



The Friends of the Larapinta Trail is a not for profit group dedicated to promoting and maintaining the Larapinta Trail.

2019 Annual Report

An overview of the 2019 walking season, summary of events, fundraising activities, promotion of the Larapinta Trail and assistance with trail maintenance.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

On behalf of the Friends of Larapinta Trail Committee I would like to present our Annual Report for 2019.

A huge thank you goes out to all those who have supported us in the last twelve months.

Even with the fires early in the year before the season started, the club continues to thrive and as always it was exciting to see new faces on our hikes or at working bees. We look forward to growing relationships and creating new friendships again this year and want to say a heartfelt thank you to Pete Nowak and his team, along with the Parks and Wildlife Rangers who worked tirelessly to help get the trail up to scratch in time for the start of the season.

We again had a busy events calendar with walks, working bees, markets and social events. By far the most popular fundraiser this year was the retired track arrow signs which we sold as souvenirs and mailed copious amounts around the country – proving just how popular and respected our trail is!

The tailor-made Metal Therapy seat was successfully carried up and mounted on Counts Point with the help of our friends at Norforce and has been appreciated by many during the season. We are currently engaging with Parks to identify where our fundraised money would be best spent.

Thank you for supporting our passionate club and we hope to see you out on the trail this season!

Katie

FINANCE SUMMARY

This summary forms part of a full financial report with accompanying notes. Please see Special Purpose Financial Report 31 December 2019 for more details.

MEMBERS

Membership for FOLT remains free and we currently have 500+ members.

EVENT SUMMARY

In keeping with our FOLT vision we have successfully provided a diverse range of walks this year including family friendly walks to the more challenging day walks.

We found walk participant numbers were high this season and have taken feedback from our members as to what they would like to see in the upcoming calendar.

Market stalls were again popular and fruitful with positive exposure for both the club and the trail.

A summary of 2019 events includes:

- Product night with guest speakers Simon Duke and Mark Woods
- Working bees including those in the February and March heat as we readied the trail for the season.
- Todd Mall Markets and Christmas Night Market
- 3 Family friendly day walks
- 10 Day hikes
- 2 Social events

2019 COMMITTEE

FOLT would like to recognise the efforts of the committee over this year and thank them for their time, enthusiasm and passion.

President – Katie Thompson

Vice President – Clare Drabsch

Treasurer – Emil Mavilio

Secretary – Tamara Siemionow

Committee – Megan Hatton, Tony Jennison

A special thanks to Andrea Celofiga for leading our 2020 Calendar project.