

Changing visitor management in Desert Parks SA, during Lake Eyre flood events

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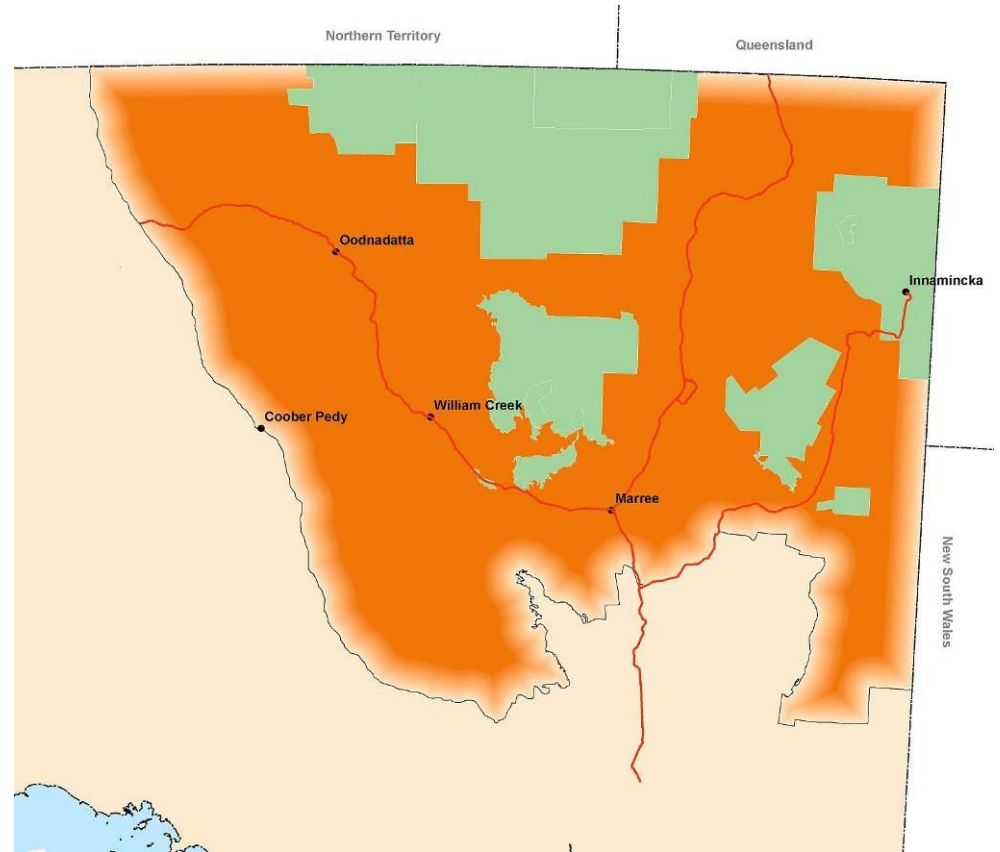


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Desert Parks District

- 9 parks and reserves
- 8.4 million hectares
- 8 park staff

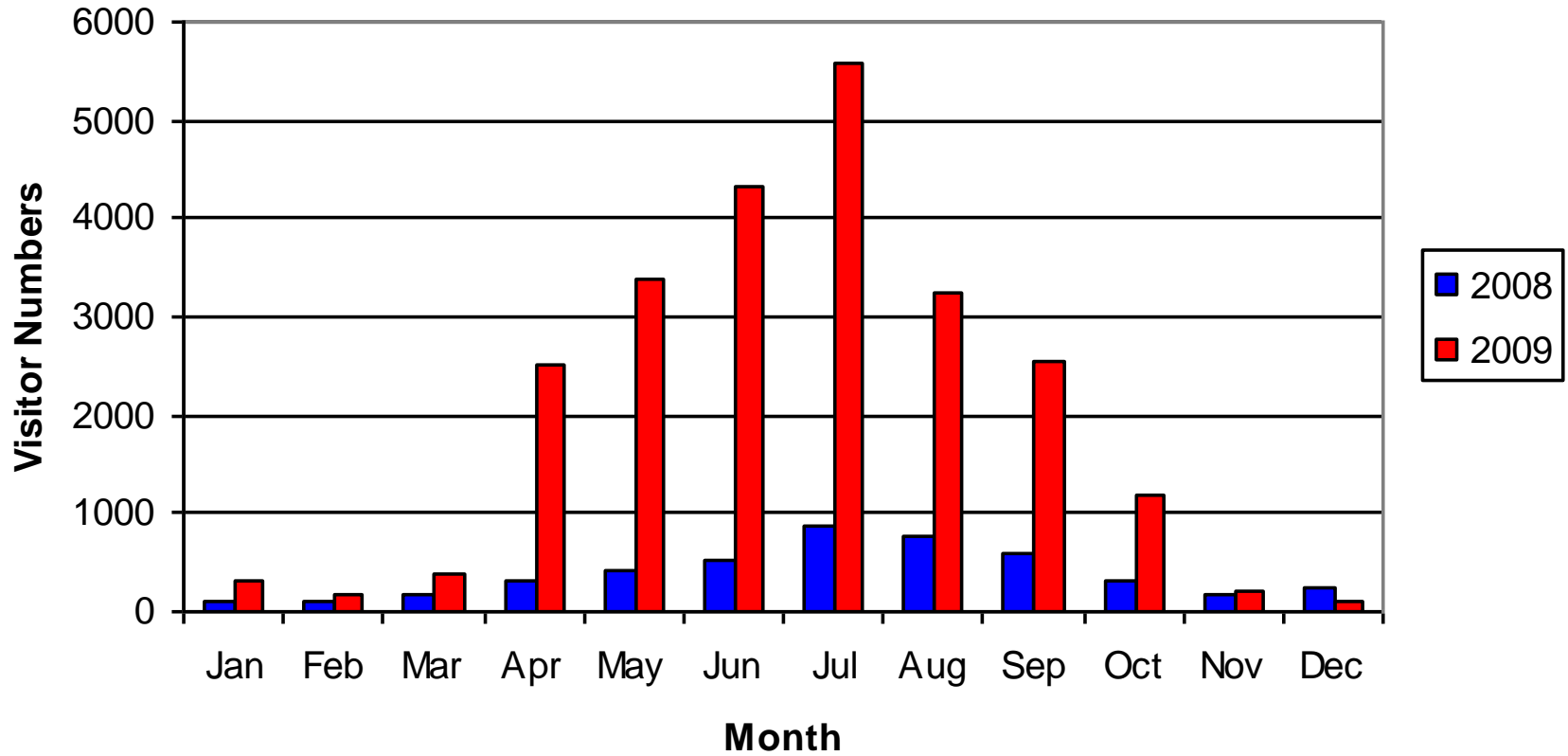


Flood events 2009 - 2013

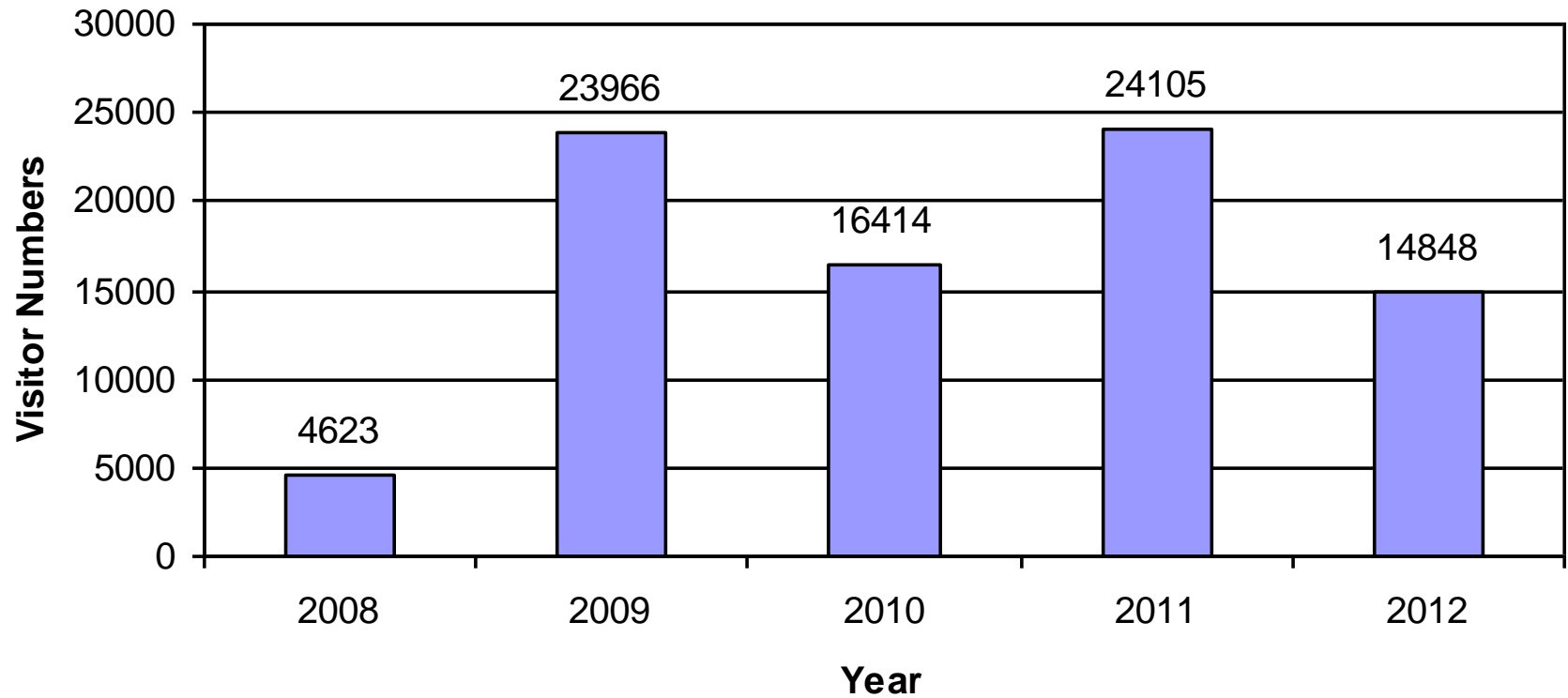
- 2009 – Diamantina-Georgina floods
- 2010 – Diamantina-Georgina-Cooper-Macumba floods
- 2011 – Diamantina-Georgina-Cooper-Macumba floods
- 2012 – local Lake Eyre major rain and minor Diamantina flood
- 2013 – local Lake Eyre minor rain



Lake Eyre visitation



Lake Eyre Annual Visitation



2009

Lake Eyre response

- Increased patrols

What we found

- Visitor enquiries increased dramatically
- Media depiction not correct
- Increased disrespect of country and facilities by visitors



2010 onwards

Including Innamincka receiving 12m flood

District response -

- Managing tracks/camp sites
- Increased signs and fencing
- Increased aerial surveillance
- Closer liaison with some aerial tour operators
- Extra web pages
- Closer relationship with SATC



2010 onwards

- Presence at tourism events – 4WD Shows, Caravan and Camping Shows
- Media releases
- Radio interviews
- Aircraft issues in 2011
- Boating issue in 2011



Visitor changes

- Higher expectations by 'softer' visitors
- Lazier visitors
- Do not take note of signs
- Vandalism of infrastructure
- Littering and leaving facilities filthy



Future management

- Co-management with Arabana
- Halligan Bay Point acquisition
- Lake Eyre South look out redevelopment
- Fly Neighbourly Advice for Lake Eyre
- Other visitor site redevelopments



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Thank you for listening



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