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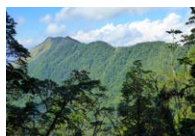
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Wednesday 16 March 2016
Wednesday 20 April 2016
Wednesday 18 May 2016

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Friday 6 May 2016

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non-members walking the Heysen Trail;
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Marschalls Hut

Photo: Dom Henschke

President

A Word from the President

Robert Alcock



A new year and a new End-to-End group. Yes, the End-to-End 11 will start this year. John Babister, Dom and Marlene Henschke, with a few other leaders are well into planning for the new group to start their 1200km trek from Cape Jervis to Parachilna Gorge. See page 7 for more details.

The Friends Office has moved into the new premises and are settling in. A staff Training Day was well patronised by existing, and a few new, staff. Call into level 2, 33 Pirie Street to see the new premises and chat to our friendly staff.

The Lavender Federation Trail (LFT) will cross the Heysen Trail at Webb Gap, in the Tothill Ranges. The LFT management (SARTI) are planning a function on 17 April 2016 to open the LFT to Webb Gap and to mark the occasion. The Friends, and others, will have local walks to meet up for the official opening at Webb Gap. An historic occasion with the joining of 2 long distance walking trails, both with a common architect in Terry Lavender. See page 18 for more information.

The Warren Bonython Heysen Trail Foundation's "Walk for Warren" will now be held on 22 May 2016, so keep this date free. The Foundation is the Friends creation, with the funds it raises being used to improve the walking experiences on the Heysen Trail and other walking trails. So it's good for our members to support

its activities. The event is open to all walkers, and those wanting to walk, including families. So we ask our members to let their friends and family know of the event. This inaugural event is to be held around Mount Crawford Forest, with a mix of short and longer walking opportunities. See preliminary details on page 19.

Due to a change of property ownership, the Heysen Trail has lost the access to Freemans Hut, one of our more treasured huts. Former owner, Ian Ross, was a great supporter of the trail and provided the ruins which were built into Freemans Hut. After all these years the new owners do not want walkers traversing their property. The trail will revert to its original alignment over Tower Hill to the Ross Fire Track. There is an investigation being undertaken into a replacement hut to be constructed from an old ruin on nearby Forestry land.

Last year we received complaints from walkers that the Finnis River campsite and tank had the access removed. It seems the adjoining landowner had removed the signs and stile, and erected a Keep Out sign. Fortunately our friends at Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources are working with the Minister to have the access re-opened. We expect this to be resolved before the opening of the season this year.

Diary Note - Erina Sipos is our Guest Speaker at the Friends AGM on Friday 18 March. Erina is the mum of 3 young children, and with her husband Luke, the family of five ("5 Ordinary People") walked the Heysen Trail in 69 days last year. Note the new venue for the AGM, so check the notice on page 7.



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News

National Parks camping fees – phase out of the self registration system.

The Department of Environment, Water & Natural Resources have advised that a new online booking and payment system for park entry, camping and accommodation fees is being introduced for parks across the state.

On site self registration stations offering the cash payment option are no longer available for some of the parks along the Heysen Trail

Currently, for the parks listed below, you must book and pay online for vehicle entry, camping and accommodation:

- Deep Creek Conservation Park
- Dutchmans Stern Conservation Park
- Mount Remarkable National Park

Vehicle Entry Fees

At present, on line payment of vehicle entry fees apply at Deep Creek and Mount Remarkable. Follow the links to make payment:

http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/Find_a_Park/Browse_by_region/Fleurieu_Peninsula/deep-creek-conservation-park/entry-fees

http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/Find_a_Park/Browse_by_region/Flinders_Ranges_and_Outback/Mount_Remarkable_National_Park/Vehicle_entry_fees

The Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park is not yet included, but National Parks South Australia is working at bringing all parks online.

Camping and Accommodation

If you wish to stay in a park, check the following webpage when you are planning a trip:

<http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/entry-fees/camping-accommodation>

How do I book campsites if I am doing a continuous “End to End” walk along the Heysen Trail?

If you are planning on entering all parks on foot and not in a vehicle then you can purchase a hiking/cycling pass for \$45 per person.

The pass has been specifically designed for people hiking the Heysen Trail and will not be using a vehicle. It can be purchased by emailing Mapland at:

DEWNR.Mapland@sa.gov.au

I don't have a computer, smart phone or credit card

Alternative booking and payment options are available for the following parks:

Deep Creek Conservation Park

Cash payments for Deep Creek Conservation Park can be made at:

- Delamere:
Delamere General Store, (08) 8598 0200

Mount Remarkable National Park

Cash payments for Mount Remarkable National Park can be made at the following agents:

- Melrose:
District Council of Mount Remarkable,
(08) 8666 2014
- Melrose:
Over The Edge, (08) 8666 2222
- Port Augusta:
Wadlata Outback Centre, (08) 8641 9193
- Port Pirie:
Port Pirie Regional Tourism and Arts Centre,
(08) 8633 8700
- Quorn:
Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre,
(08) 8648 6419
- Wilmington:
SJ & JA Wild, (08) 8667 5444

Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park

The on line registration system has not yet been extended to the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park. The following arrangements apply for that park:

- Unpowered camp sites are available on a first come, first served basis.
- Camping fees for Wilpena Pound campground are payable at Wilpena Pound Resort or Wilpena Pound Visitor Information Centre.
- Fees for all other campgrounds in the park are payable at self-registration stations or the park visitor centre.

Powered campsites and permanent tent sites at Wilpena Pound campground are privately leased.

Friends of the Heysen Trail and Other Walking Trails Inc. AGM 2016

Come to the Friends' AGM

**7.30pm Friday March 18 2016,
at the Plympton Community Centre,
34 Long St, Plympton.**

**Hear about our Association's activities in 2015
and the plans for 2016.**

**Meet your council (they are the people who
make the decisions)
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**We have invited Erina Sipos,
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to address the meeting
at the conclusion of the AGM**

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Bookings for End-to-End 11

As mentioned in the Walking Committee report, a new "End-to-End" walking group will be forming soon to commence the big trek north.

Our 11th End-to-End group will set out from Cape Jervis on Sunday May 1st, 2016.

Bookings for the first walk will be via the normal on-line registration system which will open at 12.01am on Sunday March 20th 2016.

The number of walkers who can join the group is limited by the capacity of the bus we use - initially this is approximately 55 walkers (including leaders).

Due to the anticipated high demand for joining the group, bookings are taken on a 'first come, first served' basis. We expect bookings will fill very quickly.

In recent years bookings for the first bus have reached capacity within the first 15-20 minutes! Depending on the number of people interested in joining the walk, we may add a smaller second bus.

Our on-line registration system is set to switch over to an 'overflow list' once the number of bookings nears capacity. If the decision is made to add a second bus, we will then draw on the overflow list, again giving priority to the earliest registrations.

Apart from the overflow list, we do not maintain an early registration/waiting list. In fairness to all, bookings are taken only using the on-line registration system.

This means if you want to join the group, you (and your friends) need to stay up late on Saturday night and register for the walk as soon as possible after midnight.

If you have a family membership, you can book for all members of your family simultaneously.

If you are thinking of joining the first walk, the best advice is to become familiar with the walk booking process before March 20th. Booking into one of the Twilight walks is a good way of doing this.

Good luck to intending walkers - John Babister and the other walk leaders look forward to joining you on the trail.

See page 15 for further information.



News

Office Report

Dom Henschke, Office Manager

Settling into the new office

This is a reminder all members that our office relocated to new premises in mid November 2015.

Our office is now located at

Suite 212, Second floor,
Epworth Building,
33 Pirie Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Our phone number remains as (08) 8212 6299, and website and email addresses are unchanged but we no longer have a fax number.

The Office Committee and Volunteers have taken advantage of the Christmas closure to fine tune the storage of our records and the display of maps and merchandise. We have also organised the installation of the new phone network and made improvements to the security of our office IT network.

There are still some changes to be made and new office procedures to be written, but we have a while to do this before the opening of the walk season.

Thanks to the Office Committee and many members who assisted us in this big job!

Signage

As mentioned in the previous edition, one of the differences between our new office and our former premises in Pitt Street is the fact that we are no longer able to display Heysen Trail signs on the building. This is unfortunate, but a condition of our lease.

Visitors have noticed that two tenants in the building are permitted to display 'sandwich board' signs on the footpath. We approached the property managers for clarification on this matter and were advised that the two tenants hold leases that were signed with the

previous owners of the building. Their signage rights were included in those leases. The new leases do not offer the right to display external signs.

Training day report

The new year in the office started with the now traditional training day attended by 22 volunteers and guests. Attendees were able to catch up after the holiday break and find out what was expected in the coming year.

The day was a good opportunity for orientation of the new office and the facilities and services in the new building.

As a result of the training day, the office volunteers have a better understanding of the new office systems such as 'Albert' (the EFTPOS machine) and the new telephone and IT service. As well we understand what is required in the financial system and what the new trail maintenance program entails. Special thanks to John Wilson, Graham Loveday and David Weinel for their informative presentations.

Congratulations to End-to-End walkers

The following walkers completed the Heysen Trail recently and received their E2E certificate and cloth badge since the last edition:

Murray Zanker
Janet Sweeney
Ronald Coon
Christine Oppatt
Margaret Zanker
Neil Page

We recognise that completing an "End to End" is a significant achievement. We encourage all successful walkers to contact the office to obtain a complimentary award.

Proudly display your cloth badge on your back pack or jacket and help spread the word about the Heysen.

New Members

The President and the Council would like to extend a warm welcome to the following 27 members, who have joined the Friends since the last edition of the Trailwalker, and urge them to become involved in the voluntary, walking and social aspects of the association.

Tanya Bahnisch
Talitha Baird
Tyson Baird
Fiona Butcher
Oliver Butcher
Sophie Butcher
Steve Butcher

Glenn Chambers
Erica Gordon
Tom Gordon
Neil Hendry
Robert Kennett
Hannah Leadbeter
Paul Leadbeter

Zara Lygo
Angie Odendaal
Sue Opie
Nelson Petersen
Andrew Potter
Susan Potter
Sue Raymond

Jill Rowe
Chrissy Talbot
David Thompson
Heather Thompson
Sadie White
Angela Yeates

Flinders Ranges National Park renamed to Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park

The Flinders Ranges National Park has been officially renamed to incorporate the traditional Aboriginal word for the area. A ceremony was held at Wilpena Pound to commemorate the official renaming of the park as the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park.

The new name incorporates an Adnyamathanha word, Ikara, which means "meeting place" reflecting the traditional name for Wilpena Pound — a natural amphitheatre of mountains forming one of the most prominent features of the Ranges.

Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association (ATLA) chairman Michael Anderson said the change recognised the spiritual and cultural significance of the area for traditional owners. "The Pound initially was a meeting place for ceremony, not just for our own groups but for other neighbours to come and hold ceremonies to discuss rules for life," Mr Anderson said.

"It has always been a significant part of our culture; we maintain Dreamtime stories about the Pound and how it was formed. We describe those Dreamtime stories to our visitors and still tell them our stories today. This renaming is one of those visible signs of reconciliation and recognition that the original names be brought back to the forefront."

The national park covers 95,000 hectares between the South Australian townships of Hawker and Blinman and has been co-managed by the State Government and the Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association since 2011. The new name for the park was suggested by ATLA at the request of the State Government in 2014 as part of its policy to dual-name national parks in the state.

New directional and interpretive signs will be installed in the park reflecting the name change, and an updated management plan is expected to be adopted soon.



Movie night fundraiser

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News

The 29th Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Heysen Trail and Other Walking Trails Inc will be held at 7.30pm on Friday, 18th March 2016 at Plympton Community Centre, 34 Long Street, Plympton.

The agenda for this meeting is printed below.

Nominations are sought from you, our members, for election to the Friends Council at the Annual General Meeting, for all positions excluding the President, viz. Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and half of the remaining members (our Constitution calls for not less than four and not more than ten non office bearing members).

Council meetings are currently held on the third Wednesday of each month at 5.30pm, in a room adjacent to the Friends office in Epworth House, 33 Pirie Street. Meetings usually conclude by 7.30pm.

In addition to Council, there is an opportunity for members to contribute to one of the various Committees: Walking, Trails Development, Marketing and Membership (inc. Trailwalker), Office and Greening etc.

To nominate, please complete and copy or detach the form on page 11 and send it to:

The Secretary

Friends of the Heysen Trail

Suite 212, Epworth House

33 Pirie Street Adelaide, 5000

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 27th March 2015
3. President's Report
4. Financial Report
5. Maintenance Report
6. Election of Officers
 - 6.1 Vice President
 - 6.2 Treasurer
 - 6.3 Secretary
 - 6.4 Council Members

7. Appointment of Auditor
8. Election of Honorary Members
9. Other Business
 - 9.1 Alteration to constitution

The following **Notices of Motion**, endorsed by council, will be put to members to amend the constitution of the association.

Notice of Motion 1. That the constitution be amended as follows:

1. Rule 11 (2) be amended by inserting the words "or the Secretary or the Treasurer" after "Vice-President".
2. Rule 11 (3) be amended by inserting the words "or in the absence of the President or Vice-President, by a member elected by the meeting" after "Vice-President".

Notice of Motion 2. That the constitution be amended as follows:

Rule 11 (4) be amended by deleting all of the words after "majority of votes".

Notice of Motion 3. That the constitution be amended as follows:

Replace the word "chairman" with the word "chair" in Rules 11 (4) and 14 (4). NB An alteration to Rule 11 (4) will not be necessary if Notice of Motion 2 is successfully carried.

9.2 Setting of annual subscriptions

9.3 Any other business

10. Close of Meeting.

At the conclusion of the business of the evening, we have invited Erina Sipos, mother of "5 Ordinary People" fame, to address the meeting.

Tea and coffee will be served at the conclusion of the evening. Please bring a plate of light supper.

Note: Any member wishing to move a motion at the AGM should be aware of the Constitutional requirements as follows: "Notice of any motion proposed to be moved at a General Meeting by any member not being a member of the Council shall be signed by the proposer and seconder and shall be delivered to the Secretary at least seven days before the meeting. No motion moved by any member other than a member of the Council shall be entertained by the meeting unless notice thereof has been given as aforesaid."

Election of Council Members at AGM

The Section of the Friends Constitution relating to Management of the Association, and to the procedure for nomination and election of members of the Council is reproduced below.

8 MANAGEMENT

- (1) The affairs of the Association shall be managed and controlled by a Council which may exercise on behalf of the Association all the powers conferred on the Association by this Constitution, and may do all such things as are within the objects of the Association except such things as are required to be done by the Association in General Meeting.
- (2) The Council shall consist of the President of the Association, together with a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and not less than four, nor more than ten other members, all of whom shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- (3) The President shall hold office for a period of two years and shall be eligible for reelection after that period, provided that after three terms in office he or she shall stand down for at least one year.
- (4) The Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and half of the other members shall retire annually. The members to retire each year shall be determined by the Council which shall ensure,

as far as possible, that they shall retire in rotation. A retiring Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or member shall be eligible for re-election without nomination.

- (5) Nominations for election as President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer, or as a member of the Council shall be invited by notice in the Association's Newsletter or other appropriate publication not less than 21 days before the Annual General Meeting. All persons nominated for election must be members of the Association.
- (6) Nominations must be in writing and must be signed by two members of the Association and by the nominee to signify his willingness to stand for election.

They must include brief biographical details of the nominee for distribution to members at or before the Annual General Meeting and must reach the Secretary of the Association not less than seven days before the Annual General Meeting; provided that if an insufficient number of nominations has been received to fill the vacancies, additional nominations may be accepted at the Annual General Meeting.
- (7) If the number of nominations received is more than the number of vacancies to be filled, an election to fill the vacancies shall be held by secret ballot.

Nomination Form

I.....wish to nominate
for the position of

Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Council Member.

.....
(Signature of Nominee) (Proposer)

.....
(Please Print Name) (Seconder)

**Nominations close at 2.00pm On Friday 11th March 2016
at the Friends office**

Note: We welcome nominations for Council, particularly from new members. The section of the Friends Constitution relevant to nomination and election to the Council is reproduced on the opposite page



Alteration to constitution The Following Notice of Motion, endorsed by council, will be put to members to amend the constitution of the association.

Notice of Motion. That the constitution be amended as follows:

Extract from the existing constitution. Clause 11

11. PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

(1) The Council shall meet bi-monthly and at such other times as it may determine.

(2) The quorum for a meeting of the Council shall be five members to include the President or the Vice-President.

(3) At every meeting of the Council the Chair shall be taken by the President or in his absence by the Vice-President.

(4) Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes, and in the event of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.

(5) A member of the Council having a pecuniary interest in a proposed contract with the Association must disclose that interest to the Council and shall not vote with respect to that contract.

Motion 1

To enable a Council meeting to take place in the absence of both the President and Vice President.

Proposed Change to 11 (2), 11 (3) is to add the word in italics to each clause.

11 (2) The quorum for a meeting of the Council shall be five members to include the President or the Vice-President *or the Secretary or the Treasurer.*

11 (3) At every meeting of the Council the Chair shall be taken by the President or in his absence by the Vice-President *or in the absence of the President and Vice-President, by a member elected by the meeting.*

Motion 2

In the event of a tied vote, the President now has an additional vote. Council recommends that the President have the one vote, as do all Council members.

Proposed Change to 11 (4) is to strike out the words shown with a line through them.

~~(4) Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes, and in the event of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.~~

11 (4) then becomes.

(4) Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes

Motion 3

To update the Constitution to have Chair in place of Chairman, there are only 2 places Chairman occurs.

Note - If motion 2 succeeds, then only clause 14 (4) needs changing.

Extract from the existing Constitution

11 (4) Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes, and in the event of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.

14 (4) The Chairman may with the consent of the meeting at which a quorum is present adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. No notice need be given of such an adjourned meeting unless it be so directed in the resolution for adjournment, or unless the adjournment is for thirty days or more.

Proposed Change to 11 (4), 14 (4) is to replace "Chairman" with "Chair".

11 (4) Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes, and in the event of equality of votes the Chair shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.

14 (4) The Chair may with the consent of the meeting at which a quorum is present adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. No notice need be given of such an adjourned meeting unless it be so directed in the resolution for adjournment, or unless the adjournment is for thirty days or more.

Watering Trees Bears Fruit

Activities of the Greening Committee

Words by Neil Nosworthy

Photo courtesy of Jane Haar

Over the last few months the Greening Committee's field activities have been directed towards watering our trees along the trail at Worlds End. Despite a very dry spring and a hot summer, regular watering supplemented by some good rains has the trees growing well. The survival rate of last year's planting is 50-60%, more than double what we achieved in previous years. As the accompanying picture shows, our best specimen is big enough to squat behind although it doesn't cover everything.

2016 activities

The Greening Committee plans to undertake another planting at Worlds End at the end of April 2016. Our new grower, Jenny Pascoe, is raising 500 seedlings which are looking very good. This is the fourth year of planting at Worlds End and we expect that this will be the last year that we plant there.

The Committee plans to clean up our planting along the Bundaleer Channel at Railway Dam Road east of Spalding. We will collect the guards and stakes. In addition we are considering pruning some of the trees to achieve stronger growth. Specific dates for this work have not been determined but it maybe in the middle of the year (June/July) or later (September/October).

If you would like to assist with these activities, please contact Neil Nosworthy

- by email, neil@noztours.com.au or
- by phone 0447922617 or
- contact the Heysen Trail office on 82126299 or heysentrail@heysentrail.asn.au.

Greening Calendar Dates

Tree Planting at Worlds End:

Friday 29th April

Saturday 30th April

Spalding Clean up

Dates yet to be determined

- maybe June/July or September/October

Strategic Planning

The Greening Committee has commenced the development of a strategic plan to guide our activities for the next five years. We have started preliminary investigations into a major greening project in the mid-north section of the trail between Spalding and Melrose. If you have any suggestions, please contact Neil Nosworthy

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Big enough to squat behind? Not yet

News

Walking Committee Report

Lyn Wood, Walking Committee Chairperson

I hope you are all enjoying our beautiful summer. The Twilight walks have proven popular again this year with a variety of locations. These walks are a good opportunity to maintain your fitness over summer whilst catching up with friends and sharing a meal after the walk.

The 2016 walking season commences on Sunday 17 April. There is an interesting program of walks this year. The Trailstarters are a good introduction to walking and to increase your fitness. The Trailwalkers are longer walks and if you are doing End-to-End walks, provide opportunities to increase/maintain your fitness between walks.

On Sunday 17 April an event is being organised by the Lavender Federation Trail group to celebrate the crossing of the Heysen Trail and the Lavender Trail at Webb Gap. There will be walks organised by the Friends of Heysen Trail. Check the website and the item on page 18 for more information.

"The Warren Bonython Foundation will be organising a Day on the Trail in memory of Warren Bonython on

Sunday 22 May. The event will be located at Mt Crawford Forest. Please refer to the article in this Trailwalker for more details."

End-to-End walks provide a great opportunity to walk the entire Heysen Trail over a number of years and experience many areas of our State while making new friends. A new group – End-to-End 11 – will commence their journey on the Trail on Sunday 1 May, then on Sunday 29 May, and then continuing on the 4th Sunday of each month. Bookings for this group's first walk open on 20 March (see page 7 for more details).

This year we are trialling some mid-week Trailstarter walks. Russell O'Brien will be leading these. The dates are 3 May, 7 June, 5 July, 16 August and 6 September. You will need to register on-line, the same as for other walks.

We will again be organising a training session for anyone who is interested in leading walks. Keep your eyes open for more information on this in the next Trailwalker magazine.

Happy walking.



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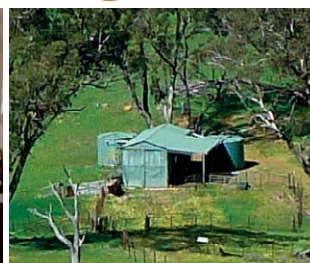
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Wanting to walk the Heysen Trail?

Well 2016 is your chance to start the journey.

The first walk of End-to-End 11 is on Sunday 1st May 2016. It will start at Cape Jervis and follow the coastline before climbing to finish at Cobblers Hill campground

Registration for the walk will open at midnight on Sunday 20th March 2016.

The volunteer walk leader John Babister is a keen walker who completed the Heysen Trail for the first time in 2015 with End-to-End 5 and, having enjoyed it so much, plans to do so for the second time with End-to-End 6 later this year.

He is joined by a great team of experienced voluntary leaders all of whom have completed the Trail and are looking forward to sharing a wonderful year of walking on the trail.

As part of the End-to-End 11 schedule John will be holding an introductory walk in the Adelaide Hills for registered participants. It should help walkers gauge their fitness levels yet provide time to build upon that fitness prior to the first End-to-End 11 walk along the trail.

All information about the introductory walk will be provided to participants upon registering. Just keep Sunday 10th April 2016 free for this mystery walk.



John Babister and Julian Monfries study the map for the first stages of the walk.

Car Shuffle Calculator

A walk leaders nightmare is trying to work out how many cars to take to the end of the walk and how to get them there AND get those drivers back to the start without using the cars that are needed at the end. Well here is the answer, sent to us by Tony Andrews.

P = number of hikers

L = number of cars to be taken to the end of the hike, to be left there

R = number of cars to be taken to the end of the hike, to be used to return the drivers

Assume that the cars L and R have a capacity of five including the driver.

$L = P / 5$ If L contains a fraction then take it to the next whole number

$R = L / 4$ Again, raise to the next whole number if necessary

Examples

If P = 20

then $L = P/5 = 20/5 = 4$

and $R = L/4 = 4/4 = 1$

So take $L + R = 4 + 1 = 5$ cars to the end of the hike and take the drivers back in $R = 1$ car

P = 43

then $L = P/5 = 43/5 = 8.6$ Raise this to $L = 9$

and $R = L/4 = 9/4 = 2.25$ Raise this to $R = 3$

So take $L + R = 9 + 3 = 12$ cars to the end of the hike and take the drivers back in $R = 3$ Cars

Note:

1. If the cars have a capacity of four including the driver, then let $L = P/4$ and $R = L/3$

2. If you have to use a mix of five and four capacity cars it is probably easiest to assume that they all have a capacity of four

3. If you all drive sports cars ...

Thanks Tony





End-to-End Walks 2016 Walk Season Programme

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	1st Weekend	2nd Weekend	3rd Weekend	4th Weekend	5th Weekend
May	Sun May 1 End-to-End 10 Myponga to Mt Compass	Sat May 7 – Sun May 8 End-to-End 7 Raeville to Locks Ruin to Bowman Park	Sun May 15	Sun May 22	Sat May 28 – Sun May 29 End-to-End 7 Bowman Park-Mills Rd-Wirrabara
	Sun May 1 End-to-End 11 Cape Jervis to Cobblers Hill	Sat May 7 – Sun May 8 End-to-End 8 Worlds End to Burra to Wandallah			Sun May 29 End-to-End 9 Mt Crawford to Pewsey Vale
		Sun May 8 End-to-End 9 Nugget Rd to Mt Crawford			Sun May 29 End-to-End 11 Cobblers Hill to Tapanappa
June	Sat June 4 – Mon Jun 13 End-to-End 6 Quorn to Mayo Gorge		Sun June 19 End-to-End 9 Pewsey Vale to Tanunda	Sat June 25 – Sun June 26 End-to-End 7 Wirrabara to Block 9 Rd to Murraytown	
	Sun June 5 End-to-End 10 Mt Compass to Kyeema	Sun June 12		Sat June 25 – Sun June 26 End-to-End 8 Wandallah - Newikie Ck - Dares Hill Summit Rd	
				Sun June 26 End-to-End 11 Tapanappa to Balquhider	
July	Sun July 3 End-to-End 10 Kyeema to Dashwood Gully	Sat July 9 – Sun July 10 End-to-End 8 Dares Hill Summit Rd to Hallett to EE George Rd Quarry	Sun July 17 End-to-End 9 Tanunda to Kapunda	Sat July 23 – Sun July 24 End-to-End 7 Murraytown-Melrose-Alligator Gorge Rd	Sun July 31
				Sat July 23 – Sun July 24 End-to-End 8 Cudlee Creek to Mewett Rd to Mt Crawford	
				Sun July 24 End-to-End 11 Balquhider to Waitpinga	
August	Sat Aug 6 – Sun Aug 7 End-to-End 8 EE George Rd Quarry to Spalding to Chlorinator	Sun Aug 14	Sat Aug 20 – Sun Aug 28 End-to-End 6 Mayo Gorge to Parachilna		
	Sun Aug 7 End-to-End 10 Dashwood Gully to Mylor		Sat Aug 20 – Sun Aug 21 End-to-End 9 Kapunda to Hamilton to Peters Hill	Sat Aug 27 – Sun Aug 28 End-to-End 7 Alligator Gorge Rd-Horrocks Pass-Broadview	
				Sun August 28 End-to-End 11 Waitpinga to Tugwell Rd	
September	Sun Sept 4 End-to-End 10 Mylor to Cleland	Sat Sept 10 – Sun Sept 11 End-to-End 8 Chlorinator to Curnows Hut to Raeville	Sat Sept 17 – Sun Sept 18 End-to-End 9 Peters Hill to Gerkie Gap to Webb Gap	Sat Sept 24 – Sun Sept 25 End-to-End 7 Broadview to Woolshed Flat to Quorn	
				Sun Sept 25 End-to-End 11 Tugwell Rd to Inman Valley	
October	Sun Oct 2 End-to-End 10 Cleland to Montacute Heights	Sat Oct 8 – Sun Oct 9 End-to-End 8 Raeville to Locks Ruin to Bowman Park	Sat Oct 15 – Sun Oct 16 End-to-End 9 Webb Gap to Burra Rd to Worlds End	Sun Oct 23 End-to-End 11 Inman Valley to Myponga	Sun Oct 30
November	Sun Nov 6 End-to-End 10 Montacute Heights to Cudlee Creek	Sun Nov 13	Sun Nov 20	Sun Nov 27	

Walk Grades

There are five different grades of walk on the Friends of the Heysen Trail walk programme. Four of these operate during the walk season, generally from April to November when it is not Fire Ban Season:

- Trail Starter
- Trail Walker
- Trail Rambler
- End-to-End

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Walk Registration

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Walk Cancellations

End-to-End walks are not subject to a weather forecast temperature limit, however the walk leader may decide to cancel or amend the event if weather is deemed to present a high risk.

If unforeseen circumstances arise and you are no longer able to participate in the walk, please notify the office as soon as possible, or leave a message on the answering machine after this time.

Further Information

Details about each walk, the weather policy, what to wear and what to bring, walk grades or to print off a colour copy of the programme, visit heysentrail.asn.au



TrailStarter & TrailWalker Walks

2016 Walk Season Programme

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	1st Weekend	2nd Weekend	3rd Weekend	4th Weekend	5th Weekend
April			Sun April 17 TrailStarter Onkaparinga Robyn Quinn Sun April 17 TrailWalker Cleland Adam Matthews	Sunday April 17 Special Event HT meets LFT at Webb Gap Apr 22-25 Anzac Weekend Trip Away Grampians Simon Cameron	Sat Apr 30 TrailWalker Lavender Federation Trail Stephen Salib-Brown
May	Sun May 1 TrailStarter TBA TBA Sun May 1 TrailWalker TBA TBA	Sun May 8 TrailStarter Sturt Gorge Chris O'Brien Sun May 8 TrailWalker Boot Camp - Cleland Peter Solomon	Sun May 15 TrailStarter Brownhill Creek Richard Milosh Sun May 15 TrailWalker Yurrebilla -1 Michael Middleton	Sun May 22 TrailStarter Trott Park Noeleen Smith Sun May 22 TrailWalker Horsnell Gully Richard Milosh	Sunday May 22 Special Event Warren Bonython Foundation Walk Sun May 29 TrailStarter Black Hill Esteban Garrido Sun May 29 TrailWalker Morialta Dana Florea
June	Sun June 5 TrailStarter Bethany Peter Solomon Sat June 4 TrailWalker Lavender Federation Trail Stephen Salib-Brown	Sun June 12 TrailStarter Crafrers Richard Milosh Sun June 12 TrailWalker TBA TBA	Sun June 19 TrailStarter Belair Chris O'Brien Sun June 19 TrailWalker Yurrebilla -1 Mary Cartland	Sun June 26 TrailStarter Ambers Gully Richard Milosh Sun June 26 TrailWalker Gandys Gully Rollercoaster Neil Rivett	
July	Sun July 3 TrailStarter Horsnell Gully Kevin Liddiard Sat July 2 TrailWalker Lavender Federation Trail Stephen Salib-Brown	Sun July 10 TrailStarter Sturt Gorge Robyn Quinn Sun July 10 TrailWalker Montacute Mary Cartland	Sun July 17 TrailStarter Mount George Chris Porter Sun July 17 TrailWalker Yurrebilla -1 Michael Middleton	Sun July 24 TrailStarter Scott Creek Adam Matthews Sun July 24 TrailWalker Mount Misery Richard Milosh	Sun July 31 TrailStarter Sea to Summit Half Alan Davis Sun July 31 TrailWalker Sea to Summit Full Alan Davis
August	Sun August 7 TrailStarter Waite Dana Florea Sat August 6 - Sun August 7 TrailWalker Lavender Federation Trail Stephen Salib-Brown	Sun August 14 TrailStarter Mt Crawford Robyn Quinn Sun August 14 TrailWalker Scott Creek Chris O'Brien	Sun August 21 TrailStarter Parra Wirra Arrienne Wynen Sun August 21 TrailWalker Yurrebilla -1 Mary Cartland	Sun August 28 TrailStarter Blewitt Springs Noeleen Smith Sun August 28 TrailWalker Mount Hayfield Peter Clark	
September	Sun Sept 4 TrailStarter Mount Lofty Graham Bald Sat 3 Sept - Sun Sept 4 TrailWalker Lavender Federation Trail Stephen Salib-Brown	Sun Sept 11 TrailStarter Cox's Scrub Chris Porter Sun Sept 11 TrailWalker Horsnell Gully Simon Cameron	Sun Sept 18 TrailStarter Anstey Hill John Babister Sun Sept 18 TrailWalker Morialta Adam Matthews	Sun Sept 25 TrailStarter Marys Gully Arrienne Wynen Sun Sept 25 TrailWalker TBA TBA	
October	Sun Oct 2 TrailStarter Mt Barker Graham Bald Oct 1-3 Long Weekend TrailWalker Lavender Federation Trail Stephen Salib-Brown	Sun Oct 9 TrailStarter TBA TBA Sun Oct 9 TrailWalker Shepherds Hill Simon Cameron	Sun Oct 16 TrailStarter Cleland Michael Middleton Sun Oct 16 TrailWalker Beaumont Spur John Babister	Sun Oct 23 TrailStarter TBA TBA Sun Oct 23 TrailWalker TBA TBA	Sun Oct 30 TrailStarter Mount George Adam Matthews Sun Oct 30 TrailWalker TBA TBA

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Walk Cancellations

TrailStarter and TrailWalker walks will be cancelled in the forecast temperature for Adelaide is equal or higher than 32°C.

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Further Information

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Opening of Eudunda to Webb Gap section of the Lavender Federation Trail Celebration of the Lavender Federation Trail crossing the Heysen Trail

The Board of SARTI are proud to announce a major celebration to mark these two great milestones in the development of the Lavender Federation Trail (LFT). This will be held on Sunday April 17th 2016 at Peppermint Springs on Ngapala Road which is about 4 kms ESE from Webb gap in the Tothill Range. Webb Gap is where the Heysen Trail crosses the range from west to east and the LFT crosses from east to west.

10:00 Walks will be organised by SARTI starting at Peppermint Springs from 10:00.
11:00 Invited guests and supporters gather at Peppermint Springs and proceed to Webb Gap walking or by vehicle.
12:00 Official opening ceremony at Webb Gap.
13:00 Lunch at Peppermint Springs followed by speeches of thanks etc.
14:00 Last organised walk.

Everyone is invited to attend and join us on this auspicious day. Catering will be provided by the Robertstown War Memorial Community Centre. Local producers are invited to attend and show their products.

Walking Groups are invited to join us by adding a walk on this day to their program. Advice on walks can be obtained from Ian Pool (imedp@bigpond.com) or Graham Hallandal (asta@internode.on.net).

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Tuesday Trailstarters

As a trial, Russell O'Brien has kindly offered to lead some mid-week walks during the 2016 walking season. They will be Trailstarters and will be held monthly on a Tuesday. Please support this initiative.

May: Tuesday 3rd, Kuitpo
June: Tuesday 7th, Scott Creek
July: Tuesday 5th, Sturt Gorge (to be confirmed)
August: Tuesday 16th, Belair
September: Tuesday 6th, Bridgewater

Please make a note of these dates as these walks do not appear on the program on page 17. They will appear on the website and bookings can be made in the usual manner.

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Mt Crawford Forest – 22nd May 2016

Please join us for the Foundation's inaugural fund raising event.

Proceeds of the Foundation's fund raising activities are currently used to support greening activities along the Heysen Trail and the restoration of fire damaged sections of the Trail.

The 2016 Walk For Warren will be conducted at Mt Crawford on the 22nd May 2016 from 9.30 am. There will be three loop walk options of 5 km, 8 km and 15 km suitable for all ages and standards of walking fitness. So bring the family for a great day out.

In keeping with the tradition of the Walk for Warren established by Friends of the Heysen Trail, the theme for the day will be yellow and a prize consisting of a Heysen Trail merchandise pack to the value of \$100 will offered for the best sartorial contribution on the day.

At the conclusion of the walk there will be a sausage sizzle in the Chalks Road carpark.

The cost of registration is \$30 for adults, \$5 for children and \$50 for families.

You may also choose to sponsor a participant or make a one-off donation to the Foundation.

Register for the walk through the Friends walk program <http://heysentrail.asn.au/walks> or the event website – <http://walkforwarren.gofundraise.com.au>

Please note that the Foundation's application to be registered as an environmental charity is still pending and donations at this point in time are unfortunately not tax deductible.



The Path Less Travelled

by Vicki Cox. Photos by Julian Monfries, Simon Cameron, Zac Zaharas and Katie Sarah.

If you enjoy a chance to absorb scenery, culture and military history, one of those once-in-a-lifetime experiences, then this is the trip for you

The seeds for this unique adventure were first planted about 6 years ago. I always had an interest in trekking in Papua New Guinea (PNG) and the prospect of sharing the experience in a small group on a path less travelled was an offer too good to refuse.

The geography lesson - where is Shaggy Ridge?

Shaggy Ridge is a razor-back ridge in the Finisterre Ranges in north-eastern PNG. The ridge rises between the valleys of the Mene and Faria Rivers and ends at Kankiryo Saddle – a bridge of land separating the Faria Valley from the Mindjim River Valley.

We very nearly didn't get to leave!

The preparations for the trek were complicated by our lack of visas. Despite numerous phone calls and emails, which seemed to fall on deaf ears, it was only after our trek leader made a last minute mercy dash to the PNG consulate in Canberra to physically collect

the visas and then send them by express post, that our departure was assured. All on the last working day before our trip – phew!!!

Note to self: send PNG visa applications to Brisbane office, turnaround time – 2 weeks as opposed to 3 months!

Then there's the journey to get to PNG.

They say half the fun is actually getting there. It took a day of flying from Adelaide – Melbourne – Cairns – Port Moresby. An overnight stay in Port Moresby, then another flight to Lae. Our luggage missed the connecting flight from Melbourne to Cairns and so didn't make it to PNG. Contingency plans were made for one of the trek leaders to stay behind in Port Moresby to wait for the luggage and then meet up with us in Lae.

Note to self: always carry spare underwear and your toothbrush in your carry-on luggage.

Nothing seems easy in PNG.

The logistics and planning of this type of trek is not an

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easy task. We were fortunate to have engaged the services of a company which had excellent links with the local communities and key personnel.

On our third day, we drove in a security escorted convoy to Onge Village where we would commence our trek. On arriving we encountered a small obstacle, with the village chief demanding extra funds before we could proceed. There was a real threat that we would not be able to commence the trek. Thanks to his networks, experience and calm reassuring manner, a very tactful and diplomatic meeting between Reg Yates, one of our trek leaders, and the village chief, resolved the conflict with no extra money changing hands and we could "head for the hills"

Note to self: reputable
tour operators are highly
recommended

The challenges didn't end there.

The trek circuit is approximately 36km, but there is no water on Shaggy Ridge. Extra porters were engaged to help carry water for the group for the two days we were ascending Shaggy Ridge, traversing the ridge and then descending to a drinkable source, near Kankiryo Saddle.

This trek is described as a strenuous trip, requiring a reasonable degree of fitness. Strength, stamina and endurance to cope with rough, uneven and slippery terrain is essential.

Carrying a pack in steep and sometimes slippery terrain is one thing, but the major factor to consider is whether you can cope with hiking in hot, and humid tropical conditions. Luckily for us, track and weather conditions were perfect.

Several afternoons we had rain, but we had finished hiking for the day and already set up camp so it did not interfere with our schedule.

Accounting for early morning starts, we were hiking for 5-6 hours per day. I have never sweated on a hike like I did on this trek. My clothes were wet to the point of saturation by the end of each day's hike.

Note to self: train for the terrain



Ascending Shaggy Ridge - view towards the Southwest

Speaking of terrain, this track is not regularly used by locals, and maybe only twice or three times a year by trekkers. Coupled with the climate which fosters lush tropical growth, the path varies from old vehicle tracks to a barely visible foot pad. Kunai grass growing up to 2 metres in height is not uncommon. Dense undergrowth meant the porters were our advance party, walking ahead to slash the vegetation to make a way for us.

The porters were always in possession of their bush knives. The way they handled these knives, which had





Hiking along the Faria River

blades in excess of 18 inches long, without favouring a dominant arm was unbelievable. It was like watching a flash mob of Edward Scissorhands in action.

The children were trained in bushcraft from an early age. We watched 2 year olds running around the villages proudly displaying their knives. No place for overprotective mothers in the highlands of PNG!

Note to self: don't be a helicopter grandparent!



Hiking along the Faria River

The porters and villagers: The porters carried our trekking gear, approx. 10kg packs so we only had to sling a day pack over our shoulders.

The porters did not wear shoes, their feet are adapted to walking on uneven terrain with their toes splayed out like eagles claws clinging onto the rocks in the river beds.

On days 4 and 5 we were based in the village of



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Mouska, where I was privileged to meet the family of my personal porter, Leipus. He was the father of three sons, who were very proud that their father was working as a member of our trekking group.

We followed the porters along their hunting tracks up to John's Knoll, our group reportedly being the first Australians to explore the Knoll since WW2.

We were treated to a concert of singing and dancing by the Mouska women who also displayed their beautiful basket weaving skills.

We watched them, fascinated, as they made and set up traps to trap cassowary, started fire in a matter of minutes simply by using two sticks, and fashioned bow and arrows from palm wood to hunt for wild pigs.

Speaking of fire, at one point, we stopped for a morning tea break on Shaggy Ridge and heard an unnerving sound – the crackling noise of fire burning dry grass. Being from a bushfire-prone area, the first instinct is to panic and run. But we discovered this was just a routine “burn off”, the porters using fire for land clearing and also hoping that the smoke would mobilise some wild or feral animals out of the jungle ready to be killed for an evening feast.

Note to self: where there's smoke, there is fire!

The history

The one question that continually haunts you as you are trekking is “How on earth, could you fight a war in this terrain?”

Throughout the trek, Reg, complemented by Zac and Simon, provided a detailed account of the campaign ensuring we fully appreciated the ground we were walking over and the conditions and experiences the soldiers faced.

There was plenty of opportunity to hear the stories of the battles, absorbing the history as we passed Japanese and Australian weapon pits, observation post holes, ammunition shells, rusted drink flasks and other relics.

“Perched on a slope of about 50 degrees, soldiers would have to tie themselves to a tree, foxholes were precariously dug into the slope, which collapsed after the tropical downpours the Aussies built balcony-like bamboo decks from the ridge to pitch their tents on”

Note to self: a thought provoking and sobering shared experience with a new-found appreciation of the legacy left by a generation of Australian soldiers who fought for our freedom.



The start of the Shaggy Ridge top



Camp at Kankiryo Saddle - Day 3



But for me, this journey was all about the ridgetop.

An excerpt from my blog reads: “Thursday July 9, 1pm.....We reached the southern crest of the ridgetop which opened up to a narrow flat clearing and signalled the end of the day’s walk. We were on the southern edge of Shaggy Ridge.

I continued walking along the track. The forest canopy ended and suddenly the views unfolded right in front of me.

I will never forget it. The eastern flank of Shaggy was covered in thick kunai grassland, dropping away precipitously down to the Faria River 600 metres below. Dense rainforest dominated the north-eastern and eastern landscape, an ocean-like canopy of green jungle covering the hills and valleys to the horizon. Turning to the southeast, John’s Knoll, Pallier’s Hill and Kings Hill were obvious landmarks in the foreground framing the Ramu Valley in the distance.

The western flank of Shaggy was heavily wooded, with thick, impenetrable rainforest obscuring most of the views of the highlands to the south and west.

My gaze turned to the north. What a sight! Shaggy Ridge - a knife-edge razorback ridge, spread out over 6 and 1/2 kilometres.

The key landmarks of the battlefield were laid out right in front of me - The Pimple, Green Sniper’s Pimple and McCaughey’s Knoll. All the history I had read about and the black and white photographs took on a whole new meaning and came to life in vibrant colour. And the realization, I would be walking along the narrow “one man front” tomorrow following in the footsteps of the 2/9th battalion.....”

There were times for moments of quiet reflection but also plenty of time for spirited conversation, cheeky humour, laughter and singing, the values of Aussie mateship shining through. We had a makeshift “troppo orchestra” with performances of ocarina, recorder, and of course, the bagpipes, playing symphonies in paradise.



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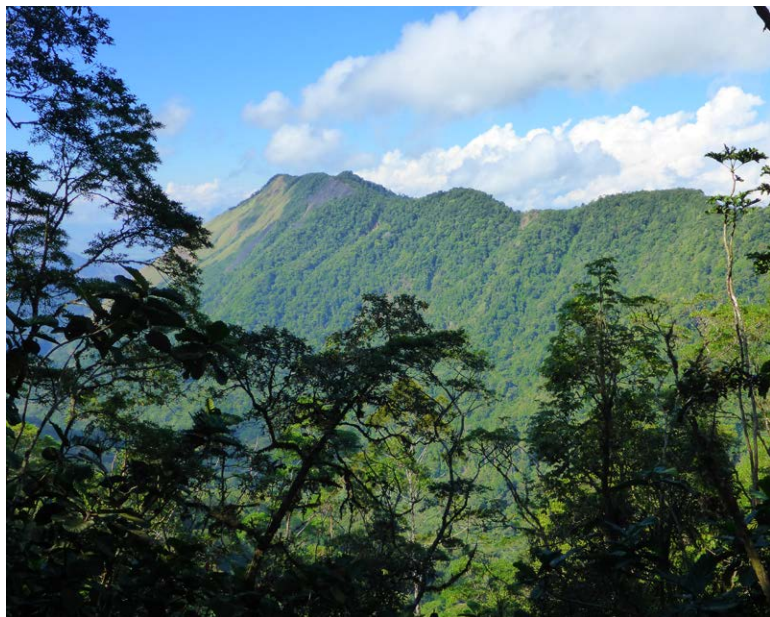
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Shaggy Ridge was an amazing adventure - disconnecting from routine and reconnecting with nature, boldly crossing thresholds on the path less travelled and making the moment....

Note to self: take time to live life on the edge of my dreams!



View of Shaggy Ridge from Crater Hill.
Yes, we hiked along that ridge top!



The team - Reg Yates, one of the guides on the far right. Last campsite - Aginau Village



The author climbing to the top of Palliers Hill.
Faria River in background



Remembering Gunther Schmitz (1946 - 2016)

by Mark Darter



Thredbo bound

Gunther passed away on 12 January 2016 after declining health, and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

First and foremost he was a husband, father, father-in-law, Opa and brother, leaving his wife Hilda, sons Richard (a past president of the Friends), Heidi, Maria-Rose (grand-daughter) and Robert, and brothers John and Bill.

Most of us knew him as a bushwalker. Perhaps it was the tentative foray into overnight backpacking and camping, run by the Friends as an introductory

weekend in 1994, that really opened his eyes to the greater outdoors. Indeed his eulogy Richard referred to the mounting cost of camping gear for a supposedly cheap pastime.

After completing the Heysen Trail in 1999, his long-distance walks really took off. The northern Flinders Ranges to Mt Hopeless, then and across the Strzelecki Desert to Cameron Corner. He end-to-ended Australia's great walks: Hume & Hovell Track, Australian Alps Walking Track, Larapinta Trail, Overland Track, South Coast Track, and most recently soloed the Bibbulmun Track.

Since retiring in 2006, and the need to fill in all that spare time, he became increasingly involved with Conservation Volunteers Australia, discovered cycling and kayaking, crossed the Simpson Desert several times by 4WD... and got a passport. With much of Australia covered with his boot prints, he discovered other continents needing to be walked – Mt Kenya and Kilimanjaro in East Africa, Mt Wilhelm and the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea, and Kangchenjunga in Nepal.

All this walking made him too fit, and his regular walking companions were increasingly left behind, left staring uphill at his calf muscles.

Gunther was a long-time member of the Friends of the Heysen Trail, but he mostly walked with his own little group, always there to suggest new walks, share a laugh and be part of the happy banter.

As a contributor to the Friends' guidebook *Push the Bush*, his profile read "Next project – walk the entire length of the Pacific Ocean". If he had time, no doubt he would have. His mates ensured his boots went with his coffin to give him another chance on that big project.

Keep on walking, Gunther.

Mark Darter, John Schmitz, Les Skinner, Dennis Cowling



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Heysen Trail Closure during the Fire Danger Season

We recently received a copy of correspondence from the Acting Project Manager, DEWNR concerning the reasons for the closure of the Heysen Trail during the Fire Danger Season (FDS) in South Australia.

The letter explains the reason for the closure of the trail.

When access for the Heysen Trail was being negotiated with private landowners (approx. 20% of the trail is on private land) and rural communities, one of the key issues was camping, campfires and bushfires. Concerns were based around the possibility of a walker's campfire escaping and becoming a fire hazard. In addition, if a bushfire did start the landowner may not know if walkers were in the area, or on their property, and also if they were safe or under threat.

After some deliberation it was accepted that most people living in urban areas, tourists or those unfamiliar with living in fire prone areas, would not be aware of the restrictions under the 'Country Fires Act' regarding the use of fires during the FDS. The Fire Danger Season extends beyond the summer months (Dec – Feb) each year and includes the months of March and April.


To overcome these concerns it was decided to close the Heysen Trail during the FDS (usually 1 Dec – 30 April). There have been many occasions where this period has been extended due to low rainfall, as was the case this year 2015/2016 when the season was brought forward to the 1st and 17th November depending on the Fire Ban District.

The letter states that it is still possible to walk along the trail in Forest Reserves, National and Conservation Parks and along country roads. Camping and cooking with a naked flame, however, is restricted or banned during the FDS.

Public reserves such as Forests and National/ Conservation parks are open to the public over the FDS however on days of Extreme or Catastrophic fire danger they are usually closed. The closure information on these dangerous fire days is usually promoted through the media via radio and television news bulletins. In addition access gates to forests and parks are locked and a sign informing people that the area is closed due to the fire danger.

This trail closure information is reinforced in all Heysen Trail literature, websites and on most information and entry signs.

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Trail Maintenance

Colin Edwards

Trail Development Co-ordinator

It is a long hot summer ; not ideal for work on the trail. We are hoping for a break and a chance to pick up on the projects needed for the opening of the walking season and there is plenty to keep us busy.

Due to a large land sale we have lost access to Freemans hut and will have to both reroute the trail and also find a new hut location. We have finalised a route taking us up Tower Road (which ironically was the original trail many years ago) and then on to Ross Fire Track. The hut location will possibly be in forestry land west of Wirra Wirra Road. Remarking the trail will be in place by the time of the season opening and hopefully we will have news of the hut in the next Trailwalker.

On the brighter side the original route through Bundaleer forest will be back in place and Curnows hut will be available all in time for this walking season. The Morialta Barns track (where there was a temporary reroute) is open again. We are hopeful that the access problem with the camp site at Finniss will be resolved in our favour. And finally we have approval for the installation of a water tank on Moores Road adjacent to but not inside the entry to Morialta park.

The Trail Development Committee has been busy planning improvements for the trail and these will require a regular output from the workshop

at Cobbler Creek. The proposal is for a working day fortnightly on a Monday or Tuesday – details are still being worked on. For anyone interested please contact Colin Edwards on 0427 690 085. No particular skills are needed, just an interest in helping to improve our trail amenities.

Have you noticed any maintenance issues on the Heysen Trail?

Each year, every part of the Heysen Trail is walked by at least one of our End-to-End walking groups. We have arrangements by which the walk leaders report any issues they notice along the trail. These may range from the trail being closed or moved due to sections of forest being logged, cattle knocking over marker posts or marker plates missing or damaged.

If you notice something is awry while you are walking the trail you can help as well. Please take a note of the location (Guide Book or Sheet Map Number), grid reference, description of the problem and, if possible, a photo.

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Section 3 Maintenance Report

Since taking on Section 3 of the Heysen Trail for maintenance, the Wandergruppe Bushwalkers of the South-Australian German Association (SAADV) have introduced a few alterations to the Trail. The section from Hancock Road to Kirk Road/Ferndale has been changed back to Keen Road, where it was previously, and we were pleased with the improvements because the Monitor Box on Hancock Road turns out to be very handy for comments.

The very steep section at Sugarloaf Hill/Inman Valley at the end of Martin Road had become a nightmare and no one really had an answer. I had a long chat with the landowner about this section of the Trail and he pointed to the top of Sugarloaf Hill, saying: "That's all my land and you can do what you like with the Trail to make it easier for the walkers." He was very supportive. Walkers now love the minor change at Sugarloaf Hill and it is much easier to hike for the elderly walkers. A short section of Inman Valley Road, only 1.5 kilometres east of Inman Valley has always been a problem and was very dangerous for group walks, so something had to be done. After putting heads together with DEWNR, the Friends of the Heysen Trail and the landowners of Inman Valley, our mind was made up to relocate the Trail, but the question was where to. We, (Arnulf Mollenhauer and I) explored the area of Inman Valley for a suitable route for the Trail. There we met Brenton Lush, a landowner in the area, who was very helpful, giving us good indications where to relocate the Trail. Walking the Heysen Trail now from Hancock Road in a northerly direction, you will notice a big change and enjoy an environmentally friendly area.

Hermann Schmidt
Section Leader of Section 3 & 4.



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The Friends of the Heysen are a volunteer organisation dedicated to the promotion and maintenance of the Heysen Trail. The organisation depends on members and where appropriate non-members for information and comments on the condition, location and safety of the trail for all walkers. All comments are welcome, both good and bad, collated and forwarded to the appropriate Section Leader for action. Details on the location referred to would be appreciated.

Trail Development Coordinator

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2B. Waitpinga Campground to Back Valley Rd	Southern Guidebook, Maps 1.5-2.2 GR 735 544 to 761 649	John Quinn	8294 3115 (H)
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11. Bethany to Hamilton	Southern Guidebook, Maps 4.4-5.2 GR 148 759 to 045 102	Michael Wienel	0424 739 037
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