

# Tomkinson Ranges

The **Tomkinson Ranges** is a [mountain range](#) in the northwest corner of [South Australia](#). The range consists of [sandstone](#) hills, surrounded by [spinifex grasslands](#). Several [rock holes](#) are located in and around the hills.

The mountains were named after politician [Samuel Tomkinson](#) (1851–1900). The [explorer William Gosse](#) named them when he passed through the region in the early 1870s. [Ernest Giles](#) and his team reached the ranges shortly after, and set up a base here from which to explore the [Gibson](#) and [Great Victoria Deserts](#). Numerous [prospecting expeditions](#) were made through the region until the 1930s.<sup>[1]</sup>

Together with the [Mann Ranges](#), the Tomkinson Ranges are an important part of the [Pitjantjatjara homeland](#). The communities of [Kalka](#) and [Pipalyatjara](#) are located at the base of the mountains.

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