes in search of the "Original Innamincka Station". They were successful and Erik kindly forwarded photographs to Researcher, Adrian Mitchell in Sydney. Adrian was able to show these to the great, great Grandson of Henry Colless, the owner of the Original Innamincka Station. Henry's Great-Grandson was over-whelmed. He was in palliative care at the time, suffering from a brain tumor, and this was a dream come true for him.

In search of detail relating to the original homestead, I placed a call for information in "Westprint". I received a prompt reply from Ann Jones, a great great Grand-daughter of Henry Colless. Adrian Mitchell and the family had been trying to trace Ann for many years.



Ruins of the original Innamincka Homestead at Burkes  
(Photograph E Dahl)

FOIR were able to put them in touch with each other. Both Ann and Adrian are very grateful.

Adrian generously forwarded a copy of his book, "From Corner to Corner" to both Erik and myself. The hardship of those early settlers is hard to imagine from an air-conditioned 4x4!

## Innamincka Hotel

A new Manager has been appointed to the Innamincka Hotel, Ben Fullagar. The high standards set by the previous Manager have been maintained and the food is delicious.

## Innamincka Station

Graham Morton, "Pod", the long time Manager of Innamincka Station has retired. The Pastoral Lease for Innamincka Station, along with other Kidman properties are on the market. There has been much interest in the Innamincka Pastoral Lease, including international businesses.

## Congratulations

During the 2013-14 working bees, the FOIR were assisted by volunteer, Jason Litherland. In January 2015, Jason was the successful applicant for the position of "Construction and Maintenance Worker", Innamincka and this was confirmed as a permanent position in July.

Well done Jason, and we look forward to your continued support.



Jason helping with fencing 2015 working bee.  
(Photograph K Buckley)

# Famous People of the Desert

Joan and John Osborne each received an OAM on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015, Australia Day awards. This recognition is richly deserved after 25 years of service to Innamincka.



Joan and John in front AIM, January 2015 (Photograph E Dahl)

The whole town supported this award and celebrated in the Innamincka Hotel.



(Photograph E Dahl)

Joan and John contribute to the smooth running of so many aspects of life in Innamincka, that it is difficult to catch up with them for a chat during the working bee. They manage all air-craft arrivals and departures, the pumping of water to the town, all aspects of the conveniences in the town, the Town Common and countless other important duties.

Joan and John were met in Adelaide and escorted to Government House to receive their awards, by the local Member for Frome. He then took them to Parliament House to enjoy lunch in the Member's Dining-room.

This has been a memorable event for two people who enjoy the "quiet" of Innamincka.

## Proud custodians of the outback



COMMUNITY: Joan and John Osborne maintain the remote town of Innamincka together.

Picture: SARAH HARRISON

### JOAN OSBORNE OAM JOHN OSBORNE OAM

#### JILL PENGELLY

WHERE the Sturtzfeldt Track meets Cooper Creek - 1000km northeast of Adelaide - Joan Osborne is waking up to a special birthday.

One of about 15 permanent residents of Innamincka, Mrs Osborne turns 73 today and has been named in the Australia Day Awards.

For service to the community of Innamincka, she and husband John, 77, each will be awarded a Medal of the Order

of Australia.

Although their town is tiny, it services up to 30,000 visitors a year, with March to October the busiest time for its four businesses.

"When the (tourism) season comes, it's so busy they're all too busy, so that's where we come in to keep everything going properly," Mrs Osborne said.

"We benefit in the end because everyone's happy."

Mr and Mrs Osborne maintain the town's water supply, which is piped from Cooper Creek or from waterholes when the creek runs low.

They maintain the solar and diesel pumps, the effluent system, roads and the tip.

They also provide vehicle accident recovery for tourists, air traffic control for the airstrip and collect camping fees and clean the town amenities.

Mrs Osborne is secretary of the Innamincka Progress Association, which collects \$5 from visitors who want to camp on the "town common" and \$10 from each pilot landing on the airstrip. That goes into improvement projects, such as new public toilets.

The couple moved from NSW to Innamincka in 1990.

"I'm a painter and we used to come out here so I could paint," Mrs Osborne said. "Then we thought 'why not just stay here?'"

They still get back to NSW, making the 13-hour drive south to Broken Hill once a month to shop.

"(The award) really is a bit overwhelming," she said. "We think it acknowledges everybody that does the sort of thing we do in remote areas."

"In a community like this, everybody helps each other."

WHO WOULD YOU PICK FOR AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR? GO TO ADVERTISER.COM.AU TO TELL US

I was curious to know how John and Joan celebrate Christmas in Innamincka. To quote Joan, "Christmas Day gives me the opportunity to ring all of the people I normally never have the time to chat with."

## The story of "Wanamuchoo" – a Yawarrawarrka Man by Joan Osborne

*Wanamuchoo was taken from Haddon Downs and sent to the Adelaide Asylum for the tribal killing of another Aboriginal man.*

*Wanamuchoo died after 9 years in the Asylum and his skeleton was sent to the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1907. After much protest by his people, Wanamuchoo was eventually returned to Australia in 1991.*

*The repatriation and burial of Wanamuchoo occurred in 2006 through the Yandruwanda/Yawarrawarrka Traditional Landowners Aboriginal Corporation and the Museum of Adelaide.*

*However, between 2004-2006 Wanamuchoo rested in the AIM mortuary until being taken to his final resting place.*

**MAY HE NOW REST IN PEACE**



# Innamincka Cemetery

Our interest in the 'Dead Centre' of Innamincka continues. I have met with the Anthropologist, Ian Moffat, who undertook the 'Ground Penetrating Radar' on the Cemetery in 2013, to discuss the preparation of an Anthropological paper on the Innamincka Cemetery. Work is under way on this "Paper" and you will receive a copy when it is complete.



Innamincka Cemetery August 2014 (Photograph J Rolland)

Tony Magor suggested that I prepare an article on the Cemetery for the publication "Across the Outback". With the help of Megan Barker this article was duly published. Imagine my surprise when I received a phone call from "Talc Alf" of Lyndhurst, with information relating to the Innamincka Cemetery. There are two people who currently live in Lyndhurst who have a relative that is buried in the Innamincka Cemetery. I am in contact with these people and we will investigate the details further.

I did visit "Talc Alf" in July, but I think that he will be glad if he never sees me again – his ears are still ringing after a lengthy debate about the myths related to Burke and Wills!!

It is our aim to have a significant sign prepared for the Innamincka Cemetery, listing the names of all of the people who "may" be buried in the Cemetery, and perhaps some detail on these people where it is available.

In my quest for this information, having exhausted all avenues in South Australia, I went to Canberra in May, to the National Library.

The National Library holds all of the information relating to the Australian Inland Missions across Australia – 509 boxes of it! Fortunately, the boxes relating to Innamincka were grouped together, so research was manageable.

I spent 7 days reading every piece of documentation held – it was fascinating. The AIM was run by the Presbyterian Church. The Secretary, Miss Brodie, kept every piece of paper imaginable, receipts, invoices, notes, letters. It was a "sticky-beaks" paradise! I couldn't believe that the poor Nursing Sisters of Innamincka were hounded by the 'tax man' – for the princely sum of 5/10!!! Their private lives were anything but..... Miss Brodie discovered that one of the Sisters was keeping company with a Roman Catholic and wrote to the Policeman telling him to deal with it!!!!

The cost of living in Innamincka was never cheap. The travel expenses of the first two Sisters to go up to Innamincka was £32, a fortune in 1929. The AIM building cost £7,000 - £1,500 of which was donated by Josiah Symon. Josiah did not pay for it all, as I had originally thought – but his generous donation resulted in the building being named the "Elizabeth Symon Nursing Home" after his wife. However, it did take Miss Brodie nearly two years to get the money out of Josiah.

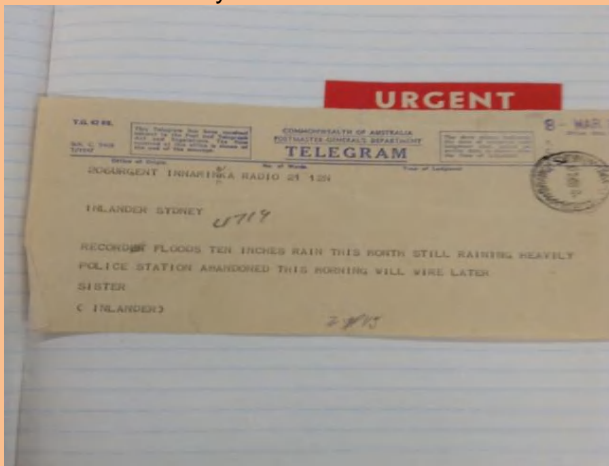
The Sisters had to complete a "Quarterly Return" that listed the patient's name, illness, length of stay and follow up treatment. This form, as were the dictates of the racist policies of that time, was divided into three sections, White, Aboriginal, Half-caste. White people were treated in the ward, Half-castes on the verandah and the Aboriginal people in a separate 'shed'.

Donations for the Mission were gratefully received from noted folk like Sidney Kidman, but also from Aboriginal people and Afghan Cameleers.

When all Pastoral Stations bought radios the Flying Doctor was then available to all, as a result the AIM Innamincka closed in 1954.

# Stories from the past

- 11-5-1929, Innamincka, opening of Eleanor Symon Nursing Home. Nurses were based at Cordillo prior to this – referred to as Border Nurses.
- 12-7-1939 Heavy rain no mail for 4 weeks

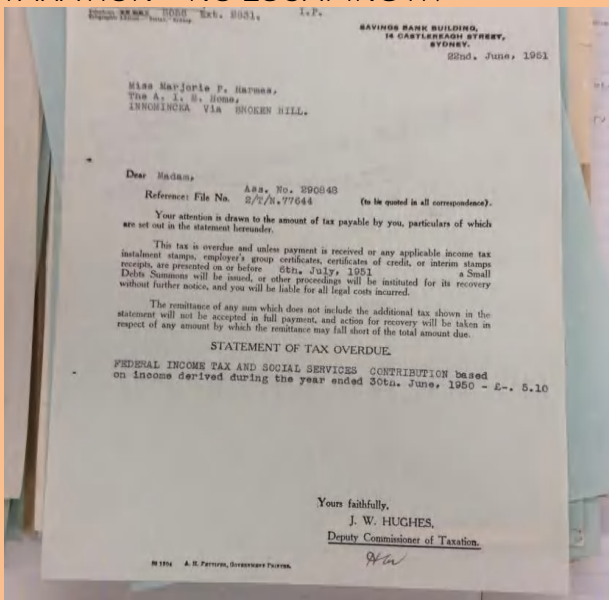


Ten inches of rain in a month and still raining!!

## DONATIONS

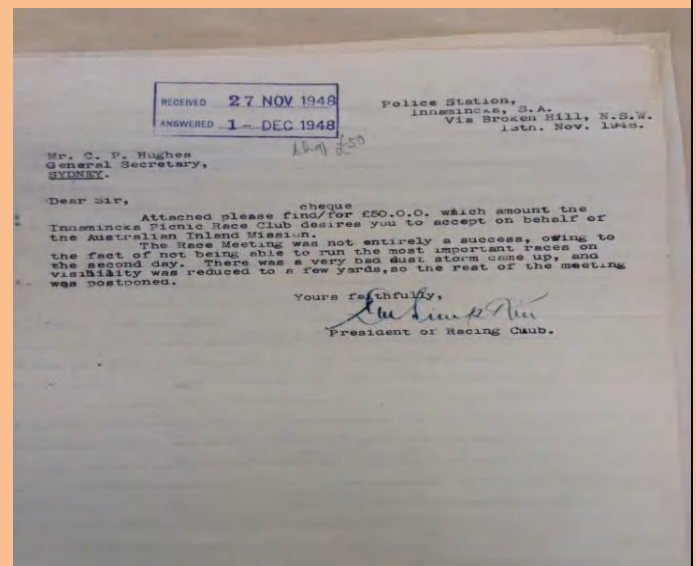
- 2-10-1923  
S Kidman £150 per annum for five years on behalf of Innamincka Station.
- 30-6-1930  
Ramazan Farina £1/1/-  
Rustam F Farina £1/1/-
- Subscribers 31-12-1930  
Rhodda Singh Farina £1/1/0  
Long Ted, Aboriginal Arrabury £1/1/0

## TAXATION – NO ESCAPING IT!



Two weeks to pay – mail irregular – nothing has changed with the Taxation Department!

- 23-1-1948  
Electrolux Kerosene Refrigerator purchased via Dalgety
- 13-6-1930  
OUT BREAK OF TYPHOID £7/10/0 to Bickford's for vaccine 150 people. Doctor from Tibooburra gone to Innamincka, charge £35 plus £10 per day away from Tibooburra.



The Race Meeting still goes over two days, dust is still a problem!

- October 6<sup>th</sup> 1937 – Yesterday Polling Day. Exhausted at Polling Booth as 7 people registered to Vote!
- 27-12-1938 Mrs Landers was confined in the shed 27 December, temperature 122° F. Babe small, felt heat – stayed shed several days, on second day suggested transfer, badly received. Mr Connell graciously assisted with transfer – child condition became worse – I tube fed her and treated her with drugs. Babe collapsed died 5.00pm New Years Day and Mrs Landers returned to Nappa Merrie (Aboriginal Ward)
- 29-9-1940  
Wilpie was sick (local rainmaker) recovered. (Wilpie was known as "King Wilpie". He was the local rain-maker at Innamincka. During the 1940s King Wilpie had several trips to the AIM for stomach ailments. The Sister wrote on the quarterly return that Wilpie had been "boned")

- 1944  
Sister Dunn liked playing Golf – "I had been told that they did play the game at Innamincka, but I was unable to find out where the Golf Course was....."

- 16-11-1953 roof blown off in gale of Aboriginal Ward.

- 1954  
Every Homestead has wireless receiver so AIM not required. Police Station and Hotel both Closed.

This was the end of one of the 'lives' of Innamincka.

# AIM Quarterly Returns were sent to Sydney

| OUT-PATIENTS  |        |              |                 |                      |                          |   | 25 OCT 1943                                     |
|---|--------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| Report from A.I.M. Nursing Home at <u>Innaminka</u> |        |              |                 |                      |                          |   |   |
|   |        |              |                 |                      |                          |   | Quarter ending <u>Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1943</u> |
| Name  | Age    | Sex<br>M. F. | Ailment         | No. of<br>Treatments | Progress<br>or<br>Result | Remarks   |   |
| <b>WHITES</b>                                       |        |              |                 |                      |                          |   |   |
| Pat Spencer.  | 8      | ✓            | Infected finger | 2.                   | Cured                    | Nail removed & ring<br>Hof. Ammon Co. applied           |   |
| (Harmona) Mrs. Scheid.                              |        | ✓            | Ear ache        |                      | Relieved                 | Drops forwarded on mail                                 |   |
| (Durham) Mrs. Stevenson                             | 25.500 |              | united A.T.S.   | forwarded            | by mail                  |   |   |
| Mrs. Spencer  |        | ✓            | Rheumatism      | 1                    | Slight<br>improvement    | Hot hand baths &<br>iodine injections                   |   |
| <b>ABORIGINES</b>                                   |        |              |                 |                      |                          |   |   |
| Kappa Merrie Johnson                                |        | ✓            | Toothache       | 1.                   | Cured                    | Left upper 3 <sup>rd</sup> molar extracted              |   |
| Boongy Maggie                                       |        | ✓            | Conjunctivitis  | 2.                   | relieved                 | fine drops & instilled                                  |   |
| Boalin  |        | ✓            | Conjunctivitis  | 1.                   | relieved                 | Boric irrigations &<br>Gel Argrol.                      |   |
| <b>HALF-CASTES</b>                                  |        |              |                 |                      |                          |   |   |
| Kita Stewart  |        | ✓            | Conjunctivitis  | 2.                   | relieved                 | Irrigated & Argrol instilled                            |   |
| Dorothy   |        | ✓            | "               | "                    | "                        | "   |   |
| Barbara   |        | ✓            | Corneal ulcer   | 3.                   | responding to            | Irrigations & "Curt"<br>treatment Atropine 1% instilled |   |
|   | 10     |              |                 | 14                   |                          |   |   |
|   |        |              |                 |                      |                          | Signature <u>B. J. Cliphart</u>                         |   |

| OUT-PATIENTS  |       |              |                        |                      |                          |  | 14 FEB 1944                   |
|---|-------|--------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Report from A.I.M. Nursing Home at <u>Innaminka</u> |       |              |                        |                      |                          |  |                               |
|   |       |              |                        |                      |                          |  | Quarter ending <u>31.1.44</u> |
| Name  | Age   | Sex<br>M. F. | Ailment                | No. of<br>Treatments | Progress<br>or<br>Result | Remarks  |                               |
| <b>WHITES</b>                                       |       |              |                        |                      |                          |  |                               |
| <b>ABORIGINES</b>                                   |       |              |                        |                      |                          |  |                               |
| Lilly   | 36?   | F            | Abdominal<br>pain      | 1                    | Good.                    | Bismuth tablets<br>given   |                               |
| Jack & Rippe  | 60? M |              | Ophthalmia             | 1                    | Good                     | instilled gel.   |                               |
| Clara Stewart                                       | 26?   | F            | sore eyes              | 2                    | Good                     | Argrol instilled.  |                               |
| <b>HALF-CASTES</b>                                  |       |              |                        |                      |                          |  |                               |
| Barbara Stewart                                     | 7     | F            | Rash on buttocks       | 3                    | Good                     | bag sulphur & glycerine  |                               |
| Kita Stewart  | 5     | F            | Infected foot          | 3 4                  | Slow                     | high salt & magistral glyce  |                               |
| Dorothy Stewart                                     | 2     | F            | Paronychia<br>in thumb | 3                    | slow                     | Good bath & Hyf. Ammon<br>D. Atledaw irregular<br>and unsatisfactory |                               |
|   | 10    |              |                        | 14                   |                          |  |                               |
|   |       |              |                        |                      |                          | Signature <u>Miss J. Payne</u>                                       |                               |



## LETTER FROM GERMANY 1948

Ottoeburen, April 7, 1948

To the reverend of Innamincka!

You became astonishing to receive a letter from an unknown boy. I am 17 years old. I live with my parents and my brother in a little town in Bavaria in Germany. We are fugitives from Teschen in Silesia. I write you because we can not live more. The food-rations in Germany are so little that we all have a great hungry. I can not english write, excuse me, I will learn. I please you can you help us? We please you will you send us a little, little box with foods? Our heavenly Father our reward you your benefit if we wouldn't come in the situation to require you in your own way in later times.

This heart-breaking letter was among the Innamincka Records in the National Library, Canberra.

Just how did this poor, starving boy, from the other side of the world, in still 'war-ravished' Germany, get to hear about Innamincka!

Obviously he had no idea where in Australia, Innamincka was located. Nor, could he possibly have known, that getting many food items was often a problem for the Sisters themselves. They were all issued with "ration tickets" throughout the war. The remoteness of their location and the often inclement climate mattered not to the War authorities.

I guess we will never know if Zwilling Karl received a "little, little box with foods" from Australia. The Sisters could not help, so they forwarded the letter to Miss Brodie, who was based in Sydney. I hope that Miss Brodie lived up to her Presbyterian ideals.

We would be very much rejoiced to get news of you.  
With very kind regards, we are  
always your thankful family

From: Zwilling Karl  
(B6) Ottoeburen Kreis Memmingen  
Luitpoldstrasse 124  
Bayern, U.S.A. Zone  
Germany



# Working Bee

FENCING AT COONGIE LAKES



Buzz Meakes shows how its done.



Colin Lukey was everywhere but.....



The women, (Sue), soon put him straight....

Twenty-eight generous folk attended the working bee from 27<sup>th</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> August. In total 2,173 volunteers hours were donated and 6,220 kilometres were travelled, excluding travelling to and from Innamincka.



Chris, Mike and Dan enjoyed Kathryn's support



Chris Roesler was overhead wishing for “Pancakes and maple syrup” for morning tea. Imagine his surprise when Joyleen Stock presented the pancakes. Never underestimate the resourcefulness of women!



TC and Terrie Coleman enjoy their surprise morning tea.



Wendy Spackman and Colleen Meakes cleaning up after campers

David Spackman keeping the fencing on the straight and narrow.



## CLEANING AT THE RACECOURSE



Colleen Jordan attacking the dust in the Racecourse kitchen



Joyleen and Colin assist.



Jane Hams with the help of Wally, left all bathrooms shining.

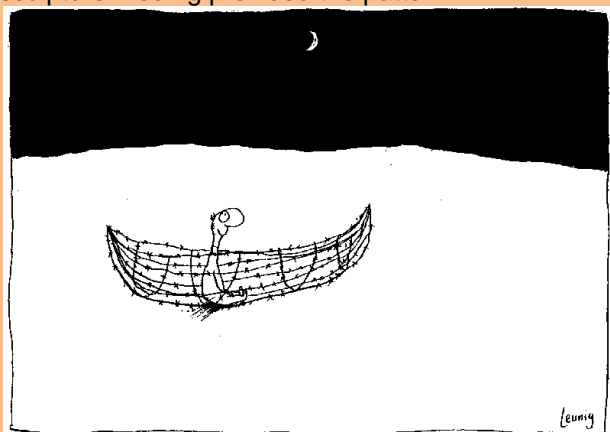
## OTHER WORKING BEE TASKS

The AIM building:- cleaned, drippers in garden repaired, furniture oiled, First Aid Kits checked. Bollards replaced. Barbed-wire and rubbish collected. Plane wreck cleared off hillside. Noogoora Burr attacked. Floor for shed dug out, concreted and shed moved, along with many other tasks.



## Barbed-wire Canoe

Finding a use for old barbed-wire is difficult. There was the suggestion that FOIR could make a sculpture. Leunig provided the pattern.



But letting a mob of 'ex-farmers' near a roll of barbed-wire proved fatal.



The men were busy playing with the welding and the 'heavy work', whilst the women did the tedious task of applying all of the wire ties.



Wally's fault, he drew up the specifications.....



The finished product is a 'joy' to behold!  
It is for hire - but paddles are extra!



A BBQ – an enjoyable way to end the working bee.

Thank you all for your time  
**AND GENEROSITY, AND 'THANK  
YOU' TO ERIK, KATHERYN AND  
Jason** for their support.

## Grant Monies

The FOIR were again successful in gaining a NRM Grant in 2015. The \$858 (GST inclusive) was granted for buying hand held UHF radios, eTrek GPS, and 2 Toilet Tents. All of these items are essential for the safety and comfort of volunteers, when working out in the field. Neville Stone, a member of FOIR for many years, contributed to the working bee by making two 'flat-pack' toilet-seats. Neville received grateful 'thanks' from all those who enjoyed this convenience.

## Conservation

Arckaringa – The Minister for the Environment acknowledged receipt of the letter sent by FOIR protesting at the planned coal mining at Arckaringa.

Management Plan – The Management Plan for the Innamincka Regional Reserves is still in the writing process. Thank you to all for your input. This document should be ready for publication next year.

Friends of Parks AGM - After many years of dedicated service, David Mitchell stepped down from the role of President. Duncan McKenzie, from the Gluepot Reserves, was elected in his place. We acknowledge David's significant contribution to the various "Friends Groups" and wish Duncan well in his new role.

### Recognition – from the Premier



Tony Magor presents Kate Buckley with Certificate of Recognition

Recognition from the Premier and Minister for Environment was deeply appreciated, but especially appreciated was the effort that Tony Magor made to present the award in Innamincka at the end of the working bee.

Coongie Lakes NP – Euan Moore, one of our dedicated bird-people in the FOIR, spent many hours designing an IBA (Important Bird and Biodiversity Area) sign, relating to Coongie Lakes. Euan sought the approval of the various bodies in the preparation of this sign. He then had it made, transhipped it to Innamincka and hung it in the AIM building.

Innamincka is the first place in Australia to have an approved IBA sign.

Thank you Euan for your genuine conservation concerns for the Innamincka Regional Reserves and in particular Coongie Lakes.



(Photograph K Buckley)

Frogs – Professor Mike Tyler said, "There is a greater variety of frog species in Innamincka than any other place in South Australia."

We did search, particularly at Patchawara Creek, for the "Small-headed Toadlet", but with no success.

Frog surveying has been added to our annual working-bee field tasks.



The myths surrounding Burke & Wills continue to perplex, in particular, the details relating to the death of Grey. Mr J McKinlay was the leader of the “Burke Relief Expedition” that left Adelaide on 16 August 1861.

I have, etc., JOHN MCKINLAY.

A group of four men, likely researchers or field workers, are standing in a dry, wooded area. They are wearing hats, sunglasses, and outdoor clothing. In the foreground, there is a large, dark, weathered log. The background shows sparse vegetation and trees under a clear sky.

A photograph of a person wearing a blue jacket, sunglasses, and a black beanie, standing next to a large tree trunk. The person is pointing at a large, dark, oval-shaped scar on the bark of the tree. The background shows a dry, open landscape with sparse vegetation.

The working bee group enjoyed this “historical experience” and we hope to have the opportunity to undertake a structured reconnaissance of this area in the near future.



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# Bird Survey

The annual bird survey was carried out along the Old Strzelecki Track and the Loop Road. The findings of this intensive survey of 4 square ks, taken at 10 ks intervals over 100ks, will be compiled in Report format for DEWNR and other interested parties. I would like to extend my appreciation to these dedicated "birdos", for the hard work in undertaking the survey and the many hours spent compiling the Report.



Vern, Mark, Jenny, Rose, Euan Survey Point 1. (Photograph K Buckley)

Throughout the two week working bee all interested bird-watchers compile bird lists from various sites on the Reserves. This important data is recorded on the DEWNR grid. The keen photographers in the group support the accuracy of our records.




Brown Goshawk (Photograph Roger Jordan)

## FOIR BIRD LIST 2015 INNAMINCKA RESERVES

| Common           | Name  |
|------------------|---|
| <i>Duck</i>      | Hard-head<br>Pacific Black<br>Australian Wood Duck<br>Grey Teal<br>Musk |
| <i>Cormorant</i> | Little Black  |
| <i>Ibis</i>      | Australian White<br>Glossy<br>Masked Lapwing (northern)                 |

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
|                     | Red-necked Avocet<br>Australian Pelican          |
| <i>Grebe</i>        | Hoary Headed                                     |
| <i>Heron</i>        | White-faced<br>White-necked<br>Yellow-billed     |
| <i>Spoonbill</i>    |  |
| <i>Dotterel</i>     | Black-fronted                                    |
| <i>Grebe</i>        | Australasian<br>Darter<br>Eurasian Coot          |
| <i>Pigeon Dove</i>  | Crested<br>Peaceful<br>Diamond                   |
| <i>Corella</i>      | Little, (Several hundred in one flock)           |
| <i>Parrots</i>      | Red-rumped<br>Mallee Ringneck                    |
| <i>Songlark</i>     | Rufous<br>Brown<br>Budgerigar<br>Cockatiel       |
| <i>Cuckoo</i>       | Horsfield's Bronse                               |
| <i>Frogmouth</i>    | Tawny  |
| <i>Owl</i>          | Barn<br>Barking<br>Boobook                       |
| <i>Nightjar</i>     | Australian Owlet<br>Spotted                      |
| <i>Woodswallow</i>  | Masked<br>Black-faced<br>White-browed            |
| <i>Swallow</i>      | White-backed                                     |
| <i>Triller</i>      | White-winged                                     |
| <i>CuckooShrike</i> | Back-faced                                       |
| <i>Finch</i>        | Zebra  |
| <i>Martin</i>       | Tree<br>Fairy                                    |
| <i>Wedgebill</i>    | Chirruping                                       |
| <i>Fairywren</i>    | Mistletoe Bird<br>White-winged<br>Variegated     |
| <i>Pardalote</i>    | Red-browed<br>Striated                           |
| <i>Honeyeater</i>   | White-plumed<br>Spiny-cheeked<br>Singing<br>Pied |
| <i>Miner</i>        | Yellow-throated                                  |
| <i>Kingfisher</i>   | Red-backed<br>Sacred                             |
| <i>Treecreeper</i>  | Brown  |
| <i>Quail-thrush</i> | Cinnamon   |
| <i>Robin</i>        | Red-capped<br>Galah                              |



|              |                    |  |                 |
|--------------|--------------------|--|-----------------|
|              | Emu                | <i>Crow</i>  | Little          |
|              | Jacky Winter       | <i>Kite</i>  | Black           |
|              | Willie Wagtail     |  | Whistling       |
|              | Magpie Lark        |  |                 |
|              | Australian Magpie  | <i>Eagle</i>   | Wedgetail       |
|              | Australian Pipit   |  | Little          |
|              | House Sparrow      | <i>Falcon</i>  | Brown           |
|              | Grey Shrike-thrush |  | Nankeen Kestrel |
| Chat         | Crimson            |  | Brown Goshawk   |
|              | Orange             |  |                 |
| <i>Raven</i> | Australian         |  |                 |

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| Common           | Name                 |                     |                           |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Duck</i>      | Hard-head            | <i>Treecreeper</i>  | Brown                     |
|                  | Pacific Black        | <i>Chat</i>         | Orange                    |
|                  | Australian Wood-duck |                     | Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike |
|                  | Grey Teal            |                     | Australian Owlet Nightjar |
|                  | Pink Eared           | <i>Honeyeater</i>   | White-plumed              |
|                  | Musk                 |                     | Spiny-cheeked             |
|                  | Freckled             | <i>Miner</i>        | Grey Fantail              |
|                  | Australian Shelduck  | <i>Wedgebill</i>    | Yellow-throated           |
|                  | Blue-billed          | <i>Cuckoo</i>       | Chirruping                |
|                  |                      | <i>Woodswallow</i>  | Horsfield's Bronze        |
|                  |                      |                     | Black-faced               |
| <i>Cormorant</i> | Little Pied          | <i>Swallow</i>      | White-backed              |
|                  | Little Black         | <i>Fairywren</i>    | Variegated                |
|                  | Pied                 |                     | White-winged              |
| <i>Tern</i>      | Caspian              | <i>Triller</i>      | White-winged              |
|                  | Darter               | <i>Martin</i>       | Tree                      |
|                  | Brolga               |                     | Fairy                     |
|                  | Australian Pelican   | <i>Pardalote</i>    | Red-browed                |
|                  | Black Swan           |                     |                           |
|                  | Masked Lapwing       |                     | Galah                     |
| <i>Heron</i>     | White necked         |                     | Magpie Lark               |
| <i>Spoonbill</i> | Royal                |                     | Willie Wagtail            |
|                  | Yellow-billed        |                     | Jacky Winter              |
| <i>Grebe</i>     | Hoary-headed         |                     | Australian Magpie         |
| <i>Coot</i>      | Eurasian             |                     | Black-faced Cuckoo Shrike |
|                  |                      |                     | Mistletoebird             |
|                  |                      |                     | Australian Reed Warbler   |
| <i>Dotterel</i>  | Red-necked Avocet    | <i>Quail Thrush</i> | Cinnamon                  |
|                  | Black-fronted        | <i>Finch</i>        | Zebra                     |
| <i>Pigeon</i>    | Crested              | <i>Goshawk</i>      | Brown-                    |
| <i>Dove</i>      | Diamond              | <i>Raven</i>        | Australian                |
|                  | Peaceful             |                     | Little Crow               |
| <i>Corella</i>   | Little               | <i>Kite</i>         | Whistling                 |
| <i>Parrots</i>   | Red-rumped           |                     | Black                     |
|                  |                      | <i>Falcon</i>       | Brown                     |
|                  |                      | <i>Kestrel</i>      | Nankeen                   |
|                  |                      | <i>Eagle</i>        | Wedgetail                 |

## Changes

Innamincka continues to change with the tall white structure appearing in the town in the last twelve months.



Photograph E Dahl

Dillion's Highway is now intersected with a new roadway.



Photograph K Buckley July 2015

But the beautiful desert still blooms where it is left untouched.



Strzelecki Track July 2015 (Photographs K Buckley)



Nappamerrie Road 2011

(Photograph K Buckley)

Farewell until next time  
folks.  
Kate Buckley



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Morialta Resource Centre, Morialta Conservation Park

