



Visitors' Book

OLD HALLETT RAILWAY STATION

HALLETT

Hallett is situated on the Barrier Highway 192 km north of Adelaide. The average annual rainfall is 422 mm (16½ inches) and height above sea level is 601.52 m (1,973 ft). The climate is pleasant in summer with warm to hot days and mild nights and cold in winter with occasional falls of snow and very frosty nights.

The Hallett brothers, John and Alfred, arrived in the district in the 1840's. In 1842 John selected a run known as Willogoleche which covered an area from Hallett to Burra.

This town was named for them. The two main streets being named John and Alfred and the three streets transversing these were named Richard, Jessie and Julia after three of John's children.

Gold nuggets were found at Ulooloo in 1869. By 1886 18,000 pounds worth of gold had passed through the Hallett Post Office, with (it is believed) an almost equivalent amount being used for trade and barter.

The District Council of Hallett was formed in 1877 and included the towns of Whyte Yarcowie and Terowie. All three were once bustling towns servicing the surround farming properties.

The area is noted for its merino sheep breeding, and successful cropping of wheat, barley, oats and lucerne.

Sir Hubert Wilkins, Australia's world-renowned polar explorer and adventurer was born near Hallett in 1888. He was the first to fly over both the Arctic and Antarctic regions and travel under the ice pack by submarine. The Wilkins family home, restored to its original condition in 2001, is situated at Mt Bryan East, 20 km east of Hallett. The route is well signed.

HAWETT RAILWAY STATION

PLEASE WRITE IN ANY HISTORY
OF AREA + STATION - LINE ETC
RAIL LINE PUT IN 18⁵ BURB
TERONIE.

WHAT IS THE TRAIN HISTORY
LINE INSTALLATION, TRAINS
TROOPS - GENERAL MENTION ETC

Sunday:-

30-3-03 Burra Branch of the Friends of the Heysen Trail and other Walking Trails Inc. Annual General Meeting.

Kate Gruinie Wendy Tello, Terrie Abbott
Heather Bryant, Leo Abbott, Maureen Lavelle,
Hilda van Beurichem, Ken Farney, Bob Tello
Peter van Beurichem, Andrew Simpson Hugh Greenhill

12-3-03

Leo Farrell "carlton"
Townsville SA 36 NSW
Much appreciated

Elspeth & Nick Brown - Dunedin NZ
22 June 03 really nice to get
warm and dry after a wet night
thank you very much!

O JORKOWSKI Kitchener Canada
Cycling the awesome Mawson
It is hard to believe no one has
been here since June of 03
but hey there are a lot of
cobwebs. It is great not to

have to put up the tent!
March 13/04

Adel. Cup Holiday 17-5-04

Visit hut from Melrose Ramblers camp.
General clean up & order for next visit
Stayed 2½ hours Doug Leane + Llywelyn French

8/9/04 Rosalie & Laurie Haegi - Unley SA
Walked from Mt Bryan East → Hallett
Cold & wet for good part of the day
especially on top of Mt Bryan. Lovely,
cosy place to stay in these winter conditions
Thank you.

22/3/06

Jeffrey + Shane Cycling the Mawsons
trail from Quorn to Adelaide Big Pay
riding to note: travel lite go with BOB trailer

Thanks Lock Brothers

Wed May 31 2006

We have followed the Heyze Trail down from the north, carrying all our own supplies & tent. We have trekked the last 20 years in the Indian Himalaya & are enjoying this trip. Congratulations to the people who maintain this trail.

Peter & Arlette, The Netherlands.

4 July 2006

I'm walking the Heyze Trail from Cape Town to Parachilna Gorge. This is a very nice step - I like old train stations. Pretty day yesterday - hoping for more of the same today. Richard Savage

28 August 2006 Walked over from Mt Bryan East today, then on to stone wall tomorrow. Nice to have somewhere to stay right on the trail. Gorgeous day, lovely clear sky, sunny & warm - not too warm. No cold winds. Pleasant day walk. Strenuous climb 3/4 hr only.

John & Jenny Lewis.

SAT 14 FEB 2009 Paul Williams (BBTA) BRISBANE
JUST POPPED IN FOR LUNCH & CUPPA AFTER 2HR 40MIN
CYCLE FROM MT BRYAN EAST SCHOOL. (42KM)
AFTER 7 DAYS OF SOUTHERLY WINDS & MID 20°C TEMPS
SINCE LEAVING ADELAIDE, WIND TODAY SWINGING TO
EAST & SUSPECT TURN HOT NORTHERLY AFTER WEEKEND.
FOR REMAINDER OF SECTION 2 OF MUNSON TRAIL
TO QUORN. THE ROAD THIS MORNING IN VERY GOOD
CONDITION WITH SOME SUPERB 54 KPH & 58 KPH
DOWNHILLS. A PORTION OF THE OLD RAILSTN
IN BURRA WOULD BE NICE IF CONVERTED FOR TREKKERS
HOWEVER THE SHOWGROUNDS THERE DO HAVE HOT SET
SHOWERBS.

BIG THANK YOU TO PEOPLES EFFORTS WHO
MAKE THIS PLACE POSSIBLE!

May 15/04
O/N ACCOMMODATION
FOR ANYONE.

Heyser Trail Working Party
May 17, 18, 19, 2002

Cleaned hut & inspect for return

Lilyween French & Doug Leane
June 25-26 H/T Working Party

Pour concrete step, hook on
bolts on doors, beading at window

Wast pipe installed from sink Toilet door rehung
Doug Leane, Dean Killmire

30-31st July Bunkly Hopkins Alpine Hermitage

Walking the Heyser Trail

Was very grateful for the shelter and even
more especially when I saw the sick goat
and see on the water rock each morning

Thank you to everyone who made this
possible.

Sept 12th? Wayne Buckland & David Fairnolds
~~rested~~ here overnight with the comforts of
new supplies & a beautiful meal supplied by
Wayne's parents & his 2 children (arrived by surprise)
Tales of the grip from Parachilna & here were
told, by the one & will told in the future.
We are half-way to Lake Icieris & looking
forward to the next leg, & appreciating the
comfort set in place by the trail organizers.

Thanks a lot.

Sept 12/04 Cheryl Hutchins and trusty steed (Avanti
MTB) rested from the blustery/cold weather.

Lighted the fire @ 3pm & to thaw out and decided
to stay the night - as I can see no inviting camp
sites within 10km of Hollet and the wind would
be head on to get there. On my way to
Whalers Pond. Thank you for this very
welcome shelter.

Cheryl (Melbourne)

08/09/05 Scott Liz + Margie northbound
on the Mawson (K.I., Melbourne)

Great spot - cutting board is a bonus!

A welcome relief from the headwinds - Great
spot & much appreciated - thanks to all you
volunteers who make it happen. Liz/R.Island SA

08/09/05

No tent to pack up this morning.
Thank you. Margie (Melbourne.)

14/11/05 Back again! Scott + Liz (as above) minus
Margie walking home to K.I. from Parachilna.
We're getting to like this spot! Don't miss - the Spalding Pub,
the Georgetown General Store, and Murraytown Sports Ground
where you can camp, shower, use kitchen - for donations.
(ask for Grant Woolford who has flakeys.) Scott ^{Liz + PO BOX 768} PENNESHAW
Walking the Hysen Trail "Songline to a Stupa" back
to Kangaroo Island - Da Tong Leng - and home.
This place feels like home! Great company -
legs are getting fitter - country pubs love 'em! Liz

Sunday 21 May '06

ARPA Hysen 9 had lunch here.
One member (^{Frances}) - a direct descendant of
John Hallott, took photos to show for 94 year
mother, Lorna Hallott. A perfect walking
day - from Ashley Rd to Toolang Rd (I
d) last day for us. About 18° and
bunny. Walkers - Margaret, Ian, David
& Gingers.

15 June 06.

DOUG, LEANE & LUCILLEEN FRENCH
FRIENDS OF STEYSEN - CLEAN
UP & NEW CHAIRS, DUSTPAN, KETTLE
SAUCEPAN, TIN OPENER, PAINTED
HALLITT SIGN. - REPAIRS TO
TOILET. NICE TO SEE IN GOOD ORDER.
LIFTING OF KITCHEN DOOR TO
CLEAR, BRACE ON TOILET

120 Aug 2006
or last night ever after 6 years
trying to complete the
wonderful Hesler Trail! We
walked in 1999 in the Flinders,
and have worked from both ends
sending on "time off" for the past
years. Tomorrow we head over
Byron back to Mt Bryan East
house to hand out Hesler
Badges. What a wonderful
it - we have seen so much of
beautiful South Australia. Thanks
all who keep the trail and the
so welcoming.

My afternoon spent snoozing in the
on the verandah, now enjoying
my belly. Pity about the mice
of the Turkish Delight carefully
with the word drop! Agree at
Georgetown General Store - try staying
nights in the Georgetown pub (complete
ghost) we have had so many
tasty campfires along the way, seen so

much of SA, we never realised we are there.
The nearby Torowie Gorge was a favourite
Sector along with the Flinders Ranges.
Now to redo all the Northern section with
Doreen - what a hardship!

Wonderful to have walked most of the trail with
great friends - and looking forward to completing
the last few sections I missed in the Flinders. Always
restorative, always beautiful, each section in its own
particular way. Thank you to those who conceived of
this trail and those who look after it.

Rod declines to add to this epistle.
The 3 women accompanying him
acknowledge his achievement in
walking 1800kms with 2 more
recently 3 women, ^{we thank him for} carrying the
^{his} alcohol, humorous gadgets & for
his tolerance ~~with~~ when faced
with our endless female conversations

The Framinghams - Julie Redman
with Rice ~~but they keep failing~~
Rod Wontham,

Julie Redman, Rod Wontham

1 Sept 06

Tom Jones (Adel) Ken Heinecker (Unmara)

Colin Jones (Bush Klondyke)

met here late in day - short walk west.

miss flew at the pub. great shelter & place

stay.

OCT 06

THUMBS UP TO THE VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING WITH MAINTENANCE. ITS GREAT
BE A SOLID ROOF OVER MY HEAD FOR A CHANGE FROM A TENT.

THE MAWSON FROM BURRA TO HALLERT IS CERTAINLY VERY

DINGY, HOPEFULLY IN THE FUTURE I WILL RETURN TO RIDE SOME MORE

YEARS TO COME. Doug Cousins (VIC).

OCT 06

en Peglar, Rod Freeman, Dave

Casson, Andrew Lewis

second visit - Heysen Trail - this

time on our way to Spalding
over 4 days

XI 2006. Travelling south from Parachilna,

Beautiful weather & scenery all along.
but is awesome. Rudolf Karpelis, Adelaide-

SATURDAY December 23^d 2006

Travelling from Tumby Bay to Hallett

DRIVING ON THE
FROTHIAS DODS?

22th Jan 2007 / SAT. - Tony & Angie
a father & son in transit back to Perth
from Sydney on '76 Honda CB750/4
This night truly was a great & memorable
one. Well done Hallett.

7-6-07 Kym Withall.

ME BRYAN EAST TO HALLET TODAY.

MAX TEMPERATURE DURING WALK 8°

THICK FOG LIGHT RAIN STRONG WINDS

HEYSEN TRAIL WOULD BE A CHALLENGE WITHOUT

PLACES SUCH AS THIS TO DRY EQUIPMENT &

WARM UP. THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS

WHO HELP MAINTAIN THE BUILDING.

11-6-07 HEYSEN MAINTENANCE YANMO TOILET NEEDS

STEP. SLEPT THROUGH & DID COBWEBS CATCHING

DOOR ETC. Friends of Heysen.

Llyween French & Doug Leane
BIRDS PARTICULARLY LOUDLY

-7-07 Taylor family walking through Mt Bryan East to Hallet today. Decided to stay at Jamestown (showers and electricity).
David Fiona Chris + Nick

7-07 We climbed the mountain and walked across to Stone wall. It was fantastic to see these facilities. We really appreciate volunteers who maintain it. Mt Bryan is us easy-peasy - simple SC-1-en-SQWLASY.

3-7 Day 22 of Hayman Walk. Spalding - Hallet to Bryan East bananas (see. (NS))

Wicks between Hacking + George. Signs are otherwise pretty good. Hard walk in 1

Thanks to Freds so far seen.

10/7 - Almost 5 way there! Have had from C. Jarvis alone + loving Every section different, but great its own way. Love to see more people doing it like me. Off to Georgetown excellent weather

Greg Pain - Grawler.

30-9-2007 Day walked from Mt Bryan East School house to Hallet. A fantastic day, a bit windy. Denise Adams, Judith Faber, Noel Luckett and Steven Robertson. Cavers Bushwalking Club.

30-9-2007 STAYED THE NIGHT;
A VERY CLEAN HUT, WELL DONE
SIMON YOUNG - ADELAIDE'S

Sunday 7th October 2007

Again, what a pleasure not having to erect + dismantle tent. ☺ Thanks guys, especially Suzanne French + Dayle Leane for superbly presented accommodation. Very much appreciated.

Have been walking from Parachilna George since 7th September, and endorse all the remarks made by previous walkers - magnificent.

Must have been "unracing" when Greg passed by, going north - or more likely enjoying a cold beer in Spalding pub.

Had long, long, long walk from Spalding today - but overcast weather made it a little easier, along with an easterly breeze that kept most (but not all) the flies at bay. Off to Mt Bryan East tomorrow - short day ☺

Charles Lancaster, Hydney

By the way Greg, we are some of the few lucky ones who can get the time to do it in "one hit". It's good to see even the "one-day" walkers out enjoying the track.

3.08 HEYSEN MAINTENANCE. PUT IN
SUND CHIMNEY WORKS OK BUT VERY
AGILE. SWEEP - LEFT SAW FOR WOOD
SOLES. SINK PINE CONE. DONE LEADS FRENCH
WILLOW

-08 KYM WITH ALL 2130 HOURS
IMMINING WALK FROM HERE TOMORROW
EARING TO CRYSTAL BROOK ABOUT
DAYS. STAYED LAST YEAR AS WELL
(SEE ENTRY 7-6-07).
THANKS HEAPS TO MAINTENANCE
VOLUNTEERS . CHEERS

-08 STEVE CARPENTER
your trail heading North to the hills and - nearly half way
Great views from Mount Bryan & nice to have a half day
today to chill out in an unusual bunkhouse - bb here
up let me have an undisturbed sleep. Second night in
a proper shelter - going back to the tent tomorrow
nothing I'm not looking forward too. My appreciation
to those who maintain this place - chas

8.6.08 Hazel Creek, Grampians Park SA
On the Heynen trail south - north.
Came from Mt. Bonython today. It was cold and
windy on the mountain but luckily the rain
only started about before flattet. Trying to make
it all the way to Grindal, but it seems to be a
long stretch. Still enjoying the walk and now
the more interesting scenery has started.
Thanks for the maintenance of all the huts
along the way. The snow works a treat

22/6/08 What a magnificent
thing a fire is on a cold
day. 2 nights in a row can
you believe it put Bryan East
and Now Barlett. (Shelter at
10 am) Walking North on
Heynen. Many thanks to those
who maintain the huts. They
really are a welcome break
from the tent. Entirely en-
dorse Greg Paine Comments 1/0/07
a man after my own heart.
GREG MULKIN'S WIREHAMPTON

07/10/08 - Catic & Scottie (Kataomba)
ued yesterday - but a very welcome
re from gale force S/W winds.
emng to cycle Mawson trail - but
arted by 40mm rain which has turned
ed line sections of trail to uncycleable
L (from Camel Buck onwards) will try
ch up trail again today - hopefully dried
Thanks to all the people who
ate & maintain this hot for walkers
clists to use - it's fantastic

10/10/08 Anna Elizabeth | Germany
at a great day! Sitting at a platform
waiting for sunset. After more rain
ways on Myponga Trail today was the
t warm and sunny. Heading north
looking forward next 30 days up
Wilpena. I look at picture on the wall
think it must be beautiful.
anks for staying here!

17/10/08 Ted Walker (End to End
heady 50k) (Dinner w/)
The hid 28 days on the sea trail.
So I guess I'm also a way. I never met
Anna Elizabeth (but read her notes in logbook)
+ my best guess is we both stayed at Harker
the same night + consequently never met. She would
be finished by now. I've only seen 4 other
hikers so far all were short scurries. Two
group of 3 men from Bendigo Hiker Club who
I shared camp with a couple of nights
north of Harker + are single hiker or a short
trip from Arcoona to Wilpena (return). I can see
not many hikers use this trip. This next
section north is a long section without water stops
+ that is fairly typical of plan for north so take
extra water. The water holes are all deep to stay
at + ~~all~~ go all around, a decent road will
be beer. You'll meet some cool characters too!

MARCH 2003 GRAEME COOP / MELBOURNE
WELL LADEN (TRAILER)
WING NORTH ON THE LAWSON WITH MT. BOB. GOT
2 IN THE CLARE VALLEY FOR 3 DAYS SO
^(GOT TO WORK!)
LOVE IT OR NOT IM ON DAY 11. EACH DAY IS A
SHIT & THE WEATHER IS PERFECT. I THOUGHT THE
E HAD BEEN DECIDED BY A MADMAN BUT ITS STARTING
TO SENSE. MOSTLY, THE ROAD SURFACES ARE FAIR
HELPS TO HAVE CHUNKY TYRES. ALMOST THOUGHT
DOME TO THE END & WHEN MY CHAIN BROKE FOR A
2ND TIME & MY SPARE CHAIN WOULDNT WORK ON MY
SLE RING (LATER FOUND TO BE ON BACKWARDS). LUCKILY
NIGHT IN BURRA I MET 2 PEOPLE ON A TANDEM
TRIPLING FROM SYDNEY TO PERTH. HE WAS A BEE
HAWK & GAVE ME A HANDFUL OF LURKS. HOORAY!
LEFT AT 530AM FOR 1½ HOURS PEDALING IN THE DARK
AN HOUR'S CHAT WITH ARTHUR NEAR MT BRYAN EAST
COTTAGE (STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD) WE
SPOOK WATER BARLEY, FENCES, ROO SHOOTING, EASE OF FIXING
2 ENGINES, ARCHITECTURAL CLIENTS & GLOBAL WARMING.
TIMES, LIKE THAT WHERE YOU REALISE HOW LUCKY YOU
TO BE OUT OF THE CITY WITH YOUR MOBILE SWITCHED
NOT A BIG FRIDAY NIGHT HERE.

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19/4/07 CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME
RIDERS PASSED THROUGH TEC.

HAVE GONE INTO TOWN
PLEASE DONT TAKE MY GEAR
I NEEDED IT TO MAKE IT TO
PARACHILNA U CHEERS!

JOSHUA DI BUO AKA THE GINO
DAY 32 S->N

WALKED FROM MT BRYAN SCHOOL
TODAY, VERY COLD AND WINDY
HOPING THIS WEATHER CLEARS UP A
BIT

HAPPY TRAILS

~~of the~~ a
ice place. Jonathan Gobin
17/09

and Bidous was here 4/1/09
as was Leigh Sikes

23/07/2009

Dominique & Valerie from Belgium. Walking the
Heysen Trail S → N DAY 20
Cold wind on Mt Bryan and almost no views due
to fog. Enjoyed coffee and doughnuts in Hallett store
before coming to this place. Made ourselves
comfortable & toasty in front of the fire and had a
pleasant talk with Hugh from Friends of the Heysen
Trail. We will try for Spalding tomorrow!
Thanks for providing this hut!