



"THE TRAILWALKER"

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*Newsletter of the Friends of the Heyson Trail
and other South Australian Walking Trails.*

Editors Kerry Hall and Max Milne

SEASONS GREETINGS

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND
GOOD WALKING IN THE NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS. LET'S
MAKE 1988 A GREAT YEAR FOR
WALKING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA!



a gift of friendship

This Christmas make your friend a Friend of the Heysen Trail. It costs a mere \$10 a year and offers exercise, friendship and the chance to support a valuable community resource- things that make life worthwhile.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKYOU

As you read this newsletter many of you may not realize that it gets to you through the efforts of a small group of enthusiastic bushwalkers from Minda. Anne Malcolm has organised her willing group to collate, fold and label Trailwalker each month for us. A big thank you goes to Ross Tyler, Cecil Earl, John Kappler, Brian Thomas, Kelvin Schubert, Irving Page, Charlie McBain and Michael Brady, all keen walkers and to Peter Nicotra who joins in with the folding. We really appreciate your efforts.

FRIENDS CONSTITUTION

Copies of the complete constitution of the Friends of the Heysen Trail are available to members from the Admin. Officer of the Friends at the Department of Rec. and Sport,



Come on you bushwalkers with a social conscience! Get out those pens and pencils and write strongly-worded letters to your Member of Parliament, the press, the radio and the television, urging them and stressing the importance of keeping this section of the world-famous Heysen Trail open forever.

FEARS FOR ARBURY PARK

Fears are held that a large part of Arbury Park at Bridgewater, one of the most scenic and popular sections of the Heysen Trail is in danger of being lost to trail walkers.

It is now public knowledge that the Education Department is anxious to dispose of the northern area of the property and that it may eventually fall into the hands of private developers in the future.

It is of paramount importance to all South Australians that this area of scenic excellence and historical significance should be retained for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

Friends of the Heysen Trail are urged very strongly to write or phone their local Member of Parliament in an effort to keep Arbury Park as a dedicated reserve for all to enjoy.

Arbury Park, comprising the former estate of the late Sir Alexander Downer is intersected by the South-Eastern Freeway, and the former home and surrounding gardens, now Raywood Conference Centre is classified as a Heritage item so its future may be secure even if this part of the property is sold. Opposite Raywood is Arbury Park Outdoor School and surrounding bush which will be retained for its existing purpose.

These are both situated on the southern side of the freeway.

However, the property on the northern side of the freeway which traverses Arbury Park from the freeway underpass to Davenport Road (or the Mt. Lofty Golf Course) is likely to be lost to walkers should it be disposed of by the Education Department to private developers.

This area has much history attached to it. The tiers, so called when seen from the plains, was heavily wooded and rocky and the inhabitants were called tiersmen. They were mostly runaway sailors, escaped convicts or men still wanted for crimes and the area provided good hiding places for these tiersmen.

To Bog or Not to Bog.....

by Betty Wise

Following the success of project sand-ladder, the Friends were invited to take part in project Bog Trail, a board-walk along that section of Heysen Trail between the Echunga Police Training Reserve and 'Glen Bold', which is under water for most of the walking season.

This, we were told, is necessary because, due to the state of the trail, walkers often enter farm property on higher ground, and the co-operative farmer is concerned disease may be carried onto his grazing land via walking boots.

Twenty members of the Friends met at Mylor with Terry, Martin and Andrew of the Department of Recreation and Sport and followed in convoy to the start of the project at the Echunga end of the "bog". Materials unloaded from the ute included posts, timber rails, generator (for power hand drill), post hole diggers, crowbars, hammers, bolts, nails and all other necessary tools.

The ladies were given the job of moving the old timber planks further along the trail, then distributing material for the new walk ready for the assemblers. The weather was fine and warm and it was pleasant working in the shaded road reserve. The bog became boggier with the tread of twentythree pairs of boots but no-one seemed to notice.

The job was well under way when Ann Lavender arrived with a vehicle full of food. A short while later lunch was announced and members were treated to a delicious smorgasborg of curry and savoury rice (Terry's specialities), meatball casserole, chicken and salads, with tea, coffee or orange juice.

While some of us were debating the wisdom of supplying all this food to a team of workers who still had a long way to go, others were drifting back to work and it was soon evident they were determined to get the job done.

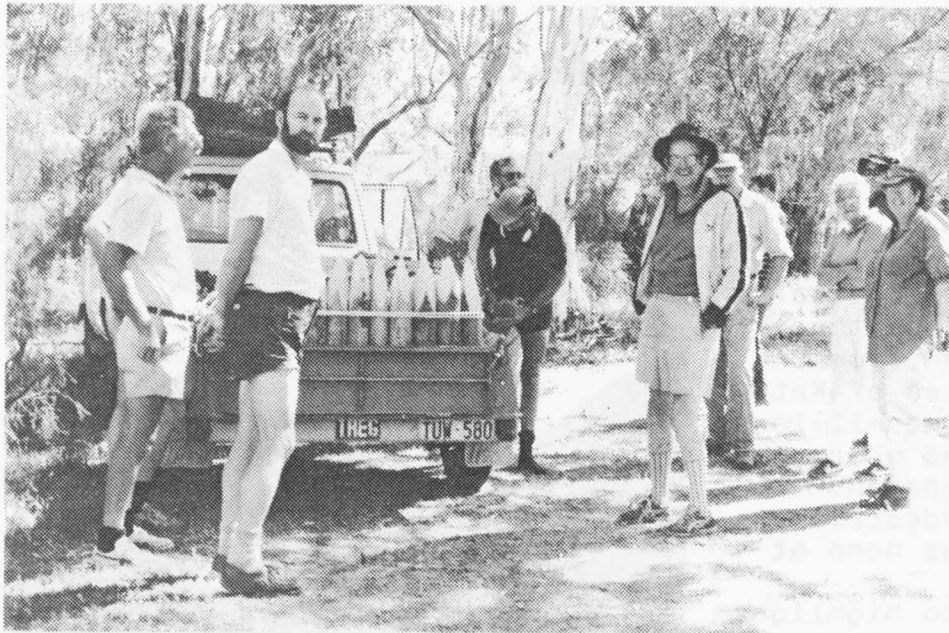
During the afternoon a group of unsuspecting walkers appeared and, after seeing and appreciating the work being carried out by the Friends, promptly filled in some membership forms.

Meanwhile our Administrative Officer, an enthusiastic conservationist, was busily replanting a 7' sapling which had been removed from the path of the board-walk.

Except for a slight hiccup at the end of the trail, when a miscalculation found the last three planks fall 2' short of the support posts, everything ran smoothly and the targeted 80 metres of bog trail was completed in good time.

Many thanks to Terry and Ann for supplying the lunch and to all members who participated in this rewarding exercise. See you when we do the next leg?

MEMORIES OF NEPAL



* The start.....
Friends about to
unload foundation
posts for the
"ladder"



* A bog no longer
The finish-how the
ladder now looks
to walkers.

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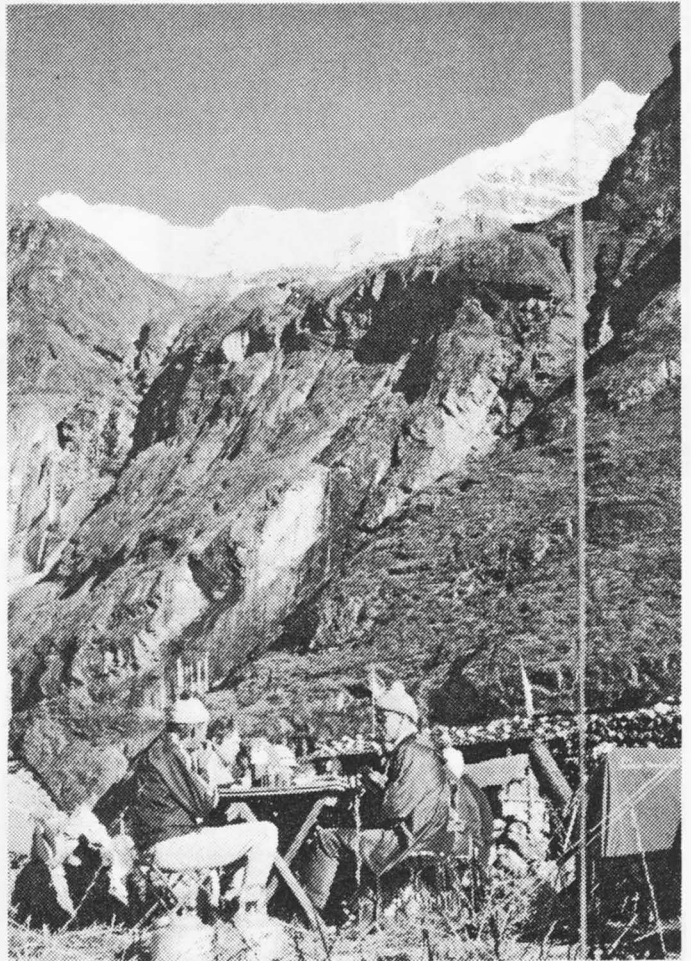
by Jessie Miller

My holiday in Nepal was a dream come true and one of the most magical times in my life.

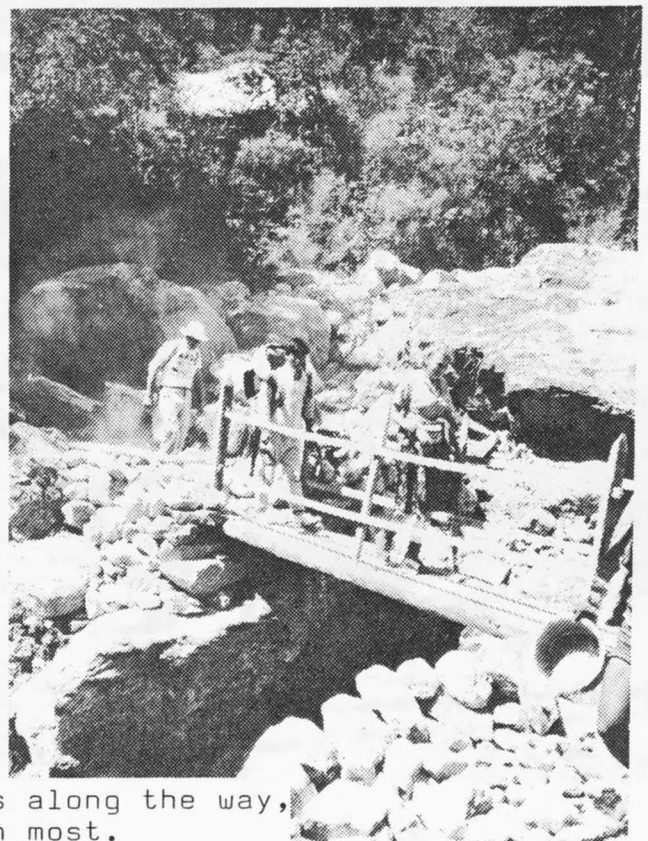
The magic started on the flight to Katmandu with glimpses of the Himalayas appearing through the clouds, then being driven from the airport into the noise of Katmandu and what seemed like millions of people. This is a land where drivers sit on their horns and cyclists their bells. Pedestrians take little heed and cows none at all.

It is very difficult to highlight any particular incident as it was all one big high for me. The adventure really began with an eight hour bus ride to Dunchie which was the starting point of the 13 day trek. Our private bus could only take us to Trisuli Bazaar about half way; the rest of the perilous journey was by public transport which catered for everybody and everything needing transport to Dunchie. The bus was full when it left Trisuli Bazaar but when it eventually arrived at its destination there were three times as many people in it, or on it clinging on with a finger or toe. I was very glad I was inside and not up on the roof as some trekkers were. The bus careered its way round and round the mountainside with only inches to spare to keep it from toppling over the edge.

I think of the scenery through the Langtang Gorge and Valley and how beautiful it was with the mountains towering in every direction, waterfalls cascading down them rivers and forests and masses and masses of brilliantly coloured wild-flowers, above waist high in some places. There is also the awesome spectacle of the snow covered peaks as the mists rolled away, and I can see the happy village people who are content and at peace with the world(their world, I hope they never have ours thrust upon them).



Breakfast at Langtung Valley camp.



One of the numerous bridges along the way, this one safer looking than most.

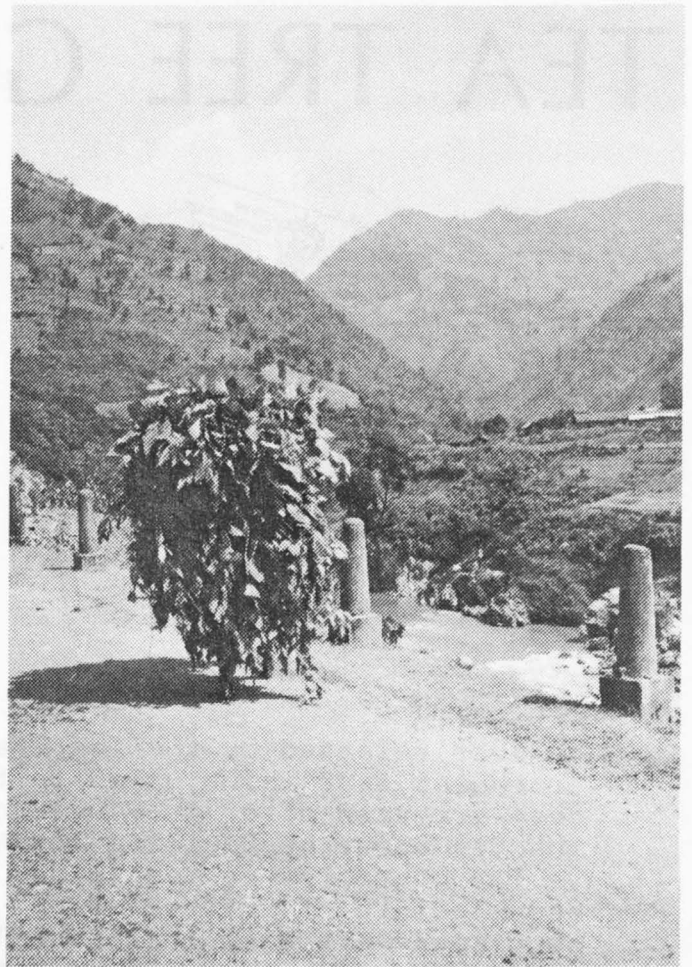
I think about the sherpas, the porters and cook boys who took such good care of us and sang and whistled as they carried their heavy loads.

Reaching a height of 15,000 ft. was a great triumph tho' it meant crawling into bed fully clothed cuddling a hot water bottle to keep out the cold, but what a reward to rise early and see the sun rising over the top of the world.

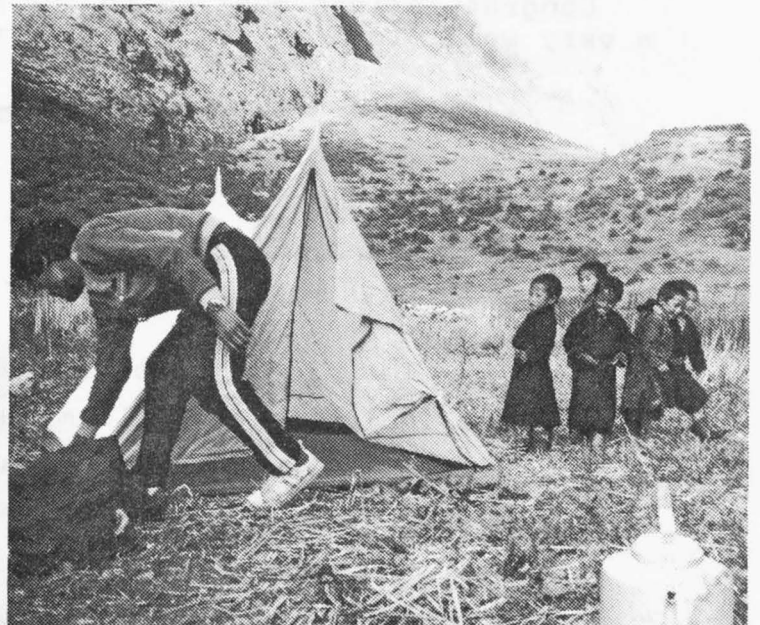
Descending was a sad time, loathe as I was to leave the magical mountains but there was still much to see and enjoy in the Valley of Katmandu.

A hair-raising ride to Pokhara will be with me forever, seven hours there and seven hours back in a Carolla car minus front and back springs and dubious brakes over the roughest road imaginable. Most sensible people travel to Pokhara by air to see the Annapuras and the mighty Machhauchhare and so miss the adventure of the road and the village people for ever walking along it with their loads of fodder and sticks. My friend and I aptly named them walking weeds and walking sticks, as the only thing we could see from the rear was two tiny feet.

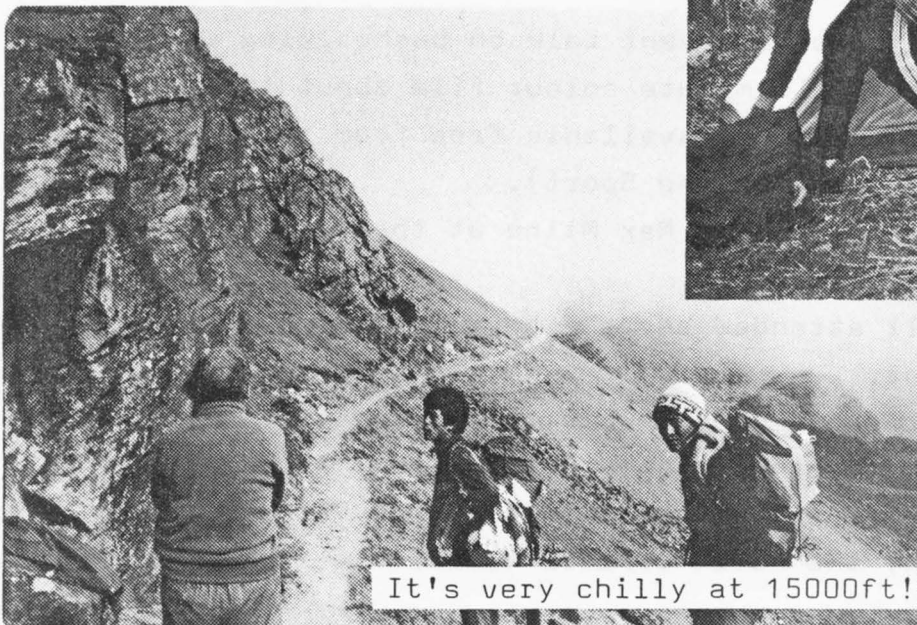
All too soon it was time to leave Katmandu and Nepal though I was leaving with the satisfaction of having learned and experienced many new things and promising myself a return visit before I add too many birthdays to my 70 years.



Some "walking weeds"



Wherever we camped groups of small children seemed to appear from nowhere.



It's very chilly at 15000ft!

TEA TREE GULLY WALKS



Just released by the Tea Tree Gully Council are a series of ten brochures describing walks in the Tea Tree Gully area. These have been prepared after much work over a five year period by members of the St. Agnes bushwalking and Natural History Club Inc.

The brochures contain clear maps accompanied by historic notes about points of interest along the way. Aproximate walking times and conditions are also included. The trails make use of parks, creek and river reserves, unmade walking tracks as well as some streets.

The trails are all loops and either start or finish near public transport.

Congratulations must go to the members of the St. Agnes club for a very well produced set of resources for walkers.

Speaking of the Friends

The highlight of a recent talk on bushwalking was the inclusion of a 15-minute colour film about the Heysen Trail (The film is available free from the Department of Recreation and Sport).

The talk was given by Max Milne at the City of Brighton's public library.

It was well attended and the Heysen Trail film was of much interest.

Would your group or club like to arrange a speaker from the Friends of the Heysen Trail to bring this film and to address them? Interested? Contact Thelma Anderson, the Admin Officer to arrange a date.

A SKIRL AT KANGARILLA

by Max Milne

The Heysen Trail echoed to a new sound recently.

A Scottish piper played the bagpipes on a four-hour walk through the Kuitpo Forest near Kangarilla, which included part of the Heysen Trail.

The walk, organised by Max Milne, was held on Remembrance Day in November. The 30 walkers stopped at 11 a.m. and stood with bowed heads while the piper read the "Ode of Remembrance" and then played the sad Lament "The Flowers of the Forest". It was a very moving moment.

The walk started (and ended) at the 80 acre property of Mr. and Mrs. Pearson at Kangarilla on the edge of the Kuitpo Forest.

The weather was perfect and the walkers often kept in step with the easy marching numbers played by the piper, Mr. Jim Love, of Hillbank. He is a police officer on leave. He and his wife Monica are members of Max's Wednesday walking group.

Barbara Pearson turned on late afternoon tea after the walk after which the piper played "Auld Lang Syne" to end an astonishingly lovely day.

Footnote: This is only one of Max Milne's ideas to give his free walks added interest. Care to join the group? Then ring him on 295 8348.

GAWLER HIGH ON THE TRAIL

————— Joyce Heinjus —————

A circular letter to all schools from "the Friends" found its way onto my desk in July. We have little outdoor education in our school curriculum and as I co-ordinate Duke of Edinburgh's Award activities, it fell to my lot to answer.

A phone call from Thelma Anderson followed, asking us to help with the route from Bethany to the Tothill Range. It all seemed too good to be true as this is to be "our section" of the trail to be walked in 5 days in Trek '88. At last - expedition training for our Awards with a real purpose! So, my husband Peter and I, with the close co-operation of our Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants and their parents took up the challenge.

To date as a group we have:-

- walked and submitted recommendations for all but about 10 kms. of our section.
- between us walked almost 1600 kms. along the trail.
- completed 18 test expeditions along various sections
 - 6 placed temporary markers from Greenock to Bethany, meeting a northbound group to camp: the latter checked the route on the following day.
- cleaned up bottles and cans as we have walked, putting proceeds towards maps for Trek '88.
- liaise with Nuriootpa High School to prepare maps of link walks for the trail.
- met lots of people and had a great time in all sorts of weather.
- accepted the challenge to paint the front cover for the map of the section. A number of paintings will be done by 3 of our Art and Design students as part of their interest section for their Awards.
- set a target to finish marking the trail by August 1988 when we walk from north to south.
- liaised with the Angaston Cubs to pick up rubbish along the route.

Next week we start to place permanent markers - 4 students will do this as their community service for their awards.

As a result of all this activity our Duke of Edinburgh Award numbers have increased considerably. Next year my home care class will comprise "Duke's" students only.

It has been a busy year (both or one day of most weekends since May in the outdoors with young people), but one of the most enjoyable and positive in my career. Thanks "Friends".

From the top of a hill we looked down to the distance. It was the most fantastic view of 3 country towns - Kapunda, Freeling and Roseworthy. It was breathtaking. The backdrop was beautiful.

Jackson's Log.
12/9/87

It is good on top of the range looking towards the sea.

Peter

HISTORY OF THE HEYSEN TRAIL -4

by C. Warren Bonython

The next obstacle emerged in 1974 when the Crown Law Department queried the power of the State Planning Authority to expend its funds on the trail. We conferred with our Minister (the Hon. Glen Broomhill, MP) who as the result agreed to the drafting of a "Recreation Trails" Bill - to cover not only the Heyesen Trail but other walking Trails as well. It was duly prepared, but no further progress seemed to be made; we endured a long period without receiving positive information. Meanwhile in 1976 the S.P.A. was definitely told that it could not expend its funds on the Heyesen Trail.

A third obstacle then appeared. A shortage in staff numbers forced the S.P.A. progressively to withdraw those staff seconded for development of the trail. Trail planning slowly ground to a halt.

While they were still hoping for passage of the lagging Bill the committee made a desperate effort to get the trail started by constructing and opening a nine-kilometre section within the Cleland Conservation Park, using largely the resources of the National Parks and Wildlife Service. The Governor, Sir Mark Oliphant, opened it on 1 May 1976.

The Recreation Trails Bill was a comprehensive 19-page document. An aspect of its thrust is illustrated by Part IV which opened with - "Public ownership of the land forming the trail is the best means of ensuring the permanence of the trail and its proper management." It was known to be in the Government's legislative "pipeline" late in 1976, but Parliament rose without its being tabled; it was not heard of again. I believe that it was thought to be too controversial politically because it also incorporated the power of compulsory acquisition of land.

MEMBERSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Receipt of membership is acknowledged in the "Trailwalker". Since the last published list, the following persons and organisations have joined the Friends and their membership is gratefully acknowledged. Recent memberships will be acknowledged in the next edition of "Trailwalker".

Tom Thomasson
Patricia Adams
June & Gordon Howie
Ann Lavender
Louisa Christopher
Mr. Chris & Mrs. Karen Royans (family)
Jeffrey T. Read
Ilona Malins
Ingle Farm High School (school)
Pulteney Grammar School (school)
Angela Gun
Melva Jones
Marilyn Williams
Meredith Edwards
Reynella East High School (school)
Terry Mason
Bruce MacDonald
Miss T. Beneke
Jim & Eileen Kennedy (family)
Gordon Mawer
Pauline Coulls
Joan Tilley
Grant High School (school)
Eileen Sharman
Edward & Rita Pearce (family)

There is no charge for the privilege of using the Heysen Trail and many other walking trails throughout South Australia, but much effort, time and expense is involved in preparing and maintaining these trails for our enjoyment.

We can all make our contribution to this valuable asset through membership of the Friends and at the same time assist towards the development of an environmental heritage for future generations of South Australians.

JOIN NOW!

DEADLINE for the February Issue: Friday 5th. Feb.

Send articles, preferably typewritten

with photographs if you have them

to THE EDITORS "TRAILWALKER"

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WALKING IN CANADA

===== by Jim Crinion =====

This is the first in a series of articles by past president Jim Crinion reflecting his impressions and observations of walking trails and associated organizations in Canada, U.S.A., and in Great Britain.

THE RIDEAU TRAIL

In Canada I was fortunate to be able to walk a number of sections of the Rideau Trail. The system is about 400 kilometres long, stretching between Kingston, a small penitentiary town near the Eastern end of Lake Ontario, and the point where the lake is joined by the St. Lawrence, North of the city of Ottawa. Sixty four kilometres consists of side trails in selected areas to permit walkers to enjoy loop-walks without the need to retrace their steps. Apart from walking it is also used for cross-country skiing and snowshoe-ing.

The idea of this hiking trail was mooted by Douglas Knapp at a meeting of the Naturalist Society in February 1971. As with the Friends of the Heysen Trail, Inaugural meetings were held in Kingston and Ottawa proposing the formation of the Rideau Trail Association. Initially the idea was to construct the trail by volunteer labour over a period of five years. This was aborted when an offer was received from a small group of university students to complete it in one Summer vacation. A government grant was secured and the trail blazed under the guidance of the Association and later refined over the ensuing years. Interest in the project and the Association was so great that the membership leapt from 200 to over 1000 in four years over the period of its construction. It has continued to grow with the popularity of walking and the extended interests of the Association.

Membership of the Association is open to anyone willing to abide by the Hiker's code. Members receive a quarterly newsletter published at the beginning of each season. It contains information on coming activities, trail re-route-ings, etc. Members are supplied with a map kit of the whole trail with guide notes, including crests, pins and carstickers for a nominal price. Regional groups have been formed to assist with trail maintenance, blazing and group social interchange.

Walkers on this trail follow a truly historic route between the two towns. Kingston was established as a fur trading post by Count Frontenac in 1673. With the arrival of the British it was later developed as a military and naval outpost to exercise control over the Great Lakes. Trails were opened up during this period not only for fur trading but also for exploration and to expand the British control of the area. The out post, by its very location was forced to bring all its supplies and munitions via the St. Lawrence and these were prone to ambush by the Americans. Consequently it was imperative for the British to have alternative routes for these supplies.

The Indians had long been using the Rideau and Cataraqui or Gananoque Rivers for their regular journeys from the Ottawa region to Lake Ontario. So to make the rivers fully navigable for military craft, the British promoted the idea of building canals and locks to circumvent the many rapids on the rivers.

The forth Duke of Richmond was appointed Governor in chief of the North American Province and he elected to personally inspect the feasibility of the canal system and a route between the two areas. It is stated on a plaque that he became the first recorded Rideau Trail walker.

The trail basically follows some of the original route traversed by the Duke and interweaves amongst the myriad lakes, forests and hills in the area. The forests form two distinct species separated by the Frontenac Axis of the Precambrian Shield. In the Southern section they are mainly deciduous- beech, elm basswood, white and yellow birch, ironwood and black cherry. To the North one finds evergreens like the white and red pine, hemlock, white spruce and balsm fir.

After walking in South Australia I felt as though I had entered a whole new world when I penetrated these forests. My friend and guide, a scientist by calling, had been intimately connected with the Trail and the Frontenac National Park through which it passes. He had been involved in an extensive study of the area to determine the effect and impact of the human race on the environment from logging, holiday homes, fishing and pollution. I was kept informed and fascinated by his wealth of knowledge and illustrations of the changes which had taken place.

To be continued.....

Clearing a path for access to countryside

By Steve Smith

Farmers should be prosecuted if they ignore requests to remove fences or crops which obstruct country paths, the Countryside Commission said yesterday.

It was starting a campaign to open up the entire 120,000-mile network of rights of way in England and Wales.

The commission, the Government's adviser on the countryside, admitted it was taking a more outspoken stance towards offenders, urging local authorities to take them to court if friendly persuasion failed.

A spokeswoman also criticised

highway officials over their poor record in the upkeep of paths, claiming that 60 per cent are inadequately maintained.

Enjoying The Countryside, the commission's new pamphlet and an accompanying policy document, include pilot studies to explore the state of footpaths and bridleways and plans for five new long-distance routes, to be announced next year after approval from the Environment Secretary.

The commission is pressing for an extra £1.8 million to be spent on developing countryside recreation in 1988, on top of £8 million which has already

been set aside. Expenses include the services of ranger teams, and the maintenance of long-distance routes.

Sir Derek Barber, chairman of the commission, said that the current investment was very modest compared to the size of the problem. He added: "It must be recognised that our funds unlock a vast store of enterprise, voluntary effort and private capital to create jobs and tourist potential."

Money has been earmarked to support the appointment of officers in highway authorities with responsibility for rights of way. The aim is to see that

rights of way are established in law, maintained and well publicised by the turn of the century.

The National Farmers Union said that it did not condone anyone who obstructed a right of way. But a spokeswoman added that the NFU wanted to see a rationalisation of footpaths.

She added: "Some paths go to places that don't exist any more. We would like to see more diversions of footpaths where appropriate. For example, some should be diverted around the edge of fields."

"The Guardian" 4/9/87

Earl Spencer gets footpaths warning

EARL Spencer, father of the Princess of Wales, has been threatened with prosecution for allowing public footpaths on his estate in Northamptonshire to be blocked by growing crops.

Miss Kate Ashbrook, secretary of the Open Spaces Society, has told the Earl, who is a magistrate, that the society will consider prosecuting if the crops are not removed within 14 days.

JUBILEE WALKS No 8

The latest in this series from the Department of Recreation and Sport features twelve short walks in the mid-north. Generally along quiet back roads the walks are graded easy to moderate and take less than three hours.

The brochures are available FREE from the Department of Recreation and Sport.

'THE GUARDIAN'

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Walking guide will put you on the right track

ADELAIDE AND COUNTRY WALKS VOL. 2

Compiled and published by James D. Crinion, \$14.95

reviewed by Derek Whitelock

HAVING enjoyed and enthused over James Crinion's first *Adelaide and Country Walks*, which has been, for its genre, a best-seller, my delight in the arrival of this second volume was followed by a stern resolve. I'd review it the hard way. I felt gloomy and overurbanised, the morning was wild and wet, ideal for a restorative stride over our indispensable Mount Lofty's.

So I flicked through the 30 walks described here like a wine buff sampling the bottlings presented by vintner Jim, selected one around one of my favorite patches — Kyeema Conservation Park deep in Kuitpo forest (5 km, one hour, grade C) — and went and walked it.

Mind you, I took three hours, for I see a bushwalk as much more than brisk movement of the legs and panting glances at a stopwatch; I tend to potter off the track, meditate on comfortable boulders, botanise, stand and stare.

It was a splendid loop walk, a great improvement, on my usual aimless wanderings.

At a stile where the rapidly becoming famous Heysen Trail swings by on

its way to the far Flinders, I fished out the guide, handily presented in a plastic see-through packet from which the rain harmlessly bounced, and followed his terse instructions.

"Do not cross but turn right and follow blue markers on the trail which winds through the centre of the scrub." And so it went; a sound prose guide and an excellent sketch map of the walk on the flipover slide.

Crinion advises on what flora and fauna to watch out for on each walk. On this one I saw mesquite stringybark, cup gum flowering exuberantly, scarlet spikes of heath, guinea flowers, various parrots, a wedgetail spiralling through the wind and feathery morsels chinking away in the tree canopy that could well have been the elusive striated pardalote.

Grey kangaroos thumped away through the undergrowth, stopping often with that tragic curiosity which makes it so easy for those who enjoy that sort of thing to shoot them.

Not in places such as Kyeema, though, which is a sanctuary for all creatures great and small — including people, who wish to refresh themselves at ancient springs of consciousness. Which is what, really, *Adelaide and Country Walks* is all about.

The walks are classified into Grade A bush stogs, up to 25 kilometres, "for experienced walkers ... possibly some rock climbing or crossing of

running creeks"; Grade B hikes over "undulating terrain" for up to 20 kilometres, with a chance of "boulder hopping"; and Grade C ambles for the saunterers.

There's a pleasant variety of terrain and routes; through the Cleland, Cox's Scrub, Black Hill and Scott Creek Conservation Parks, for example, through the majestic Mount Crawford Forest, across the rugged cliffs of the Fleurieu Peninsula, the Aldinga Scrub, over Mount Gawler, up and down the dunes of the Sir Richard Peninsula.

There's a suburban stroll around the mansions of Springfield, a wander for those with a feel for the sea and ships around Outer Harbor and, further afield, a grade B roam around the volcanic stumps of Valley Lake at Mount Gambier.

Under the heading "Walker's Rest" Crinion provides a list of "pleasant cafes or restaurants of some character" for walkers who need to sit down during their sauntering.

Adelaide and Country Walks unlocks the bush, not to mention a sampling of our social and historical heritage. Along with the Department of Recreation and Sport's *Jubilee Walks* series, it fills a niche, for the old National Fitness walk guides are out of print, and will both further stimulate and satisfy the new social interest in walking.

NEW BASE FOR TRAILWALKERS

From January, 1988 there will be a new base available for Heysen Trail walkers in the Meadows area.

"Fern Hill" is an historic grazing property situated in Dashwood Gully just 3 kilometres from the Heysen Trail, and from January it will offer either self-contained or bed and breakfast accommodation for up to eight people. It is ideally located for exploring the trail between Kuitpo and Mylor and guests will also be free to roam the tree-studded property. The main house and self-contained cottage are situated beside a willow-fringed creek in a private two acre "botanical Park".

The hosts will be happy to provide a shuttle service to take walkers back to their cars if required. Full details are available from "FERN HILL", C/- P.O. Box 4, Kangarilla, 5157.

BOGONG NATIONAL PARK - VICTORIA

When the snows melt, Victoria's Bogong High Plains become a wonderland of mountain streams and alpine wildflowers. The mountain air is cool and fresh; the mountain scenery is spectacular!

Our walking tour will be based at a modern Falls Creek ski lodge and each day we will set out on foot to explore a different part of this mountain grandeur; returning each evening to, hot showers, gourmet meals and soft beds. We will hike through shady forests, across alpine meadows, into snow gum woodlands and visit picturesque huts built by the pioneer cattlemen of the High Plains.

In the evening you may wish to try trout fishing on the Rocky Valley or Pretty Valley dams, play tennis on the local super-grass courts or simply relax in the lodge lounge.

The meeting place for this trip is in Falls Creek and a pre-trip meeting in late December will arrange transport.

Trip cost includes eight nights twin share accommodation in a Falls Creek lodge; all meals (commencing with dinner on the first day and including breakfast on last); wine with evening meals and a guide. Participants may extend their stay at the lodge by prior arrangement.

TRIP DATES: 2nd - 10th January, 1988
(Seven Days - Eight Nights)

TRIP COST: \$490.00

GROUP MAXIMUM: 15

Bookings: Peregrine Travel (S.A.)
Scout Outdoor Centre,
192 Rundle Street,
Adelaide, S.A. 5000
Tel.: (08) 223 5544



It's auld lang syne - as the piper, Jim Love and his intrepid hikers near the end of their unforgettable forest walk.