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Greetings*



*Merry
Christmas*



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CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR TRADING HOURS

The office will be CLOSED from 2:00pm Friday 20th December,
and will reopen Monday 13th January 1997.

Typist and Editor this issue: Richard Schmitz

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

You may recall, that in the conclusion of my Presidents Report in the October Trailwalker, I expressed concern and frustration in getting any meaningful information as to how our walking trails are to be maintained in the future, and by whom they are to be maintained by.

The Walking Federation were under the impression that the Government had asked them to organise the maintenance, and that some financial assistance would be available. As the Federation is constituted and organised to be the Peak Body for walking in South Australia, they do not have the knowledge, expertise or indeed the desire to become actively involved in trail maintenance and development.

Whilst on the surface it may seem that as the Friends' were constituted and set up by the Government, with Government funds, to develop and maintain walking trails, the sensible thing would be for the Government to fund the Friends', as they have done in the past. However the Government is now strictly sticking to the decision that only peak bodies can receive funding, and as walking is now such a significant activity of the Friends' there is no way we can be considered a peak body, either as walking or trail maintenance. This I can understand.

Prior to the October meeting of the Friends' council, a meeting was convened between the President and Vice President of the Federation, the Friends' Patron Warren Bonython and our two Vice Presidents and myself. The purpose of the meeting was to work out a means whereby the Friends' could organise and carry out trail maintenance with funding from the Government via the Federation.

It soon became apparent that in order for this to work and comply with regulations, it would be necessary to completely separate the walking activities from the maintenance activities of the Friends'. It should also be noted that the Federation is also considering a complete restructure, in order to greatly widen its membership base and become a more powerful lobby group, and it certainly seems that the walking community, more than ever, need to become a powerful and united group.

The outcomes of the above meeting were conveyed to the October council meeting of the Friends', and after considerable discussion the following motions were passed:

"Discussion ensued re the pros and cons of this suggestion, but the council agreed that it warranted further investigation, thus the following motion was proposed and carried."

"In the light of Government funding policies and ongoing negotiations with the Federation, the Council accepts the need to separate the walking and maintenance activities of the Friends".

To ensure that the discussion was opened up to the members a further proposal was made and passed.

"That a sub-committee be formed to liaise with the Walking Committee to discuss the suggested structural changes of the Friends' organization - the possible separation of walking and trail maintenance activities - both physical and financial."

The sub-committee members were Arthur Smith, Mick Thomas, Gil Baker and Rosemary Hutter. They met with the walking committee on Thursday November 7, 1996.

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In considering all of the above and if it is eventually decided by the membership, that a separate walking club be set up, the following points should be borne in mind.

- (1). It is not envisaged that any member who opts to transfer to the walking club would be financially disadvantaged i.e. net proceeds of walking activities including pro-rata membership fees accrued over a reasonable period of time, would be transferred to the walking club.
- (2). Most of the accumulated assets and funds of the Friends' are the result of trail development and maintenance activities i.e. surplus from Government grants and from a past practice of the Friends' being paid by the Government on a notional hourly rate for volunteer labour. I believe that these funds should only be used for trail projects.
- (3). Any transfer of funds from the Friends' could only take place to a body that conforms with the requirements of the Friends' constitution, regarding distribution of funds i.e. must be non profit and no distribution of funds to members.

After all of the above, you cannot even begin to comprehend my feelings when at the recent maintenance section leaders meeting an officer from the Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing calmly stated that they were going yet another way, and it seems that all the discussion with the Federation and worries about splitting the Friends' may have all been unnecessary.

The new plan is clear as mud to me, something about putting maintenance out to tender. I have no idea how such a scheme would work, but one of the most likely outcomes is that it would mean the end of volunteer involvement, as I do not envisage the Friends' would tender, and it is not within the role of the Federation.

This would make the debate about dividing the Friends' irrelevant, however I believe we should keep the matter under consideration, so we are prepared for any eventuality.

On behalf of the Friends' Council, and from myself, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ARTHUR SMITH
PRESIDENT

FIRST AID COURSE

The Friends' will be having a First Aid course conducted for us on the following dates:

Friday	February	7, 1997	6:00pm to 9:00pm
Friday	February	14, 1997	6:00pm to 9:00pm
Friday	February	21, 1997	6:00pm to 9:00pm
Friday	February	28, 1997	6:00pm to 9:00pm
Saturday	March	1, 1997	9:00am to 4:00pm

The course will be conducted at Enterprise House, 136 Greenhill Road Unley 5061

Walk leaders and section leaders can still register their interest by phoning the office. Other members can also register their interest by phoning the office. Total cost per person will be about \$60.00 plus you will need to purchase a Red Cross handbook. You will be expected to attend all the above sessions to obtain your senior first aid certificate.

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WALKING REPORT

During the past few weeks the Walking Committee have been busy putting together the programme for 1997. We are now nearing completion and hopefully by the next Trailwalker we will bring you the walking calendar for next season.

We will continue to run our Trailstarter Walks on the second Sunday of the month and Trailwalker walks on the fourth Sunday. To keep people interested and socially interactive during the summer months we have once more included a walk for the first three months of 1997. Our tradition of doing the Bogong Boys walk on Australia Day 26th January continues. Could you please book early for this one and indicate whether you will be dining with us after the walk at the Waterfall Gully Restaurant. We always have an excellent turnout for this walk and the \$10.00 meal afterwards is very good value.

Jill McPherson and Ric Trutwin will be conducting a Birdwalk during the coming year. This is primarily for people interested in studying birds habits, calls etc, therefore it will be a leisurely ramble. We hope to have some experienced bird people on the walk to answer any questions. The venue and date are unknown but Jill and Ric are doing lots of homework on this and we will publish details as soon as possible.

Trailblazer Backpacking weekends are also to be conducted with Mick Thomas and Colin Edwards at the helm. Our Introductory Backpacking one will be run early in the year and hopefully this will encourage beginners to attempt more experienced weekends later in the year.

As part of our Trailblazer section we are working on two weekends away. Venues being Rawnsley Bluff area in the Flinders and Innes National Park on Yorke Peninsula. More details on these weekends will be available next year.

The children's walk we had planned did not get up and running. Ric Trutwin is still keen to try this idea again but we need expressions of interest. The walk would be short, close to Adelaide and children would need to be accompanied by an adult. If anyone is interested in introducing their children to bushwalking, give Ric a call at the Friends' Office on Fridays between 10am and 2pm.

Due to many requests a map reading course will be conducted in 1997. Theory and practical segments will be included. More details of this later.

Before our official season closes, do try and do some walks in the Deep Creek area. At the moment it is beautiful, many of the wildflowers are appearing, lots of orchids in Aaron Creek area and also there are a number of camp-sites if you want to spend the weekend there. It is often advisable to check with the ranger if details are needed about a particular area.

A big thankyou to James Huppatz who supplied us with a utility of wood to keep the fire burning at Marshalls Hut. A group of us recently spent a weekend backpacking and a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

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As this is our final edition of Trailwalker before Christmas, the Walking Committee would like to thank you all for the support you have given us over the past year particularly with the many funding pressures we have experienced. We wish everyone a safe and happy festive season.

SADIE LEUPOLD

SUMMER WALKING PROGRAMME

JANUARY

SUNDAY 26th

Bogong Boys Walk

Waterfall Gully

Leaders

Colin Edwards, Ric Trutwin,

Bradley Howell, Arthur Smith, George Driscoll, Mike Fretwell

COSTS:

Walk: Members \$3.00 OR Free with a Golden Boots Card

Non-Members \$4.00

Dinner \$10.00 Per Person

Please Book Early and let us know if you will be dining with us after the walk

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.FOR THE ABOVE WALK.

FEBRUARY:

SUNDAY 23rd

Leader

Beach Walk Evening

Sadie Leupold

COSTS:

Walk: Members \$3.00 OR Free with a Golden Boots Card

Non- Members \$4.00 Per Person

MARCH:

SUNDAY 23rd

Leader

Mitcham

Ric Trutwin

COSTS:

Walk: Members \$3.00 OR Free with a Golden Boots Card

Non-Members \$4.00 Per Person

ADVANCE NOTICE:

INTRODUCTORY BACKPACKING WEEKEND

An introductory back packing weekend will be held in early April 1997 in the Kuitpo Forest / Mount Magnificent area. Further details will be printed in the February issue of Trailwalker.

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GOLDEN BOOTS WALKING CARD

In 1997 the Friends' will introduce a new and more economical method of paying for day walks. The "GOLDEN BOOTS" card is now available, and will cost \$20.00 per person. This card will entitle the holder to attend all Trailstarter, Trailwalker and Summer walks, for free. If members do not wish to purchase a Golden Boots card, they can still attend all the day walks at the usual price of \$3.00 per member, and \$4.00 per non member. We are encouraging the purchase of this card to cut the work load on walk leaders.

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CONDITIONS OF USE

- 1/. The card is only valid for financial members of the Friends'.
- 2/. The card is only valid for the year specified on the card.
- 3/. The card entitles the holder to attend all day walks free of charge.
- 4/. All extended walks and special walks will still be charged for at applicable prices.
- 5/. Each person intending to walk must have their own card.
- 6/. Cards are not transferable.
- 7/. Replacement cards can be purchased for \$5.00 each if lost.
- 8/. Extra items such as bus transport and food will be charged at applicable prices.
- 9/. Cards are not refundable
- 10/. Children are not required to purchase a card. They can still attend day walks at \$1.00 each.

NOTE: If a family membership consists of 2 adults, then each of those adults must purchase their own Golden Boots Card.

NOTE: You will still be required to phone the office to book in on walks even if you are a Golden Boots Card holder.

When booking in on walks please let us know whether or not you are a Golden Boots Card holder, so that we can inform the walk leader.

GOLDEN BOOTS CARD ORDER FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE BACK COVER OF THIS ISSUE OF TRAILWALKER

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THE PAUSE THAT REFRESHES!

One of the nicest things about walking is the refreshment break that comes after the exertion. You sit down in the shade, rest your pleasantly weary body for a while, admire the view, chat to your companions. Then you reach into your pack and pull out your 300 millilitre stainless steel vacuum flask and pour yourself an icy cold drink or a hot cuppa and as you sip it, the moment becomes sheer bliss!

Envious comrades want to know where you got this most indispensable item and how much it costs. Until recently these flasks were only obtainable from overseas and when they first arrived here they sold for a high price. However you impress them with the news that you **bought this one from the Scout Outdoor Centre which now has a supply for only \$39.95.**

And it occurs to all of you what great gifts they will make for those 'always-hard-to-find-the-right-present-for' relatives and friends. The flask is almost indestructible, small and light enough to always have on hand in your pack, bike cage, canoe cockpit, picnic hamper, glove-box, large handbag, lunchbox or briefcase, etc.

Members of the **Friends Of The Heysen Trail** can have these stainless steel flasks at a **10% discount** from the regular price on request. So it looks as if George is going to have to constantly renew stocks to keep up with the demand!

AVIS PEARCE

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Ed. I have seen the flask and it is definitely worth buying. The Scout Outdoor Centre is located at 192 Rundle Street, Adelaide, phone 8223 5544.



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WOW!!

A NEW BUSHWALKING BOOK

The Scout Outdoor Centre is publishing a brand new book of bushland walks around Adelaide.

The book is '**40 Real bushwalks around Adelaide**'. It has been put together by **George Driscoll**, the Manager of the Scout Outdoor Centre and 'Friends' walk leader.

There are 200 kilometres of bush track walking from Deep Creek to Kapunda. Most are in the region closer to Adelaide, that is from Tanunda to McLaren Vale. There is only 3 kilometres of public road in the book. All but one are loop walks. Most will take 2.5 to 3.5 hours, but can be extended if you are enjoying the area and have the time.

Each walk has a full description and an easy to follow map.

The cost is \$19.95.

The book can be purchased at the Friends Office with a 10% discount or from the Scout Outdoor Centre at 192 Rundle Street. 'Friends' also receive a 10% discount there too.

The walks are a follow on from George's foundation series of walks of the month in the 'Advertiser'. Some Friends' helped vet one of the walks at Myponga Conservation Park. Bradley Howell was kind enough to point out required improvements which have been made. Neville Southgate, our past President also assisted with the book.

George told the 'Trailwalker' that putting this book together was a joy. The walks have been done and checked over for reliability. The 40 walks book is on sale now, ready for Christmas giving.

Ed. This is certainly the best book of its kind to have come out for many years. Why not drop into the Scout Outdoor Centre or The Friends Office and take a copy (or two) home for Christmas.

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TRAILWALKER DEADLINE

All material for the February issue of Trailwalker must be into the Friends' office no later than TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 1997.

Remember there will only be 4 issues of Trailwalker next year as stated in the August 1996 issue. Trailwalker will come out in February, May, August, and November.

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TRAINS, WHEAT FIELDS AND CHOCOLATE CAKE

Are you looking for a walk where the ONLY climbing is over a stile? Or where freshly baked biscuits and cake, plus a boiling billy awaits you at lunch time? If the answer is yes, then I suggest you watch the Trailwalker next year to see if Chris Bagley is leading another walk in the Milang area.

Milang doesn't have lush forest, spectacular mountain scenery, or cascading waterfalls, but the newly sown wheat fields and remnant scrub were a pleasant and interesting change of surroundings. From his property, Chris led 30 of us across paddocks and along the edge of scrub towards a linear park. The Sandergrove to Milang railway line was dismantled decades ago, but the cleared path and bordering vegetation is now maintained as the Nurragi Conservation Reserve.

Walking north, we passed through the Nurragi siding, indicated only by the old railway sign. Our turnaround was just short of Sandergrove, where the Mount Barker to Victor Harbor line passes through. Several whistle blasts alerted us to the sight of the Steam Ranger train chugging toward Goolwa. Sue Bagley met us for lunch, and provided us all with a pleasant surprise: freshly baked biscuits, a chocolate cake, plus a fire boiling up water for tea and coffee were appreciated by all.

The walk back to the start was along trafficless back roads. Despite now being exposed to a very strong wind, our spirits were still high, and chatter amongst the group helped pass the time away.

So, for something different, lookout for a similar walk next year. (However, a surprise lunch is something that I can't promise!) Thankyou Chris, Sue, and assistant leader Ric, for the September walk.

MARK DARTER

REEDY CREEK

After relinquishing an hours sleep, in the name of daylight saving, we set out at 7.30am (6.30am really) to drive to Palmer. If we had been awake and our eyes focussing we would have realised it was a beautiful morning, driving through the utopian countryside.

We arrived at Palmer at 9.00am to be met by quite a crowd gathered outside the local pub. When complete we were 28 in all and looking forward to the promise of a spectacular walk along Reedy Creek. As it is on private property this opportunity may be rare in the future.

After Jill McPherson explained the days itinerary we drove in convoy to the Palmer Cemetery, (a good place to start!), where we divided into two groups - "The Hares" and "The Tortoises". The hares were led by Colin Edwards; with Jill shepherding we tortoises with the help of Bradley Howell and Ric Trutwin.

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We set off at about 9.30am, the hares racing ahead through the glorious unspoilt countryside, I say unspoilt, as there were no tracks and only the remains of the Kitticanta Gold Mines reminding us that many had passed that way before. The large brick chimney, dated 1845, and long bricked vent which ran high up the opposite hillside told us that the operation had been pretty large.

As we crossed Reedy Creek the first time, we came upon a party of people dining in great style with trestles of appetizing salads and crusty breads. The mouth watering aroma of the barbecued beef put smiles on all our faces, but imagine how quickly the smiles disappeared when Jill convinced us it *was* not her surprise for us! It turned out to be an innovative tourism venture by the two ladies who own the land on which we were walking. Disappointed we trudged on to our "real" morning tea stop. As we left the banquet in our wake we looked back and surprise, surprise the Hares were behind the Tortoises. They tried to tell us that they took a detour around the farmhouse but, we know Hares are not always as quick as they pretend to be.

When we entered the gorge we crossed the creek many times from bank to bank to wind our way to the waterfall. As far as I know only three people actually fell into the water. Guess who they were? Although I must own up to being the one who pulled Jill into the water, I had nothing whatsoever to do with Colin's wet "rear end"!

We spotted many birds, and not being an ornithologist I could only claim to recognise the galahs and cockatoos. Our biggest surprise was the sighting of a very large Red Bellied Black Snake coiled quietly by a fallen tree trunk. Whilst a group were estimating its length a second head appeared amid the coils, so we quietly tiptoed away.

We reached the main waterfall at the head of the gorge at 1.00pm, and I must compliment Jill for booking us into the most beautiful restaurant I have dined in for a long while. A magnificent rocky amphitheatre with the water falling over the ledge cascading down into Rocky Creek. We sat under rock ledges in the shade, as the day had turned out quite warm, and enjoyed the venue and the comradeship. Perhaps my only complaint of the restaurant was that the chairs were a little hard and the tables hard to find!

After lunch it was a steep (and I mean steep) climb up the side of the gorge to the top of the ridge along which we traversed to return to the cemetery.

I can confidently say it was an excellent walk - testament to this was shown by the 24 people who propped up the bar of the Palmer Pub, to enjoy a well earned long cold drink.

Thankyou Jill for a great walk and also to Colin, Bradley and Ric.

JEAN O'BRIEN

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WALKING THE HEYSEN TRAIL LYN'S STORY

Well, I am finally doing something I have wanted to do for ages - get out and walk some of the Heyesen Trail (dinkey die like). It may be a tame part of the trail, but for me it was a start.

This was going to be *my* holiday. I was going to do all the walking I wanted and everyone else was to amuse themselves as best they could. I poured over the maps for hours working out what I would do and trying to visualise the trail.

We began hooking up the caravans (mum and dad always come with us) on the first Saturday of the October school holidays, just as the rain began falling. It rained the whole way to Kapunda. Great I thought. Is this another washed out attempt to do some walking? As soon as we had settled the caravans in the right spot we dropped my husband and my dad off at one of the hotels in town to watch the footie Grand Final. The rain stopped long enough in the afternoon to quickly put up the annexes. It rained all Saturday night. I was beginning to despair. The weather forecast was not promising. I had hoped to be able to walk the trail from Hamilton to Tanunda (in easy stages of course). I had worked out that 1km per 1/2 hour would be a good pace for us, and allow plenty of rest stops for the girls. The rain eased a little about 10:30am Sunday, so I suggested the girls and I could do a little of the trail heading towards Hamilton. We took the road from the Caravan Park and joined the trail by the trotting track. We headed towards Hamilton and by the time we had turned the first bend in the road the rain was pouring down. We were soaked as we approached the substation. My 12 1/2 year old daughter Maryanne and 8 1/2 year old niece Kate were beginning to feel cold. There was not a sheltered spot to be seen, so huddling as close as possible to some bushes we drank a hot cup of coffee, ate our sandwiches and were soon heading home along the dirt road that connected to the main road. The rain kept falling. The cemetery received only a quick glance as we passed it. After a hot shower the girls were right, and settled down to practice for the concert they were going to give us that night. Maryanne is learning the violin and Kate the flute, but there was this old recorder constantly sounding off. I wondered if that was the reason my husband spent so much time wandering about in the rain. By Sunday night the ground had reached saturation point. The caravan floor was wet, the mat we wipe our feet on was wet. Our rubber mat practically floated away. Everything dripped. It rained most of Monday. During a brief lull in the afternoon we drove out to the start of our walk to check on the wash out. No problem. We would be able to cross it without any worry. By bedtime Monday night, the sky was beginning to lighten a little. On waking Tuesday morning we found the sun peeking out and the rain almost gone.

By 10:30am Tuesday morning we were on the trail. Kevin (my husband) had dropped the girls and I off at the point where the Heyesen Trail crosses the Kapunda to Greenock road. As we wandered along we noticed that most of the young trees that had been planted were doing quite well. *This was easy!* The trail was well marked. No problems at all. Then we reached the ford at the River Light. Oh! Oh! One oversight. The river was 40 - 50 feet wide and running swiftly. We had no choice but to back track to the dirt road that linked up with the main road and cross the river via the road bridge. Maryanne was not very happy about this but the promise of an ice-cream when we got home smoothed the way. Upon reaching the caravan and changing our boots we found the rest of the clan in Kapunda, so I persuaded them to come and look at the river. They were suitably impressed.

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That night I decided I would walk from Greenock to Tanunda alone, leaving the girls to shop. About 1km along the road from Greenock the dirt road ran off to the left. I was striding along by 9:30am on the Wednesday morning. This uphill stretch warmed me up, and keeping on this road with its ups and downs I marvelled at the way the vineyards always looked so straight and neat. Crossing Stonewall Street I headed for the trees. A good coffee spot I thought. I had just finished my cuppa when there was a short sharp shower of rain. The sunshine disappeared almost unnoticed. The wind had freshened and the sky was looking heavy. I could see the rain coming across the plain, so I donned my new cape and set off. This stretch of back road (little more than a track), was very muddy and deeply rutted. This was for me by far, the prettiest section. The whole way along this narrow twisting track were masses of wild freesias. I found five different colours here. The track turned right, the freesias thinned out and two big black dogs nearly had me for lunch. Crossing a sealed road I strolled along, the way muddier and more deeply rutted than before. I wondered how the folks that lived here got on in winter. A little ray of sunshine lit up the paddocks of salvation jane, then quickly disappeared as another sharp shower fell. As I topped the next rise the sun shone again, bathing Tanunda in light. Good views here, good spot for lunch. Finding a grassy place with the right downward slope for the legs I settled down to eat and make some notes. Before I knew it an hour had passed. Having arranged to meet the mob at 2:30pm at the post office I stirred myself on. The country opens out here and just as you think the trail is leading you past the town it turns down Jane Place and over a lovely swinging bridge. I had arrived earlier than I thought so I wandered along the main road looking in shop windows, then found the toilets at the oval, before meeting up with the family for afternoon tea. We drove back to the swing bridge where the girls spent half an hour running back and forth across it. The next two hours were spent strolling through the shops. Well worth a visit. All in all I had thoroughly enjoyed my day.

Thursday was another late start. I had settled down into holiday mode well and truly. The sun was quite warm as the girls and I took the trail from Greenock to Kapunda. No shelter was available on this first part of the walk. We stopped several times for drinks before reaching the gum trees and turn off to the Belvedere property. We had lunch here under the trees. Maryanne almost fell asleep. Masses of white lilies sprang up on both sides of the road and continued the whole way along, until we reached the fence which we had to climb over. We passed a big herd of deer that were enclosed in a paddock surrounded by 6 foot high wire fences. We were not sure if the 8 kangaroos in with them were supposed to be there or not. Crossing into the property the track meandered along the creek. At times we had to look very carefully to find the markers. Then we were heading uphill following the fence line. We saw a few kangaroos in this part racing away through the scrub. Still following the fence we came out into an open space then moved into a wooded area where we once again stopped for a drink. We followed the fence around the side of the hill then down to the road. We were half an hour ahead of schedule so we finished off the coffee and chocolate, and rested while we waited for our chauffeur. Another good day.

I was very pleased with the girls. Kate had not been walking with us before. Congratulations to the maintenance people who mark and maintain this section of trail. I / we did not get lost. This is an achievement for me.

Now I have the confidence to plan another attempt on a different section of the trail. If you have succeeded in reading to the end of this story I apologise for the length, I got carried away.

LYN CONDON

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MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEER SECTION LEADERS

<i>HEYSEN TRAIL SECTION NUMBER</i>	<i>SECTION LEADERS NAME AND PHONE NUMBER</i>
1./ Cape Jervis to Boat Harbour Creek	Steven Harkness (H) 8384 3530
2./ Boat Harbour Creek to Back Valley Road	Ralph Ollerenshaw (H) 8379 2762
3./ Back Valley Road to Moon Hill	Thelma Anderson (H) 8278 4420
4./ Moon Hill to Hindmarsh Tiers Road	Paul Carruthers ✓ (H) 8336 1889
5./ Hindmarsh Tiers Rd to Black Fellows Creek Rd	Bob Verrall & Jim Pearce (H) 8382 8577 (H) 8276 5190 (W) 8372 5170 (W) 8372 5169
6./ Black Fellows Creek Road to Glen Bold	Stephen Boyle (H) 8391 1696
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9./ Norton Summit to Cudlee Creek	Shirley Tavender & Arthur Smith ✓ (H) 8337 3692 (H) 8261 6746
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11./ Bethany to Peters Hill	Joyce Heinjus (H) 085 252054 (W) 085 622022
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14./-17./ Spalding to Wilpena	Vacant
18./ Wilpena to Parachilna	Shayne Reschke (Leigh Creek Branch) (H) 086 752885 (W) 086 754332

MAINTENANCE MATTERS

The bi-monthly Section Leaders meeting took place on Tuesday, November 12th, 1996 with eight leaders present, together with Bronte Leake from the Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing (O.R.S.R.). The latter reported on work being done within his department concerning Asset and Risk Management plans, which will assist in the formulation of a Strategy Plan with a 3 year time frame. O.R.S.R. will determine standards for trail marking and making, while maintenance training sessions will be organised under the jurisdiction of the Volunteer Co-Ordinator position. In addition 'crucial' areas of the trail will be identified - those most in need of immediate attention - and tenders will be called for the work to be done. Volunteers - either individuals or groups - can respond to these tenders.

Further information given at the meeting included :-

Section 2./ Boat Harbour Creek to Back Valley Road. O.R.S.R. is working with the Department of Environment to retain the present position of the trail east of Newman Head. This section, with beautiful ocean views, is under threat due to a recent local council decision.

Section 3./ Back Valley Road to Moon Hill. Re-route signs will shortly be removed in the area of Hancock and Back Valley Roads and the trail will revert to its original route.

Section 5./ Damage to the bridge over Blackfellows Creek has been reported.

Section 7./ A re-route in the area of Engelbrook Reserve has been completed and the repair of the bridge over Cox's Creek is being planned.

Section 8./ A short re-route has been completed in the Horsnall Gully area, near the junction with Norton Summit Road.

Section 9./ Remarking of the trail within Morialta Conservation Park is due to commence soon - before the end of November.

Please remember to report any trail problems to the office so that repairs can be carried out. Finally I would like to say thankyou to all those workers who have been quietly beavering away to maintain the trail in good condition.

LIZ O'SHEA

If you would like to become a section leader or assist in trail maintenance please complete the form on the back page of this issue of Trailwalker.

Remember: we maintain it so you can use it. If you encounter any problems on the Heysen Trail please let us know.

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THE HEYSEN TRAIL QUEST

A chance meeting just over five years ago, led to a project to walk the entire Heyesen Trail from Cape Jervis to Parachilna Gorge.

John Reed, Steven Harkness and Julian Monfries met at a "Learn to Bushwalk" Course in 1991 and from there decided the logical extension of that course was to walk the trail that was on Adelaides' doorstep.

With all working full time, as a dentist, mechanic and GP it was difficult to coordinate free time to complete sections of the trail, hence the 5 year time span. In the Adelaide area, day walks were OK with the ubiquitous car shuffle, however as the trail became more distant, 2 - 4 day walks were required. This meant camping out overnight, which was no chore as there are many great sites along the way.

In June 1995 we were joined in the walk by Sue Dupuis, also a Friends' member who then completed the northern stretch of the trail from Burra with us. The trail is generally in very good condition, mostly well marked with some areas requiring work, though considering the length it is quite remarkable just how well maintained it is.

The highlights for me were Tourilie Gorge, Mount Arden Creek, though not the climb to Mount Arden, and the trail generally from Hawker through to Parachilna Gorge.

The low spots were in the treeless Burra area, though Burra Creek provided a most wonderful oasis for an overnight camp.

The trek culminated in the climbing of the final stile at Parachilna Gorge on September 3 1996, having started walking the trail on September 6 1991.

JULIAN MONFRIES

Ed. While undertaking his trip Julian sent in regular trail reports which enabled the section leaders to quickly undertake work which needed doing.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL MEMBERS**

CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Friday evening the 15th of November, 63 members of the Friends' attended the first annual Christmas Dinner, held at Waterfall Gully Restaurant. The patron of the Friends' Warren Bonython and his wife Buntly attended as did our Honorary Members Jim Crinion and Neville Southgate. The dinner was also attended by Stan and Jean Franks who are both retired and have completed the Heysen Trail and also our President Arthur, Vice President Richard, members of the council, walking committee, section leaders and other members of the Friends'.

The evening was thoroughly enjoyable with plenty of food, great music (River dance) and best of all great company. To all those members who missed out we do apologise, but be on the lookout for next years Christmas Dinner notification.

We offer our thanks to David and Marilyn who put on the appetizing and plentiful buffet, and to the extra staff members who were working that evening.

NEW MEMBERS

The Council would like to forward a warm welcome to the following new members:

SINGLE

Jill May
Hugh James
William Carr
Amanda Lansbury
Ian Richards
Paul Ryan
Peter James
Nes Fernandez
Nita Hinde
Norrie Hamilton
Margaret Gregory
Mary Croker
Daryl Fowler

FAMILY

J & M Rasch
Thelma Davies & Tony Fitzpatrick
Mary - Anne Forde
John Casey & Jane Griff
Gerri Nelligan & Oliver Portway
John & Judith Holbrook
Bill & Mary Wynne

SINGLE

Nick Van Buuren
Karen O'Keefe
David Beaton
Kaaren Sephton

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is an advance notice to let you know that there will be an annual general meeting in March 1997 (see the February 1997 issue of Trailwalker for further details) .

We will require nominations from you, our members to fill vacancies on Council and there will also be some Constitutional changes.

OFFICE STAFF LUNCH

On Friday the 8th of November the office staff from the Friends' had a Christmas Lunch at Cafe Neon, near the corner of Currie St. and King William St. Adelaide. Thanks Con for an appetising lunch at a great price. Staff lunches can be catered for, either eat in or take away.

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WHAT'S NEW? / WHAT'S CHEAP?

At the time of typing this issue of Trailwalker we have some great bargains in the Office.

All Books are a **Minimum of 20% OFF** (Excluding 40 real bushwalks around Adelaide)

The Nature Of Cleland Book **Was \$14.95** Now \$4.95 **Members \$4.50**

(The above book was incorrectly priced at \$19.95 in the last issue of Trailwalker)

S.A. Touring Map **Was \$4.00** Now \$0.50 **Members \$0.50**

12 Flinders Ranges Postcards by Bernd Stoecker **Was \$5.00** Now \$3.50 **Members \$3.50**

Bushman Water Resistant Insect Repellant **Was \$12.50** Now \$5.00 **Members \$5.00**

Mount Lofty Special Map \$5.95 **Members \$5.40**

Mount Lofty Walking Trails (Onkaparinga) \$4.20 **Members \$3.80**

Mawson Trail Cycling Maps Adelaide to Marrabel

Marrabel to Spalding

Spalding to Wilmington

NEW Wilmington to Hawker \$9.95 Each or **Any 4 for \$36.00**

Members \$9.00 Each or Any 4 for \$32.00

Flinders Ranges Walks by Royal Geographical Society 12 Different Maps

\$1.00 Each **Members \$0.90 Each**

Any 12 \$10.80 **Members \$9.00**

Heysen Trail Maps Numbers 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. (In stock as at 7/11/96)

\$5.50 Each **Members \$5.00 Each**

Any 11 \$55.00 **Members \$50.00**

Barossa Valley Walking Trails

Mount Crawford

Wirra Wirra Peaks

Hale Conservation Park

Jacob Road

Mack's Creek

\$0.50 Each **Members \$0.45 Each**

Any 5 For \$2.25 **Members \$2.00**

**ALL THE ABOVE ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE
FRIENDS OFFICE AT LOWER LEVEL: 10 PITT STREET, ADELAIDE.**

Specials available till January 24th unless sold out earlier. Book stocks are very limited so shop early.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 1997 GOLDEN BOOTS ORDER FORM

Please check your mailing label to see if you are currently financial

Note: we are only accepting renewals for 1997

NAME: (1) MR /MRS /MISS /MS /DR _____

NAME: (2) MR /MRS /MISS /MS /DR _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ POSTCODE _____

DAY TIME PHONE NUMBER: (_____) _____ (home/work) please specify

DAY TIME FAX NUMBER: (_____) _____ (home/work) please specify

NOTE: Please specify name of member for phone numbers recorded above.

NOTE: With the changes to phone numbers we need to know your new 8 digit number, particularly for those members who previously had a 6 digit number, or those who live in country areas and interstate.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

SINGLE: \$15.00 _____ FAMILY: \$24.00 _____ SCHOOL: \$25.00 _____ ORGANISATION: \$25.00 _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

CASH _____ CHEQUE _____ CREDIT CARD _____ MONEY ORDER _____

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

BANKCARD _____ MASTERCARD _____ VISA _____

CARD NUMBER _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

EXPIRY DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____

CARD HOLDERS NAME AS SHOWN ON CREDIT CARD _____

TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE

MEMBERSHIP		\$ _____
GOLDEN BOOTS CARD (Quantity _____ x \$20.00 = _____)		\$ _____
FRIENDS BUMPER STICKER 18cmx5.5cm (Quantity _____ x \$1.50 = _____)		\$ _____
TOTAL		\$ _____

NOTE: ONE GOLDEN BOOTS CARD MUST BE PURCHASED FOR EACH MEMBER WISHING TO WALK.

e.g. IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF 2 ADULTS WHO BOTH WISH TO DO WALKS THEN EACH OF THOSE MEMBER REQUIRES THEIR OWN GOLDEN BOOTS CARD

e.g. (Quantity 2 x \$20.00 = \$40.00)

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WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST US IN VARIOUS AREAS.
YOUR HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

YES!! I AM INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING
TICK AS APPLICABLE

TRAIL MAINTENANCE _____

TREE PLANTING _____

Location Preferred

Deep Creek _____

Mount Lofty South _____

Mount Lofty North _____

Barossa _____

Mid North _____

Southern Flinders _____

Northern Flinders _____

Days Available

Mon ___ Tues ___ Wed ___ Thurs ___ Fri ___ Sat ___ Sun ___

Note: We require this information again due to a data base problem on our office computer.

VOLUNTARY OFFICE WORK _____

Days Available

Mon ___ Tues ___ Wed ___ Thurs ___ Fri ___

Weekly ___ Fortnightly ___ Monthly ___

LEADING WALKS _____

Days Available

Saturday ___ Sunday ___

Length of walk preferred

Trailstarter _____ (up to 4 hours) Trailwalker _____ (4+ hours) Trailblazer _____ (2+ days)

Area preferred _____

(Please specify)

SEND ENTIRE FORM WITH PAYMENT (IF APPLICABLE) TO
THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICER
FRIENDS OF THE HEYSEN TRAIL
10 PITT STREET, ADELAIDE, 5000
OR FAX TO: 8211 8041

When sending in your renewal for 1997 and / or purchasing your Golden Boots Card please include a business sized self addressed, stamped envelope to cut down on the workload for me, your Membership Secretary.

The 45 cent stamp is optional but it will help keep our costs down

1997 MEMBERSHIPS MUST BE PAID NO LATER THAN 1 MARCH 1997.