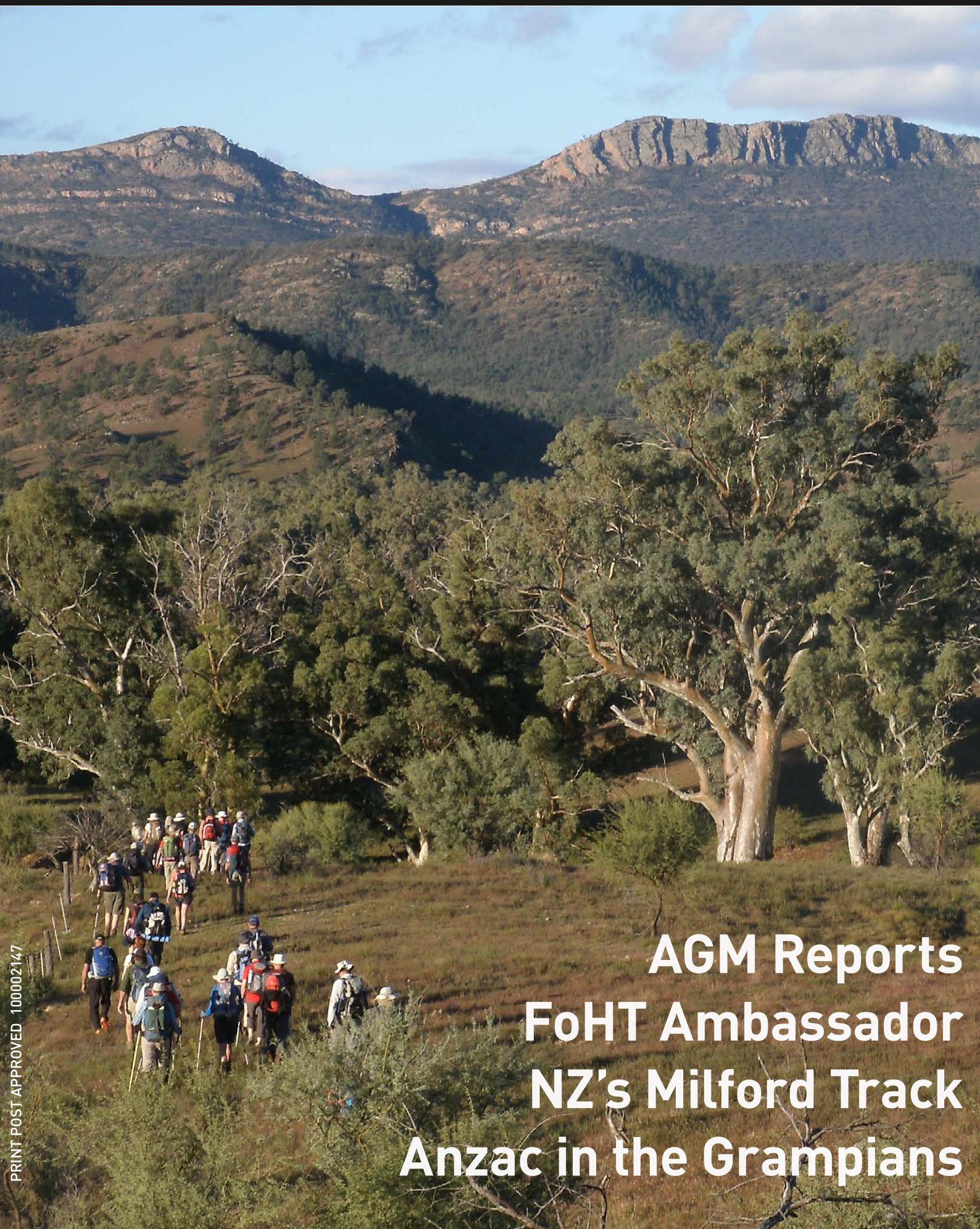




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Wednesday 20 July 2016  
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# President

## A Word from the President

Robert Alcock



The Warren Bonython Heysen Trail Foundation held the "Walk for the Heysen" on Sunday 22nd May. This was the first fundraising event for the Foundation and it was a great success. Also at this event I welcomed Ron Kandelaars into the role

of the Friends Ambassador, and presented him with an Ambassador certificate. Welcome to the Friends, Ron. See the reports on page 9.

Speaking of the Foundation, the Foundation received good news in early May. The application to be entered into the Register of Environmental Organisations has finally been accepted. What does that mean? Donations to it's public fund may now be eligible for a tax deduction. We have been waiting on this decision for over 2 years, and it means the Foundation can now get on with it's business.

Getting back to the past 3 months of news. We held the AGM at a new venue this year and a large group of members attended, specifically to hear the informative and very interesting talk from Erina Sipos. Erina is the mum who with her husband Luke, trekked the 1,200km length of the HeysenTrail, with their 3 young children. "5 Ordinary People", who did the extraordinary. Thank you Erina for providing more insights into this trek. (see Trailwalker Summer 2016, to read about this adventure).

The Lavender Federation Trail (LFT) now crosses the Heysen Trail at Webb Gap, in the Tothill Ranges. A large group of Friends' walkers joined the function on 17th April to open this section of the LFT. It was an historic occasion, with so many of the SA walking community getting together, at the joining of two long distance walking trails, both with a common architect in Terry Lavender. Speeches from special guests Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP, State Member for Stuart, and SARTI (the LFT management) Patron Ann Lavender were held at Webb Gap before we returned to Peppermint Springs for the wonderfully wide selection of food provided by a local community

group for lunch. The day was a wonderful catch-up with so many long time bushwalkers, and newer ones, attending the opening.

A visit to the Murray Hills Trails opening gave David Rattray and myself a chance to promote the Walk for the Heysen. These walk and bike trails are on government land and were developed by Natural Resources at Murray Bridge who sponsored the day.

We are well into walking season: On 1st May I joined the End-to-End 11 group on their first walk. A very enthusiastic group of 60 plus walkers enjoyed good walking conditions and made good time. The weather was a nice surprise after the very heavy downpours in Adelaide as we left for Cape Jervis. This group will have now completed the second walk, and we wish them well on their long trek north.

The End-to-End 8's made me welcome as I joined them in the walk from Worlds End to Burra. This was my final "catch-up" walk to complete the End-to-End 4 walks, and the 8's formed the guard of honour to recognise my completion of the 1200km trail. It is the third completion for me, two up and one down, and while it didn't provide the elation of the final steps of that first completion, there was still a great feeling of achievement, enhanced by the cheering well wishing crowd. With tired legs, I was able to celebrate at the Black Sheep dinner with the very entertaining members of the 8's. Thank you 8's. And no, three is enough!

The Jodie Lee Foundation recently held their annual 80km trek on the Heysen Trail, this year passing through Melrose and over Mount Remarkable. Over 300 energetic and determined walkers again joined this very successful event. Events like this assist the fundraising, this time for bowel cancer, and also promote the Heysen Trail to a new audience.

Best Wishes with your walking adventures, whatever they are. (And write them up for the Trailwalker. Let us all enjoy them).

# News

## Have you booked on a walk and you now can't make it?

If you've registered for a walk and find that due to illness or a change of plans, that you are unable to join the walk, please let us know. It is important that you let the walk leader know not to expect you.

While walk leaders may wait a little while after the start time of the walk (there is no obligation for them to do so) they really appreciate early notice of withdrawals.

You can advise walk leaders in a number of ways.

1. Log into your account page and then navigate to the Manage your Walk registration page. Find the walk in your list and click on the 'View Walk Page'. Find the CANCEL REGISTRATION section. Tick the CANCEL check box and then click on the CANCEL SELECTED REGISTRATIONS button. Wait for the page to refresh.

As the leaders have to leave home early to lead the walk, please do this as early as possible and preferably by evening before the walk commences

2. You can ring the Office BEFORE 2.15pm on Friday and ask the Office volunteers to cancel the registration for you.

PLEASE NOTE that Walk Leaders NO LONGER have remote access to the Office voicemail system for any voicemails left after the office closes at 2.30 pm on Friday.

3. Send an email to the walk leader.

Check the walk leader name as listed in the walk description on the website. If it is highlighted in red text, that indicates a hyper linked email address. If you click on the name you will be taken to your email service.

Individual walk leaders may give contact instructions (such as an email address or phone number) in the meeting location message instructions

Remember, in accordance with our Refund policy, if you withdraw before the closing time of registrations you may be entitled to a refund. The closing time of registrations is displayed on the event page.

You can apply to the Office for a refund of the walk fee (unless you used a Golden Boots pass) and the bus fee (if applicable).

## Registration system update.

We acknowledge that members and walkers have recently experienced problems while making booking transactions on the website. We have all found these problems to be frustrating, so please accept this apology for any inconvenience you have experienced.

The website redevelopment is nearly complete and we trust these problems will be eliminated over the next few weeks.

Some walkers have contacted the office to ask whether their walk registration has been successful. They either haven't received a walk registration confirmation email or they have received a receipt/booking confirmation which was meant to go to another person.

In most cases, even if you receive an incorrect email, you can still check whether your registration has been successful.

Once you've attempted a booking, go to your account page:

1. Click on ACCOUNT in the menu bar in the top right corner of the screen. The next screen you will see is the Account page.
2. In the grey column on the left hand side, click on MANAGE YOUR WALK REGISTRATIONS.
3. You should then find a list of your walks. The walk you have booked should appear in the list.
4. Click on VIEW WALK PAGE for the walk you want and you will find the information that is included in the email, including the meeting location.

If the walk is not listed on that page, it is probably because the payment has not been confirmed by the National Australia Bank. This is as a result of a communication fault between the NAB and our website.

Some walkers, thinking that that the first registration hasn't been successful, have tried to register again,

The problem is that despite the delay in receiving the payment confirmation, the first registration may have been successful. Unfortunately we can't tell this until a day or two after the attempted registration. By attempting to immediately register again, some walkers find that they have registered twice for the same walk.

So the best advice is to check your walk registration first, and if in doubt, please contact the office (either by email or phone).

Also please remember that the book-keepers check our banking records each Friday, to ensure the payments and registrations reconcile. If you have made an overpayment, we will issue you with a refund.

## Privacy Policy Statement - Updated 20/4/2016

We value your right to privacy and take measures to protect personal information we may hold about you.

In December 2001, new sections of the Commonwealth Government Privacy Act were passed, relating to how organisations handle personal information on private individuals. Council members feel it is important to re-assure members that we do not intend to make your personal information available to anyone outside our organisation. Although the Friends of the Heysen Trail and Other Walking Trails Inc. (FoHT) is not bound by this Act (it only applies to businesses with an annual turnover of more than \$3 million and health service providers), we feel that it is desirable to have a Policy Statement, to protect our Member's rights, and to reassure Members that their personal information will only be used for official purposes.

**Need for Personal Information:** Our Constitution requires the FoHT to maintain a register of personal information relating to all members of the Association, showing their full names and addresses, with telephone numbers where appropriate.

**Collection of Personal Information:** The FoHT collects personal information regarding Members from their paper application and paper renewal forms, or online forms for Membership. From this we record your date of joining, duration of membership, your financial membership status, and your willingness to assist in our various voluntary activities. We hold no information regarding the health of Members.

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### **Accuracy and Security of Personal Information:**

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# News

FoHT recently received advice from the national Triple Zero Awareness Work Group (TZAAG) seeking our support to promote an important public safety initiative. As a result of problems experienced by emergency call-takers and emergency services, in late 2013 TZAAG launched a free smartphone app: Emergency+.

TZAAG identified that more than 66% of incoming emergency calls were now made from mobile phones: however, mobile callers often do not know exactly where they are, meaning call-processing times are longer and call-takers are then unavailable to take the next incoming emergency call.

Determining caller location is the most critical piece of information emergency call-takers need when a call comes in. If callers don't know where they are, emergency services can't send help.

Emergency+ uses the existing GPS functionality of smartphones to enable callers to provide emergency call-takers with their location information as determined by their smartphone. When activated, the built in accessibility features of a smartphone will describe aloud what appears on-screen, so a caller can use the app without seeing it. The Emergency+ app is available for free download in Apple iOS, Android and Windows phone versions, and has already saved lives by ensuring emergency services arrive on-scene as quickly as possible to assist someone in need. One

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## New Members

The President and the Council would like to extend a warm welcome to the following 61 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.

Julie Andrew	Meredith Harrison	Sally Mulvihill	David Saunders
Tracey Bateman	Sally Heinrich	Jane Murdoch	Annabelle Schuttloffel
Rosemary Cadden	Gregory Johnson	Peter Nation	Kirsten Seaver
Julie Carmichael	Helen Jurgens Jones	Michael Nugent	Jeannie Sirona
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Melanie Hand	Stephanie Miller	Claire Saunders	



# Walk for the Heysen - A fun day of walking plus an Ambassador

Robert Alcock

The first fundraising event for the Warren Bonython Heysen Trail Foundation was held on Sunday 22 May. The "Walk for the Heysen" was a great success. Billed as a fun day, 129 walkers, plus all their leaders, enjoyed the picturesque Mount Crawford native scrub and forest pines. All came back with big smiles as they tucked into their selection off the BBQ. The rain held off until lunchtime, with only the large group of 15km walkers receiving a cooling shower on the last leg home. Fromms Farm proved to be a good venue, with the huge shelter keeping everyone out of the drizzle once it did arrive.

Most walkers were new to the Heysen Trail organisations, and our facebook page postings were an important method of "getting the message out" to these new walkers. We received many compliments and comments such as, "is this an annual event"? We shall see. It will be a decision for the Foundation. Watch this space!

A big thank you to all the walkers, to all the volunteers, and to the Foundation Directors. Thanks to Forestry SA, for the Fromms Farm campsite venue with its large dry shelter, and a special thanks to Kennards Hire, who once again gave us great support - from the toilets, to tables, and a generator to power the blues band. Thanks also to the Kiwanis Club of Barossa who cooked up the steak, chicken and snags which fed us all. Plus Richard Trembath and the "Deuces Wild" band who entertained us with good music. Who knew that Richard had such talents. The Friends assisted with this fundraising day by supplying walk leaders and other volunteers.

Remember that the Foundation was set up by the Friends to provide a funding vehicle to support the Heysen Trail and other walking trails in SA. The funds raised by this event will go towards the program for more toilets at campsites, and investigating a remote monitoring system for our water tanks. Of note is the large jump in facebook "likes" to the Heysen Trail page. We now have over 2,400 people connected to our facebook news and information. A large and growing community of people interested in, and supporting, the Heysen Trail.



## The Friends have an Ambassador.

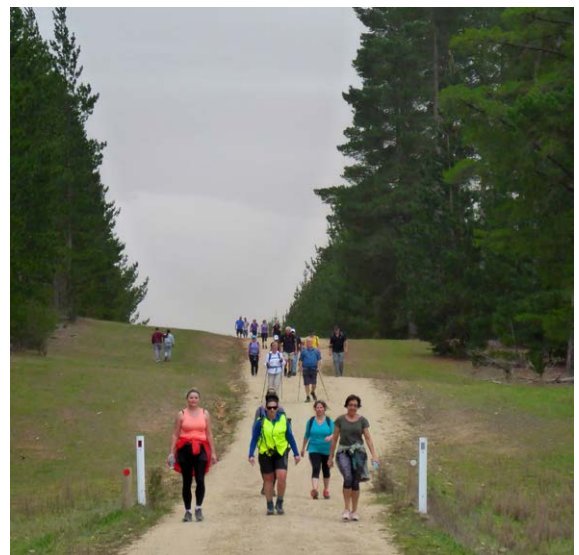
The Friends Council agreed to ask Ron Kandelaars to be a Friends Ambassador. Ron has agreed, and at the Walk for the Heysen event President Robert welcomed Ron into the role, and presented him with an Ambassador certificate. We all welcome Ron into the Friends family.



## Who is Ron Kandelaars?

Since commencing his media career in the late 70s, Ron has been involved in many roles, including these recent roles:

- A permanent two day a week reporter's role with Channel Seven in Adelaide gathering stories across South Australia
- A regular contributor of "Off The Beaten Track" radio segments on ABC 891 and the corporation's South Australian regional radio network
- Writer/producer/presenter with Channel Nine's popular, long running, and multi-award winning travel program 'Postcards'. In 2011, Ron was awarded South Australian of the Year (Tourism) in the Advantage SA South Australian of the Year Awards; and Outstanding Contribution by an Individual in the South Australian Tourism Awards
- Public relations consultant for a variety of corporate and government clients working on both South Australian and national issues.



# News

## Friends of the Heysen Trail AGM 2016 Report

The 29<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Friends was held at the Plympton Community Centre, Long Street, Plympton on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016 with 63 members attending with 5 guests and 6 apologies.

Robert Alcock, president, outlined some of the highlights of 2015:

- Overall we had 469 members, plus 153 guests walk in 2015. That was 4,530 walkers hiked on our scheduled walks - over the years walk program.
- The office moved from Pitt Street to Pirie Street.
- David Rattray was awarded Honorary membership for services to the Friends over many years as Office Coordinator and Membership Secretary.
- A change in the ownership of the land near Mount Crawford means the loss of Freeman's Hut and the need to re-route the Trail.
- The Red Range campsite has had a make-over, with new Tank and toilet structures.
- The Greening group planted about 900 trees last year - at Worlds End and Bundaleer Channel supplementing previous planting in those areas.

Plans for 2016:

- Six End-to-End groups will be walking the Trail this season with the start of End-to-End 11.
- We want a higher international profile.
- Develop further links with tourism bodies.
- Seed articles to selected publications.
- Maintain a high standard of marking and infrastructure.
- Improve existing, and provide additional, facilities.

Robert thanked all those associated with the Friends and the Trail.

Stephen Salib-Brown, Treasurer:

- Reported on an ongoing healthy financial position for the Friends with a surplus for 2015 of \$24,933.

Colin Edwards, Trail Development Officer:

- Reported on maintenance including revamping the camp site at Red Range last year, the installation of a new toilet at Curnow's Hut this year and the 3-4 year project to remark the Trail with consistent signage.

Our Guest speaker was Erina Sipos, from "5 ordinary people". Erina and her family hiked the Heysen Trail, north to south over 1151 kilometres on foot, 670 hiking meals, 67 days, 5 ordinary people, 3 kids, 2 adults, 1 adventure of a lifetime!

In a wonderful, funny presentation Erina described the journey, how the five became four and what to do when an angry bull threatens your overnight camp! Simple really, Google "What do I do when an angry bull threatens your camp".

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# Financial Report Presented to AGM - March 2016

## Summary

During the 2015 financial year, the Friends generated a surplus of \$24,933.

Net income from walking was again the major contributor to our earnings, mainly as a result of strong support for the six End-to-End walks, a minus End-to-End and a group of our members walking the Federation Lavender Trail. Apart from the direct income from individual walks, this support to walking is reflected in higher receipts from the sale of Golden Boots cards and Multi-Walk tickets.

Income from membership subscriptions rose slightly over the previous year, partly because member numbers grow with our End-to-End program expanding in its popularity.

Income from sales of books and maps from our online store are very strong and showing signs of increasing further, while revenue from advertising in the Trailwalker magazine remains steady.

Administrative expenditure for 2015 have increased with relocation costs and increased rent and outgoings. Ongoing communication and IT costs have contributed to this whilst providing a more secure and stable web site and data base.

The bookkeeping department have introduced an electronic payment system for paying accounts and the MYOB data file is now stored in the cloud.

The Friends spent \$6,874 on routine maintenance costs including maintaining trail markers, water tanks and shelters along the Trail, as well as improving the quality and quantity of equipment used in these tasks. Bushfire damage has contributed to increased costs here. A further \$15,356 on materials and expenses has been reimbursed by the Department for Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

The Greening Committee was active in 2015. with \$542 spent on its operations.

## 2015 Accounts

The Auditors Report and 2015 Accounts for the Friends were distributed at the AGM. Some spare copies are available from the Friends office. Detailed accounts, prepared monthly, are also held at the office and may be inspected by members. The following is a brief summary of the 2015 Accounts.

### Gross Profit per Activity

Membership Subscriptions	\$24,070
Sale of Goods	\$8,186
Interest	\$3,791
Advertising Revenue	\$5,594
Walking	\$42,250
Sundry Income	\$1,062
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$84,954</b>

### Expenditure

Administrative expenses	\$2,909
Lease costs	\$9,277
Moving costs to Epworth	\$3,601
Insurance & Affiliation Fees	\$8,104
Bank fees	\$3,819
Office expenses	\$15,103
Promotional costs	\$2,057
Trailwalker costs	\$7,733
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$52,604</b>

### Administrative Surplus

Less	
Trail Maintenance	\$6,875
Greening	\$542
Trail Awareness	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,417</b>

### Net Surplus

### Current Assets

CBA Bank Accounts	\$127,746
Beyond Bank Term Deposits	\$72,963
Minor Accounts/Floats	\$0
Stock on Hand	\$12,091
Trade debtors	\$4,498
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$217,298</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$18,983</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$198,316</b>

Stephen Salib-Brown, Treasurer



# News

## David Rattray – Honorary Member 2016

To many of the Friends of the Heysen Trail, David is considered a quiet achiever. However he is clearly a deserving recipient of honorary membership of the Friends.

David's interest in the outdoors and walking is evidenced by the fact that he has been involved in the Scouting movement for over 50 years. David completed the requirements of the Queen Scout Award and held several leadership roles in Scouting as Assistant Cubmaster, Scout Leader and Venturer Leader with Torrens Park and Happy Valley Scout Groups. At one stage David was a member of the Scout Bushwalking Team training other leaders in the art of bushwalking.

The Group Leader at Happy Valley Scout Group said about Dave on his retirement as a leader in 2014:

"Dave has been a dedicated and respected Leader at Happy Valley Scout Group since being appointed Assistant Scout Leader in 1985. Dave has been recognised with a number of Scouting Awards, including the Silver Koala and in January 2007 was recognised with an Order of Australia Medal for his service to youth through Scouting.

Dave's enthusiasm showed in his involvement at Group, District and Branch levels. He committed himself to all sections, his knowledge is endless. He offered support and encouragement and acted as a role model to fellow Leaders of all sections."

Although David has not done many walks with the Friends he has led the occasional walk. He and his wife Dianne are members and occasional walkers with ARPA.

David has also been a member of Naval Reserve for over 21 years, often noticed when he has to absent

himself from the office to attend a lunch meeting. This has again, resulted in another medal for good service. For good measure, David's latest project is his aim to kayak the River Murray from

source to sea. He is over halfway, and that is another great effort in itself.

As far as his association with the Friends is concerned, David has been a member since the early 1990s and received his End-to-End certificate (no 104) in the winter of 2003.



David worked with Doug Paice, a previous editor of Trailwalker, in late 1980s and Doug encouraged Dave to join the Friends. The entire trail was completed independently, carrying a rucksack, with the two chaps he is now kayaking the Murray River. Scouts or Venturers accompanied David along much of the trail particularly the Flinders Ranges and the Adelaide Hills and Fleurieu Peninsula areas.

Venturers were encouraged by David to assist Thelma Anderson and Peter Hill in maintaining the trail in the early 1990s.

In 2005 David commenced service as a volunteer in the Office, soon after retiring and joined Council in 2008. Within a year he added the role of Membership Secretary to his list of responsibilities. Around the end of 2010 David also took on the position of Chair of the Office Committee. He continues to carry on all of these responsibilities. It is a credit to David that he has steered the Office Committee and volunteers through several years of substantial change while ensuring that we provide advice and service to members and walkers. In the words of another Office volunteer:

"Those who have worked with David in the Office over many years can attest to his amazing dedication. Always at work well before anyone else, he has everything organised for the rest of the team when they arrive. No problem is too difficult and David's knowledge of every aspect of how the organisation and the office systems work is second to none. At times when the pressure is on, David's calm professional approach prevails. For a number of years David has organised and led the January training seminars for all who work in the office."

It is fitting recognition of his service that David Rattray, OAM is accepted as a deserving recipient of honorary membership.





# WHAT'S NEXT AFTER WORLDS END?

## Activities of the Greening Committee

Words by Neil Nosworthy

Photo courtesy of Ann Nosworthy

### Planting at Worlds End

At the end of April, nine volunteers planted nearly 500 more trees at Worlds End near Burra. This is the fourth year that we have planted trees at Dutton's Trough on what has to be the most barren section of the Heysen Trail.

Thanks to our grower, Jenny Pascoe, we had nearly 500 well grown trees ready to plant. The conditions at Worlds End were very dry but all of the trees received a good drink. Hopefully, rains will follow the planting but if not, we will be back to provide supplementary watering.

Sincere thanks go to everybody who helped out with the planting. In particular, we want to thank the Whetstone family at Dutton's Trough for their support and assistance in allowing us to obtain water for the trees.

### Previous plantings at Worlds End

In addition to planting more trees at Worlds End, we watered the trees from our plantings in previous years. It is good to be able to report that these trees are looking good. Our best examples are a bit over waist high which will not provide much shelter at present but we hope that eventually there will be some protection and privacy.



The Worlds End Watering Detail

### Where to from Worlds End

After of four years at Worlds End, the Greening Committee is looking for somewhere different to improve the Heysen Trail.

## WE NEED YOUR IDEAS

### WHERE DOES THE HEYSEN TRAIL NEED GREENING?

If you have any ideas or likely sites or you would like to assist with greening the trail, please contact Neil Nosworthy by email, [neil@noztours.com.au](mailto:neil@noztours.com.au) or by phone 0447922617 or contact the Heysen Trail office on 82126299 or [heysentrail@heysentrail.asn.au](mailto:heysentrail@heysentrail.asn.au).

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# Anzac Weekend Walk

by Jo Chesher

The Grampians. If you haven't been then add it to your bucket list this very minute. And include The Pinnacle, Mount Rosea and Mount Abrupt. The bonus for those of us on the Friends of the Heysen Anzac Long Weekend venture was three days of peak bagging with 21 other walkers and hosts extraordinaire Simon and Jenny who led, fed and entertained us with an hilarious dose of après walk fun and frivolity each night - massive appreciation to them both for another brilliant Heysen weekend away!

Walkers arrived at the Baptist Youth Camp in Halls Gap from mid-arvo on Friday, and early on Saturday we headed out into a crisp mountain morning with sunshine and blue skies - looking forward to our Wonderland Range hike up The Pinnacle via The Staircase. And wow - what an example of no-expense-spared design and engineering that was! With circular steps of rust-red metal mesh, The Staircase was a grass roots sculpture blended into the landscape as well as a sturdy utilitarian ladder to get us a good way to the top. For our descent on the other side of the mountain, another string of heavy-duty mesh steps guided us down through jaw-dropping vertical shafts in the towering rock formations.

The quality of the infrastructure was testimony to the value the Victorian government places on the Grampians' Australian National Heritage listing. And the steady stream of people, many of them overseas tourists, taking in the views from the platform built out over the rocky spur at the summit, was proof of the success of their investment.

Our Mount Rosea walk on Sunday was along a recently opened section of what will eventually be a 13-day world-class walk spanning the entire length of the Grampians National Park. While I loved every walk

on the weekend, Mount Rosea was my favourite. We started with a gentle climb along a single file soft bush path, with early morning sunshine sifting through the stringy bark forest. Ah - those wonderful Australian bush smells that you only find when there is a mix of damp leaf-covered earth warmed by the sun.

As usual there was the buzz of conversation drifting along the trail while we still had plenty of puff to spare. And then as expected the incline intensified and we moved from forest path to rocky outcrops and rough-hewn steps, with boulders becoming progressively more massive as we climbed. There was a Picnic at Hanging Rock feel in the air and I pondered for a moment whether we would all be in the final count at the end of the day.

We were blessed with perfect walking weather all weekend, and this meant stunning 360 degree views from the 1009 metre summit, including Lake Bellfield sparkling an iridescent blue in the distance.

The descent was an absolute treat, with memories of Miranda and those crinoline-clad boarding school girls giving way to shades of Indiana Jones - with wow-factor rock crevasses, overhangs that proved a little low for taller walkers, and a narrow bridge appearing out of nowhere over a perilous drop into the abyss below - a narrow fissure known as the Gate of the East Wind. And then a sharp left turn through a tight tunnel of rock which had the photographers among us scrambling for our cameras. I vowed on the spot to return and enjoy it all over again.

While I was happy to call it a day, when we reached the carpark, a number of the crew took the opportunity to head out again and enjoy the late-afternoon view from Sundial Peak.

On Monday morning the group split, with some



Lunch with a 360 degree view on the summit of Mount Rosea.  
Photo: Mary Cartland



Indiana Jones and the light at the end of the tunnel  
Photo: Jo Chesher



heading home to Adelaide and others staying on for one last walk - a drive down to the southern end of the Grampians (just out of Dunkeld) and a shimmy up Mount Abrupt. Well, perhaps 'shimmy' is a light-hearted take on the challenge, but at 827 meters it was shorter and less demanding than the previous day.

The weekend had a Turkish theme, including the most heavenly home-made dark chocolate, nut, cranberry and rosewater treats served along the trail by our resident Turkish Delights, resplendent in their red and white striped dresses. And rather than the usual walking caps, a number of the blokes sported the Turkish national fez, resulting in some puzzled glances from other walkers we passed along the way.

Return to camp each afternoon meant bottles of wine served with Jenny's platters of cheese, olives and other offerings - precursors to the feasts that we enjoyed when the sun went down. Shish kababs sizzling on the BBQ, rice pilaff, trays of roasted Mediterranean vegetables generously sprinkled with herbs fresh from the Cameron garden, lasagne - the list could go on. And a range of sweets to tempt the most stoic of the diet conscious - after all, we needed every calorie - didn't we?

On Saturday night there was a parade of splendid Turkish costumes, with some of the more theatrical in the group giving Whirling Dervish performances, from the mere dabblers to those who displayed a somewhat lopsided flare for this exotic art.

I hadn't heard of moonlight frisbee throwing before but Simon and other devotees of the plastic disc made the most of the full moon with a session on the local oval. The muffled shrieks and laughter floating back to base camp on the evening breeze suggested a good time was had by all.



Physical challenges, perfect weather, spectacular views, sumptuous food and a truckload of fun - all enjoyed with a bunch of great people. Recipe for the perfect walking weekend!

Photo: Melissa Arnold

Anzac Eve was my introduction to the traditional WW1 game of Two Up. I was hooked! I had no idea of the intricacies of the game or how much fun it could be. With Simon as the Boxer, a series of volunteer Spinners, and a good supply of Monopoly money, I was completely caught up in the excitement. It was also symbolic of the realities of Anzac - of the simple pleasures that soldiers shared in immeasurably dreadful times.

A number of walkers attended the dawn service adjacent to the camp on Anzac Day.

We had the most marvellous weekend in true blue Aussie style, out in the bush with a group of mates - and underpinning the experience was remembering so many young people from so long ago who left Australia to fight for what they believed in.

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# 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 July 31
	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 - Newkie 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 Oct 30
	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 Oct 30
				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	Sun Oct 30

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# TrailStarter & TrailWalker Walks

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

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# THE MILFORD TRACK – NEW ZEALAND

by Dale Searcy

I could hear it in the distance, the constant pounding, getting louder and seemingly more threatening, as I slowly approached. My legs were tired, but I couldn't turn back, not after coming so far. My drained breath was being engulfed by its engaging force and presence. I was drawn to it like a moth to a light. Around each corner, a clearer view of my fate. Thankfully my load was gone, after one of the most endurance testing journeys I had experienced in my long distance hiking adventures.

When the opportunity arose to travel to New Zealand for my annual work conference, the appeal increased significantly when some of the world's best hikes were within reach. "Tramping" as they call it in NZ has no shortage of options. The Milford Track was described as "the finest walk in the world" about 100 years ago and its reputation has lived on. After a little research I was drawn to the challenge. April is at the end of the walking season in the south island and we ended up being one of last groups to pass through before the conditions become too unpredictable and hazardous.

The meeting place for the 53.5 km hike was Queenstown, a tourism driven, smaller city of the southern island. There are 2 ways to officially complete

the hike. Walking independently, carrying everything that you will need for the 5 day trek. This includes food, clothing and bedding. Water is abundantly available along the track from numerous fresh water streams, rivers and waterfalls. From experience, it is definitely safe to drink. These "freedom" walkers stay in the Department of Conservation maintained huts that provide bunk beds, toilets and food preparation areas with gas cooking stoves. The alternative is the guided option with Ultimate Hikes who expertly and professionally take care of everything from start to finish.

The pre track briefing was held on the afternoon before starting at their Queenstown Hiking Centre. An outline of what is ahead of you for the next 5 days is explained in simple terms. Meeting your fellow walkers, supply of any loan equipment including backpacks also takes place. The recommended clothing and equipment is again reinforced and the opportunity to buy anything you may have forgotten to bring can be done from their retail outlet. You are also made aware of what is available in the overnight lodges.

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comprehensive map of the track that I constantly referred to along the way. The maximum group possible is 50 and we were lucky to have 3 guides (Kelly, Nari & Erwin) who were all doing their last walks for the season.

## **Day 1 (Queenstown to Glade House) Walking 1.6kms**

We all met up again at the Hike Centre by 0830 with backpacks at the ready. Departure by coach for Te Anau 171 kms away was 0900 where we stopped for lunch. Meals from this point onwards were all supplied. 27 kms further on was Te Anau Downs where we all boarded a launch to cruise to the head of Lake Te Anau. After a picturesque ride we arrived at Glade Wharf shortly after and could see the official start of the track and what was to be an unforgettable adventure ahead. The mandatory "starting point" photos ensued and we were then away for the easy 1.6 km stroll to Glade House. This was to be our first night's accommodation and this short walk gave us all an indication of whether our packs were carrying more than what we needed. The sleeping options are either multishare with shared bathroom, ensuite queen, ensuite twin or ensuite single. I chose the cheaper alternative and as our group was only small, I ended up with a room to myself anyway.

A 1.5 hour nature walk took place in the surrounding forest before dinner. We split into 2 groups and proceeded along the well-worn track. Soon after setting off, our knowledgeable guide Kelly gave out the "secret" bird call and out came the local Bush Robin and, provided we all stood still, proceeded to peck at all our boots and even took a liking to Kelly's bare legs and continued until it drew blood. We walked as far as the Glade Burn which was a vigorously flowing stream that feeds into Lake Te Anau. I couldn't resist the temptation of filling up my drink bottle from the refreshingly chilled water as it passed by. This is something I wouldn't dare do at home.



The Glade Burn

The evening meals all consisted of an entrée, choice of 3 main courses (including vegetarian) and a dessert. Any alcohol or soft drinks were at your own expense and paid for on the last night. The mains throughout the trip were outstanding and not what you would expect from somewhere far from civilisation as we were. Supplies are sailed and walked in at the first stop, delivered by helicopter at the second and third and driven in at the last. The guides pass through each lodge every few weeks but the lodge staff are semi-permanent during the November to April season. The lodge's electricity is supplied by diesel generator which is turned on at around 6:30am and turned off at 10pm

## **Day 2 (Glade House to Pompolona Lodge) Walking 16kms**

The dining room was open from 7am so you can make your own lunch which you cram into your pack. By the time you have done this the breakfast food is starting to appear. The food choices were cereal, toast or bacon and eggs and as much as you wanted. The scheduled start time for today was between 8:30 and 9am depending on how keen you were. Once we started the guides would spread themselves throughout the group to ensure we all knew where we were going. The sign posting and trail is well maintained so the direction of travel was mostly obvious. Albeit fairly flat with occasional inclines, today's 16km walk and surroundings were a good indication of what was to come. It was a cool and cloudy day that saw many shades of green shrouded amongst the rainforest terrain with mossy and lichen covered beech trees bordering the track.

We followed the Clinton River for most of the day. The crystal clear, trout inhabited water flowed along on our right. Native bird life darted across the track and the occasional weka, a flightless bird, scurried into the bushes. We stopped for lunch at the Hirere Falls Lunch



Clinton River



Shelter where we enjoyed the customary hot drink prepared by the guides. There are separate facilities (day shelters and overnight huts) along the track for the “independent walkers” and also for the guided walkers. Today we passed over the first of many well-constructed river crossing platforms and swing bridges that pass over the flowing waters.

We arrived at Poppelona Lodge after a pleasant 5.5 hours. It was named after the scones that Quintin Mackinnon made from mutton fat candles in the late 1800's. He was a founder of the Milford Track during the 1880's along with Ernest Mitchell and Donald Sutherland. In keeping with the theme, we were served scones, jam and cream prior to dinner. Thankfully we found that the walking was always at your own pace with no pressure to be at a certain place at a certain time.

A luxury that each lodge had was washing and drying facilities. Hand washing in a tub and using a clothes wringer was a daily routine before placing them in a hot fan forced room to dry. There was also a separate somewhat cooler drying room for your boots.



Mackinnon Pass

### Day 3 (Poppelona Lodge to Quintin Lodge) Walking 15 kms

Not only did we have constant rain overnight, but also a 4.0 earthquake centred west of Milford Sound that awoke some of us. Today proved to be the most difficult with a long steep climb up to Mackinnon Pass and for me a much harder 2.5 hour descent down to Quintin Lodge. An earlier start was in order for the

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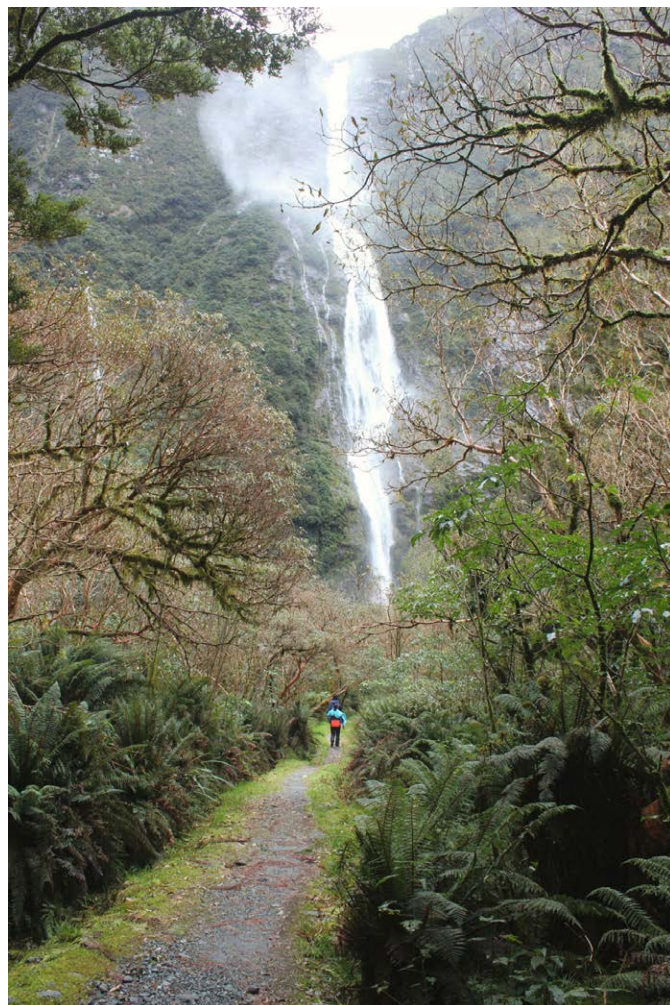
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impending journey with a 7:30am take off. Rain was still threatening so out came the wind and rain proof jackets and pants. These didn't stay on for long as we zigzagged our way up. The track was manageable but eyes were firmly focused on your next foot plant because it was quite slippery in parts. 3 hours later we arrived at the Mackinnon Memorial which was named in honour of Quintin Mackinnon who discovered this area in 1888. The visibility to the valley below was masked by the fast moving clouds that seemed to be going in all directions. A few minutes wait would bring about a clear view every now and then and an appreciation of just how far up we had come. All the effort was well and truly worth it. The conditions meant the views were brief and yet there was a little more pain to come until we reached the highest point on the track. Mackinnon Pass Hut is 1154 metres above sea level and the hot drink we were served inside the shelter was even more welcome this time. A chance to strip off a few sweat soaked layers, refuel, rehydrate and make use of the toilet which is said to have the "best view on track". This hut was also a shared facility with the freedom walkers and we sat in separate rooms.

The overnight rain had increased the ferocity of the waterfalls and streams and we often found ourselves trekking through shallow water as the water found a path to lower ground. The low cloud intermittently masked the surrounding cliff faces that surrounded us. I feel I didn't fully realise the majestic beauty that was engulfing us with every careful step. The temptation to gaze at the wonder and hike simultaneously was overwhelming. I wanted to keep going so the end was nearer and I didn't get cold, but I also didn't want to miss a photo opportunity so I regularly stopped and composed the next shot.

The Roaring Burn borders most of the path down from the Pass Hut. And it was definitely roaring. The sheer volume of water gushing alongside us had me stopping continuously and staring. It was rather deflating to see the sign stating 3 hours to Quintin Lodge when we left the Pass after lunch. Eventually after 2.5 hours I was welcomed at Quintin with the usual sweet drinks and snacks before being shown to my room. The walk out to Sutherland Falls was 1.5 hours return and there was no way I was going to pass that up. A quick dumping of the pack, fill up the drink bottle, grab the camera and I was away. The track to the falls wasn't exactly flat either. Far from it. Steep steps up and down led me to what is renowned as one of the highest waterfalls in the world and 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in New Zealand. It is fed from Lake Quill above and has an upper, middle and lower cascade. The spectacular power of the water and wind it generates was literally breath taking. Despite it being possible to stand underneath it, venturing too close meant you



Sutherland Falls

would be risking injury and was an invitation to be sprayed head to toe with its venom. Nonetheless the extra side track was a worthwhile end to a physically and mentally testing day. We all slept well that night.

### **Day 4 (Quintin Lodge to Mitre Peak Lodge) Walking 21 kms**

The last day of walking was here and it also happened to be the longest. The 21 km stretch to Sandfly Point was mostly flat with slight undulations in parts and surrounded by more rainforest. We followed the Arthur River out to Milford Sound where the fresh and salt water mix. An early start again at 7:30am saw us literally walking in the dark under the canopy of greenery. This made it quite difficult to judge your footing in the dim light. Being surrounded by the steep sheer cliff faces, the sun only occasionally made it to the ground to guide our path. We passed by yet another spectacular waterfall – the Mackay Falls that is fed by the Mackay Creek. It was an ideal clear and sunny day for walking that saw the front runners arrive at the





Giants Gate waterfall lunch stop after around 4.5 hours. The power of the free flowing water from these falls provided a breezy but cold stopping area that we found was too unbearable as a resting place. This area is said to be a good spot to get temporary relief from the sand-flies, but not today. It would have been a lot more pleasant on a warmer day.

The anticipation was building as we neared the end. An hour after lunch saw the welcome sight of the Sandfly Point sign and the distance of 33.5 miles travelled from the start at Glade Wharf some 3 days ago. Standing still for long in this area is not advisable as I can vouch for how the sand-fly gets its name. My bites and their irritation were still going strong 2 weeks later. So if you tend to be over sensitive to insect bites - take precautions. Repellent, minimal skin exposure and a fly hat are advised. At this end point of the track, the independent walkers get priority to the 10 minute boat ride across Deepwater Basin to the Milford Sound area where they travel back to Queenstown by coach. After 2:30pm we could take our boat ride to the other side where a shuttle bus took us to Mitre Peak Lodge a few minutes away for our last night's accommodation. At the pre track briefing back at the Queenstown Hike Centre, we were offered a separate bag that we could



Sandfly Point

place any items in that we thought we might like to use or wear on the last day when the hiking part was over. These bags were sent to Mitre Peak and placed in our individual luxury rooms ready for use.

We were joined by the guides for another superb evening meal. Previously they were the waiters but the last night was their own and they dined with us. We had a group photo taken soon after arriving at Glade House on Day 1 and this, along with our certificates of achievement, was presented to each of us after dinner.

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## Day 5 (Milford Sound to Queenstown)

Today the finishing touches were made to our 5 day adventure with a Milford Sound cruise. After we had packed our own lunches for the last time, the coach departed Mitre Peak Lodge at around 9am for a short trip down to the ferry terminal. The walking option along the water's edge and boardwalk was well worthwhile with some stunning early morning water views. The partly cloudy morning saw us board the large ferry for the 1.5 hour cruise. The top deck was very cold at times but provided spectacular views of the snow-capped mountains and delicate waterfalls that surrounded Milford Sound. The calm water within the Sound provided a satisfying finale to our escapade.

Afterwards it was back onto the coach and time to head back to Queenstown. The lunch stop was at Te Anau again and on the way there we passed through the 1.2 km Homer Tunnel. This remarkable piece of engineering opened in 1954 and passes under the Darran Mountain Range. The Milford Sound Highway snaked its way in between the majestic snow-capped mountains and overlooked the ever-changing rivers and rapids. We arrived back in Queenstown, proud of our achievements, at around 3:30pm

It was truly an awesome hiking experience. To be amongst such lush natural surroundings was quite inspiring and it prompts thought as to where the next trip will be. To Michelle, Lisa, James, Marie, Bill, Louise, Chris, Marion, Glenn, Mary, Rosie, Kath and Anne a big thank you for making this a memorable experience. Our group quickly bonded and I'm sure friendships will certainly continue. To our guides, Kelly, Nari and Erwin, thank you for an exceptionally well guided hike. On behalf of the whole group I'm sure I can say that you exceeded all our expectations.

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# Extract from “Photodiary of a Nomad”

The following is an extract from a blog written by David Brieze on his and his wife's first 3 days walking on the Heysen Trail. For more of their experiences on this and other adventures go to [www.gang-gang.net/nomad/](http://www.gang-gang.net/nomad/).

## Day 1 - Dairy Farm Road to Mayo Hut (12 km - 40m ascent - 90m descent)

I am sitting outside Mayo Hut, a wonderfully restored stone cottage high on the bank of Wonoka Creek. As I sip my coffee in the warm afternoon sun, the birds in the river red gums that lie scattered along the creek are singing and the maroon rocks that line the sandy bend in the creek seem to glow in the sunlight.

Only one thing spoils this idyllic scene - flies! The dung beetles seem to have taken the season off and bushflies are about in abundance. Still, this is a great place to be. For once, the Fair Nello's fly veil seemed an object to be coveted and not laughed at.

Dave, from Angorichina Tourist Village to the north, had dropped us off at Dairy Farm Road earlier this morning. It is where the Heysen Trail crosses the main

road north of Hawker and from where we planned to walk back to the northern trailhead at Parachilna over the next several days. We said goodbye to Dave and, after a few minor adjustments to packs and gear, set off northwards on a dirt vehicle track. The wedge-tailed eagle soaring high above seemed to be a good omen for the walk ahead.

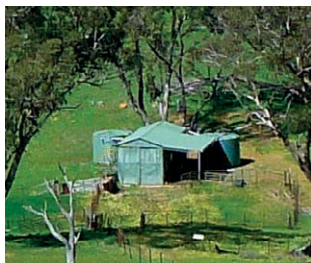
The track led us through flat scrubby country, past the nearby ruins of Old Wonoka Homestead and then down into the dry sand and stone covered bed of Wonoka Creek. Here we left the road to follow our main route northwards - the creek itself, lined with gnarled old river red gums and alive to the sound of corellas screeching and the occasional piping of a ring-neck parrot.

At times walking along the low grass-and shrub-carpeted banks, at times following the creek itself and at times, cutting the odd corner by heading across the flat and open saltbush country, we pushed slowly on. Curving slowly to the east, we came across several kangaroos and a flock of emus who had been feeding in the vicinity of a series of picturesque water holes on a bend in the creek. The scrubby and rocky heights

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Mayo Hut



of Wonoka Hill formed a backdrop to this, as we headed on.

Climbing back out of the creek bed, we picked up a local 4WD track, that led us easily north and gave us views of the more rugged ranges ahead. Paralleling the creek, the track led us on towards the current Wonoka homestead before turning off into a paddock containing a herd of grazing camels (what will we see next?). We left it to follow the creek, stopping for lunch beneath the shade of a large and gnarled old red gum in the river bed.

Then a bit more cross-country walking cut out the next corner of the creek as we pushed on by the slopes of the Wide Range. We regained the creek by following a deeply eroded sidestream back into it. The creekbed seemed to be widening out here and ahead lay a big bend to the west. From the map, I recognised it as the bend before Mayo Hut, so we again climbed up the western bank to cut across one more corner and reach the hut from on top. It was only after we got there, that we appreciated what lovely views there were up the creek from its shady front.

As the afternoon passed lazily by, we watched the slow passage of life from the stone terrace of Mayo Hut. The small flock of sheep grazing the green pick in the creek below moved slowly by and, as the evening shadows lengthened across the low hills opposite, kangaroos came down to enjoy the lush creek vegetation. Swallows swept by the hut, hawking insects (bushflies, we hoped) as the sun set behind the hut. It was time to play "find the space objects".

After five satellites and two meteorites we gave up and went to bed. With this pleasant weather and great hut, we were feeling very content with our first day out on the famous Heysen Trail.

#### **Day 2 - Mayo Hut to Red Range Shelter (16.5 km - 280m ascent - 80m descent)**

After a pleasant breakfast in the early morning sunshine on the terrace of Mayo Hut, we packed our bags and headed off beneath a clear blue sky. Dropping down to sidle across the sandy parts of the creek bed, we followed the eastern bank along. The track (be it stock pad or Heysen Trail) led us back down into the creek and to a set of pools beneath the red-walled hillside. It was clear where the sheep had been heading yesterday afternoon. The pools were surrounded by reeds and we picked our way across the swampy ground to reach the junction of Mernmerna Creek.

Ahead, Wonoka Creek continued its way through the Mayo Gap, but it was time for us to bid it farewell and start heading up Mernmerna. We cut across the flattish countryside on its southern bank, following various



The broad gravelly bed of Mernmerna Creek

foot and hoof pads, before finally descending into the broad stony creekbed itself and using that as our way forward. The big river red gums on the side provided the occasional pleasant shade and the black snake that crossed our paths on the stony river bed provided the bit of surprise.

Mernmerna Creek clearly doesn't flow very often and, at times, it seemed more a long grassy ribbon than a creek. We wandered past bends with high maroon and reddish walls, reaching a point where map and compass had a disagreement. We had started to take the sweeping right hand bend of the river as shown on the map, but that seemed to make us diverge from the track on my GPS. I have always had faith in the GPS, so we allowed it to lead us across a low hill. Sure enough, there was a track marker and a stile crossing the fence from Wonoka to Arkaba stations. I suspect this may be the hard-to-find track re-route that was the source of some negativity in the Mayo hut book.

It was a nice re-route though, as we climbed up beside the fenceline into the surrounding hills. As we pushed through the low scrubby vegetation, clouds of locusts flitted up ahead of us and a grand view of the ranges to the west emerged behind us.

The saddle was a lovely place for a break - a cool breeze was blowing across it and we found ourselves sitting in the shade of cypress-pine, surrounded by a hill-slope covered in silver mulla mulla. Heading off, we picked our way down through the low shrubs to join up with an old 4WD track. We were definitely in a different valley system now, as we wandered beneath the desert cypress-pine, the lush green groundcover tinged with the blue of forget-me-nots.

The track led us past Mernmerna Gap and over these richly forested rolling slopes. Eventually, we parted company with the 4WD track as it headed into the hills and we angled down to the bed of Slaty Creek. For several kilometres, we followed the bed of this lovely creek along as it wound its way northwards, meandering past maroon and red rock cuttings, beneath huge and ancient river gums and across the grassy inside bends.

Eventually we left the creek once again as it headed off to take a couple of bigger meanders. Our route was more direct, up and over the rolling side slopes



covered in a cypress-pine woodland - it was a pleasant change of scenery. Tracks came and vanished and for the second time we had to rely on my GPS to keep us on course until we eventually descended to Slaty Creek yet again.

One last meander up the creek bed, then one last wander through the cypress-pine woodland brought us out at Red Range Shelter, another idyllic site on the Heysen Trail. No hut this time, just a very small shelter and a rain tank. The tank was very low, but still enough for us and a few more bushwalkers to come. That said, the creek just below where we pitched our tent had water pools in it at the time, but Red Range is a place that might be problematic for water in drier weather. The shelter roof is only about four square metres and the toilet roof even less, so not a very big catchment for rain water. This is not meant as a criticism, as we were really pleased to have the shelter, tank and brand new toilet here.

Anyway, the Fair Nello has given in to her pyromania and started a nice campfire and the sun is setting behind the Elder Range - time to go and join her for a cup of steaming hot soup.

### **Day 3 - Red Range Shelter to Bridal Gap (19 km - 510m ascent - 260m descent)**

We woke to a different morning - low clouds were moving swiftly across the sky, driven by a fresh and cold southerly wind. However, as we ate our breakfast, they began to gradually clear. Bidding farewell to the shelter's red robin, we crossed the creek (now a very small creek indeed) and headed off up a faint footpath on the western bank.

The footpath criss-crossed the creek a few times to keep to the most level side. At its upper end, Slaty Creek had created a ribbon of gnarly-trunked red gums that meandered up through the cypress-pine woodland. Some of the cypress-pine were carrying heavy loads of pollen, giving them an orange fringe, and the occasional gusts of southerly wind that broke through would send clouds of pollen floating into the cool morning air - magical, orange fairy-dust.

Our pleasant morning promenade continued - we had set out in jackets, but they soon came off as the air warmed. A little ahead, we suddenly picked up the first human voices (other than our own) that we had heard since setting out - a group of people staying at Arkaba Station were out on a guided day-walk.

Occasional glimpses of the ridge line of the Elder Range appeared through the cypress-pine, until finally after crossing a stony hilltop, we reached a clearing where they were revealed in full splendour - a magnificently rugged line of tortured rock strata towering above



Red Range Shelter

green forest beneath. This superb range, red in the morning sun, would accompany us, nearer and further, for the rest of the day.

The gradual climb up Slaty Creek had ended and, on crossing a 4WD track, we began the gradual northward descent of Beatrice Creek. This was a different landscape, with Beatrice Creek cutting its way deeply through steep-sided slopes covered in a denser, shorter cypress-pine scrub. After crossing several dry side-streams, the track led us up a small hill for the grand panorama of the Elder Range - a good place to have a break and enjoy.

Continuing our descent of Beatrice Creek, we crossed open ground where a flock of emus bolted at first sight (none of the animals here seem to have a good impression of humans). The track here was at times indistinct and the track markers seemed to vary between feast and famine, but, with a few minor GPS adjustments, we picked our way across to the very open lands near the ruins of Umberutna Outstation. You could see why they built it here, backed by the red walls of the Elder Range and looking out over silver mulla mulla and cypress-pine to the distance ramparts of Wilpena Pound. It was good to see our destination.

The track crossed Beatrice Creek and led us out of this valley system, climbing over a low saddle below Mt Ide (more hill than mountain). It was a good place to take in the all-round views, before descending into the next valley system. Crossing a creek, a fence style and passing a bore that was home to a flock of screeching corellas, we were now following the fenceline across the dense pasture grasses of Arkaba Station - which meant two things, lots of grass seeds to pick out of our socks at our creekside lunch break, and lots of flies to ensure that we didn't take too long in doing so.



Crossing the low point for the day at Moralana Creek with its superb red gums, we began a gradual climb up along the Arkaba fenceline to the broad dirt Moralana Tourist Road. After a very short stretch along it, the track led us up the dirt road towards Black Gap. When the road started to climb, the Heysen Trail took the sensible option and led us down into a deep walled creek that flowed out of Black Gap. We followed its rocky course upwards, passing several water pools and a small dry three-tiered cascade. A little further on we found what we were looking for - a particular river red gum and, hidden beneath some rocks and bark litter, a small white plastic tub. It was our food and water cache for Bridal Gap.

Bridal Gap itself lay 2.5 km away and 300m higher, on the rim of Wilpena Pound - a nice place to camp, but not one where you would find water. So, after a pleasant half hour in the shady hollow of Black Gap to re-organise our packs with the new supplies (and the tub) we set off for the long climb. With seven kilos of water on board, plus a day's worth of food, our packs felt very heavy. We followed the now dry creek bed a little further and then emerged to climb towards Bridal Gap - gently at first and then steeply over an intermediate saddle. It was an unpleasant surprise to lose some of this height gain before again climbing upwards. A steep path took us up to the rock face, where we clambered directly (but slowly) up a boulder-covered red rock spur.

After a bit of relief on a flattish ridge, we made one last push up the steep and rocky track to reach the rim of Wilpena Pound and the boundary of Flinders National Park. The views westward from here back over the now distant Elder Range were superb. The cold southerly wind that had been a cooling ally all day, however, was now strong and icy, gusting through the gap.

We have done much steeper and higher climbs, but with those extra kilos of water on board, this had been one of the harder ones. We hurried on a few hundred metres to find the campsite and, after a bit of scouting, the Fair Nello found a more-sheltered spot off to the west surrounded by scrubby mallee. We quickly set up camp and got the billy boiling for a warming cuppa. It was a pleasant enough spot, but from the comforts of Mayo Hut to the good facilities at Red Range, we had definitely slipped another notch. This was not only a place where you had to bring your own water, it was orange plastic spade country (with quite compact soil at that).

We didn't stay up very late - a quick return to Bridal Gap to watch the sun set, a quick meal and quickly into our sleeping bags in the tent. An icy southerly wind can certainly stop you from dithering.

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# Walking SA - Far Sighted Vision

As a walking destination, the Adelaide Hills is underestimated by serious walkers. It comes as a surprise that there are some great "get away from it all" places on our back door. A little work seeking the "spots" and the "ways through" can be very rewarding in the end e.g. the little known four Kenneth Stirling Conservation Parks, the little used Monument Road at Norton Summit.

Adelaide is probably unique in the world in that it has great opportunities for walkers right there at the coast, in the suburbs and in the Hills. Some time ago WalkingSA embarked on an enterprise to develop a local long distance walking trail that takes in the best of walking local to the City of Adelaide. It promises to attract local, regional and international visitors. It will be good for walking, tourism and the economy.

The following two articles are from the Book Of Reports presented for WalkingSA's AGM 2015. They describe work in progress, by WalkingSA, on the Adelaide100 - a walking trail of over 100 kilometres.

Jim McLean  
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## Adelaide100

Walking SA has a vision for the establishment of Adelaide100 initiated by passionate Board Member Jim McLean. Adelaide is renowned for its beautiful parks and reserves that encircle our city, enhance our suburbs, thread along our coast and feature throughout the hills. Our landscape, and nature reserves coupled with a favourable climate and fantastic food and wine make Adelaide one of the most liveable places in the world.

As such, South Australia is an ideal nature tourism destination and we are already attracting many national and international walkers into our state. Now is the time to capitalise on existing assets and create new initiatives to capture the growing nature tourism market. We have the opportunity to use existing infrastructure to develop a unique walking experience that showcases our near city vistas, produce and experiences. The Adelaide100 will cater for different walking abilities providing a variety of walk options within the longer trail, and link people to great places to stay, eat and enjoy along the way.

There is no other city in the world with a signposted loop trail that traverses city, coast, bush and suburbs, incorporates shorter or longer walks, provides accommodation, food, historical and cultural information and links up and promotes other trails. The Adelaide100 links up existing infrastructure, creating short distance links and trail loops to create a 100km network.

Joined up, well-signposted trails with way finding (maps and Apps) will provide more options for more people and will attract more people looking for nature tourism experiences. The new sections of the trail have been designed to ensure that walkers can complete short distance legs or the entire trail with easy access to provisions and accommodation if required. This will ensure that short stay tourists as well as local walkers are catered for.

Greg Boundy  
Executive Officer, WalkingSA

# on For A Long Distance Trail

## Monument Road

If you asked the locals of Norton Summit about Monument Road you would be told that it exists. Some even know roughly where it might be. On most maps, street directory included, you find a line that looks like Monument Road. With the right search criteria its name is recognised by the Property Location Browser, and there it is, with Norton Summit land holdings on both sides.

Monument Road looks the perfect walking route for a number of reasons. Local residents could use it as a direct, safe, healthy way to reach their hub of community facilities. It is an ideal spur, loop and alternate route of the Heysen Trail which goes right through Norton Summit. It is only 1.6km in length but is the perfect inclusion in the long distance Adelaide100 walking trail.

Despite what paper and electronic mapping shows, finding Monument Road on the ground is not straight forward. It is a vehicular track at one end and a well-defined corridor of paddock at the other, but is apparently completely blocked off in between.

Walking SA has now determined where the road reserve is, and in partnership with Skyline Walkers and the Friends of the Heysen Trail has committed to developing Monument Road for use by walkers. Consultation processes with local residents, the broader rate paying community, and the Adelaide Hills Council have been completed. The Adelaide Hills Council advised us that Monument Road fits the AHC 20 Year Strategic Plan. A detailed submission lodged with the AHC has been approved.

It is envisaged that work on the ground will be conducted in the short term. Markers, stiles, information boards, and maintenance and management strategies, will be put in place. The opening of this public asset will advantage local walkers and long distance walkers alike. It will bring to the local and wider community the benefits of walking that we know so well.

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- South Coast Track - 9 Day Trek - Tasmania
- Walls of Jerusalem - 6 Day Circuit - Tasmania
- Flinders Island - 7 Day Trek - Tasmania
- Jatbula Trail - 6 Day Full Pack Hike - NT
- Larapinta Trail - 6, 9 and 16 Day Treks - NT
- Kakadu - 9 Day Off Track Explorer - NT



# Trail Maintenance

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.

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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)
3. Back Valley Road to Moon Hill	Southern Guidebook, Maps 2.2-2.3 GR 761 649 to 682 726	Wandergruppe Bushwalkers, Hermann Schmidt	8344 4072 (H)
4. Moon Hill to Hindmarsh Tiers Road	Southern Guidebook, Maps 2.3-2.5 GR 682 726 to 737 803	Wandergruppe Bushwalkers, Hermann Schmidt	8344 4072 (H)
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6. Blackfellows Creek Road to Glen Bold	Southern Guidebook, Maps 2.7-3.2 GR 889 908 to 962 161	Richard Webb	8381 5308 (H)
7. Glen Bold to Piccadilly	Southern Guidebook, Maps 3.2-3.4 GR 962 161 to 924 264	Graham Loveday	8331 7595 (H)
8. Piccadilly to Norton Summit	Southern Guidebook, Maps 3.4-3.4 GR 924 264 to 922 332	WEA Ramblers Liz O'Shea	8352 1636 (H)
9. Norton Summit to Cudlee Creek	Southern Guidebook, Maps 3.5-3.7 GR 922 332 to 013 424	Colin Edwards	8264 1492 (H)
10. Cudlee Creek to Bethany	Southern Guidebook, Maps 3.7-4.4 GR 013 424 to 148 759	John Potter	0418 835 321
11. Bethany to Hamilton	Southern Guidebook, Maps 4.4-5.2 GR 148 759 to 045 102	Michael Wienel	0424 739 037
12. Hamilton to Huppatz Hut	Southern Guidebook, Maps 5.2-5.9 GR 045 102 to 086 509	Dom Henschke	0422 430 330
13. Huppatz Hut to Spalding	Southern Guidebook, Maps 5.9-6.12 GR 086 509 to 785 903	Burra Branch Hugh Greenhill	8843 8115 (H)
14. Spalding to Georgetown	Northern Guidebook, Maps 1.1-1.6 GR 785 903 to 574 058	Kevin Liddiard	8289 4236 (H)
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