

## ECO - SPIRITUALITY 2010

While it is hoped that participants will involve themselves fully in the programme, there is no compulsion to do so. The facilitators appreciate that people come with different expectations and needs and will do everything to ensure that these are met.

The cost for all programmes will be \$490 which includes accommodation, food and facilitators. If you would like further details concerning a particular programme, please Email: [stmaryburra@bigpond.com](mailto:stmaryburra@bigpond.com) or call [08] 8892 2313 or write to PO Box 47 Burra SA 5417 or visit the Diocese of Willochra website: [www.diowillochra.org.au](http://www.diowillochra.org.au) Also: Terry Krieg [08] 868 21571, Mob 0428 834 141 or Email: [patezl@yahoo.com](mailto:patezl@yahoo.com)

It is with great pleasure that we are able to forward to you the Eco-Spirituality programme for 2010. With every blessing

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Ecospirituality is a small group ministry programme, ecumenical in flavor and set in remote semi-desert locations in South Australia, especially the Flinders Ranges. It's a unique experience which seeks to deepen our connections with the natural world, with each other and with God. A spiritual director brings a simple programme of discussions and devotions appropriate to his/her chosen theme. Terry and Geraldine Krieg bring an ecological perspective and fine food to each



programme. Programmes offer participants time out to reflect on their own spirituality in a beautiful natural environment and in the company of like-minded people. Many choose to let the environment do most of the talking.

Ecospirituality is a gift to the wider church from the people of the Diocese of Willochra and is now in its seventeenth year of operation.

## PROGRAMME

### **May 17-22 at Wirrealpa Station.**

#### **God of Colour God of Life God of Dunes**

Wirrealpa is a large sheep station [1600Km<sup>2</sup>] set on the drier eastern flank of the Flinders Ranges and overlooking the Lake Frome Plains. It's an excellent location offering a convenient setting off point for experiencing important sites including Chambers Gorge [major Aboriginal Site], the strikingly beautiful Rainbow Valley, red sandstones and dunes of the Grindstone Range and spectacular Wilkawillina Gorge containing fossil evidence of some of earth's earliest life forms. The spiritual director will be Ms Ruth Buxton.

### **June 7-12 at Moolooloo Station.**

#### **God of mines God of pines**

Moolooloo is a working sheep station carrying 6000 wool sheep and is set in a beautiful valley about 20 km north-west of Blinman. With a splendid mix of rounded and more rugged hills, tree lined creeks, an abundance of native pines, Moolooloo offers delightful country for walking and exploring and experiencing the early days of copper mining in South Australia. A rich array of flowering native shrubs and grasses make for a botanist's paradise. The shearer's quarters accommodation offer a delightful combination of the old and the new. The spiritual director will be the Rev'd Ali Wurm.

### **July 19-24 at Gum Creek Station.**

#### **Is your God fossilized?**

Gum Creek Station is a small sheep station now turning to ecotourism under the inspired leadership of Bill and Jane McIntosh who have consistently demonstrated exemplary stewardship of their land. Gum Creek is an ideal location to examine God's earliest life on earth.

God has a plan for life on Earth. Man represents the pinnacle of Creation but

his beginnings were very humble indeed. Join us in tracing the origin of life from billion year old bacteria to half billion year old more complex multi-celled creatures which evolved in an early sea. Wander through 150 million years of time with rocks containing evidence of earth's oldest multi-celled life and in surroundings containing magnificent red gums, rugged spectacular gorges and yellow footed rock wallabies. The spiritual director will be Bishop Garry Weatherill.

### **August 9-14 at Angepena.**

#### **In the land of the Adnyamathanha.**

Experience the story of the traditional owners of the Flinders Ranges, the Adnyamathanha people. Join the Coulthard family from Iga Warta as they relate their story of dispossession and displacement, life on the mission, their acceptance of western culture and departure from their land and finally their return and resettlement in their homeland at Iga Warta which was established in 1996. Recently, after 15 years of negotiations the Adnyamathanha have been granted Native Title over much of the Flinders Ranges. Come and hear their stories, learn of their complex moiety system, visit art sites, take a bush tucker ramble, join in a campfire singsong, learn some of their language, adopt a totem and immerse yourself in this incredibly rich and ancient culture. The spiritual director will be the Rev'd David McDougall.

### **September 20-25 Mount Ive Station in the Gawler Ranges.**

#### **God gets explosive.**

Come and savour the deep, rich reds and the amazing sculpted and jointed forms of the old volcanic rocks of the Gawler Ranges. Formed by one of the largest outpourings of lava on the surface of the earth and covering an area of 25,000Km<sup>2</sup>, the ranges had their beginning about 1500 million years ago. Be dazzled by the salty white brilliance of massive Lake Gairdner, one of the largest of the many desert salt lakes found in South Australia. Share in some of the history of this ancient weathered environment with its low acacia-covered, rounded and heavily jointed hills. The spiritual director will be Archdeacon Brian Jeffries.

