

(September 2025)

The Friends camped at nearby Mainwater Well. External doors were fitted and the window openings filled with Perspex panes. A gutter has been attached to the fascia of the main roof. The “Cook’s room” was made into a secure lock-up for storage.

(May 2025)

After the first working visit, Idninha Outstation looks like it has had some TLC. In May 2025, a delegation from the Friends camped on-site and commenced work on the building.



Above: The Outstation, now with the missing sheet in the gable replaced, gutters re-hung, some external woodwork painted, and a rainwater downpipe fitted.

The Friends group has obtained a grant of nearly \$15,000 and a private donation of \$4000 to be put towards restoring the Outstation. The building now looks like it is being worked on rather than being an abandoned structure. It is planned at next visit, that external doors and windows will be fitted to close the building to the elements, and the internal walls will be painted. Next visit will be in September 2025. For members wishing to be involved, expressions of interest to Dennis: dennisjury1@gmail.com



Above: The collapsed ceiling in the “dining room” is now repaired.

(January 2025)

Idninha Outstation (previously known as Yadnina) on the Idninha track, is a European and Adnyamathanha historical site in the northern part of the Park, about 4.5km west of Mainwater Well campground. The nine-roomed outstation, built before 1946, is a relic of the previous pastoral land-use of Balcanoona Station before it was acquired and became the National Park. Prior to now some restoration work has occurred, such as rebuilding the verandas and gutters, and fitting open (and unlocked) steel guards to the 5 external doors and 11 windows. However, between then and now there has been significant deterioration. A large panel on the western gable has come off which exposes the interior to wind and rain. The gutters have been installed with only a single downpipe. Consequently, heavy rainfall events have filled the gutters with rainwater, causing the gutters to pull away from the fascia board. Kangaroos have been able to enter the building.

The Friends of V-GRNP propose to close the gaps in the gables, reattach the gutters, install downpipes and to paint the external woodwork. We also propose to reinstate the external doors and windows, with guards, in both the western half and the separate eastern half. This will close the building to the weather, animals and to people, and allow internal repair work on the ceilings, walls, doors and floor to proceed.



Idninha viewed from the East. Showing the under-veranda room at left, behind the rain water tank, the doorway to the eastern section (centre), and the new veranda on the northern side.



Composite image of the northern façade. A bathroom has been removed from the white-walled area at left. And a laundry room has been removed from under the veranda at right.



Idninha viewed from the west. Showing the wrap around veranda, old tank stand at left, open gable and the quandong tree at right.

Once made habitable, it is expected to be used for special accommodation by Workers on the Park, Feral animal shooters, School/University groups, Bushwalkers, our Friends group, people working on DEW projects, Rogainers etcetera. That is, it would not be bookable public accommodation as is the case with Grindells & Nudlamutana huts.



Interior of one of the rooms displaying the ceiling and wasp mud nests.



The steel grate acting as an external “door” to the kitchen with anti-kangaroo mesh



The door grates are currently unlocked.



The view of Idninha from the old stone water tank looking towards the southwest