

*1<sup>st</sup> December, 2009*

**Letter to all Friends of Parks Groups – re the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum of Friends of Parks Inc, 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2010, at Woomera. Theme – “Stony Deserts”.**

**Preliminary Expressions of Interest**

The Steering Committee for the 2010 Forum, to be held at Woomera, Roxby Downs, and Andamooka, plus a day trip to the Mound Springs, is seeking your co-operation and early bookings for the following aspects of the 26<sup>th</sup> Forum. Accommodation at Woomera is going to be in tight demand and places at the forum will have to be capped to 200 delegates. For these reasons, we invite you to let us know, very soon, your preferences so that we can co-ordinate these aspects and book you in. To simplify the process, we have attached separate pages for accommodation, transport, and for the Forum itself.

You may have taken expressions of interest forms at the recent 25<sup>th</sup> forum at Sunnybrae. Or, you may not have been there and wish to make reservations for 2010. Whichever is the case, we will greatly appreciate your reply to this letter. Would each group Secretary kindly run off copies and distribute among your members, please? Once people send in your expressions of interest, the Committee will maintain direct contact with you between now and August, 2010, as well as general circulars going to each group

**Accommodation**

There are many rooms available at the Eldo Hotel, Woomera, where the Forum will be held. However, the configuration for a number of rooms is complicated and some people may be asked to share, if possible. There is also the Travellers' Village Caravan Park and Campground which, right now, is closed for renovations until March, 2010. It will then be giving priority to staff at the expanded BHP Billiton Co. However, we hope to be given priority should there be any excess rooms available. Details of these two accommodation options will be found on the attached pages. Please let us know, very soon, what you wish us to reserve for you, and whether/with whom you are willing to share a unit.

**Coach transport.**

Many people will probably choose to travel in their own vehicles. However, there is certain to be a big demand for coach transport. This needs to be reserved for you at an early date. At this stage, we have reserved one 48-seater coach and driver (DeLuxe Travel) which will go to Woomera on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August, and will be available throughout the Forum. It will return on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August – or if demand warrants it, on Sunday night, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Greyhound has a daily service to Woomera and return. However, we draw your attention to the hours of departures and arrivals.

Please consult the attached page which sets out the timetables, and the prices for the above two modes of transport.

**Excursions**

You do not yet have to make bookings for excursions, these being subject to later flexibility of times and vehicles. The Mound Springs tour on the Monday (23<sup>rd</sup>) will possibly be in a local bus from Roxby. Or, it might be that private 4WD vehicles can take an extra passenger or two, with a petrol donation from each passenger being

collected by the Forum Committee. We need to know your preferences as soon as possible for Mound Springs. We will mail to those who register, a programme of all excursions and a full programme for the Forum as soon as it is finalised.

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Your interim replies may be sent to  
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Thank you for your co-operation, and we welcome you to the very interesting forum to be held next year.

**THE STEERING COMMITTEE**