

Tour options

STONY DESERTS FORUM WOOMERA

August 2010

Tour 1, Woomera township & Range

Woomera township and its Visitor Centre have very good interpretative displays of rockets and weaponry tested at Woomera throughout the 1950s and 1960s. The tour will also include the Woomera Range area and the former launcher site at Lake Hart. If testing programmes at the time allow, a visit to the strategic Range Head Centre may be possible.

Tour 2, Roxby Downs/Olympic Dam

Tour of Roxby township, incorporating Roxby Markets, Visitor Information Centre and cultural precinct, Olympic Dam Mine (surface only) and the Arid Recovery site north of Olympic Dam. Because of the mid afternoon timing the Arid Recovery site visit would be limited to the viewing platform/interpretative centre – the ground dwelling mammals of the site are nocturnal and those wishing to have a chance to view them would need to do the Sunday or Monday evening tours (4. below)

Tour 3, Andamooka

A visit to the opal mining town for a general town tour, a presentation on the formation of opal and a possible visit to a working mine. A look also at some of the local administrative/governance issues facing the town, including the likelihood of it becoming an overflow dormitory town in the wake of the proposed Olympic Dam expansion.

Tour 4, Arid Recovery, hosted by Friends of Arid Recovery

Dusk/early evening: walk to viewing platform and nocturnal viewing hide, with en-route dune spotlighting for (amongst other things) bilbies, bettongs & stick nest rats.

Tour 5, Mound Springs, hosted by Friends of Mound Springs

Monday only: full day visit to mound springs of the Great Artesian Basin at Wabma Kadarbu Mound Springs Conservation Park and cultural heritage features and sites along the Oodnadatta Track. Depending on numbers, transport is likely to be by coach.