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For information of ex-Radium Hill Community and families

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The next Radio Activity News Bulletin will be published in February 2007.

**Hello there,**

This past year 2005, was certainly one of the busiest and varied we have experienced and also one of the most rewarding in many ways.

2006 is shaping up to be even more exciting with the **Centenary Reunion at Radium Hill** being the focus of our efforts and which I'm sure you will enjoy. The program is really quite fantastic thanks to those folk involved.

Items of historic interest have been included in this special news bulletin to help mark the centenary of Radium Hill.

**Once again we have been supported by donations and help from many people and groups. To all of you a big thank you, your support is really appreciated by the Committee and by ex Radium Hill residents and families.**

The following pages outline some of these events and contain items of interest and humour for your enjoyment

Happy reading, keep in touch, **spread the word** till we meet again.

Best wishes to you and yours,

Kevin Kakoschke  
Feb.2006.

**WILD FLOWERS**

Rain, and the desert bloomed for the first time in years, what a sight. Early in October down near the old aerodrome the **Sturt Desert Peas** were in wild profusion and at the school ground campsite area **wild bush orchids** of five different colours were every where. Pam Barratt, Lois Harvie and June Kakoschke noted **twenty four different varieties of wild flowers** in the general town site. The country side generally was covered in a green carpet of Wild onion weed and Ward's weed and certainly looked better than the **drought stricken bare dirt and rocks** as was the case before the soaking winter rains. A 60mm thunder storm in early Nov. and all the dams were over flowing, such are the vagaries of nature.

The number of different plants growing in the Radium Hill area is really surprising when you think of the harsh conditions which they must endure. When Stella and Howard Lloyd left Radium Hill in 1958, Jess Langhorne gave them an 'Old Man Saltbush' plant and would you believe, it's still going strong but is now in her son Evan's garden here in Adelaide.

The late Jana Koudelka had **identified ninety three (93) plant varieties** alone and quite a number more have been identified over the years (total 109 varieties)



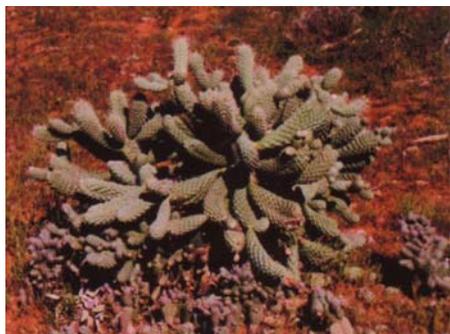
We will be putting a list of these plants in the museum and also at the BBQ shelter.

Hopefully there will be someone at the Reunion over Easter who can help us identify many more plants, shrubs and trees.

### “CACTUS”

Cacti bush eradication is ongoing in the townsite area.

Last October Neil and Coralie Gobbett came across a huge cactus bush up behind the Catholic Church ruins on the lower slope of Mulga Hill. It was so big and covered with prickly nodules that it filled a couple of 44 gallon drums when dug out and cut up. I pity the poor shearer if he grabbed a ewe at shearing time which had a cactus nodule in its wool. I reckon that they would have had to **pull him off the shearing shed rafters** because of the intense pain that the prickles cause. \*#@#! **Ouch!**



*A typical cactus bush*

### ENTRY PERMITS

In the early '50's it was necessary to obtain an entry permit to enter Radium Hill (it was part of the agreement with the US Govt.). Many of the people from the surrounding stations including Abminga, Cutana, Ballara, Bulloo Creek, Bindarra, Eringa Park, Maldorkey, Mutooroo, Plumbago, Oulnina, Tepco, Aroona and Wirawera plus people from Olary, Mannahill, Mingary, Yunta and Cockburn applied and were granted these permits. From 1954 onwards an invitation was extended to all of these people to

attend picture shows, dances, and other social and sporting activities and make use of the air services, shops and the AIM hospital.

**We would like to extend an invitation to all of these folk to once again join in with us at the Easter 2006 Reunion and help celebrate the Centenary of Radium Hill.**

### EASTER 2005

On our way up to Radium Hill at Easter we were topping up with fuel at Yunta when Andy Treloar and Jana pulled in on their motorbike closely followed by Rod Lawrence with Lois Harvie and Pam Barratt on board. Lo and behold who should be having lunch there but Jim and Lorna Lawrie from Cobar who had just called into Radium Hill on their way through to Adelaide.

Brian McGovern and his son Tristan arrived on Wednesday from Mt. Barker W.A. with his mother's ashes and plaques for both his mother and father. They were to be placed in the grave of his sister **Morag who you may remember had drowned in the bath while the family was still living in Radium Hill in 1958.**

Some of us went up to the cemetery to prepare the grave sites and raise the flags. While we were there Mark Francis called in and lent a hand. The flags looked nice fluttering over the portal.

Thursday morning and off to the museum to dust, install items, U.V. screen membrane, captions and general tidy up. Kevin Clayton was kept busy filming the various activities.

The afternoon was taken up with preparing form work and then concreting the plaque bases at the cemetery. Oral history sessions around the campfire that night were very interesting.

**Friday morning** Rod Lawrence, Brian and Tristan McGovern and I

went up to the cemetery to install the plaques of Nessie and Jock McGovern. Nessie had bought a little angel to remind herself of baby Morag and we fixed it at the head of the grave on a little concrete base. **It really adds that heavenly touch to the family grave**

We did water divining with the wires at Galls Well after lunch before heading out to the Luxemburgs. Ian Kowitz in his 5 ton truck certainly hadn't driven in such rough country before. **He charged the creeks as if he were in a tank**, leaping off one bank then spewing sand and dirt as he hit the creek bottom before another great cloud of dust as he exploded out the other side. Whew.

The old mines certainly proved to be fascinating along with the ruins. On the way back to camp Galls Well creek proved too much for the truck which became bogged in the sand. A bit of shovelling, sweating and pushing by a dozen fellows saw Ian in the clear. The day's adventures and 'remember when' stories were a fitting end to an enjoyable day.

**Saturday** morning and we were joined by Norton and Pat Jackson. Norton was the chief metallurgist for the Mines Dept. and one of the original group who went to the States with Sir Thomas Playford in 1952 to stitch up the deal with the Yanks and Brits for the start of the Radium Hill Project. He presented a very informative oral history account of its planning, processes and development. Thank you Norton.

At noon everybody made their way to the cemetery for the burial. Pam Barratt delivered the eulogy and June Kakoschke's recording of 'Danny Boy' was very fitting as Brian and Tristan lowered Nessie's ashes into the grave.

Nessie had often sung this song at events when living in Radium Hill. The unveiling of the plaques and the little angel statue was very moving indeed.



Other memorial plaques may be unveiled, Easter Saturday, 2006.

After lunch and it was all aboard for an adventure 4WD trip out to the Maldorkeys. Views of the gorge and wild life were just fabulous with plenty of 4WD driving and chatter on the UHF's. They are certainly a worthwhile extra as anybody can join in on the conversations making it most enjoyable and informative.

At about 7pm that night little James Gobbett developed breathing difficulties. The HF radio to the Flying Dr. at Broken Hill was unsuccessful due to too much interference and Pt. Augusta was breaking up. Peter Harratt's 'you beaut' CDMA phone set-up proved to be very good and the two way discussions with the Flying doctor at Pt. Augusta plus the supply of a ventalin inhaler to James soon had him breathing comfortably to everyone's relief. Later that night we viewed the unfinished draft DVD of Radium Hill on the laptop computer which was enjoyed by all. It's really very good.

That same night Ian found a cut diamond with his UV light unit on the asphalt camp area. I have previously mentioned that there were diamonds in the Radium Hill area. About 50 people enjoyed themselves in camp that night.

Sunday morning we set off for Wira Wera along the back track. Jenny Treloar gave a very good description of the 1997 floods and its effects followed by morning tea. Thanks Jenny. Keith provided oral histories of his flying in the Radium Hill days and the group bought a stack of raffle tickets in support of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

After a quick lunch it was on to King's Bluff for an afternoon of fossicking and detecting courtesy of James and Alex Morgan of Outalpa Stn. Everyone was quite interested in the dugouts and old workings but no gold.

Amongst other items that night we were entertained by Pam Barratt and Irene Peryman who really took off Mal and 'Lawrraine' Leyland to a tee.

A repeat performance next Easter by popular demand.

Tuesday and another enjoyable Easter came to an end as we made our way back to the city away from the peace and tranquillity of Radium Hill, 'a modern ghost town in an ancient landscape'.

### RADIUM HILL

For S.A. History Week in May I was asked to present a paper on Radium Hill to be delivered at the State History Conference in Whyalla. It was titled 'Radium Hill: Birth, Death and Legacies' (my reflections). During my research I compiled a number of little known facts which I believed should be aired and documented as historic legacies of Radium Hill. A number of people had also suggested that I should do it (including the late Sir S. Ben Dickinson) or the information

may be lost if I happened to fall off my perch, especially as 2006 is the centenary year of Radium Hill.

**It certainly wasn't just another mining town. Some of its historic legacies and catalysts were:** (précis)

1. Australia's first radium/uranium mine (1906).
2. The first Australian state government gazetted radio-active waste dump site (1981).
3. The uranium bearing ore was named 'davidite' by Sir Douglas Mawson (1906).
4. Sir Douglas proposed the name Radium Hill for the site, possibly the only such eventual town to be named by him (1906).
5. Sir Douglas Mawson had a half share in one of the mines along the line of lode.
6. The Main shaft re-inforced concrete ore bin is claimed to be the biggest in the Southern hemisphere.
7. The 2000 ton capacity crushed ore bin at the mill and 2 million gallon capacity concrete water tank on top of 'tank hill'.
8. The Arthur J Smith monument.
9. The first uranium mine in Australia to enter into an export agreement for selling its product overseas (1952).
10. A world first for using boiling concentrated sulphuric acid in a process to refine the uranium davidite bearing concentrate.
11. An Australian first for using the heavy media milling process for separating hard rock ore.
12. The establishment of a barite mine near Quorn to provide material for the further processing of the uranium concentrate.

13. The opening of a pyrite mine near Nairne to supply base material for processing the uranium bearing concentrate.

14. The catalyst for establishing the Australian Mineral Development Laboratories or AMDEL as it was known.

15. The catalyst to help form The Australian Mineral Foundation.

16. In 1953 it was envisaged that a nuclear reactor may be located on Spencer Gulf to generate electricity and to desalinate sea water using Radium Hill uranium.

17. In 1987 a survey of former Radium Hill miners revealed that 54 had died of lung cancer which led in part to the implementation of safer working conditions in the uranium mines of today.

18. Sixty six house number and former occupant name plaques have been erected on former house and business sites.

19. Ruins of the Radium Hill townsite which was laid out as a model mining town in keeping with the 'public service' traditions of the 1950's.

20. Radium Hill was one of the few Government projects that made a profit.

21. The formation of your association, 'The Radium Hill Historical Association Inc.'

22 Radium Hill Heritage Museum

23. The rehabilitated Radium Hill Pioneers Cemetery.

24 The heritage value of significant artefacts.

**Your children may also be interested in this list as part of their heritage. It would be nice to see them at the Centenary Easter Reunion.**

**We welcome any feedback you may have relating to these or other points of interest.**

### **MUSEUM REGISTRATION**

On July the 7<sup>th</sup>. Kate Walsh and Amanda James from the History Trust of South Australia carried out a site assessment of our museum as part of the Museum Accreditation and Grants Program. This visit followed our application for registration detailing policies and procedures which we have implemented for the management of the museum. (191 points needed to be addressed in the submission).

They were particularly impressed with the welcoming statement on the museum door and captions on some of the items.

**Kate commented "I think your museum is fabulous".**

After the museum inspection was completed we pushed on out to Radium Hill for lunch which Barry and I were providing.

As Kate reflected in an article which appeared in the 'MAGP News', "Way out there, a basic sandwich was what we thought we'd be having. But no, seated at a table complete with seersucker tablecloth and paper napkins, we were served piping hot vegetable soup and then a marvellous seafood salad made with yabbies freshly caught from the township dam. A culinary experience neither of us will forget in a long time". All praise to 'chef Barry'.



*Finishing off the local yabbies!  
Amanda James, Barry and Kevin  
Kakoschke.*

P.S. The Radium Hill Heritage Museum has been successful in its re-registration bid. Congratulations to everyone involved.

### **MIGRATION MUSEUM**

Between June and September four other museums and ourselves participated in an exhibition titled 'Our place: Our part' at the Migration Museum Forum in Adelaide.

The display told the story of South Australia's immigration and settlement history in the five regions represented. Groups of school children would home in on the humorous tee shirt that Harry and Daphne Bale made for the Easter 1996 Reunion. It depicted the food digestion parts of a miner's body and the equivalent in a mine and mill e.g. ball mill, jaw crusher and waste chute. Very clever.

A Nativity scene made in 1956 by Terry O'Connell out of fracture boxes for his new born daughter Kathryn also had appeal as well as a number of other items. Perhaps the most outstanding item in the Exhibition was our DVD '**The Way We Were**'. One complete stranger **watched it five times straight**. "Just excellent" he was heard to comment after his third viewing. The end result was well worth the effort

**About 30,000 visitors saw the exhibition.**

### **RADIUM HILL MUSEUM**

In this last financial year approx. 777 volunteer hours were spent on tasks associated with the museum. With the help of a grant from the History Trust of S.A. new floor coverings and UV screen on the windows were installed. It has helped lessen the dust and deterioration problems that we were experiencing. Items from the Migration Museum Exhibition are also displayed now.

We were able to have the United Nations flag made by the Radium Hill C.W.A. ladies returned and hung in the museum thanks to the Leigh Creek Area school.

Sylvia Kakoschke (nee Lawson) donated a '15 club' pewter tankard and a 1958 Radium Hill underground supervisor's manual which her late father 'Wally' had. Some of the industrial relations information contained in it was well before its time. Probably the manual is the only one still in existence.

Joe Krecu donated some chairs for visitors and also some fracture boxes which are used as display mountings at the fire place.

In the Marchant oval score board area Ron Tame found the old Radium Hill and visitors signs plus the football score numbers which we will put up at the museum.



*Fire place display area*

Our next project is to design, make and install eleven interpretive panels with the support of the History Trust Museum Unit. The end result should look brilliant and be ready for all to see during the Easter centenary reunion.

### **RADIUM HILL BIRDS**

I used to think that bird watching was for the birds.

We have now identified and listed sixty six (66) different varieties of birds in the Radium Hill area. Amazing.

Some of them are more common during spring time and their nests are quite extraordinary. A pair of endangered peregrine falcons have their nest up on the old headframe ore bin.

A pair of wedgetail eagles have hatched their young in a nest just along from the swimming pool on 'Tank hill'.

This last October there were **three types of mud nests** in the camp area alone. The Apostle birds had built three mud nests in the gum trees.

Willy wag tails had a mud and spider web nest built on a beam in the BBQ shed in which they hatched three young.

The most amazing of all was the martin swallows who had built their **mud nest on top of the kerosene lamp glass** left in the shower shed.



*The Martin Swallow's lamp nest*

When bird spotting from a car its best if there are three people involved, one to drive, another with the binoculars and describing the bird and the third person having a copy of, 'Morcombe: Field Guide to Australian Birds' plus pencil and paper to take down notes.

Recently Rod Lawrence, Ian Husband and I adopted this technique and it worked a treat.

We have displayed a copy of the bird's list in the BBQ shed.

Maybe you can add to the list of identified birds during Easter?

### **OBITUARY**

Regretfully a number of our friends have passed away since our last newsletter including:-

Bennett Mary, Melbourne, Vic.  
Bonthuis Jan, Naracoorte, S.A.  
Bruff Maxine, Adelaide, S.A.  
Daniels Ivan, Adelaide, S.A.  
Harwood Neil, Moe, Vic.  
Kessler Herbert, Brisbane, Qld.  
Kornecki Theodore, Adelaide, S.A.  
Koudelka Jana, Tikalina Stn. S.A.  
McKee David, Adelaide, S.A.  
O'Connell Terry, Adelaide, S.A.  
Renz George, Riedweg, Germany  
Saunders Lance, Adelaide S.A.  
Trummer Alois, Mt. Isa, Qld.  
Wade Allan, Adelaide, SA

Dave McKee became a member of the S.A. Parliament for 17 years.

**To their families we offer our deepest sympathy and condolences for their loss.**

### **EX RADIUM HILL PLANT**

In the last newsletter I mentioned where some of the Radium Hill buildings went which created quite a bit of interest. Some of the equipment also had interesting new homes for instance: the main shaft winders went to the **Emperor gold mines in Fiji.**

Bob Blake's brother Maurice took a few under-ground mine trucks, bidders, locos and flotation cells to the Enterprise mine at Pine Creek, then to the White Devil gold mine at Tennant Creek and they can now be seen on the **side of the Peko road** leading up to the Battery Hill museum at Tennant Creek.

Other bidders, locos, mine trucks, jack hammers and rockdrills are at the Moonta Mines Museum.

The Le Tornaue overhead loader was bought by Bill Paull for 400 pounds who on sold it to Dick Sangster of Tepco Stn. when he had finished using it. The 400 H.P. National diesel engines driving the 344KVA emergency generators are at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woodville and are used in the same capacity.

The Main shaft headframe was cut down as scrap metal (a shame) as well as some of the other buildings and equipment.

The Saint Clair Youth centre, Woodville was the new home for the 35mm projectors from the Drive in picture theatre.

The 1936 Diamond T bus that Bill Paull had bought for 100 pounds (and which he charged passengers 2 pounds for a trip to Broken Hill) **finished up on the Radium Hill rubbish dump.**

The Umberumberka to Radium Hill 6" water pipeline was bought by Jim Spears of 'Salvage Enterprise's' who then paid one shilling per yard to have it dug up for salvage.

### **XMAS SOCIAL 2005**

The Committee Xmas social held at Margot Binkowski's was a huge success. Once again the meal was superbly presented with the usual Xmas fare and plum pudding a real treat.

June Kakoschke kicked off the entertainment by singing '**Some Enchanted Evening**', (it really was) followed by '**Fly Me To The Moon**' (not on a full stomach, please). Terrific June.

A bosomy Marilyn Monroe (Margot Binkowski) then drifted into the spotlight **cooing 'I Want To be Loved By You'**. The 'scoopie doos' were spot on.

To get everybody relaxed again I read General Motors response to Microsoft Bill Gates criticism of the automotive industry. It was like trying to compare apples and

oranges. Bill certainly led with his lip.

'**Piano Man**' was the number chosen by Lois Harvie for her tap dancing routine. She had made her black and white costume to **represent the key board of a piano.** It must have taken Lois many long hours of sewing to complete.

A very good performance Lois.

(Lois had been feeling a little off colour that day which made her performance all the better under the circumstances. On seeing her doctor on the Tuesday he ordered an ambulance to rush her to hospital. **She had suffered a heart attack.** Unfortunately for Lois by-pass heart surgery was ordered. We all wish her a speedy recovery).

Choreographer Barb Davis Jr. then demonstrated some '**full monty**' dance movements suitable for an act next Easter. Oh, my achy, brakey joints.

### **Radium Hill in December**

Rod Lawrence donated a flag pole, and Jim Krecu, ('Moonlite Lighting') a huge ball light and fittings to go on top of the pole to light up the camp area at night. Thank you. With the flag flying it adds another dimension to the camp site. Just great.

We also built a temporary shower enclosure for the blokes and extra toilets, ready for Easter.

On Dec 9<sup>th</sup>. we were joined by Sarah Laurence and Ric James from the Dept. for Environment and Heritage and later by P.I.R.S.A. officers Michael McLeary and Ben who were doing work in the area. Sarah and Ric located some Sturt Peas up by the old golf club house, they looked beaut.

### **SOUVENIRS**

To commemorate the Centenary of Radium Hill we have designed and had made, (through Jim

Krecu) a special high quality souvenir cap for the occasion.

**A great gift idea and a real bargain at only \$10 plus postage.** They will be available at the reunion and/or mail orders will be taken for mail delivery.

It would be great to have a group photo taken near the flag pole with **every one wearing their Radium Hill souvenir cap.**

Jon Krecu (A.B.M.S. Pty. Ltd.) put together some film for the **centenary of Radium Hill 1906 – 2006** covering its birth, death and legacies including the heritage museum.

The resultant '**The Way We Were**', video tape or DVD is brilliant. Roger Taylor of ABC Country Radio 639 watched it three times. Once again it is available for **only \$25 including postage.** Sales of the cap and video tape or DVD will help support our ongoing efforts in preserving the cultural and historic heritage of Radium Hill.

**Many adults (now grandparents) may be able to see them-selves as school children in this video**



### **EASTER 2006**

**Yes, the track out to Radium Hill from Tikalina Stn. will be suitable for cars towing caravans, drive to suit the road conditions. It will pay you to fuel up at Yunta or Broken Hill before pushing on to Radium Hill.**

The Tikalina Station turn-off from the Broken Hill road should have some ribbon flying from it. **Sign the visitor's book in the museum** when you call in on the way through. Look for the signs and ribbon marking the way out to Radium Hill.

When arriving at the school grounds camp site, **sign the registration book and pin on your name tag**, (it certainly helps to get to know everyone).

**BBQ chop and sausage sizzle evening meals will be available on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings** from 5.30 pm. Two saltbush lamb chops and a couple of sausage sizzles plus onions, bread and sauce on a plate for only \$7. Children: a couple of sausage sizzles, onions, bread and sauce on a plate for only \$3. We may also have marsu steaks available.

**Buy your meal tickets when you arrive at Radium Hill** for the three evenings to make the catering that much easier for the chefs. Remember to bring a knife, fork and chair.

Accommodation is available at the Olary Hotel, (08) 8091 1533.

**Long life milk is best** for durability if you take milk with your tea/coffee and cereal. Bring along your own **drinking water, at least a couple of litres per day**. Water can be boiled on the stove for a cup of tea. Washing and shower water will be provided. The shower cubicle in the shed is available for women and children, the temporary shower is for the blokes.

There will be a **huge program** of events to celebrate the Centenary of Radium Hill including an amateur hour, talent quest and variety concert for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. **An opportunity to get your act together and join in the fun.**

Cactus clan chief Neil would like volunteer clansmen to join him in a prickly **seek and destroy mission** against the invading cactus bushes. R&R afterwards by **playing a round of golf** (9 holes).

We know that some folk will be arriving at Radium Hill from the 7<sup>th</sup>. April. Remember, the early camper usually picks the best spot. The **shearing quarters at Tikalina will be available** for accommodation so book early with Andy Treloar.

Max Franklin will be **conducting an auction** of donated goods on Saturday night so bring some along. He's entertaining. We should get a bang out of the Smith and Mawson re-enactment.

Jan Roffey will have her **electronic keyboard on hand** for a sing-along and for those folk who can play a tune.

Both Helmut Drazil and Sharon Johns (nee Scarff) are getting old school friends together for lively 'social studies' classes or maybe singing lessons. They may be 'controlled' by some of their former school teachers?

**The 'Barber shop' will be open** on Friday evening for the 1950's Radium Hill barber, 'Butcher Kev' to demonstrate his special hair cutting techniques. Volunteer models required.

**Special announcements** will be made just after lunch on Saturday and presentations will be made in the evening.

**Oral history sessions** and surfing the galaxy with Peter Harratt's telescope in the evenings should also be enjoyable. **Heritage tours** of Radium Hill, the Luxemburgs, Olary Creek, Galls Well and the ever popular, beautiful but rugged Maldorkey Gorge will be daytime tag-a-longs. Ex-R.Hillite, Phillip Pullem from 'Electric Bug' will answer questions on UHF communication systems. He's an expert.

Jon Krecu (ABMS) is up grading our web-site with some new technologies. Click onto [www.radiumhill.org.au](http://www.radiumhill.org.au) for the latest news and information. A meeting at the church entrance to celebrate Easter morning.

## MEMORY JOGGERS

\* **Make the effort** to attend this centenary reunion. If you miss out then you will need to wait another 100 years for the Bi-centenary

\* Please fill in and **return your anticipated attendance and meal requirements slip**. Its receipt will be appreciated.

\* Please contact June our secretary if you change address or hear of any ex-Radium Hill resident who may have passed away.

\* Try and **organise a born in Radium Hill, school friend class, or family reunion to help celebrate** this historic occasion

\* **Present an entertainment item** at one of the three concerts. It's good fun.

\* Fill up with fuel at either Yunta or Broken Hill before coming on to Radium Hill.

\* Obtain your Radium Hill **souvenir caps and video tape or DVD** while stocks last.

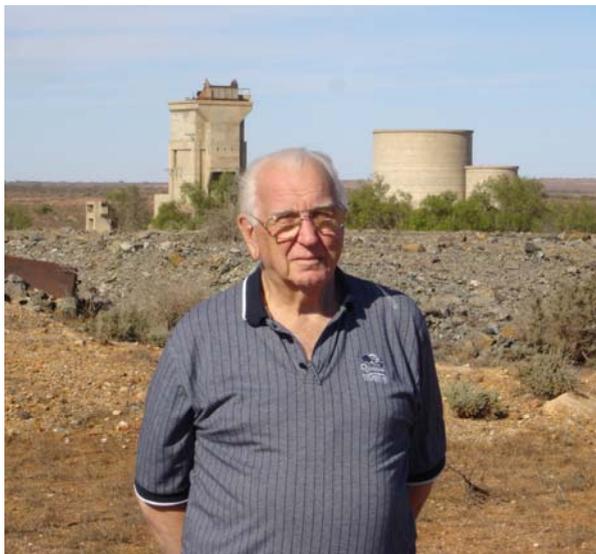
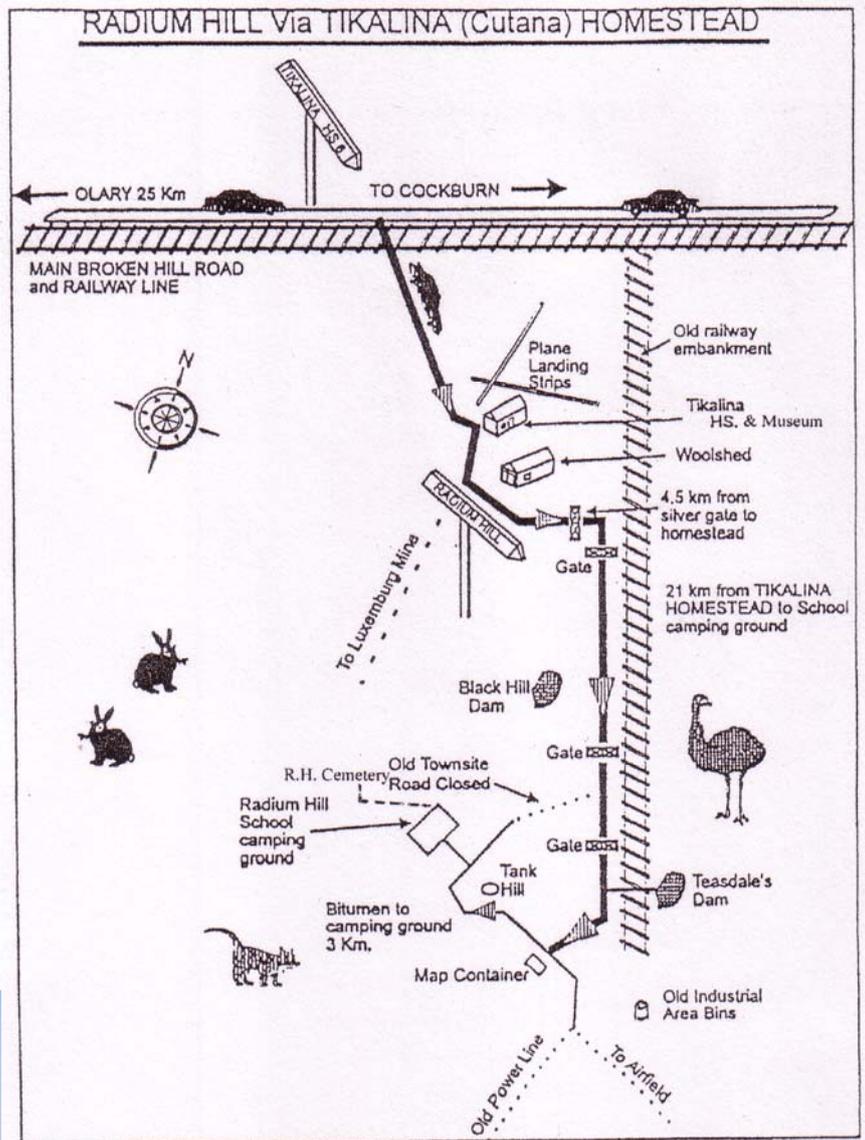
\* Bring along your **UHF set** (we communicate on channel 30), **golf clubs, binoculars and cameras**.

If you intend calling into Radium Hill other than at this reunion time please write or phone both Andy Treloar, Tikalina Stn. Via Olary. Ph. 08 80911529 and Maurice Francis, Oulina Stn. via. Mannahill Ph. 08 86505901.

\* If unable to contact June or myself by phone leave a message with Margot Binkowski who will pass it on.



Arthur Smith the prospector who pegged the first claim at Radium Hill (Left) and Sir Douglas Mawson inspecting ore specimens at Radium Hill in the early 1900's.



Norton Jackson at the old Radium Hill mine site, Easter 2005. In 1952 Norton had accompanied Sir Thomas Playford, Sir S. Ben Dickinson and others to America and England to finalize the agreement for the commencement of the Radium Hill Project and the export of uranium.



Reg Sprigg at the old Radium Hill mine site, Easter 1994. Reg and Griselda had returned to mark the 50<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary since Reg first went to Radium Hill in 1944 to conduct a geological survey of its uranium bearing potential.

Order your Radium Hill Centenary souvenir cap and 'The Way We Were' Video tape or DVD now.