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ARBURY PARK SAVED



DEPUTY PREMIER DON HOPGOOD LISTENS TO THE FRIENDS

Following previous discussion between the Friends and the Minister of Recreation & Sport, The Hon. Kym Mayes, M.P., The Minister for Environment and Planning, The Hon. Don Hopgood, M.P. made an on-site inspection of Arbury Park on Thursday, 28th July, 1988. Mr. Mayes was unable to attend due to illness and the Minister of Education was represented by Mr. Trevor Barr.

Other members of the party were Mr. Bruce Leaver, Director, National Parks and Wildlife Service; Mr. John Miller, Director, South Australian Recreation Institute; Mr. Graham Brooks, Acting Manager, Real Estate Unit, Lands Department; Mr. Simon Lewis, Native Vegetation Management Branch, Department of Environment and Planning; Mr. Terry Lavender, Manager Recreation Trails, South Australian Recreation Institute; Mr. Brian Foreman, Principal, Arbury Park Outdoor School and Mr. & Mrs. Bob and Betty Lewis, neighbouring residents and members of the National Trust. The Friends were represented by Vice-President Warren Bonython and Jim Crinion and Administrative Officer, Thelma Anderson.

The Party was escorted from Davenport Road to the picnic area where members of the Friends assembled to join the group for afternoon tea. Warren Bonython welcomed Dr. Hopgood and outlined the areas of our concern. He referred to the importance of retaining the native forest environment of Arbury Park to enhance the appeal of the Heysen Trail for walkers in particular and for visitors in general. ►



Dr. Hopgood reiterated a previous statement to the effect that the land on the northern side of the South Eastern Freeway would be retained as a Government asset. He expressed understanding of the Friends for the preservation of the outstanding natural environment of the area and assured those present that the integrity of this section of the Heysen Trail would be maintained by protecting it within the national parks system. He further stated that the Friends would be invited to be involved in discussions relating to future management of the area.

A walk along the Mt. George Ridge Trail gave the party an opportunity to obtain excellent views of the Heysen Trail section from a vantage point at the spectacular rocky outcrops near the summit of Mt. George. The descent to the picnic area provided a rare sighting of a magnificent grey kangaroo as it bounded through the bush.

Throughout the afternoon, students from Arbury Park Outdoor School were noticeably absorbed in the pursuit and discovery of nature study activities in an ideal learning environment, accentuating the value of the property to a wider community.

Members will applaud the Government's far-sighted decision not to proceed with further negotiations, following invitations for expressions of interest for alternative use of the vacant land on the northern side of the South-Eastern Freeway, but to incorporate Arbury Park into the State's National Parks system.

T.A.





MORE WALKS

WALKING PROGRAMME



SUNDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1988

KUITPO FOREST

Meet at 10.30 a.m. at Kuitpo Forest Headquarters, Brookman Road,
MEADOWS.

SUNDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 1988

COX'S SCRUB CONSERVATION PARK

Meet at 10.30 a.m. at MT. COMPASS TOWNSHIP.

Wildflowers and native orchids make a colourful display at Kuitpo and Cox's Scrub at this time of the year.

Bring light lunch, drink, jumper and rain jacket.

Wear suitable waterproof footwear, (sneakers or walking boots).

(Participation is conditional upon walkers accepting responsibility for any injuries sustained).

Enquiries: 213 0555 (Thursday and Friday)





BI-CENTENNIAL WALK AT MT. CRAWFORD

A sizeable group of 24 walkers met at the Telephone Road carpark for the Friends' second conducted walk to introduce enthusiasts to another section of the Heysen Trail. The group comprised existing Friends, potential Friends, nature study students, a happy, smiling lady from Shanghai, who showed great interest in our environment, and two intrepid travellers from Tintinara.

The inclement weather conditions at the start proved no deterrent and our tolerance of a little drizzling rain was rewarded before lunchtime by more enjoyable conditions.

Walkers followed the Heysen Trail from Telephone Road through pine forest to the native vegetation area of Jenkins Scrub, pausing briefly to make an entry on the Trail monitor sheet. The nature lovers saw little of any views through this section as they were busily observing and identifying the particular varieties of greenhood and mosquito (or gnat) orchid species. Banksias and rock fern were also at their best following good rains in the area.

We continued over Little Mount Crawford and then descended to the South Para River Valley to Colonial Drive for lunch. The next stop was the Mount Crawford cemetery which provided a talking point for those with an interest in the local history of the district. (We learned later that it was here that two members of the party decided to become the "Advance Guard" but in actual fact became the "Rear Guard" when they were discovered rapidly heading for the Fire Tower as everyone else was leisurely descending from it!)

In order to avoid re-tracing our steps, we left the Heysen Trail at Colonial Drive and from the cemetery continued on to pass the weather station near Mount Crawford Forest Headquarters. From these recordings reports are issued to the Weather Bureau on local conditions (usually one of the lowest temperatures and highest rainfall recordings in the State). We then crossed the main Williamstown Road and entered the forest to climb Tower Road to enjoy the superb views of various landmarks - Microwave Tower, Mount Crawford Summit, Warren Reservoir and Mount Lofty.

We had now resumed the Heysen Trail and returned to the car-parking area at Telephone Road through a somewhat low-lying area of Mount Crawford Forest. The navigation of an extensive stretch of water through the forest was handled in a variety of ways ranging from simply deviating to a higher point, ploughing straight through, removing one's shoes and socks, or selectively finding the "high spots" until reaching a large fallen tree. The tree, of course, provided a crossing of the "stretch of water" which, by this time, had become a raging river!

All returned safely to the parking area with the firm resolve not to miss the Friends' next walk at Montacute Conservation Park on Sunday, 21 August, 1988.



DEVELOPMENT NEWS

MAINTENANCE & TRAIL BUILDING

Recently the Heysen Trail maps No. 1 (Mt. Magnificent to Mt. Lofty) and No. 2 (Mt. Lofty to Barossa Valley) have been reprinted. It can be appreciated that with the many small changes made to the trail over the years, for various reasons, there are difficulties in keeping these maps up to date. For this reason changes on the trail are marked with Detour signs and the new route is well marked. Hopefully this column will keep readers up to date with changes. It must be remembered that with a bimonthly issue and the need to meet publication deadlines there is a built in delay of up to three months.

A temporary detour has been made to the trail at Moores Road. When walking south the trail now leaves Moores Road and follows Colonial Drive to the Norton Summit Hotel. Hopefully it will not be too long before the trail is again routed through Montacute Conservation Park.



MAINTENANCE TASK FORCE IN THE FIELD

Late last year a detour was made in Yulte Conservation Park. The trail no longer follows the northern boundary of the park; it now crosses through the Park to the southern boundary and returns to the north western corner to follow the road reserve north. Here another detour has been recently marked. The trail now reaches James track some 500 meters north of Causeway road. Signs have been installed at each end of these detours. It is important that walkers follow the trail as it is marked and observe instructions and signs.



With the completion of the trail north to Hamilton which involved a number of the Friends and Students from Gawler High School Map No. 9 (Peters Hill to Barossa Valley) is now available from The Department of Recreation and Sport. the next section north to Burra is well under way. Terry and his team have completed the survey work and the Friends will shortly start marking, installing stiles, etc.

Maintenance of the trail from Newland Hill to Mt. Crawford is still on line to be completed this year. Walkers will no doubt be aware of this in the coming months. The Irish Bog Ladder at Echunga should be completed within the next month. A number of other projects are in the design stage, news of these will be in the next issue of the "Trailwalker". If you have any queries regarding trail maintenance do not hesitate to drop me a line - many other members may have similar queries and answers via this column could be of help to them.

Colin Malcolm
CO-ORDINATOR



TWO NEW EXTENSIONS OF THE HEYSEN TRAIL



Terry Lavender has advised that two new walks are available:

- (1) Hughes Gap to Crystal Brook
- (2) Peters Hill (North of Kapunda)

These are not yet officially open, although they are developed. Until mapping is complete only members of The Friends may use these parts of the trail. All the usual rules and conditions apply.

For detailed maps contact Terry Lavender on 213.0512

The FUTURE of the FLINDERS

Do visitors to the Flinders Ranges want a night under the stars or a night in a five-star hotel? This is one of the questions raised by a proposal for a \$50m resort in the heart of the ranges at Wilpena Pound. NIGEL HOPKINS reports.



SA plans \$50m outback resort

A \$50 MILLION outback tourist resort to accommodate up to 3000 people a day is planned for South Australia's Wilpena Pound area of the Flinders Ranges, about 400km north of Adelaide.

The proposal for the popular tourist destination includes hotel accommodation, lodges, cabins, camping sites, restaurants and an Aboriginal Cultural Centre.

Planned to be built at the historic Wilpena station site on Government-owned land, it has been described as South Australia's first major outback resort.

Sydney project development consultant Ophix Finance Corp plans to develop the site subject to approval, and will prepare an environmental impact statement in conjunction with the South Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Finance has not been finalised.

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PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

Interested persons and organisations are invited to submit written comments on the Draft Amendment to the Flinders Ranges National Park Management Plan and the Draft EIS. The National Parks and Wildlife Service will provide a public response to all submissions received and the Assessments Branch of the Department of Environment and Planning will also take the submissions into account in their evaluation of the proposal. The Reserves Advisory Committee will review the Draft Amendment, the environmental impact documentation and the comments received and will provide comments to the Minister for Environment and Planning.

The Draft Amendment and Draft EIS will be available for viewing from 18 July, 1988 to 23 September, 1988 at the following locations:

Community Information Centre
Department of Environment and Planning
Lower Ground Floor
55 Grenfell Street
ADELAIDE

Library
Department of Environment and Planning
3rd Floor, 55 Grenfell Street
ADELAIDE

The Conservation Centre
120 Wakefield Street, ADELAIDE

Copies of the Draft Amendment and Draft EIS may be purchased at a cost of \$15 per copy from those addresses indicated*.

Comments should be clearly identified as a public submission and forwarded by 5 p.m. on Friday, 23 September, 1988, to:

The Minister for Environment and Planning
G.P.O. Box 667
ADELAIDE 5001

Marked: Wilpena Station Resort

Submissions will be treated as public documents unless confidentiality is requested.



**National Parks and Wildlife Service
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

LB 20913



By C. Warren Bonython

In 1978 the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Sport went to work with a will on walking trails. The Heysen Trail was to keep its special identity.

The Minister appointed Terry Lavender to plan and develop it, and he has dominated the scene ever since. His skill, enthusiasm and energy began making their mark when permission was given in 1978 to develop a 50-kilometre pilot section between Mount Lofty and Mount Magnificent.

I was delighted when, later that year, the Minister invited me formally to open this section. The ceremony took place at Arbury Park on 19 November in the presence of the Minister (the Hon. Tom Casey, MLC), the Director (B.J. Taylor), former Committee members, the Heysen family, the Mayor of Meadows and, of course Terry Lavender, his helpers and a good crowd of trail-walkers. [As a post-script, ten years later - in July 1988 - Heysen Trail supporters met at this same spot with the Deputy Premier and Minister for Environment and Planning (the Hon. Don Hopgood, MP) to agree on saving the priceless surrounding bushland by incorporating it into the State's national parks system.]

This test section caught the public's imagination, and all Government departments supported the proposal. The future of the trail was assured. On 22 July 1979 the Hon. J.C. Bannon opened the section from Mount Lofty to the Barossa Valley. On 18 October 1981 I was again asked to open a new section - from Mount Magnificent to Newland Hill.

Since then further sections have been commissioned - Parachilna Gorge to Wilpena, Wilpena to Hawker, Wilmington to Crystal Brook and Cape Jervis to Newland Head - so that now 780 kilometres of made trail exists.

The cause of the Heysen Trail was meanwhile championed by Dr Derek Whitelock, assisted by Dr David Corbett and Joan Paton, who publicised it on film and in print.

After 1978 I had little direct involvement, although I have now come closer again in the 'Friends...' movement. The history of the second phase of the Heysen Trail - from 1978 onwards - is not for me to tell. Terry Lavender, the father-figure of this era, should do so.



THE BUSHLAND WALKING GROUP

Fresh air, exercise and good company are enjoyed by Bushlanders fortnightly, on the Sunday alternate to that of the W.E.A. Ramblers (see June Trail Walker). Both groups share the same ideals and many keen day walkers belong to both.

The Annual Programme sets out times, places and gathering points north, south, and east of the city. Transport in private cars is then shared to the actual hiking areas.

Times of departure, destination, length of walks in time and distance vary according to the season of the year, the distance to be travelled by car or foot, the degree of difficulty of the terrain and each leader's individual planning.

Weekends away are also programmed. Again, day walks take place with accommodation in tents, caravans, Youth Hostels, cabins and so on. Occasionally, social activities are arranged.

Walking may take place on private property, along trails or rivers and in Conservation Parks. Special interests are shared - a special bird noted, a wildflower named, a shy orchid pointed out. Interstate and overseas walks may be discussed on items of group interest.

Future walks are planned near Mt. Compass, Mt. Crawford, Second Valley and Cleland Park. Hattak Lakes in Victoria is the venue for the October long weekend.

More information can be obtained from Naree 49 4736, or Alf 49 9745 or Thelma Anderson can name Friends of the Heysen Trail with current programmes.



HEYSEN TRAIL MONITOR COLLECTION

The system of trail monitor collection by the Friends is working very well with data being received from the eleven monitor stations each month.

However, there are two temporary vacancies for collectors at Myponga and Mt. Lofty. Pam Gibson is out of action due to injury (best wishes for a speedy recovery Pam) and Max Milne is off on an Australian safari (happy holiday Max).

We are therefore looking for two replacement collectors for the monitor stations at Myponga and Mt. Lofty. The task involves collecting monitor sheets, placing new sheets on the clip and sharpening the pencil, if necessary, on the first of each month from September to December.

If there is a school, walking club or individual walker willing to help, will you please contact Thelma Anderson, Administrative Officer, on 213 0555 (Thursdays and Fridays) or 278 4420 at other times for further details.

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THE COMMITTEE REVIEWING THE RECREATIONAL USE OF ROAD RESERVES.

by Rhonda Mora.

In August 1987, the Department of Recreation & Sport established a Committee to review the recreational use of road reserves throughout the State, with particular emphasis on their value as walking trails, and network, loop and link trails. The aim is to identify those unmade roads which should be retained in public ownership for recreational purposes and development for present or future needs. The review also seeks to identify road reserves which should be preserved because they contain significant stands of native vegetation.

At the present time the Committee has 7 members: 2 are from the Dept. of Recreation and Sport, with 1 representative from each of the following organisations; the Dept. of Environment and Planning, the Dept. of Lands, the Local Government Association, the United Farmers & Stockowners Association, and the Friends of the Heysen Trail and Other Walking Trails.

Meetings are held monthly, with 2 in the City, and every third meeting is held in a non metropolitan area. The first such meeting was a field trip on Fleurieu Peninsula, where Terry Lavender showed members examples of the types of Road Reserves that have recreational value. The other two country meetings have been held at Mallala and Strathalbyn District Council Offices, and these were very successful.

Last October priorities for the mapping process were decided as follows:

1. Mid North (where there were some long standing problems, now resolved),
2. Southern and Hills
3. Northern
4. Riverland
5. Yorke Peninsula
6. The South East
7. Murray Lands
8. Eyre Peninsula

These eight regions are then divided into Council areas, and draft maps are prepared, marking the road reserves which have recreational use. So far about 30 Council districts have been reviewed, and at each meeting 6 new maps are presented for discussion and comment. The draft maps are prepared by S.A.R.I. and taken to the Dept of Environment & Planning, and then to the Committee. They are then submitted to the relevant Councils for discussion, display and comment. From this process, three final maps are produced, one to go to the Council, one to the Dept of Lands, and one to the Dept. of Recreation and Sport. They are then used as a reference and planning tool when land closure proposals are being considered.





feature

WEST COAST CHALLENGE

JUSSIEU PENINSULA
Incorporating
LINCOLN NATIONAL PARK

The Jussieu Peninsula is a prominent peninsula of approximately 170 sq. Km. south of Port Lincoln. Its boundaries are Sleaford Mere Conservation Park to the west, Sleaford Bay to the south, Spencer Gulf to the east and Proper Bay to the north. Approximately half of the Peninsula (western portion) is Lincoln National Park.

While growing up in Port Lincoln I had visited all of the areas accessible to vehicles, but often contemplated exploring the coastline between. About 9 months ago my wife and I decided to return to the area to do just that. After months of training, we set out in late April 1988.

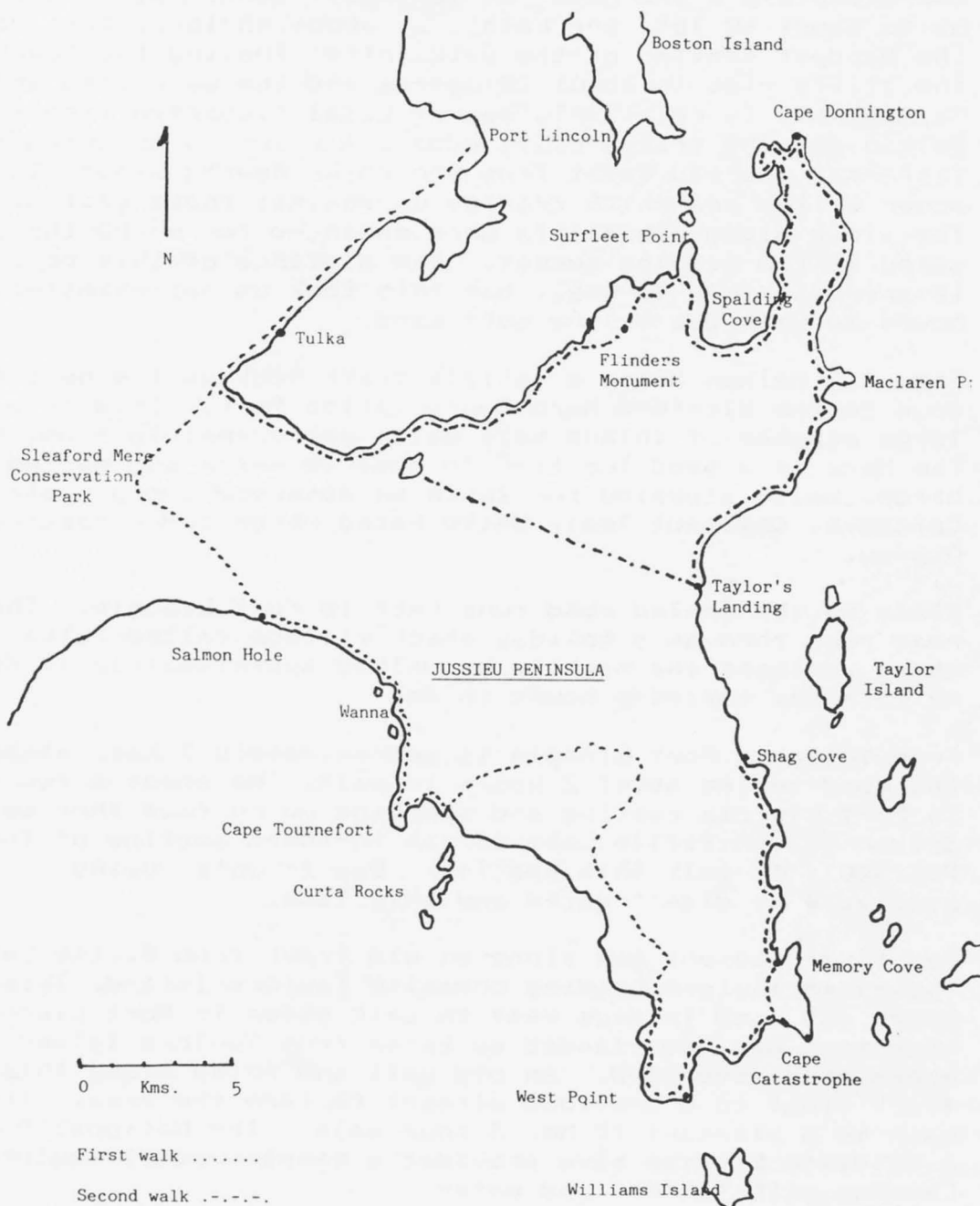
Prior to setting out, we cached water as there is no available water in the southern portion of the Peninsula unless it is extremely wet. My brother then drove us onto Memory Cove via an extremely rough 4 wheel drive track.

Our first day out was a day walk to Shag Cove north of Memory Cove. This was a return trek of approximately 10 Kms. We only carried day packs and water. The extremely thick vegetation and high cliffs would make back packing through this terrain extremely hazardous. We were fortunate to be escorted part of the way by 3 White Breasted Sea Eagles which stayed with us for about 2 - 3 hours. The colourful Port Lincoln Parrots added a splash of colour to the uniform colour of the Mallee Scrub. Along the coast we encountered an inquisitive seal as well as a Bronze Whaler Shark. The islands of the Thorny Passage were easily seen. Some of these islands bear the names of the sailors drowned from a Cutter sent to search for water from the H.M.S. Investigator when Captain Matthew Flinders discovered the area in February 1802. A Cairn commemorates this event at Memory Cove. This outing took us approximately 7 hours of walking.

The next day we left Memory Cove, walked up the 4 wheel drive track to the cliff edge to view the spectacular cliffs which rise up to 60 metres at Cape Catastrophe. From here we walked to West Point which is the most southerly part of the Peninsula. We took off our packs and climbed up the predominant hill behind the point. From this vantage point of approximately 150 metres above sea level the view is superb. It was in this vicinity we saw what I believed to be a Southern Stone Curlew which is quite rare on the mainland in this area due to predation by foxes and cats. We followed the coast round the point then back inland to a low lying area where I knew of an old well. We camped close by the well which is now fenced off, but no water could be obtained from it. This section of



the Peninsula features prominently in Aboriginal Lore with the "Wailing Woman" cave on the coast and the large rock outcrops towering above the valley. This section was about 12 Kms. taking approximately 5 hours of walking time.



The following day we decided to stay on the vehicle track due to many gullies we would have had to cross if we walked via the coast. There is approximately 25 gullies to cross which are up to 100 metres deep. This would have been quite demanding as our packs were still fairly heavy. The track passes through some magnificent strands of Sheoaks through which kangaroos and emus abounded. The highest point of 200 metres offer superb views along the Sleaford Bay coastline. Wanna well which is just off the road was dry, but our cache of water was not far from this location. We camped close to Cape Tournefort overlooking Curta Rocks. The water we buried gave us the opportunity to be a bit lavish that night, even allowing for a wash. This section took us approximately 5 hours to cover the 15 Kms.



With our packs back up to full weight again we set off the following day around the cliffs to Wanna. From here it was onto the beach to the Salmon Hole. The beach is approximately 4 1/2 Kms. of very soft sand. With my pack up to about 60 lbs. and Kath's at about 45 lbs., this was the hardest section of the walk. After leaving the beach, the cliffs rise to about 20 metres and the walk into the Salmon Hole is relatively easy. Local fishermen fish for Salmon off the craggy cliff edges. A cairn in memoriam to a fisherman who was swept from the rocks nearby atests the power of the sea which crashes up against these cliffs. The views along the cliffs were enhanced for us by the sea spray in the evening sunset. The distance of this portion is approximately 16 Kms., but this took us approximately 6 hours to walk due to the soft sand.

From the Salmon Hole, a vehicle track took us the next day down to the Sleaford Mere Conservation Park. This is a large expanse of inland salt water approximately 6 Sq. Kms. The Mere is a good location to observe water and wading birds. While stopping for lunch we observed Sooty Oyster Catchers, Chestnut Teal, White Faced Heron and a passing Osprey.

Close by the sealed road runs back to Port Lincoln. The road runs through a holiday shack village called Tulka where we spent the night. We walked approximately 11 Kms. on this day taking 4 hours to do.

From Tulka to Port Lincoln is approximately 7 Kms. along the road taking about 2 hours to walk. We spent a few days in Port Lincoln resting and stocking up on food then were driven out to Pillie Lake on the northern section of the Peninsula to walk this section. Due to water being available we didn't cache any this time.

Our first day out was along an old track from Pillie Lake (salt) to Taylors Landing opposite Taylors Island. This track was used in days past to walk sheep to Port Lincoln when they had been landed by barge from Taylors Island where they were bred. An old well and ruins along this track atest to a previous attempt to farm the area. The walk is a pleasant 10 Km. 3 hour walk. The National Parks & Wildlife Service have provided a campground at Taylors Landing with toilets and water.

After spending the night at the landing we headed north along the coast. The walking was pleasant, easy going with two beaches to walk along to McLaren Point. Again we were lucky enough to be followed by White Breasted Sea Eagles. The cliffs never rose higher than 20 metres. From McLaren Point the coast continues north to Cape Donnington past Carcass Rock upon which thousands of sea birds nest. At Cape Donnington, Port Lincoln is visible across Proper Bay. The sunset across the bay highlighting the islands made good photos. Nearby the Cape Donnington lighthouse stands a shack which has been upgraded by students of the Port Lincoln High School. Water is available at this location. We camped close by completing approximately 18 Kms. This took 6 hours to walk. ▶



The following day we set off in a heavy sea mist which blanketed the entire area. The tent couldn't dry out and some of our other gear also got wet which added extra weight to our packs. From Cape Donnington the coast runs south-west into Spalding Cove then north to Surfleet Point. The National Parks & Wildlife Service have provided a picnic ground with toilets and water. A vehicle track runs to Stamford Hill upon which the Flinders Monument sits. This is a lofty monument of marble with a bronze plaque which was taken up the steep 145 metre hill by bullocks in 1934. It was from this location that Captain Matthew Flinders surveyed this section of coast line. From the monument we returned to the coast and walked to Horse Rock near Pillie Lake. This section is very easy going and a pleasant walk, especially when the fog finally lifted. We covered approximately 16 Kms. this day, but due to the climb up the monument we took 6 hours to complete the days walk.

Our last day out was a pleasant walk along an old track to the water pipeline which provides water to Port Lincoln from subterranean water from the Lincoln Basin. A tap is provided where we stocked up to complete our walk to Port Lincoln. This section was also a very pleasant easy walk, again via Tulka village. To complete this section is approximately 5 1/2 hours to walk the distance of approximately 15 Kms.

The final tally was approximately 137 Kms. walked in 10 days through some superb coastal scenery. Many areas of the Jussieu Peninsula have had little or no impact especially the southern and western sections. This makes for ideal back packing. The sections which were once used for farming are slowly returning to their original state, but still provide for interesting diversions. The historical aspects of the Peninsula especially Captain Flinders' visit provided good follow up reading as did the Aboriginal occupation of this unique area.

The time of the year we went provided for ideal walking conditions. It rained on one night only. Temperatures were in the low 20's. While on the southern section we allowed 2 1/2 litres of water per day each, due to the unavailability of water. On the northern section we were able to increase to 3 litres each per day as water was readily available. This is a walk for experienced walkers to tackle, but certainly is well worth the effort.

Recommended map for the walk is 1:50,000 Topographic map - Jussieu - 1st edition. For further information contact National Parks & Wildlife District Office, Liverpool Street, Port Lincoln.

Volker Scholz
Deep Creek Conservation Park
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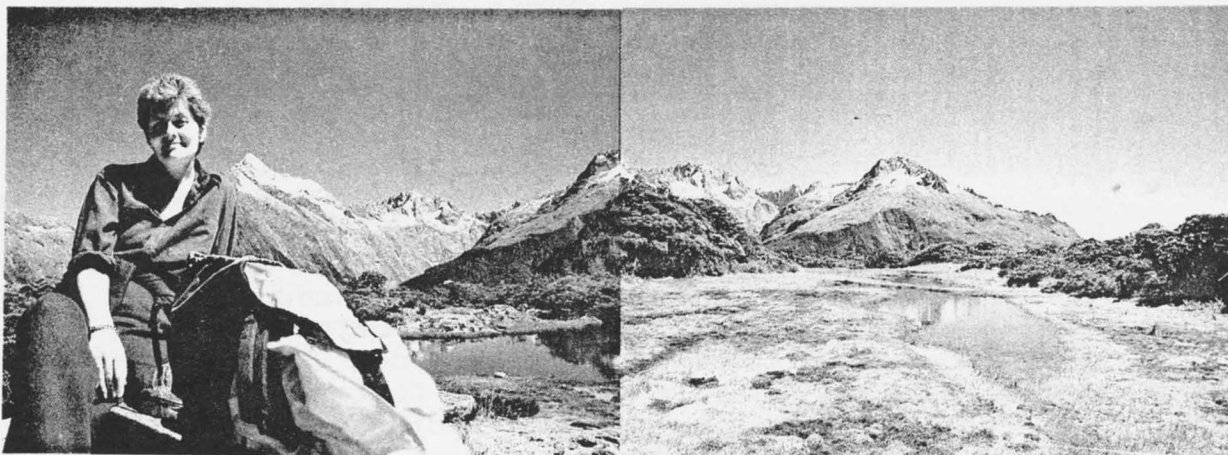
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Key Summit

Key Summit is situated in an area known as "The Divide", 25km south of Milford Sound on the South Island of New Zealand. The annual rainfall is approximately 6,800mm. Consequently three major drainage systems radiate from this area and eventually form the Hollford, Eglington and Greenstone Rivers.

In January of this year I had the good fortune to visit the Summit a second time. The first visit was in 1976 by myself but this year I was accompanied by a fellow walker Diana. I wanted to show her the sheer beauty of the New Zealand Fiordland National Park which is one of the biggest of its kind in the world.

The day we chose was superb, not a cloud in the sky which, going by the annual rainfall, was extremely lucky. Nevertheless we took raingear and warm clothing as the weather can change in minutes. We drove from Te Anau and arrived at The Divide which is 531m above sea level. (That's the good thing about walking in New Zealand - one's half way up the mountain before commencing!).



The walk itself takes up to 3 hours return but one would need to allow an extra hour or so to spend time at the Summit taking photos, breathing in the fresh, clean invigorating air and taking in the sheer beauty of the place. The first hour is taken up by walking through rain forest with an occasional tantalising glimpse of a snow-capped mountain. The trail itself is very well maintained with built-in gullies and run offs to reduce the possibility of erosion. The walk is interspersed with small waterfalls cascading down the mountain-side so there is no need to carry water as it is 99.9% pure.

The trail leads to a point where it divides and where most trampers decide to rest before continuing on their way. To the left the Routeburn Track passing Lake Howden, Harris Saddle (1,277m) and on to Queenstown. To the right, Key Summit. We followed this track to find it suddenly steepening, the forest disappearing and the ground becoming very hard and stony.

We reached the Summit (918m) after half an hour of hard climbing. I then saw the reasons for my wanting to return. The area is covered in Alpine Bog, shrubs, tarns (small mountain lakes) and is home to pockets of subalpine flowers - Daisies, Gentians, Gurisia, Coprosma and the voluptuous giant Mountain Buttercup. The track is sponge-like as one



walks on it (no blisters here) and it is wise to keep on the trail as the bog is like quicksand. Irish bog ladders have been built to assist in transversing the bogs.

Added to this, one is surrounded by the snow-capped mountains of the Alisa Livingstone, Earl, Darran and Humbold Ranges basking in the sun. I relived my previous visit, standing at a vantage spot and photographing the total 360° view. The trail continues on to the Greenstone Valley, but as we only had a few hours before carrying on to Milford Sound, we reluctantly turned and commenced the downhill journey back to The Divide.

Doug Paice
Noarlunga Bushwalking Club

FRIENDS OF THE HEYSEN TRAIL AND OTHER WALKING TRAILS INC.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED
30th June 1988

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Car expenses	120.00	Bank Charges	44.42
(donation)		Grants	5988.90
Donation	2.00	Insurance	284.20
Grants - Salary	5000.00	Postage (T/Walker)	580.01
Other	9177.00	Printing "	865.68
Membership Fees	1340.00	Postage (other)	39.66
		Salaries	6152.00 **
		Stationery	314.46
		Sundries :	
		Bus, Trailer hire	256.00
		Car expenses	488.07
		Govt. Gazette	108.00
		Transfer to Savings	
		& Investment A/c	4500.00
Balance 1.7.87	4124.65	Excess of Income	
		over Expenditure	142.25
	<u>\$19763.65</u>		<u>\$19763.65</u>

Savings and Investment Account - Commonwealth Bank

Balance 1.7.87	998.05	Bank Charges	1.25
Transferred from			
Working A/c	4500.00		
Bank Interest :			
Dec. 1987	42.03		
Jun. 1988	66.60	Balance 30.6.88	5605.43
	<u>108.63</u>		<u>5605.43</u>
	<u>\$5606.68</u>		<u>\$5606.68</u>

Grants - Department of Recreation & Sport

	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Surplus</u>
Committee Investigating	3370.00	3000.00	370.00*
Road Reserves in S.A.			
Reconstruction Heyesen Trail	5807.00	2988.90 ⁺	2818.10
Flinders Ranges			
	<u>9177.00</u>	<u>5988.90</u>	<u>3188.10</u>
⁺ Bus hire		1800.00	
Accommodation & Meals		1188.90	

LIABILITIES

Accumulated Members' Funds	5747.68
	<u>5747.68</u>

ASSETS

Cash at Bank	142.25
Investments	5605.43
	<u>5747.68</u>

Notes :

* An amount for Workcover to be paid from surplus.

Salary is paid according to grant received, which presently covers period to 8.9.88.

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