

# "THE TRAILWALKER"



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NEWSLETTER OF THE

FRIENDS OF THE HEYSEN TRAIL

and other South Australian Walking Trails.

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Dear Member,

I thought you might be interested in knowing what action has been taken by the Steering Committee following the public meeting at the Dom Polski Centre on the 1st of June last.

You will no doubt, be pleased to know that the Steering Committee has met twice since that date and has set into motion a number of initiatives.

Firstly, the Committee gave some consideration to the name of the Society. The Department of Recreation and Sport asked that the name Heysen Trail be incorporated in the title in view of its widely accepted recognition in Australia. This was agreed but some members felt that the title should give some recognition to the other trails already existing within the State.

Provisionally, it was agreed that the following be put to the members: "Friends of the Heysen Trail and other South Australian Walking Trails". The latter to be a sub-title to the first part.

Secondly, four Sub-committees have been set up to investigate and report back to the Steering Committee on the best way to achieve the ultimate aims and objects of a fully constituted Friends of the Heysen Trails. These sub-committees, with their members are set out below:

## 1. Promotion

Derek Whitelock  
Warren Bonython  
Austin Hall\*  
Thelma Anderson

## 2. Trail Building

Frank Hall  
Ian Sando\*  
Fred Brooks  
Denis Fordham

## 3. Conservation

Jim Ridyard\*  
Madalene Ledo  
Bill Gordan  
Rhonda Mora

## 4. Organisation

Peter Kellett\*  
Kym Rogers  
Rob Collett

Any members who would like to contribute their expertise on matters relating to the Committees are asked to contact the Convenors (marked with an asterisk).

A suggestion has been made by Derek Whitelock that consideration should be given to the Friends publishing a magazine, with the suggested title of TRAIL WALKER.

Derek has offered to edit the publication and a sub-committee is to be set up to get the publication underway. Derek will be pleased to hear from anyone who is prepared to write articles for the publication or give a hand with its printing.

Shortly, after the first meeting, I sent a letter to the Minister expressing regret at his inability to attend the first meeting due to his wife's illness and expressing the enthusiasm of the members present to form a Friends of the Heysen Trail. I also took the opportunity to

ascertain the extent of funding and assistance available this financial year to get the Friends under way. I am pleased to advise that a residue of \$1400 has been made available and it has already been deposited in the Commonwealth Bank until required. Funding for next year is under consideration by his Department.

It was the feeling of members that there should be some early interaction of members on the social scene, to enable members to get to know one another and also to enable the Committee to get the general feeling of members on the aims and objectives of your Society. A walk and picnic lunch was suggested and your Committee is actively exploring this possibility to see if it can be arranged in July or August. I hope to be able to advise of the time, date, and location in the next newsletter. Please come with your friends.

As you will appreciate, the Steering Committee has a considerable task ahead of it to develop the appropriate structure for a viable organisation which will serve the needs of all walkers. Moreover, it has to be strong enough to ensure that our walking needs are fulfilled, not only for today's walkers but future generations to come. The success of the Friends will depend greatly on the enthusiasm of its members, a trait already evident in its members at the moment, together with an affiliation and support of the many walking groups in South Australia. It is asked that you spread the word of our pending formation to your friends and invite them to register their interest by contacting:

The Secretary,  
Ms. Betty Wise,  
C/- Friends of the Heysen Trail,  
Dept. Recreation & Sport,  
25 Grenfell St.,  
ADELAIDE, S.A. 5000.  
Phone: (08) 227.1708

Jim Crinion,  
CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE.

## - QUESTIONNAIRE -

*Following the public meeting held at the Dom Polski Centre on the 1st of June last and the subsequent Steering Committee meeting, it was decided to circularise all members with a questionnaire to ascertain the extent of assistance the committee may expect from the members and whether members' expertise can be utilised in the activities of the friends.*

*The questionnaire is attached to this brief newsletter. Please complete it and return it to Betty Wise so that our association can make an active commencement.*

## - CONTACTING YOUR SUB-COMMITTEES -

### CONSERVATION

Jim Ridyard,  
23 Downer Ave.,  
BLACKWOOD, 5051.

### TRAIL BUILDING:

Ian Sandow,  
25 Arcowie Rd.,  
DERNANCOURT, 5075.

### PROMOTION

Austin Hall,  
1 Bothwell Ave.,  
SEACLIFF PARK, 5049.  
Phone: 296.3957

### ORGANISATION

Peter Kellett,  
24 Gibbon Lane,  
NORTH ADELAIDE, 5006.  
Phone: 274.0261 / 267.1442 (A.H.)



- IMMEDIATE HELP NEEDED -

*One of the most urgent tasks being pursued by your Committee is that of preparing a draft Constitution. The Sub-Committee investigating the organisation of the Friends has made a promising start to this process, but would appreciate assistance from people with specific skills in this area.*

*If you have legal experience, or experience in drafting constitutions for other organisations, and could help, please contact the Convenor of the Organisation Sub-Committee, Peter Kellett on 274.0251 (267.1442 A.H.)*



JUBILEE YOUTH TREK  
ALONG THE HEYSEN TRAIL

The Jubilee Youth Trek is one of the most unique and comprehensive outdoor environmental projects ever attempted in Australia.

Thousands of students of all ages are now involved in a wide range of direct learning experiences along the Heysen Trail.

Throughout 1986 they are visiting, hiking and exploring the great outdoors of their State. Some are even helping to build community walking trails that will provide further access to this heritage.

On May 22nd, a small group of young South Australians left Mt. Babbage in the Far North on a journey involving 2,000km., 120 days and 250 other participants.

They were our first LINK WALKERS.

Over the next four months, the focus of Jubilee Youth Trek will move with the Link Walkers until they reach Cape Jervis, 2,000km later.

The Link Walkers are small groups of senior students representing Education Department, Independent and Catholic schools, and Community Youth Clubs. They will walk between 2 and 8 days before meeting another group and passing on historical items, including a traditional

Aboriginal message stick, a journal and a geological specimen from Mt. Babbage.

The unique challenge for the Link Walkers is that they will be self-directed in their expedition. These young South Australians have a special opportunity to demonstrate their own leadership and realistic decision-making capabilities.

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Encounters are possible

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The Link Walk is the heart of the Jubilee Youth Trek project. And like the Heysen Trail, which it follows for most of the way, the Link Walk will travel the heart of South Australia.

Along the way, many other young South Australians and the general public, will have opportunities to share experiences and activities with the Link Walkers.

