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2021: A year for collaboration, contemplation and celebration

MELANIE SJOBERG



Over recent months I've found being in nature, walking along many of our trails, has been energising and a welcome relief from the constant Covid updates. It's apparent from the very large numbers out walking that many people are rediscovering this pleasure and our community of walkers is growing. It bodes well for the future as more people explore the Heysen and the myriad of connecting trails scattered across our regions.

As the year winds down, we face a more positive outlook with the easing of restrictions, and Covid outbreaks in South Australia appear to be managed prudently. Of course, we all need to avoid complacency, so safe hygiene and distancing will continue. Still, it's good for us to remember that outdoor activities are proven to be beneficial for our wellbeing.

The Friends Council and Committees have been busy planning a significant increase in our walk program and trail development activity for 2021 as restrictions ease.

Heading into 2021, the Friends will mark 35 years of operation; a significant achievement for a volunteer organisation. Did you know old *Trailwalkers* are available on our website? You might be surprised by the insightful stories, historic photography, and celebrated trail characters the early years reveal.

The Friends has naturally expanded and evolved; however, the organisation remains focused on its five key drivers:

- › Volunteers;
- › Trail Maintenance & Development;
- › Walking;
- › Promotion; and
- › Conservation/Greening.

We are fortunate to benefit from a powerful legacy of dedicated people getting hands-on with trail work, ably leading walking parties and promoting the Heysen Trail.

The Friends continues to exist and, importantly, keep the Heysen Trail alive, by expanding our membership and rejuvenating our volunteer teams. We are always keen to hear fresh ideas and encourage newer members to get involved: it is a truism for good reason that everyone has something to offer!

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Author *Silent Spring**

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Please note that the Office will close for a holiday break at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, December 11, 2020. If you've ordered a calendar and elected to pick it up from the Office, please do so before we close.

Over the Christmas break, our online shop continues to operate, although with extended delivery dates. Usually, we undertake to despatch orders within three business days.

During the office closure, we will aim to despatch them within five business days. Please note that Australia Post have advised that delivery times may be longer than usual this year.

Our volunteers return for duty to attend the Office Volunteers Information Day on Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

The Office will re-open for normal business at 10.30 a.m. on the following day, Tuesday, February 5, 2021.

Interested in volunteering in the Office?

If you have a day to spare each week or fortnight and are interested in helping others walk the trail, we'd love to hear from you.

You don't have to be a trail expert or a computer whizz; if you've walked, or are walking the trail, you have valuable experiences to share with intending walkers. We have a team of friendly volunteers who will help you 'learn the ropes'.

Join us at the Information Day on February 1, 2021, to find out more about a role in the Friends office.

If you are thinking about volunteering, please email the Office Manager Dom Henschke at heysentrail@heysentrail.asn.au and he will be in touch.



Photo: Beck Treks Australia

Heysen Trail Closure during the Fire Danger Season

The Heysen Trail is closed during the Fire Danger Season.

The Trail crosses three different Country Fire Service Fire Ban Districts, so the closure dates vary slightly.

However, as we are now in December, all sections are now in Fire Danger Season. Consequently, the Trail is currently closed until 30 April 2021. In the Flinders Fire Ban District, the Trail will re-open on 15 April 2021.

The trail closure times must be obeyed at all times, as the viability of the Heysen Trail is dependent on the continuing co-operation of private landholders.

Some sections of the Trail are still open – depending on local fire ban conditions. During the Fire Danger Season there is still the opportunity to walk along the Trail in Forest Reserves, National & Conservation Parks and along country roads. However, camping and the ability to cook with a naked flame is restricted or banned in many areas.

Public reserves such as Forests and National/Conservation parks are open to the public over the Fire Danger

Season however on days of extreme or catastrophic fire danger they are 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 have a sign informing people that the area is closed due to the fire danger.

You can find out more about the sections of the Trail that remain open most of the year on the Fire Danger Season section of our website www.heysentrail.asn.au/heysen-trail/fire-danger-season/

ACCESS TO HUTS ON THE TRAIL IS ALSO RESTRICTED.

A number of the huts along the trail are on private property and are therefore not accessible to the public (including walkers) during the Fire Danger Season. These include Marshalls Hut, Huppatz Hut, Hiskeys Hut, Catninga Hut and Mayo Hut.

Huts in National and Conservation Parks or Forest Reserves are accessible during the Fire Danger Season, provided it is not a day of extreme or catastrophic fire danger.



Photo: Mark Scicluna

Register
for 2021

Wishing to walk the Heysen Trail in 2021?

Each year a new group of walkers, called End-to-Enders, commence their six-year journey of 1200kms from Cape Jervis on the Fleurieu Peninsula to Parachilna Gorge in the Flinders Ranges. Registration and walk details can be found on the Friends website.

For those unsure of their fitness level or have not walked in a group environment before, training walks of 'TrailWalker level' will commence in April next year. Check the online Walk Programme for latest updates and to register www.heyseentrail.asn.au/walks



Trailthinker Quiz

1. What is the South Australian fauna state animal?
2. Which three interstate trains service Adelaide?
3. What is the highest peak in the Mt Lofty Ranges?
4. Glacier Rock (one of the world's largest glacial relics) is located near which Heysen Trail town?
5. The Mawson Trail's northern trailhead is located in which outback town?
6. 'Map' the Miner sits at the entrance of which Heysen Trail town?
7. Arguably one of Sir Hans Heysen's most famous paintings, "Land of the Oratunga" showcases which northern Flinders Ranges mountain?
8. The "Iron Triangle" consists of which three South Australian cities?
9. Adelaide's Glendi Festival celebrates the culture from which country?
10. What are the names of the first 3 conservation parks a walker will cross if they begin the Heysen Trail from Cape Jervis?

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Recommendations from the sub-committee will then be considered by the Council, before being presented to the full membership at the next AGM.

To be considered for the 2021 AGM, nominations should be received by the end of January 2021.

Guidelines for Honorary Membership (Distinguished Service):

(i) Normally at least 10 years of paid membership as an Ordinary, Family or Life Member

AND

(ii) at least six years of substantial voluntary contributions to the Association, including especially one or more of Maintenance Section Leader or Volunteer office, regular Walk Leadership roles, Maintenance Section Leader or Volunteer office.

Guidelines for Honorary Membership (Exceptional):

Substantial and sustained contributions to promotion, development and/or maintenance of the Heyesen Trail, or the Association other than as a paid member or volunteer through, for example, public service support, media support, etc.

2021 Calendar available now



Celebrating our newest Honorary Members

The Friends welcomed Arrienne and Peter Wynen as Honorary Members in 2020.

Arrienne and Peter Wynen joined the Friends in 2003, with their names first published in the Spring issue of the *Trailwalker*; this would not be the last time their names would appear, however, as they would go on to serve various roles within the organisation.

Having initially walked from Cape Jervis to Kapunda using the 'car shuffle' technique, they soon became a part of the inaugural End-to-End 1 group, preferring the convenience of the 'End-to-End' system. Consequently, Peter completed the Trail in 2005; however, Arrienne's knees would not permit her to finish until some years later.

2007 arrived and with it a new president and a new secretary, Peter. This year also ushered the arrival of a new Walk Committee Chair, in the guise of Arrienne. Come that year's winter *Trailwalker*, and their first article hit the printers.

The following year, with Peter and Arrienne active members of their local lawn bowls club, and the Friends losing access to the old haunt (Enterprise House), the Friends were offered the Woodville Lawn

Bowls Club for its AGM. And so, it has continued to the present, with various other Friends meetings, Walk Leader Training, Volunteers BBQ and Walk Planning meetings, usually with Peter managing the bar and Arrienne running the kitchen.

Both members have enthusiastically involved themselves in all matters of the Friends.

Arrienne completed the Trail as an End-to-End 3 leader – while being recognised an exceptional trailender, supporting those having a down day. While Peter too completed the Trail as a leader with End-to-End 5.

Arrienne, a very forthright Walk Committee chair, ran meetings on time and to agenda, continuing in the role until 2013. And a regular speaker at the annual Walk Leader's Training, on how not to be a trailender!

Peter relinquished the secretarial role in 2012, then took over the *Trailwalker* editorship which he continued until 2017, studiously publishing our magazine four times a year after teaching himself the graphics programme – with a bit of help from a WEA course. Peter has also produced most of the Friends calendars since their inception.

Both Peter and Arrienne maintain a keen interest in the Friends, acting as bartenders and chief kitchen organisers at Woodville's social functions.



Future Trail Projects in Parks & Forests

 Installing a Heysen Trail sign alongside the Wild South Coast Way signage.

Friends of Heysen Trail members and supporters may want to check out proposals for new trails in Parks and Forests that directly or indirectly impact upon the Heysen Trail.

1 SOUTHERN FLINDERS RANGES PRECINCT

The “Remarkable Southern Flinders” proposal, is a concept put forward by community partners including the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife, Northern Areas Council, District Council of Mount Remarkable, Port Pirie Regional Council and Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid-North to further advance and promote the Southern Flinders region as a tourism destination.

Together these partners put forward the “Remarkable Southern Flinders” proposal to the Australian Government and were successful in securing \$5million from the Building Better Regions Fund. The South Australian Government had already committed \$5million to establish the precinct as part of the Parks 2025 strategy.

The establishment of the park will closely involve the traditional owners of the land, the Nukunu Nation. The Nukunu will also be co-managers of the Telowie Gorge Conservation Park, inside the precinct. (Source Parks SA Website).

The Heysen Trail is already a drawcard for walkers in this area as it traverses the Parks and private land from Crystal Brook through Beetaloo, Wirrabara, Telowie Gorge and Mt Remarkable to Wilmington. Any trail development in this area is of direct interest to walkers.

Community consultation is underway and Parks SA has established a website with an overview of plans, maps and a link to keep in touch as the project unfolds: <https://engagementhub.parks.sa.gov.au/southern-flinders-precinct>

2 CUDLEE CREEK - FORESTRY SA

Forestry SA has launched a DRAFT Strategy for community consultation that describes its aim to “rebrand a section of forest as Fox Creek Bike Park” and proposes “approx. \$6m in funding to develop world class Mountain Bike Trails”.

FOHT understands that the area proposed for a mountain bike park is some distance from the existing Heysen Trail. Heysen walkers are well aware that the Cudlee Creek section

of the Heysen Trail has not been open since the bushfires in January. FOHT is waiting for advice from Forestry SA about when the Friends volunteers will be able to gain access to rectify any damage.

FOHT has also requested clarification about how walking trails in the plantation and native forest reserve will be protected under this proposal; especially as 47% of people who responded to a survey said that they entered that forest area for walking.

Keep up to date with developments: www.forestrysa.com.au/2020/10/01/cudlee-creek-forest-trails-fire-recovery-strategy-feedback/

3 WILD SOUTH COAST WAY - SOUTHERN SECTION OF TRAIL

This project has been previously reported in *Trailwalker*, arising from the SA Government commitment of \$6million to upgrade the south coast section of the Heysen Trail and Deep Creek Conservation Park.

A Steering Committee is overseeing designs for upgraded campsites along the trail and within the Park and has engaged with tourism operators about promotion. Information and updates are available: www.parks.sa.gov.au/park-management/wild-south-coast-way

PAUL BOND

Maintaining the Trail and the Trust

As more hikers have become active on the Trail, following the relaxing of COVID-19 restrictions, so has the maintenance crew. In some areas, the weather has led to significant growth of flora on the Trail, which in some cases has proved difficult to control. Hedge cutters and the full array of pruning tools have been put to good use over this period, while several arrow stickers and trail posts have both been replaced.

However, in addition to this on-going battle with nature, some significant improvements have been made.

- › **Eyre Depot** now boasts a new toilet and platform
- › Trail safety has also been improved around the **Eyre Depot** Creek waterfall
- › The Trail was reinstated following erosion near **Willochra Creek** (although recent rains of up to 90mm in this area may have revived the erosion problems)
- › The spur trail to **Warren Gorge** has been marked
- › The toilet at **Black Jacks Hut** has been replaced after the original structure was destroyed by strong winds
- › A rainwater tank has also been installed at **Black Jacks Hut**
- › After much negotiation with the joint management committee, a minor, but sensible, realignment of the Trail in **Wilpena Pound** has been marked
- › The **Mount Bryan East School** house has received some much-needed attention thanks to the Burra Men's Shed
- › **Beetaloo Creek Campsite's** damaged tank has been removed for repair and will be reinstated in due course
- › The rainwater tank stand has been replaced at **Dutchmans Stern**

As South Australian were encouraged to travel within our State, many budding hikers have tried bushwalking and camping for the first time; some doing it better than others.

On many weekends, the Parks SA campsites have been fully booked, resulting in people apparently camping wherever they can find a spot. Sometimes this has occurred on private land, and at other times Google has directed vehicle-based campers towards the Heysen Trail campsites, which are intended as 'walk-in' only sites. The Friends have taken some steps to make our sites less visible on Google and the Department of Environment and Water is addressing the issue from an official standing.

This type of behaviour has quite understandably upset some landowners near or on the Trail. DEW and the Friends are working together to try to mitigate these impacts.

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It is worth remembering that, in one way or another, someone is responsible for managing the land we walk over.
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As much of the Heysen Trail traverses private land, hikers must do all they can to help to protect that privilege. While leaving farm gates as found may not seem to be critical to the non-farming community, it is an important part of farm management – if it's closed, leave it closed to prevent grazing animals moving through paddocks or if it's open, it may be to allow stock to move into another paddock. It is worth remembering that, in one way or another, someone is responsible for managing the land we walk over.



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DANIEL JARDINE

MELANIE SJOBERG

Old Mt Bryan East School: Involving Locals in Heysen Trail Maintenance

The Old Mt Bryan East School is one of many Heysen Huts and sits on a public road within view of popular Mt Bryan.

Unfortunately, easy access has led to serious damage and ongoing problems with occupants leaving large amounts rubbish or damaging the property.

Some Adelaide-based mountain bike riders who stay at the school and support the Heysen Trail have volunteered over the last couple of years to undertake regular cleaning and general maintenance. They reported that damage and hygiene was becoming an increasing challenge this year and suggested we check out whether the Burra Men's Shed (BMS) may be interested in doing some maintenance at the School.

We planned to walk Burra to Hallett over 5 days at the end of August so took the opportunity to meet up with BMS coordinator Darryl Venning before we kicked off. Darryl sounded very interested as the shed was looking for projects, so he agreed to inspect the school the following week with some of the shed members. Happily for the Friends and Heysen Trail users, they decided to take on the project.

Over the next 4 weeks up to 10 volunteers from the BMS spent time at the school achieving the following:

- › Capped the two chimneys: this helps prevent egress of blowflies into the building.
- › Removed several dirty fabric covered chairs and donated replacement vinyl ones.
- › Replaced the damaged entrance door and installed a pad bolt on it.
- › Installed a number of awnings on the windows.
- › Painted the fire hearths.
- › Prepared and painted the window sills and both external doors
- › Also covered the windows on the church adjacent to the school to preserve it from weather.

Assistance from the BMS at the School has proved successful. The work is equivalent to what our own volunteers would have carried out and all in quick time at low cost. The Friends covered material costs and also donated \$500 to the Burra Men's Shed in recognition of their volunteer contribution. We hope this helps the Burra Men's Shed volunteers to keep an interest in the school and church.

Their work on the school was noticed by other locals and now the management group for the Sir Hubert Wilkins Homestead on Mt Bryan East Road has asked the BMS to paint the property. www.visitburra.com/sir-hubert-wilkins-cottage/

FRIENDS INVOLVEMENT

An old Trailwalker reports that "On 27 May 1995, the Minister for Health and Aboriginal Affairs, Dr Michael Armitage, officially opened the Mt Bryan East School. The day was a celebration of the establishment of another three huts on the Heysen Trail, bringing the total number of huts now available to walkers to 10. Funding for the huts currently being restored has come from the Health Commission." NB this funding was \$100,000, quite a solid contribution at that time.

So we learn that the lovely old school available for use by walkers and cyclists was one of the first in a program of the (then) Outdoor Recreation Unit in Rec & Sport to develop huts along the Heysen Trail. Apparently, the aim of the State Government was to create enough huts to be one day walk apart - we are still waiting for that aim to be fulfilled!

HISTORY

The Mt Bryan East School was built in 1884 under the direction of the Education Department and opened in 1885. The school operated for the next 62 years until its doors closed in 1947 due to population decrease in the region. The school's most famous scholar, Sir Hubert Wilkins, photographer and polar explorer (1888-1958) describes his school years in the district in his autobiography.

The building remained vacant for a number of years until it was acquired by the Burra Branch of the National Trust in the early 1970s. Unfortunately, the Trust did not have sufficient funds to restore the building, and it was transferred to the then Department of Recreation and Sport in 1990.

Between August and September 1994, the Adelaide Central Mission worked with a team of unemployed men to restore the old schoolhouse for use by walkers on the Heysen Trail. (Source: Burra Broadcaster No 213 31 May 1995) The site is now part of the Crown, under ownership by the Department of Infrastructure & Transport.

Friends volunteers have continued to maintain the Old Mt Bryan School over the past 25 years so that it continues to be available for walkers and cyclists.

ASK A HIKER

What is your favourite interstate walking trail?



Not a 'trail' as such, but it has to be walking **the Simpson Desert**; such a uniquely Australian adventure. My first expedition was completed over 4 years with a team of 24 participants walking relay-style, beginning at Dalhousie Springs in far north South Australia. Walking was done in twos, with each pair covering about 12 km a day (slow going because of the soft sand). It was a wonderful experience, walking across untouched dunes - except for the odd animal print and the tracks left by the military's unimogs, which carried our equipment from campsite to campsite. This was then followed up by an unsupported journey over the following 3 years with walks to **'the 4 Corners'** (pictured); Poeppel (SA, NT and QLD), Haddon (SA and QLD, Cameron (SA, QLD and NSW and finishing at Surveyor Generals Corner (SA, WA and NT).

CHRISTINE PORTER

Office Volunteer



WA's **Mamang Trail** in the Fitzgerald River National Park offers a stunning 30km overnight hiking experience. The hike follows superb white beaches yet surrounded by low mountains. The coastal cliff section offers relief from sand walking accompanied by spectacular views where an inlet intersects a delightful bay beach - private birthing place for southern right whales.

MELANIE SJOBERG

President



The **Thorsborne Trail**, on Hinchinbrook, is right up there. Tropical beaches and sparkling waterfalls made you feel like you were walking on a film set.

SIMON CAMERON

Heysen Highlights Author



The **Great Ocean Walk** in Victoria with 6 days walking. A wonderful variety of beaches, forest, scrub and magnificent headlands. A great adventure for walkers not used to multi-day hikes.

ROBERT ALCOCK

Honorary Member



The **Great North Walk** (Sydney to Newcastle) wins my award. As you walk from Sydney CBD through a huge diversity of bushland (within cooee of suburbia), you'll discover temperate rainforest, hard sandstone climbs with aboriginal artwork and sclerophyll forests with huge multi-stem xanthorrhoea. This walk has it all and can be done as day walks!

JULIAN MONFRIES

Secretary



There are so many walks still on my bucket list, but at this stage I'd say my favourite is **Mount Field National Park** in Tasmania. Although it's not a specific trail, I spent a wonderful four days exploring many of the loops and circuits there. There's boulder scrambling, green fields on top of the world, perfectly clear alpine tarns, areas of dense scrub, and stunning waterfalls.

PLAN B

Through-hiker

Trailthinker Quiz Answers

1. Southern Hairy Nosed Wombat
2. The Ghan, Indian Pacific and Overland
3. Mount Bryan (936m)
4. Inman Valley
5. Blinman
6. Kapunda
7. Mount Patawarta
8. Port Augusta, Port Pirie, Whyalla
9. Greece
10. Deep Creek, Newland Head and Myponga

Friends Summer Walk Programme 2020/21

DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
WED 02 ANSTEY HILL Julie Testi	WED 06 WILD DOG GLEN Peter Clark	WED 03 SHEPHERDS HILL Heather Thompson	WED 03 GLENELG Simon Cameron
WED 09 SPRINGFIELD HEIGHTS Greg & Valerie	FRI 15 NIGHT WALK CRAFTERS TO MT LOFTY Bill Van Riet	FRI 12 BELAIR NIGHT WALK Bill Van Riet	FRI 12 SUNSET WALK SEMAPHORE Bill Van Riet
SUN 13 SUMMERTOWN SAUNTER (TW) John Babister			
WED 16 PT ADELAIDE WONDER WALLS PART 1 Julian Monfries	TBA	WED 17 BURNSIDE TRAILS John Babister	THU 18 BABBLER TRAIL, COBBLER CK Dom & Marlene
SUN 27 XMAS RECOVERY (TW) John Babister	MON 25 MARK OLIPHANT CP (TS) John Babister	WED 24 THREE BRIDGES PT ADELAIDE Julian Monfries	TBA
	WED 27 PT ADELAIDE WONDER WALLS PART 2 Julian Monfries	SUN 28 WAITE CP (TW) John Babister	
NO WALK	N/A	N/A	NO WALK



Check the online Walk Programme for latest updates and to register heysentrail.asn.au/walks

The Summer Twilight Walks begin at 6pm, are typically 1.5 to 2 hours long, and are within close proximity to Adelaide. Followed by an optional social dinner at a local restaurant.

Participants require only a modest degree of physical fitness.

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Friends Season Walk Programme 2021

	1ST WEEKEND	2ND WEEKEND	3RD WEEKEND	4TH WEEKEND	5TH WEEKEND
APR	EASTER	SAT 10 APR Walk Season Opening Walking SA	SUN 18 APR Pony Ridge/Belair Heather Thompson	SAT 24 APR Warren Tower Hike Dom Henschke	MON 26 APRIL - SUN 2 MAY Walk the Best of the Yorke Simon Cameron
		SUN 11 APR Willunga Basin Trail Daniel Jardine	SUN 18 APR Mount Lofty Botanical Gardens Bill Van Riet	SAT 24 APR Willunga Basin Trail Daniel Jardine	
			SUN 18 APR Lavender Trail Greg Boundy		
MAY	SAT 1 MAY Black Hill with 5 Peaks Mike Joyce	SAT 8 MAY Lavender Trail Greg Boundy	SUN 16 MAY Mount Misery Part 1 Peter Clark	SAT 22 MAY Parra Wirra Julie Testi	SAT 29 - SUN 30 MAY Walk the Yorke Peter Clark
	SUN 2 MAY Kuitpo Judith Ellis	SAT 8 MAY Willunga Basin Trail Daniel Jardine		SUN 23 MAY Onkaparinga Michael Middleton	SAT 29 MAY Willunga Basin Trail Daniel Jardine
	SUN 2 MAY Belair Loop Bill Van Riet	SUN 9 MAY Cobblers Creek Kevin Liddiard		SUN 23 MAY Lavender Trail Greg Boundy	SUN 30 MAY Mylor Aldgate Rosemary Hayward
JUN	SAT 5 JUN Sea to Summit Paul Frost	SAT 12 - SUN 13 JUN Lavender Trail Greg Boundy	WALKING SCHEDULE TBA	SAT 26 - SUN 27 JUN Walk the Yorke Peter Clark	N/A
	SAT 5 JUN Montacute CP Peter Deacon			SAT 26 JUN Pioneer Women's Julie Testi	
	SUN 6 JUN Onkaparinga Judith Ellis	SAT 12 JUN Willunga Basin Trail Daniel Jardine		SUN 27 JUN Scott Creek East Rosemary Hayward	
	SUN 6 JUN Stirling/Mt Lofty Bill Van Riet				
JUL	SAT 3 JUL Willunga Basin Trail Daniel Jardine	WED 7 JUL O'Halloran Hill RP Peter Deacon	WALKING SCHEDULE TBA	SAT 24 - SUN 25 JUL Walk the Yorke Peter Clark	N/A
	SUN 4 JUL B'water/Crafers Return Bill Van Riet	THU 8 JUL Onkaparinga Judith Ellis		SUN 25 JUL Mt Panorama Knotts Hill Rosemary Hayward	
	SUN 4 JUL Mt Crawford Peter Deacon	SAT 10 - SUN 11 JUL Lavender Trail Greg Boundy			
AUG	SUN 1 AUG Mack Creek Dom Henschke	SAT 7 AUG Beaumont/Cleland Mike Joyce	SAT 14 - SUN 15 AUG Lavender Trail Greg Boundy	SUN 22 AUG South Para Peter Deacon	SAT 28 AUG Cobblers to Tapanappa Mark Fletcher
		SUN 8 AUG Waitpinga Judith Ellis	SAT 14 - SUN 15 AUG Walk the Yorke Peter Clark		SUN 29 AUG Mt Crawford Peter Deacon
		SUN 8 AUG Hahndorf Settlers Walk Bill Van Riet	SAT 14 AUG Cape Jervis to Cobblers Melanie Sjoberg		MON 30 AUG - THU 2 SEP Fleurieu to Lofty John Babister
			SUN 15 AUG Warren Tower Hill Rosemary Hayward		

● TRAILWALKER WALKS
 ● TRAILSTARTER WALKS
 ● SPECIAL EVENTS
 ● LAVENDAR TRAIL
 ● WALK THE YORKE

	1ST WEEKEND	2ND WEEKEND	3RD WEEKEND	4TH WEEKEND	5TH WEEKEND
SEP	SUN 5 SEP Horsnell Gully Mike Joyce	SAT 11 - SUN 12 SEP Walk the Yorke Peter Clark SUN 12 SEP Anstey Hill Kevin Liddiard SUN 12 SEP Brownhill Creek Robin Sharland	WALKING SCHEDULE TBA	SUN 26 SEP Lobethal Bushland Park Dean and Mary Cartland	N/A
OCT	SUN 3 OCT Stirling/ Mt Lofty Bill Van Riet	SUN 10 OCT Highbury Aqueduct Kevin Liddiard SUN 10 OCT Mt Hayfield Robin Sharland	SAT 16 - SUN 17 OCT Walk the Yorke Peter Clark	SAT 23 OCT Trail Rambler Awkward Walk Phil Bell	WALKING SCHEDULE TBA

Note: this is not the final programme of events for 2021. Further TrailWalker and TrailStarter walks will be added before the start of the Walking Season.

Check the online Walk Programme for latest updates and to register heysentrail.asn.au/walks

Walk Cancellations

If you need to withdraw from a booked walk, please notify the leader or the office as soon as possible. The easiest way is to log into your account and withdraw from the walk. TrailStarter, TrailWalker and TrailRambler walks will be cancelled if the forecast temperature for Adelaide is equal or higher than 32°C.

Walks Registration

Register for a walk either online at heysentrail.asn.au/walks or by phoning the office on 8212 6299. Walk registration closing dates and times are listed on each walk event page, access via the website walk calendar.

Further Information

Details about each walk, our hot weather policy, what to wear and bring and walk grades visit heysentrail.asn.au

Welcome New Members

The President and the Council would like to extend a warm welcome to the following 89 members who have joined the Friends since the last edition of Trailwalker.

Peter Anglberger	Mark Freeman	Maddison	Angus Sarah
Jason Anglberger	Felicity	McCallum	Ben Sarah
Nancy Arthur	Gerschwitz	Annette McCard	Will Sarah
Max Bedward	Jon Gerschwitz	Andrew McComb	Matthew Stobart
Catherine Bennie	Richard Gerschwitz	Teri McComb	Dani Taylor
John Bradford	Louise Gerschwitz	Kathryn Merchant	Vicki Tuckey
Sean Broughton-Wright	Justin Gerschwitz	Geraldine Moore	Steph Tulloch
Klaudyna Brzozowska	Sarah Gerschwitz	Trevor Mutton	Bianca van Diermen
Nicole Cain	Kathy Grieve	Judith Nottle	Margot van Dyk
Tri Cao	Wendy Hamood	Sean O'Halloran	Emma Vanstone
Mochen Chen	Sandy Hayes	Rosalind Powrie	Katie Vanstone
Roshni Cooper	Trevor Hoffmann	Sue Price	Chris Vanstone
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Richard Duczmal	Tina Jameson	Roman Romanowski	James Watson
Douglas Dunsmore	Matt Lee	Heather Rowell	Jinping Wei
Robbie Edwards	Yonggui Luo	Jonathan Rudd	Heinz Weinand
Sally Edwards	Holly Marquis	Rachel Rudd	Mary Welch
Steve Edwards	Lachlan McAuliffe	Shane Ryan	Scott Westerman
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JOSH WEST

Celebrating 35 years with 35 photos

A collection of the ages

In 2021, the Friends of the Heysen Trail celebrate their 35th year as the custodians of South Australia's 1,200km Adventure Trail. Since 1986, Friends have assisted in the development and maintenance of the Heysen Trail, as well as other walking trails across South Australia. The following 35 photographs, and accompanying captions, showcase some of the most iconic people, regions and events in the organisation's rich history.

 **KEN BOWDITCH**

End-to-End 14 walking the beachside stretch between Balquidder and Waitpinga on the Fleurieu Peninsula.



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📷 LANCE PERRYMAN

Late afternoon at Blowhole Beach, Fleurieu Peninsula.

Adventures on the Wild South Coast Way

The southern coast of the Fleurieu Peninsula is difficult to see other than on the Heysen Trail because there is very little vehicle access. It is one of the great coastal walks with rugged cliffs, granite bluffs, untamed ocean, tucked inlets, and wild beaches. All of this is with endless seascapes, and nature's proudest displays of flora and fauna. Dolphins cruise the surf, and sea birds ply the skies while kangaroos and echidnas share the path. The luckiest walkers might see migrating Southern Right Whales.

Excerpt taken from 'Heysen Highlights. Companion Guide to the Heysen Trail' by Simon Cameron.

📷 DAVID COWLES ▶

A Friends of the Heysen Trail walking group making their way across Waitpinga Beach.



📷 MATT DODD

A pod of dolphins playing in the waves.



Heading south on Day 46

"Waitpinga Campsite to Balquhiddie Campsite. I walked the empty coastline stopping many times to take photos, swim or read. The sky was without a cloud and the ocean was blue as could be. The rolling dry hills just disappear into its depths. I walked by decent waves that were looking a treat with the morning's offshore wind. A surfboard is one item that didn't make this trek."

Excerpt taken from Doddlife Photography Facebook diary post on Matt's 48-day fundraising hike of the Heysen Trail.

📷 @DODD_LIFE

Conservation and preservation

The diversion around Newland Head is essential to preserve the last nesting site of the White Bellied Sea Eagle on the mainland coast of Australia from Pt Lincoln to Portland. These majestic birds are the second largest Australian raptor and have a two-metre wingspan.

Excerpt taken from 'Heysen Highlights. Companion Guide to the Heysen Trail' by Simon Cameron.



◀ 📷 TRAILWALKER ARCHIVE

Levelling and straightening fence posts can be difficult job at the best of times, let alone when you're battling a coastal climb. Volunteers assisting with Trail development, circa 1991.

📷 SARAH PENNY ▼

A coastal kangaroo taking in the Fleurieu Peninsula's invigorating sea breeze.





📷 RANDY LARCOMBE

Warren Bonython AO in his Adelaide home in Magill, 2005.

Early beginnings

As early as 1947 it was advocated that a series of walking trails be developed in the Mount Lofty Ranges. Over the next few decades meetings were convened to discuss access to the Ranges. At a meeting in 1969, Mr C Warren Bonython proposed the concept of a long-distance walking trail from Cape Jarvis on the southern tip of the Fleurieu Peninsula to the Northern Flinders Ranges.

Warren's legacy

'Warren Bonython was a conservationist, explorer, author and chemical engineer, who exerted a great influence on heritage and conservation in South Australia.

He was a founding member of the National Parks Foundation (later Nature Foundation), president of the Royal Geographical Society (SA Branch) from 1959 to 1961 and was instrumental in establishing the Heysen Trail.'

Excerpts taken from 'Joy in every walk of life', The Advertiser, May 26, 2014.

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📷 TRAILWALKER ARCHIVE ▼

Warren Bonython at the opening of Bonython Bridge, Mylor, circa 1992.





Honoring Warren with a 'Day on the Heysen Trail'

'Warren Bonython was Australia's greatest bushwalker and his death in April 2012 called for a special bushwalking commemoration. For the Friends of the Heysen Trail, it could be nothing less than Australia's biggest "day walk" – traversing the spine and heartland of South Australia. SA's bushwalkers and bushwalking clubs embraced the challenge, stepping out in 62 sections from Cape Jervis to Parachilna Gorge with 556 recorded participants.

My enduring memory of the day will be walking up Jervis Hill, near Hawker, returning into phone range late in the afternoon, to hear a succession of messages beaming in. Within twenty minutes, I had 32 "safe and finished" messages, and as I stood where Warren had looked north, I knew we had "done him proud".

Excerpts taken from Summer Trailwalker 2014, Simon Cameron.

Finalising the Trail

The first section of the Heysen Trail, nine kilometres within the Cleland Conservation Park, was opened in 1976. In 1978 the State Government Department of Tourism, Recreation and Sport gave the task of trail development to Terry Lavender and a further fifty kilometres, between Mt Lofty and Mt Magnificent, was opened.

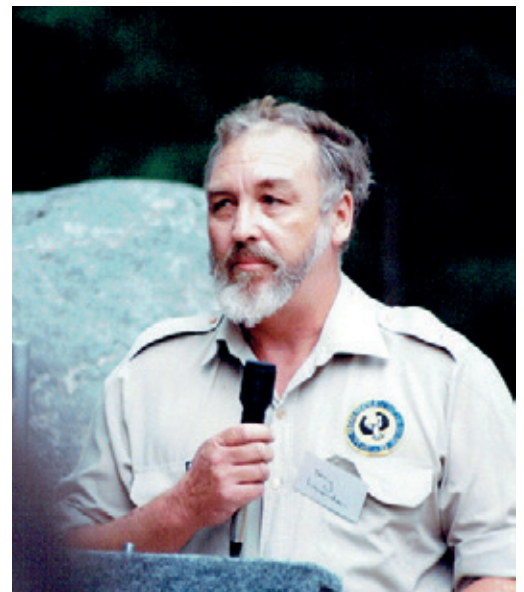
It was Terry who brought this concept into reality, and over the next 15 years, with Terry's commitment, sections the Heysen Trail were progressively opened until its completion in 1993. The development of the Trail by the Department of Recreation and Sport was made possible by the cooperation and support of state government departments, many district and local councils, numerous volunteers and most importantly, some five hundred individual landowners.

📷 ARCHIVE

The 'Day on the Heysen Trail' event was launched at the opening of the walk season at Elder Park. To promote the event, a display of yellow shorts was installed in memory of Warren's love of bright colours (he would often wear his yellow shorts out walking). 14 April, 2013.

📷 ARCHIVE ▶

South Australia's Mr Bushwalking, and architect of the Heysen, Terry Lavender OA makes a speech at the official opening of the completion of the Heysen Trail in 1993.



📷 ARCHIVE ▼

South Australian premier Hon. Lynn Arnold, Fiona Heysen and Warren Bonython cut the ribbon at the opening.





 LANCE PERRYMAN

The agricultural 'middle' of the Trail provides a colourful contrast.

Entering the Trail's agricultural district

Menge saw the farming potential of Barossa and published a report in 1840 prophesying that it would become the agricultural and viticultural heart of the colony. His report began a land rush and prompted the interest of German settlers who had recently arrived as Lutheran emigres. Speculators acquired the land at £1 per acre. The Lutherans agreed to pay £10 per acre. It was a commercial decision that aggravated growing division in the congregation, but eventually, in 1842, 28 families arrived to establish the settlement at Bethany, beside the Tanunda Creek which the Heysen Trail follows.

Excerpt taken from 'Heysen Highlights. Companion Guide to the Heysen Trail' by Simon Cameron.

Pastoral people

Like so much of South Australia's colonial story, [Burra's history] begins with pastoralists who were men of ambition and varying means, looking for opportunity and always expanding their frontier. Their influence on settlement and their legacy on the landscape is evident all along the Heysen journey.

Excerpt taken from 'Heysen Highlights. Companion Guide to the Heysen Trail' by Simon Cameron.

 CINDY ANDERSON ►

End-to-Enders heading toward Wandallah Creek Shelter after leaving Burra.



Windmill wonderland

The North Brown Hill Wind Farm, started in 2009, was one of the earliest wind projects in the mid-north. It is reported to be one of the most efficient, because of the 'high-quality wind resource'. The turbines now spread as far as the eye can see. Whatever your environmental position on wind generators, the view north from the Brown Hill trig point, over a forest of twirling blades, is spectacular. Rare is the opportunity to linger. The weather is master along any ridge top, and on this top, it is known to be cruel.

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A battalion of wind turbines lined up at the North Brown Hill Wind Farm.



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📷 ROBERT ALCOCK

Steady steps coming down Mt Bryan's slippery surface.

📷 NORTHERN ARGUS ▼

Robert Alcock's photography featuring in the local newspaper, July 2, 2014.



Snow Day on Mt Bryan

'With the snow and howling gale, it was a blizzard. In South Australia? The snow was not heavy, yet it stung the face when turning into it; fortunately, we were walking away from it. Many backpack covers were being blown off, again and again. I was revelling in this snowy experience, all the way to the summit...

The summit was a beautiful sight, covered in white in the mist. The view from the "seat/throne" was a white-out. Not able to linger long, we soon faced a treacherous descent. The snow had settled on the long green grass, with wet shoots and soggy earth below. On the steep slope, there was little grip for our boots. Many sat down and slid.'

Excerpt taken from 'Snow worries', Spring Trailwalker 2014, Robert Alcock.



📷 PAUL FROST ▲

Admiring the clear view from the top of Mt Bryan as member's of End-to-End 11 make their way up the firm, but no less steep, Mt Bryan slope, May 2019.

Anticipating extremes

The climate fluctuates heavily throughout the length of the Heysen Trail; expect blustery, foggy winters in the south, snow on the Trail's highest peaks and unforgivingly inhospitable summers in the north. If you're planning on hiking the entirety of the 1,200-kilometre journey, you must be prepared for all conditions.

📷 TRAILWALKER ARCHIVE ►

Friends volunteers erecting a 'Trail Closed' sign in readiness for summer's Fire Danger Season, circa 1991.





📷 ANDREW EASTICK ▲

Walkers from the 'original' End-to-End group descend into Cudlee Creek shortly after the Ash Wednesday bushfires, 1983.

Ash Wednesday bushfires

'Passing an abandoned house we continued following the track north-east towards Tapanappa Rocks, before again heading east and crossing Tapanappa Creek. Most of the surrounding scrub in this area had been burnt during the Ash Wednesday fires. The creek bed, in particular, exhibited considerable erosion from the heavy opening rains which followed only weeks after the fire.'

Excerpt taken from 'Stage One - Cape Jervis to Cudlee Creek', Andrew Eastick, 1983.

Mitigating the risk of fire danger

Large areas of south-eastern Australia suffer from the threat of bushfires. The Heysen Trail is closed during these high-risk times. This time, called the Fire Danger Season and generally runs between November and April, but different areas of the Trail fall into different Fire Ban Districts, resulting in slightly different dates. Due to seasonal variations, fire risk can vary, so Fire Danger Season may be extended.

📷 BECK TREKS AUSTRALIA ►

The aftermath of 2019's uncontrolled fire at the iconic Grandpa's Camp in Cudlee Creek.



📷 RODNEY REES

Friends Burra volunteer and CFS firefighter Rodney Rees examines the remains of a marker after the Wirrabara fires, 2014.





📷 DAVID COWLES

Watching as clouds gather over Hawker from Yourambulla Range.

Jarvis Hill lookout

From the Jarvis lookout, the Elder Range forms the middle ground massif while Wilpena Pound lies beyond this. Along the Yourambulla Ridge, the quartzite layers point to the east. Erosion has produced steps, shelves, caves and overhangs. This is the ideal preserve of the rock wallaby, but you will generally be walking above them.

Excerpt taken from 'Heysen Highlights. Companion Guide to the Heysen Trail' by Simon Cameron.



📷 MARK SCICLUNA

End-to-End 9 making their way down from the Mt Arden Summit, July 2019

Eyre Depot to Buckaringa Gorge

This section can claim to be the 'ultimate' Flinders hike because it offers creek, peak, ridge and gorge walking while providing the best views to be found on the Heysen Trail. You will also pass through four pastoral stations – Wilkatana, Arden Hills, Argadells and Buckaringa – the latter converted to a Wildlife Sanctuary where you are likely to see yellow-footed rock wallabies.

Excerpt taken from 'Heysen Highlights. Companion Guide to the Heysen Trail' by Simon Cameron.

📷 JOSH WEST

'Trekking West' walking toward the setting sun in front of Willochra Creek cliff face. August, 2018.



The shimmering walls of Willochra Creek

'Just when I thought I could grind through the day's extra kilometres, along came the mesmerising white walls of Willochra Creek; another acute case of 'expecting the unexpected' on the Heysen Trail. Golden rays from the setting sun rebounded off the pearly cliffs bringing the ephemeral body to life. As much as I wanted to erect my tent before dark, I, of course, had no choice but to unpack all of my camera gear and snap every angle of this remarkable scenery.

There was something especially unique about the Willochra Creek landscape at dusk. The abundant saltbushes shimmered gold, the crimson dirt illuminated beneath my feet, even the rusty brown fences created a distinctive ambience; throw in a smattering of feeding kangaroos and there may be no more an authentic environment in the whole of Australia.'

Excerpt taken from trekkingwest.com blog post on Josh's 59-day fundraising hike of the Heysen Trail.

📷 @TREKKINGWEST



◀ 📷 JUSTIN VALLARIO

Dinner time for this sleepy lizard near Buckaringa North Shelter on the route between Quorn and Hawker, 2019.

📷 ANDREW EASTICK ▼

The view of Elder Range from Bridle Gap at the edge of Wilpena Pound, circa April 1985.



The Trailblazers

Inspired by the late Warren Bonython's walk of the Flinders Ranges and his subsequent advocacy for a long-distance walking trail along the Mount Lofty and Flinders Ranges – the genesis of the Heysen Trail – then Penola farmer Andrew Eastick gathered together ten walking companions to walk the Trail as a South Australian Jubilee 150 project.

At the time the walk began on Anzac Day Monday 25 April 1983 the only built sections of the Trail were from Newland Hill to the Barossa Valley and from Hawker to Parachilna Gorge.

The walk, in eight stages over 80 days, was the first End-to-End and also the first Beyond the Trail walk, concluding on the summit of Mount Babbage on Monday 27 October 1986.

Excerpt taken from Autumn Trailwalker 2015, Andrew Eastick.

Moving the markers

In the 1980s there was enthusiasm to continue the Trail to Mount Hopeless because it is the last peak and marks the end of the Flinders Ranges. The slightly less remote Mount Babbage, north of Gammon Ranges was a compromise start point... The northern trailhead was eventually positioned at the less remote Parachilna Gorge.

Excerpt taken from 'Heysen Highlights. Companion Guide to the Heysen Trail' by Simon Cameron.



📷 ANDREW EASTICK ▲

Eleven eager walkers preparing to start the journey from Cape Jervis; Andrew – Bob Nicolle, Cameron Storey, Carlien Melrose, Dick Grant, Graham Duke, Harold (Woody) Woodward, John Dunn, Lyn Steven, Monica Osbourne and Rob West. Anzac Day 1983.



◀ 📷 ANDREW EASTICK

Bob Nicolle, Dick Grant and Andrew Eastick went on to reach Mount Babbage. October 1986.



◀ 📷 JEREMY CARTER

Graham Connor, Nick Lagos, Simon Cameron and Jeremy Carter at the Mount Painter Summit on their way south from Mt Hopeless. April 2011.

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The original End-to-End

In 1999, at a meeting of the Heysen Trail Walk Committee, David Beaton asked why we, as an active Friends organisation, did not offer members a framework to complete the entire Trail. The question was certainly valid; walking groups such as ARPA Bushwalkers had provided opportunities to walk the full-length of the Heysen Trail for some time. We had no answer, and, from that auspicious enquiry, the 'Millennium Walk' evolved the following year. [This walk soon grew into a major program; End-to-End 15 is scheduled to commence in 2021].

Excerpt taken from Autumn Trailwalker 2020, Julian Monfries.

📷 JULIAN MONFRIES ▲

The end for the Friends' first End-to-End Group at the Parachilna Gorge Trailhead, 2005.

📷 JULIAN MONFRIES ►

The signature sheet showing an outline of South Australia, the entirety of the Heysen Trail, and the End-to-Enders painted and signed boot prints.



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📷 JOHN MARSHALL

A National Park Ranger fuelling a Healing Ceremony Fire after deaths in Wilpena Pound, 2019.

Indigenous custodians

The Heysen Trail passes through Country of seven traditional owners: the Ngarrindjeri, the Kurna, the Peramangk, the Ngadjuri, the Nukunu, the Banggarla and the Adnyamathana. Their ownership is apparent in the landscape names, like Wilpena and Bundaleer, recorded by colonial surveyors in the 1840s and 1850s.

Excerpt taken from 'Heysen Highlights. Companion Guide to the Heysen Trail' by Simon Cameron.

📷 STEPHEN SALIB-BROWN ▶

End-to-End 4 approaching Yourambulla Range.



📷 LIZ HOBART

Trezona Campsite, Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park, 2019.

End-to-End Awards

2020 may have been a frustrating year as it interrupted the plans of the FoHT End to End groups, but a lot of walkers have taken the opportunity to get out on the Heysen Trail.

Congratulations to the following walkers who received End-to-End awards for completing the trail up until the **end of October 2020**.

In particular, we recognise a fantastic effort by Damian Fitzpatrick – who we believe is the first person to walk continuously from Cape Jervis to Mt Hopeless.

Jak Allen	Jenny Keane
Susan Beckett	Annette Kuss
Stephen Bellew	Alexandra Mannarino
Sonja Benn	Deb Manning
Tom Benn	Stewart Martin
Jonathan Billington	Holly Marquis
Sally Buckett	Julie Meegan
Frida Cheok	Alan Miller
Sue Colbeck	Mark Overton
Lachlan Dyer	Meredith Rasch
Lucy Dyer	Dean Richardson
Douglas Dunsmore	Albert Richter
Emily Dunstan	Brian Richter
Philip Evans	Robert Richter
Chris Finn	John Rothe
Damian Fitzpatrick	Theresa Stephens
Britt Franzmann	Pamela Uppill
John Hallifax	Pat Venning
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