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*Season's
Greetings*



*Merry
Christmas*

EDITORIAL

This issue marks the end of a year of contrast and change for the Friends' organisation and brings to a close the 1994 Walking Season.

The appointment of Ian Jays as Project Officer to co-ordinate volunteers in the trail marking and maintenance programme has been an important stepping stone towards establishing an efficient system of support of South Australia's walking trails. Project Officers with Recreation S.A., with assistance from Job Skill workers, have carried out numerous tasks along the Heysen Trail during a transition period within the Friends and are now extending the walking trail network with the continuation of the Mount Lofty Walking Trails through the Ranges. Revision of the Workshop Manual to comply with variations to trail marking methods will be of great value to new as well as experienced volunteers attending instructional workshops. Ian is making valuable progress with the implementation of these workshops for volunteers and establishing a reporting process for walkers on the condition of marking along the Heysen Trail.

We look forward to continued support for the voluntary maintenance programme provided by our members and wish our readers the Compliments of the Season.

Editorial Committee

MEMBERSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A warm welcome from the President and members of Council is extended to all new members who have joined the Friends' since publication of the last issue of "Trailwalker". Unfortunately, a list of these members has not been received by the Editorial Committee due to earlier than usual publication. Individual acknowledgement will be made in the next issue. Ed.

A reminder that renewal of membership is almost due. Renewal application form is included within.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another year has almost gone, another walking season completed, and it is time to reflect upon our achievements in the past year, and more importantly, plan our activities for the coming year.

Ian Jays has organised training courses for trail work volunteers, to take place over the summer months. This will strengthen our workforce and enable us to get the walking trails in good shape before the 1995 walking season commences.

Our Walking Committee has been busy preparing another interesting and varied programme for the next season.

After lengthy discussion at two meetings, Council decided not to put to the next Annual General Meeting, a thoughtfully prepared proposal, put forward by the Walking Committee, that members who participate in walking activities only, pay a higher subscription than other members. The main reason for the proposal was the suggestion by some, mainly organisation members, that their membership fees and/or Government money was being used to subsidise Friends' walking activities. The general feeling was that as our only employee paid by Government funds works solely on trail projects and volunteer co-ordination, and as the extended walks which are the only ones that involve any significant expenditure, are profitable, these arguments cannot be sustained. All profits from walks go into general funds, for use on trail projects.

Day walks involve no significant expenditure, and are almost totally co-ordinated by office volunteers. There was also a strong feeling that differential fees would tend to divide the organisation, when cohesion is a much better way to go.

I wish to thank all those who have helped the organisation throughout the year and at the same time appeal to more members to become involved. Many hands make light work.

Finally, I wish all members a Happy Christmas and an enjoyable, active New Year.

Arthur Smith

GREENING

A recent inspection was made of our 1994 plantings and we seem to have a survival rate of about 80%, which is excellent considering the dry season.

We are still looking for someone to help co-ordinate our 1995 Greening activities.

ANY VOLUNTEERS????

Arthur Smith

ROAD RESERVES

MINISTER OVERRULES RECOMMENDATION OF SURVEYOR-GENERAL

Serious concerns are held by all sections of the recreational community - walkers, cyclists, and horseriders - following a recent decision by the Minister for Environment and Natural Resources, the Hon. David Wotton, to overrule the recommendation of the Surveyor General to retain in public ownership for public access by the community, an undeveloped road reserve in the Mount Pleasant Council district.

An application to close and purchase this undeveloped road, situated between McBean Range and Johns Roads, Mount Pleasant and in close proximity to the Mount Crawford Forest and to Mount Pleasant summit, was made by Mr. H.G. McLachlan in 1992. On that occasion Mount Pleasant Council approved the closure and sale despite objections to the proposal submitted by the Department of Recreation and Sport and Friends of the Heysen Trail. However, in accordance with the Roads (Opening and Closing) Act, the final decision by the Minister, based on the recommendation of the Surveyor General, upheld the objections and the road remained as a public utility for use by today's community and for use by future generations.

However, less than two years after the first application for closure of the road was rejected and finalised, but following the State election in 1993, renewed application was made by Mr. H.G. McLachlan to Mount Pleasant District Council. Again Council approved the application and again the Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing and the Federation of South Australian Walking Clubs objected to the proposal. The new proposal was again subjected to investigation and assessment by the Surveyor General and again the objections were upheld and a recommendation that the road remain as public access was submitted to the Minister. **But**, the Minister has overruled the Surveyor-General's recommendation and approved the application for closure and sale of this publicly owned asset to Mr. H.G. McLachlan.

During the life of the Committee Reviewing Road Reserves for Recreational Use, convened by the Department of Recreation and Sport, and comprising representatives from Department of Environment and Planning, Department of Lands, [now combined under the title of Department for Environment and Natural Resources] Local Government, Farmers and Stockowners and the Friends of the Heysen Trail, this particular road was identified for retention for future recreational use by the community. Maps marking these public access routes as identified by the Committee throughout the respective local government areas, were supplied to all District Councils for information and display in Council offices. With the interests of local government and the farming community being served and protected through representation on this committee, most district councils co-operate and respect the interests and needs of other sections of the broader community.

This decision has, of course, far-reaching and devastating implications for the integrity of the Heysen Trail and the Mount Lofty Walking Trails system and in fact for all safe recreational public access routes used by walkers, cyclists and horseriders. We have every reason to expect in this enlightened era that Governments would protect and defend the legal right of all sections of the community, in their pursuit of recreational activities, to walk and ride in safety from competing vehicular traffic. There can no longer be any security for any of our existing or intended walking trails. A large proportion of the Heysen Trail is marked along undeveloped public roads, many of which are leased by adjoining landowners and respected by them for public access. By far the greater majority of landowners and recreational users enjoy a high degree of mutual regard and respect, each group contributing a valuable information exchange, friendship and goodwill. It is indeed sad that any remaining isolated breach between the farming

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fraternity and the recreational community has been widened by the Minister's unprecedented action at a time when these two groups have achieved a great deal towards an environment of harmonious accord.

The Federation of S.A. Walking Clubs has sought an interview with the Minister to discuss the broader issues of road closures and every effort will be made to obtain an assurance that our existing trails and proposed trails will not be under threat of closure and sale to adjoining landowners.

The Federation is strongly supported in its efforts by horseriders, cyclists and mountain bike riders, all of whom will be severely penalised by the withdrawal of safe public access routes.

Many walkers have signed a petition to the Minister, voicing their concerns about this issue and everyone is urged to make individual protest by writing to the Hon. David Wotton, M.P., Minister for Environment and Natural Resources, G.P.O. Box 1047, Adelaide, S.A. 5001. Your support is vital to the future of walking trails and public access throughout South Australia.

Thelma Anderson,
Road Reserves Secretary,
FEDERATION OF S.A. WALKING CLUBS, INC.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the excellent October issue of "Trailwalker", full of interesting and varied news on walking activities in this State, which is what a newsletter should be. In response to your correspondents in that issue I would like to mention that I support a number of associations by paying a membership, and their newsletters are all just that - bulletins to keep members informed of progress and activities within the area of interest.

From my own point of view I have found members' personal contributions are usually too long, taking up far too much space. Perhaps there could be restriction on the number of words (I suggest 500, i.e. no longer than one page).

I appreciated the acknowledgement of dedicated workers such as Fred Brooks and Colin Malcolm and know there are many others who have given hours of their time over a number of years marking and greening our trails, e.g. Doug Leane, nominee for Volunteer of the Year Award. I'd like to thank them all for making it so much easier to walk our countryside.

As a foundation member of the Friends I agree with the Editor's remarks regarding the interpretation of the Constitution. The Friends have a responsibility to use public funds for the benefit of all walkers in this State, not just the Friends of the Heysen Trail.

Yours sincerely,

Betty Wise

Rejoice

Happy Holidays

PEACE
On Earth

*Festival
of Lights*

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sadie,

Here is my contribution to your club's newsletter/bulletin concerning the Innes National Park walk.

In writing this paper I thought it would be important to convey the impressions from a new participant in the *Friends of the Heysen Trail Walking Club*. In so doing I found myself reflecting on other aspects of the experience than just a route description.

My first experience with the club was the Innes National Park walk in Southern Yorke Peninsula. It was from 4 to 6 November and was led by John Crouch.

The week-end started eventfully with Claire Cowell almost instigating mutiny amongst the ranks of walkers over a proposed wake-up and departure time on day one. The first day saw us walking through the geologically interesting Marion Lake-Snow Lake district and then to the Inneston Historic site (a once thriving gypsum-mining township from 1913 to 1935). Sue Croser's revelations on Stromatolite biological processes proved informative as did John Crouch's insights about the town at Inneston. Other informative revelations included a marked sleeper resting place and the probable resting place of deceased Inneston populous. For further explanation please contact a walk participant.

The first day finished famously with a fantastic view from the coastline across to the Althorpe Island's group, Chinaman's Hut and Kangaroo Island. Another highlight was further snap happy exploits from Sue Wright and myself around the surf-pounded rocks to Stenhouse Bay. Rock climbing became a distraction for some and the question arose, "To boulder or not to boulder, that is the question".

Nightfall proceeded with some members happy to have a shower (Heh Bonney!) and others to peruse the wine selection prevalent on the kitchen bench.

Day two was a little more sedentary in terms of walking distance but no less compulsive due to incredible coastal views from some of the most exposed coastline in South Australia. These sometimes involved almost being blown off cliff tops inland with winds gusting up steep cliff faces to meet participants with gale force + winds at the top. Lyn Condon's car ride proved little less than a bone-jarring experience across corrugated dirt roads but history as well as flora and fauna continued to be enlightening for members who had not visited the area.

The week-end was composed of good company, great views and a relaxed and casual atmosphere. Thanks must go to John Crouch for his commendable walk preparation and guidance.

Seen from a new participant's perspective I was given cause to reflect on the existence of the club and its role. It seems to me that too often the adult world presents life as clustered, restricted and often arduous and unfulfilling. The spirit of adventure and lifelong learning continues through members of such clubs as the *Friends of the Heysen Trail*. It was great to see the enthusiastic nature of the participants of the Innes walk and I found the week-end to be both a positive and valuable experience.

Matthew Rice

P.S. For those members of the club who revel in trivia questions, what is a nomenclature and a **gneegy**?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Doug,

Recently I had one of those very rare moments in my life lunch in my office and a chance to read my much awaited "**Trailwalker**". As a result I felt compelled to write to you, your committee and especially your members, to congratulate you on such a readable and enjoyable publication.

The poems, prose, gossip, articles, information and personal interest stories presented, make for an excellent read.

I am a past outdoor recreator, who currently has little time to work and explore nature. (I delved a little into Ornithology.) Perhaps one day, when life is less demanding and hectic I will be in a position to practice what I preach.

Thank you for the numerous acknowledgements made to both the S.A. Government, Minister Oswald (who appears to be a keen outdoors person) and the staff of Recreation SA. We are pleased and proud to be a part of and involved with the "Friends of the Heysen Trail" and your many volunteers.

The contribution made by them will ensure not only outdoor enjoyment for this generation, but generations to come.

Yours sincerely,

Rod Martin,

Director, Recreation SA

[Thank you for your comments Rod! I am sure they will be greatly appreciated by our volunteers.. Ed.]

Dear Sir,

The "Trailwalker" is a valuable and extremely important communication link, not only to financial members, but to the wider community as well. A copy of the "Trailwalker", along with other information, is given or sent to anyone expressing a desire to join the Friends. This newsletter therefore requires the contents to be informative, interesting and entertaining enough to enthuse the readers. Keeping us up to date on current happenings, future events, track re-routing, road closures, maintenance, greening, walk reports and the walks programme all add to this epistle.

Many members do join just for the walking, but over time, hopefully interest will grow to the point of volunteering their help in some way. The trails and walkers go hand in hand. What is one without the other, and who better to work on the trails but the ones who enjoy walking them? It can take years for volunteers to come forward and offer their help, but that help when it comes will be just as important as the helpers of today. So let us encourage all walkers to enjoy the trails and use what resources are at hand to foster their interest and gain their help.

Sincerely,

Lyn Condon

[You are quite correct in your summary of the function of the "Trailwalker" Lyn, but we hope new members do not take too many years in realising their obligation as walkers to assist, in however small a way, towards the maintenance of the trails which provide them with such an enjoyable recreational activity. Ed.]

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WALKING REPORT

Over the past year we have had a very successful year of walking.

Our programme has once more generated money into the Friends' funds and we have made a profit out of every week-end venture as well as our week in the Gammons. These week-ends at a very low cost have been well received by our walkers and I am pleased to say it has opened up a new lifestyle for a number of people. This year I was able to personally attend all of our extended walking programme week-ends plus the week in the Gammons, and therefore have had the opportunity to experience first hand the enthusiasm of our participants. Once people start they seem to want more. To the Friends who have not been away with us in 1994, make it a goal next year as we have planned some interesting walks in 1995.

During October Christina Tassell and Mark Darter conducted Introductory Backpacking sessions at the Scout Outdoor Centre with a practical week-end being held on 29 and 30 October. The group walked from Bethany through Kaiser Stuhl Conservation Park, spending the night bushcamping in Mount Crawford Forest. The following day we walked back via Kaiser Stuhl alongside the vineyards to Tanunda. Thank you Christina and Mark for your excellent leadership; also a big thank you to George Driscoll who lent us the Scout Outdoor Centre for the practical sessions.

Early in November a group of 19 spent the week-end walking in the Innes National Park. Our leader for this week-end was John Crouch, one of our members from Stansbury on Yorke Peninsula. The group stayed in the Stenhouse Bay Hall which has 20-bed hostel accommodation. Saturday's walk was a circuit from Stenhouse Bay through the Conservation Park visiting the old Inneston village and walking back via the Thomson-Pfizer Trail which follows the old railway line from Inneston to the coast. Clydesdale horses were used to pull the waggons laden with gypsum along this line. A three-course meal, including a barbecue was enjoyed by all on Saturday night. On Sunday we had a series of short walks including Royston Head, Cape Spencer lighthouse, Pondalowie Bay, the Ethel Wreck site and the Gap. Thank you to John and Bonnie Crouch, our excellent hosts, for this week-end. John had put lots of thought into the week-end resulting in interesting walking peppered with local history, making it a thoroughly enjoyable visit to the Peninsula.

Our summer season of walks has now been finalised and I have included this programme separately in this "Trailwalker". These walks allow for the warm weather and are held either early morning or evening. They are not strenuous and we have found it is a way of keeping the enthusiasm alive when the official walking season has finished.

As this is the last copy of "Trailwalker" before Christmas I would like to thank you all for supporting us during the past year. I would also like to thank the members of the Walking Committee, Colin Edwards, Liz Barry, Sue Croser, Jon Selby and Michael Fretwell, who have so ably assisted me during 1994.

Merry Christmas and happy walking in 1995.

Sadie Leupold,
Convenor

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - "Life, we learn too late, is in the living, in the tissue of each day and hour." - Stephen Leacock

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SUMMER WALKING PROGRAMME

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| 26 January, 1995
(Australia Day) | Thursday | *Waterfall Gully Evening Waik
*Dinner after at Fasta Pasta, Burnside
*Leaders - Colin Edwards, Bradley Howell,
Arthur Smith |
| 26 February, 1995 | Sunday | *Sleeps Hill Quarry
*Eco Early evening walk
*Dinner after - Blackwood area
*Leader - Jon Selby |
| 26 March, 1995 | Sunday | *Torrens Linear Park
*Leader - Neville Southgate |
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MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEER SECTION LEADERS

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| 1. | Cape Jervis to Boat Harbour Creek | Tim Stokes, Fleurieu Branch
(085)58-2622 |
| 2. | Boat Harbour Creek to Back Valley Road | Peter Hill
H (085)56-5213 |
| 3. | Back Valley Road to Moon Hill | Thelma Anderson
H 278-4420 |
| 4. | Moon Hill to Hindmarsh Tiers Road | Kevin Riggall
H 339-1855 W 207-8441 |
| 5. | Hindmarsh Tiers Road to Blackfellows Creek Road | Bob Verrall and Jim Pearce
H 382-8577 H 372-5169
W 372-5111 W 372-5111 |
| 6. | Blackfellows Creek Road to Wicks Road | Colin Malcolm
H 382-2194 |
| 7. | Wicks Road to Glen Bold | Klaus Hribar
H 277-7429 |
| 8. | Glen Bold to Piccadilly | Jamie Shephard and Neville Southgate
H 338-6223 H364-2191
W 373-1422 W 410-4344 |
| 9. | Piccadilly to Norton Summit | Liz O'Shea (W.E.A. Ramblers)
H 352-1636 |
| 10. | Norton Summit to Cudlee Creek | Shirley Tavender Arthur Smith
H 337-3692 H 261-7647 |
| 11. | Cudlee Creek to Bethany | Doug Leane
H 43-3388 |
| 12. | Bethany to Peters Hill | Joyce Heinjus
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| 13. | Peters Hill to Spalding | Hugh Greenhill, Burra Branch
H (088)43-8115 |
| 14. | Spalding to Hughes Gap | Ray Griffith C/o David Clark Mid North
Bushwalking Group H (086)36-2446 |
| 15. | Hughes Gap to Mount Brown | Vacant |
| 16. | Mount Brown to Hawker | Vacant |
| 17. | Hawker to Wilpena | Vacant |
| 18. | Wilpena to Parachilna | Shayne Reschke, Leigh Creek Branch
H (086)75-2885 W (086) 75-4332 |

Project Officer

Ian Jays
Office 212-6299 H 356-2220

KUITPO FOREST: Advice has been received from the Ranger at Kuitpo Forest that walking in Kuitpo Forest may continue throughout the summer, **except on days of a Broadcast Fire Ban.**

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PROJECT OFFICER - FRIENDS OF THE HEYSEN TRAIL

First, I would like to thank those friends who have recently or previously indicated their willingness to participate in our on-going programme of Trail Maintenance. The response to the questionnaire sent out to these members has been very positive. The information gathered will enable me to organise the Practical Trails Workshops. We can then utilise the skills gained and assist our hard-pressed area Section Leaders in their designated areas of responsibility.

By the time you receive this copy of the "Trailwalker" we will have completed our first **Practical Trails Workshop** scheduled for Sunday 4 December, 1994. This Workshop will be held at the Recreation S.A. Recreation Centre at Mylor in the Adelaide Hills. Included in the programme will be instruction, information and demonstrations of signs, tools and materials used in the erection of trail furniture, including trail clearing methods and clearances. It is my intention to progress with subsequent workshops early in the New Year. Those volunteers who expressed willingness to attend the Trail Workshops will be contacted to set up suitable dates, to enable them to participate.

The Trail Report Forms I have received from members have been a great help in keeping the trails inspected. This assists the Section Leaders to rectify any items of concern out on the trails.

Thank you to all the members who have participated in the important tasks of inspection, Maintenance and Section Leadership, for the effort and valuable time given to maintaining the high reputation of South Australia's Heyesen Trail.

Ian Jays
Project Officer

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SOCIAL MEETING

The next Social Meeting will be held on

Friday, 9 December, 1994

at

7.30 p.m.

at

Girl Guides Association Hall,

278 South Terrace, Adelaide

The Guest Speaker will be

**ROGER JACKSON, ABORIGINAL CULTURAL INSTRUCTOR,
TANDANYA**

Roger is from the Adnyamathanha people, Flinders Ranges and is highly sought after as a speaker. We are very privileged to have him attend our meeting. The programme will include slides and guitar. **DON'T MISS A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR THIS INTERESTING AND INFORMED SPEAKER.**

Tea and coffee will be served.

Please bring a plate of light supper

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SUMMARY OF COUNCIL MEETING - SEPTEMBER, 1994

Employment Contract for Project Officer

The President advised that the matter is still not resolved.

Manning of office by volunteers

The President advised that the office in Pitt Street will now be open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday to answer the telephone, sell maps, and to answer enquiries from approximately 10.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Although these hours cannot be guaranteed every effort will be made to meet this goal.

Walking

The proposed trip to the Grampians was cancelled due to insufficient numbers. Private transport is to be used by participants on the Innes National Park week-end. Among suggestions of the Walking Committee is an idea to have a two-tiered membership structure with walkers (perhaps to be called the Heysen Walkers) having a separate fee structure. The committee suggested that the money would go to the Friends, not into a separate walking fund. It was suggested that the money could perhaps provide staffing for the office for two days a week to take care of walking matters. The idea was put forward to gauge Council's feelings. No costing or fine details have been examined, but it has been suggested that perhaps there could be an extra fee of \$10 for walkers. A proposal will be prepared for consideration at the next Council meeting.

Volunteers Seminar

The President attended a Volunteers Seminar and tabled an Induction Document prepared by Friends of Parks. The question of insurance was discussed. Maintenance volunteers need to be registered in order to be covered against injury. The President also referred to a meeting to be held by the Walking Federation on 9 November, 1994 to discuss a collective insurance cover for affiliated walking clubs.

Maintenance

A second meeting of Section Leaders was held on 27 September, 1994, chaired by Peter Hill. He reported that a great deal of work continues to be carried out on the Heysen Trail and he hoped to establish guidelines for leaders in reporting to each meeting. A volunteer is also needed to prepare minutes of the meetings.

Greening

Concerns were expressed at the lack of a Chairman for this vital committee following the withdrawal of Colin Dunncliff from the position.

Walking Extravaganza

Assistance with publicity and sponsorship is being sought by co-ordinators of this event, being conducted by the Federation of S.A. Walking Clubs, to celebrate the Official Opening of the 1995 Walking Season to be held at Belair National Park, on Sunday, 2 April, 1995.

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Friends' Funding of Trail Projects

Funding towards the following projects would be offered to Recreation S.A.:-

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| 1. | Dutchman's Stern Conservation Park | \$10,000 |
| 2. | Two waters tanks | 2,000 |
| 3. | Transport of pre-constructed bridge to
Warren Conservation Park | Up to 1,700 |

Total \$13,700

Rossi Boots have also offered a donation of \$1000 for one water tank to be installed along the Heysen Trail.

Volunteer Management Seminar

The President attended a Seminar on this topic with Ian Jays, Friends' Project Officer and Andrew Moylan of Recreation S.A. Penny Crocker, Volunteer Co-ordinator with Recreation S.A. would like to address a Council meeting of the Friends'.

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PONY RIDGE ROAD

The latest development in obtaining access for walkers along Pony Ridge Road is that Recreation S.A. is seeking to have this road reserve re-surveyed.

This information progresses the project one step further, but as requested on previous occasions, walkers are asked to be patient a little longer while these sensitive negotiations are taking place. The correct alignment is definitely not apparent from the ground and it is certain that walkers attempting to use Pony Ridge Road would be trespassing. Clearance of pest plant invasions, with the assistance of Mitcham Council, is also required before access is available.

Our co-operation and demonstration of our reputation of responsibility and respect towards landowners is urged.

Thelma Anderson

MOUNT LOFTY WALKING TRAILS

Progress has been made with the continuation of the Mount Lofty Walking Trails system. In early November a team from Recreation S.A. installed markers in the Gumeracha and Mount Crawford area along approximately 90 kilometres of trail, leaving a further ten kilometres to be marked shortly. Trail furniture, i.e. stiles and fingerboards, remain to be placed in position.

The next area to be completed will be in the Mount Pleasant District Council. Preliminary work is about to take place with trails possibly being marked in the New Year.

The Mount Lofty Walking Trail system is a valuable recreational resource providing opportunities for walkers in alternative and diverse areas of scenic interest. These trails also provide links with various sections of the Heysen Trail, thus increasing the tourism appeal of the Mount Lofty Ranges. A complete network of walking trails will eventually extend between Burra and Cape Jervis, passing through conservation parks, forests and along road reserves. Protection of these undeveloped road reserves for safe public access is paramount in providing recreational opportunities for both present and future generations.

Thelma Anderson

Help eradicate the African weed orchid *Monadenia bracteata* before it overtakes our fragile native orchid population. Ring Enid Robertson (278-4045) for further details of methods of involvement in the removal of this environmental hazard.

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INNESTON WEEK-END TRIP REPORT

The four people who were coming with me were on time and we pulled out at 4.30 p.m. Friday. The slightly wintry weather did not dampen our enthusiasm and as we progressed northwards we learned a little about each other. By the time we had finished tea at Port Wakefield we found it was indeed a small world.

We arrived at Stenhouse Bay at 9.30 p.m. to find the urn boiling and a warm welcome from those already there. I was pleasantly surprised with the accommodation, finding the hall, kitchen, bunk rooms and ablution block well maintained. After a cuppa, a chat, and hearing a little about the walk planned for the morrow bed seemed a good idea.

Setting off at 8.30 a.m. Saturday it looked like being one of those coat on, coat off days. We stopped at the Gypsum mine and watched a truck being loaded, then found a more sheltered spot for morning tea. It was good walking as we headed for the old Inneston township. The terrain was fairly flat but at one point we could see the track meandering away into the distance. A good look around the old town showed how self-contained it had been, from plaster factory, washing and crushing plant to the bakery, cricket ground and tennis court.

After lunch we followed the Thomson-Pfitzner Plaster Trail back to Stenhouse Bay, stopping at each point of interest, then finding it too early to return to base, headed across the top of the cliffs, with a spectacular view of the islands and coastline.

Nineteen pairs of hands made light work of the evening meal and on Sunday morning everyone pitched in to clean up. By 9.00 a.m. we were on the road to Royston Head, the van finding every corrugation and pothole along the way. A short walk brought us onto the headland where the wind threatened to blow us away and the waves pounded without remorse.

We stopped at Pondalowie Bay for a look and lunch, then wended our way south to check out the remains of the Ethel wreck, then on to "The Gap" where the waves rushed in and sent spray flying high. The Cape Spencer Lighthouse was our last port of call. Looking at the ocean and coastline one can imagine the trouble ships had.

Our thank yous said to John, our farewells made we headed for Adelaide. The wind continued blowing the whole way bringing with it sharp bursts of rain. With face a little pink, hair stiff with sea salt, but with spirit refreshed I headed home to my family and the challenges of tomorrow.

Lyn Connor



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THE GRAMPIANS CAMP SONG

In mid-October, one hundred and twenty members of the Australian Retired Persons Association Bushwalking group travelled to Victoria to spend a week walking in the Grampians. All grades of walkers (and non-walkers) were catered for by Mary Cameron, organiser of the event. The following verses, by Joan Willis, and sung by a quartet to the tune of the "Quartermaster's Store" brilliantly summarises the week's programme of this highly rated camp.

There were A's, A's, blazing 'way the days
On the trail, on the trail,
Intrepid A's, A's, never lost their ways
On the great Gramp-i-ans camp.
Their days were long, they came home tired,
But thankfully no-one expired,
But thank-fu-lly no-one expired!

There were B's, B's doing it with ease
On the trail, on the trail,
Even if- they- were sometime on their knees
On the rocks they did not fail.
They looked for flowers, they looked for birds
Their cheerful voices always heard
Their cheer-fu-ll voices always heard.

There were C's, C's strolling in the breeze
On the track, on the track.
On high or low, they never turned their backs,
Their will to walk didn't slack.
Their joints complained, they puffed and groaned,
But still came rambling cheer'f'ly home'd.
But still came rambling cheer-f'ly home'd.

There was Jill, Jill, smiling up a hill
At the camp, the ARPA camp.
There was Del, Del, her trousers nearly fell
On the road to Zumstein's Park
A helping hand is always there
When sliding rocks give us a scare,
A help-ing hand i-s always there.

There were walks, talks, and laughter all the time
At the camp, the ARPA camp.
The weather, well, you could say 'twas jolly fine
At the ARPA Grampians camp.
The Quiz night it was quite a test,
Bill's condom lim'rick voted best,
Bill's condom lim'rick voted best!

There was Mary C, who organised the camp
In detail, great detail.
There was Alan, too, whose walks were really grand
In this great Victorian land.
Then Brian Clarke kept us in line
All through that happy, briefing time,
That happy, briefing, drinking time!

There were B's, C's; even double B's and C's
On the way, all the day.
We crissed, crossed and almost lost the boss
But what the heck, we all got back.
Long legs, strong legs, I wish I had
Then all those steps wouldn't be so bad.
All those B..... steps wouldn't be so bad.

The cry was look, look, get our your little book
What's it called? What's it called?
Is it this, that, no maybe - I don't know
But we'll look and let it grow.
The ferns they grew by flowing pool,
Don't rush through Delley's Dell you fool,
Stay in Delley's Dell and keep your cool



The Trail Walker

RELAY WALK 1996

As a long-range project, we are considering a Relay Walk of the entire Trail, as a fundraising (for charity or conservation project) and as publicity.

One possibility is to start at each end and converge on Burra, the approximate centre of the Trail.

Any members willing to participate by walking, helping to plan the event, or provide support (vehicles, etc.), please leave your name at the Office.

Also, do you think a register of people who have walked the entire Trail is a good idea?

Arthur Smith

WALKING EASTER 1995

The Walking Committee has booked Haywood Hall, Angorichina Village, in the picturesque Parachilna Gorge, Flinders Ranges, for the nights of 14,15 and 16 April, 1995.

The Hall features fully equipped kitchen, cool-room, freezer. BYO food (except for Saturday night), sleeping bag, towel, pillowcase, personal items.

Dinner on Saturday night will be at the Parachilna Hotel.

Transport will be shared private.

Walks may include Blinman Pools, Crisp Gorge in Heysen Range, etc.

Telephone the Office to reserve your spot and receive further details.

LIVING

"If a child lives with criticism
he learns to condemn
If a child lives with hostility
he learns to fight.
If a child lives with fear
he learns to be apprehensive.
If a child lives with tolerance
he learns to be patient.
If a child lives with encouragement
he learns to be confident.
If a child lives with praise
he learns to be appreciative.
If a child lives with acceptance
he learns to love.

If a child lives with approval
he learns to respect himself.
If a child lives with recognition
he learns it is good to have a goal.
If a child lives with honesty
he learns what truth is.
If a child lives with fairness
he learns justice.
If a child lives with security
he learns to have faith in himself
and others.

Author Unknown

"Civilisation is a method of living an attitude of equal respect for all." -
Jane Adams

FEDERATION OF S.A. WALKING CLUBS, INC.

There is good news from Stirling Council regarding the undeveloped section of Surrey Road, Aldgate.

Following pressure from local residents and advice from the Federation maintaining objection to the proposal to close and sell the undeveloped section of Surrey Road to adjoining landowners, Council has now agreed to retain a 2.5 metre width for pedestrian access. This will provide continuity to other walking lanes in the area, catering for the needs of both local residents and recreational walkers.

The co-operation of Stirling Council, particularly those councillors who defended the safety of pedestrians from the outset, is greatly appreciated.

Thelma Anderson

RECREATIONAL ACCESS TO RESERVOIRS

In December, 1993, a Seminar on recreational access, including access to reservoir areas, was convened by the Department of Recreation, Sport and Racing. An item in the "Messenger" newspaper on 23 March, 1994, referred to a State Government review to examine the impact of public use of reservoirs for recreation. Various types of recreational activities were mentioned. This, of course, can only confuse the issue as impact can only be assessed by the type of activity. For instance, whereas boating could reasonably be expected to pollute our water supply, the same impact would not result from recreational walking. Furthermore, walkers could provide a Rural Watch mechanism to these isolated areas with no impact on water quality whatsoever.

In order to start somewhere, perhaps this suggestion could be trialled by the authorities. Walking access is already available in some areas and bitumen roads surround certain reservoirs, so why not extend controlled public use of these State-owned utilities. It can be the only way to get the answers!

Thelma Anderson

FIRE BAN SEASON

Walkers should strictly observe the fire bans for various sections of the Heysen Trail - and Mount Lofty Walking Trails - by referring to the reverse side of maps for the different areas. Fire bans vary widely from northern and southern sections of the Heysen Trail, but they are clearly highlighted on each map. Walking is prohibited throughout the State on days of a Broadcast Fire Ban.

The Trail Walker

OPENING OF WALKING TRAIL IN ENGELBROOK

The Engelbrook Nature Trail at Engelbrook National Trust Reserve, Bridgewater, was officially opened by well-known conservationist, Dr. Barbara Hardy, on Saturday, 8 October, 1994.

The Reserve, comprising 27ha of native bushland was at its best with numerous species of orchids and wildflowers glowing in the springtime sunshine. The nature trail, 600 metres in length, is the result of efforts by workers during the past six months under the Landcare Environment and Action Programme. This followed years of dedication by Friends of Engelbrook volunteers in removing pest plant infestations following a bushfire.

A group of WomenTrek walkers passing through the Reserve on their way to Arbury Park to stay on Saturday night, deviated from the Heysen Trail to attend the opening. Visitors can enjoy a spectacular circular walk by combining the Heysen Trail with the Nature Trail.

It was a nostalgic experience for me to be leading the Women Trekkers through the area where I had spent my childhood and teenage years, as the property adjoining Engelbrook was, at that time in history, owned by my parents.

Theima Anderson



The Trail Walker

WOMENTREK

More than 400 women attended the Closing Ceremony of WomenTrek at Mount Lofty Botanic Garden on Sunday, 9 October, 1994. Groups of women carrying flags and banners converged in a colourful spectacular from four directions to the amphitheatre area north of the lake as they completed the final sections of the walk from north and south of the State to join the celebrations.

A total of 725 women and girls registered and participated in the Heysen Trail walk between Blinman and Cape Jervis and on the Hahndorf Heritage Trail, recording 3024 WomenTrek days. This included 21% registrations from country areas - Eyre Peninsula, Yorke Peninsula, Fleurieu Peninsula, mid-north. The average age of walkers ranged from 6 months to 80 years with an average age of 41 and 8% of women being 60 years and over. Eight interstate and two overseas women joined South Australians in the Trek, sharing a rewarding and unique experience.

Deb Nanschild, joint co-ordinator of the project is continuing research on women in outdoor recreation. Her first-hand experience with WomenTrek as Co-ordinator, Leader and Support Driver will greatly assist a thesis she is writing entitled "How do wilderness experiences intrinsically affect the lives of women?"

A Social and Auction Day will be held at Morialta Picnic Ground, Stradbroke Road, on Sunday, 11 December, 1994 from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. A wheelchair trail is available.

Deb Nanschild and Chris Hales, Co-ordinators of the project, are to be congratulated for their outstanding organisation and for the resounding success of Womentrek.

Thelma Anderson



ONKAPARINGA RIVER BRIDGE

On Saturday, 15 October, 1994, the pedestrian bridge over the Onkaparinga River at Noarlunga, was officially opened by the Hon. David Wotton, M.P., Minister for Environment and Natural Resources. Mrs. Wotton was also present. Among other guests were the Mayor of Noarlunga, Mr. Ray Gilbert, Dr. Barbara Hardy, representing National Parks Foundation, Mr. Allan Holmes, Director, National Parks and Wildlife Service and Terry Gregory, Sturt District Ranger.

The bridge was built by Kym Rohrlach of Angaston for the Friends of Onkaparinga Park as the Friends' contribution to the celebration of the Centenary of National Parks in South Australia (1891-1991). It replaces a bridge located approximately 200 metres upstream which was destroyed by floods during construction in 1991. The new bridge gives all-weather access to the gorge and a short loop walking trail (approximately one hour) has been marked from the bridge through the National Park. (Onkaparinga was dedicated as a National Park in 1993.)

The many guests of Friends of Onkaparinga Park, including representatives from Friends of the Heysen Trail, Federation of S.A. Walking Clubs, and various walking groups, attended the ceremony and enjoyed the delightful guided walk along the trail after being fortified by afternoon tea and cool drinks on a fine and very warm Spring day.

A re-vegetation programme is also underway in this section of the Park. A cordial invitation is extended to anyone interested in joining this progressive group. Further information can be obtained from the President, Colin Malcolm (382-2194) or the Secretary, Gail Rees (383-6218).

For anyone with a few spare hours there is an urgent need for assistance in the removal from the Park of *Monadenia bracteata*, the introduced and aggressive African weed orchid. If you can donate any time to this valuable environmental task, please contact either Colin or Gail. This pest plant is now in full flower and will soon set seed and spread the menace further afield, so urgent action needs to be taken **NOW**.

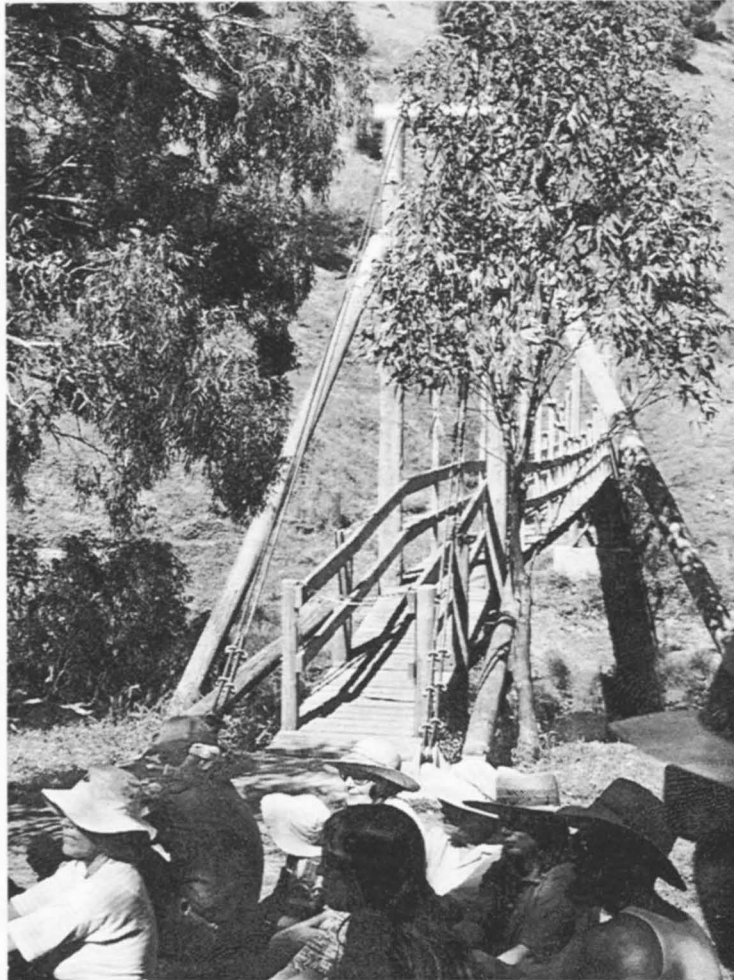
Thelma Anderson

W.E.A. RAMBLERS WORKING PARTY

As members were advised in a previous issue, a working party to carry out trail maintenance in Yulte Conservation Park was held on Sunday, 6 November, 1994. The party was fewer in number than Rambler's previous valuable exercise earlier this year, but we were joined by the Friends' Project Officer, Ian Jays whose efforts with the volunteers were both effective and supportive. Although some excellent work was carried out removing obstacles from the Trail in the north-western area of the Park, there was a distinct atmosphere of disapproval from a particularly "green conservative" element of the party at the removal at ground level of certain specimens of native vegetation which were barely ankle-high and posed no problem to walkers, including backpackers. It is understood that the Workshop Manual is in the process of being revised for the guidance of volunteers. Perhaps more definitive guidelines will be included for the protection of the remaining 4% of South Australia's native vegetation, particularly grasses and wildflowers.

Thelma Anderson

The Trail Walker



PARK FIRE BANS

The Director of the National Parks and Wildlife has imposed park fire restrictions under the National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1972, in the interest of the safety of visitors using the Reserves, and in the interests of protecting the Reserves and neighbouring properties. A cleared designated area for cooking purposes must comply with Section 36(2)(a) of the Country Fire Act, 1989

A TOTAL PROHIBITION ON ALL TYPES OF FIRES FROM 1 NOVEMBER 1994

Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park
Baudin Rocks Conservation Park
Eric Bonnython Conservation Park
Ferguson Conservation Park
Hale Conservation Park

Hallett Cove Conservation Park
Kaiser Stuhl Conservation Park
The Knoll Conservation Park
Marino Conservation Park

Moana Sands Conservation Park
Montacute Conservation Park
Penguin Islands Conservation Park
Port Gawler Conservation Park

Sandy Creek Conservation Park
Scott Creek Conservation Park
Totness Recreation Park
Waitpinga Conservation Park

A TOTAL PROHIBITION ON ALL TYPES OF FIRES FROM 1 NOVEMBER 1994 TO 30 APRIL 1995

Anstays Hill Recreation Park
Black Hill Conservation Park
Black Rock Conservation Park
Clements Gap Conservation Park
Cobbler Creek Recreation Park
Cox Scrub Conservation Park

The Dutchmans Stem Conservation Park
Ferries-McDonald Conservation Park
Ferris Conservation Park
Kyeema Conservation Park
Monarto Conservation Park
Mount Magnificent Conservation Park

Myponga Conservation Park
Nixon Skinner Conservation Park
Onkaparinga River National Park
Scott Conservation Park
Spring Gully Conservation Park
Spring Mount Conservation Park

Talisker Conservation Park
Telowie Gorge Conservation Park
Tolderol Game Reserve
Warren Conservation Park
Yalpara Conservation Park
Yulti Conservation Park

A TOTAL PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF WOOD (OR SOLID FUEL) FIRES FROM 1 NOVEMBER 1994. THE PROHIBITION DOES NOT INCLUDE GAS FIRES, SMALL PORTABLE GAS OR LIQUID FUEL BURNERS USED FOR COOKING PURPOSES IN CLEARED, DESIGNATED AREAS (EXCEPT WHEN THE COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE HAS IMPOSED A TOTAL FIRE BAN)

Belair National Park
Bool Lagoon Game Reserve
Brownhill Creek Recreation Park
Cape Torrens Conservation Park
Cleland Conservation Park -
Gas barbecues only permitted on the
car park and picnic area adjacent to
the wildlife park.

Ewin Ponds Conservation Park
Hacks Lagoon Conservation Park
Horsnell Gully Conservation Park
Loftia Recreation Park
Morialta Conservation Park -
Gas barbecues only permitted in
the picnic area.

Mount Taylor Conservation Park
Nene Valley Conservation Park
Newland Head Conservation Park
O'Halloran Hill Recreation Park
Poocher Swamp Game Reserve
Para Wirra Recreation Park
Piccaninnie Ponds Conservation Park

Shepherds Hill Recreation Park
Sturt Gorge Recreation Park
Telford Scrub Conservation Park
Vivonne Bay Conservation Park
Warren Conservation Park
Western River Conservation Park

A TOTAL PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF WOOD (OR SOLID FUEL) FIRES FROM 1 NOVEMBER 1994 TO 30 APRIL 1995

Gas fires are permitted in designated
fireplace areas for cooking purposes only
(except on days when the Country Fire
Service has imposed a Total Fire Ban).

Aberdour Conservation Park
Baird Bay Conservation Park
Bangham Conservation Park
Barwell Conservation Park
Bascombe Well Conservation Park
Beachport Conservation Park
Belt Hill Conservation Park
Bernoulli Conservation Park
Big Bend Reserve
Big Heath Conservation Park
Brookfield Conservation Park
Bucks Lake Conservation Park
Butchers Gap Conservation Park
Carapsee Hill Conservation Park
Caletasia Conservation Park
Calpatanna Waterhole Conservation Park
Canunda National Park
Carcuma Conservation Park
Cocata Conservation Park
Coorong National Park - Wood
(or solid fuel) fires are allowed on
ocean side below high water mark,
except during Total Fire Ban.
Cape Gantheaume Conservation Park
Coffin Bay National Park
Corrobinnie Hill Conservation Park

Darke Range Conservation Park
Deep Creek Conservation Park
Dingley Dell Conservation Park
Eba Island Conservation Park
Fairview Conservation Park
Flinders Chase National Park
Franklin Harbour Conservation Park
Furner Conservation Park
Gap Island Conservation Park
Glenroy Conservation Park
Gower Conservation Park
Grass Tree Conservation Park
Guichen Bay Conservation Park
Gum Lagoon Conservation Park
Hambidge Conservation Park
Hincks Conservation Park
Innes National Park
Investigator Group Conservation Park
Isles of St Frances Conservation Park
Jip Jip Conservation Park
Kathai Conservation Park
Kellidie Bay Conservation Park
Kelly Hill Conservation Park
Kelvin Powrie Conservation Park
Kulliparu Conservation Park
Lake Gilles Conservation Park
Lake Newland Conservation Park
Laura Bay Conservation Park
Lincoln National Park
Lipson Island Conservation Park
Little Dip Conservation Park

Marne Valley Conservation Park
Martins Washpool Conservation Park
Mary Seymour Conservation Park
Messant Conservation Park
Middlecamp Hills Conservation Park
Mount Boothby Conservation Park
Mount Monster Conservation Park
Mount Remarkable National Park
(including Willowie Forest Reserve) -
Gas fires are permitted in designated
fireplaces at the Mambray Creek
Camp Ground and Picnic Area,
the Blue Gum Picnic Area at
Alligator Gorge.
NOTE: Bushcamping for bushwalkers
is prohibited from 1 November 1994
to 10 April 1995. The park will also be
closed to the public when there is a
Total Fire Ban.
Mount Scott Conservation Park
Mullinger Swamp Conservation Park
Munyaroo Conservation Park
Murrumbidgee Conservation Park
Naracoorte Caves Conservation Park
Neptune Isles Conservation Park
Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park
Nullarbor National Park
Nuyts Archipelago Conservation Park
Olive Island Conservation Park
Padthaway Conservation Park
Penambol Conservation Park

Penola Conservation Park
Pigface Island Conservation Park
Pine Hill Soak Conservation Park
Pinkawillie Conservation Park
Point Labatt Conservation Park
Pooginook Conservation Park
Pureba Conservation Park
Reedy Creek Conservation Park
Ridley Conservation Park
Roonka Conservation Park
Rudall Conservation Park
Shannon Landing Reserve
Sheoak Hill Conservation Park
Sir Joseph Banks Group
Conservation Park
Swan Reach Conservation Park
Talapar Conservation Park
Tantanoola Caves Conservation Park
Tumby Island Conservation Park
Venus Bay Conservation Park
Verran Tanks Conservation Park
Waldegrave Conservation Park
Wanilla Conservation Park
Wharminda Conservation Park
Whidbey Isles Conservation Park
White Dam Conservation Park
Whyalla Conservation Park
Winnowie Conservation Park
Wittlebee Conservation Park
Woakwine Range Conservation Park
Yelduknie Conservation Park
Yumburra Conservation Park

A TOTAL PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF WOOD (OR SOLID FUEL) FIRES HAS BEEN IMPOSED FROM 1 NOVEMBER 1994 TO 31 MARCH 1995

This ban does not include gas fires used
for cooking purposes in cleared
designated fireplaces. All fires are
prohibited when the Country Fire Service
has imposed a Total Fire Ban.

Billitia Conservation Park
Chowilla Game Reserve

Chowilla Recreation Reserve
Cooltong Conservation Park
Dangali Conservation Park
Flinders Ranges National Park
Gammon Ranges National Park
Kapunda Conservation Park
Karte Conservation Park
Lock Luna Game Reserve

Maize Island Lagoon Conservation Park
Media Island Conservation Park
Moorook Game Reserve
Morgan Conservation Park
Murray River National Park
(including Katarapko, Lyrup Flats,
Bulyong Island Sections)

Ngarkat Conservation Park
(and surrounding reserves,
Mount Shaugh, Mount Rescue,
Scorpion Springs)
Peebinga Conservation Park
Pike River Conservation Park
Rilli Conservation Park

PARKS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC WHEN A TOTAL FIRE BAN HAS BEEN IMPOSED

Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park
Anstays Hill Recreation Park
Belair National Park
Blackhill Conservation Park

Brownhill Creek Recreation Park
Cleland Conservation Park
Cobbler Creek Recreation Park
Dutchmans Stern Conservation Park

Horsnell Gully Conservation Park
Loftia Recreation Park
Morialta Conservation Park
Mount Brown Conservation Park

Mount Remarkable National Park
Onkaparinga River National Park
Para Wirra Recreation Park
Scott Creek Conservation Park