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*Season's  
Greetings*



*Merry  
Christmas*

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## MEMBERSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Since publication of the October issue of the **Trailwalker**, the following new members have joined the Friends' and a warm welcome is extended to them from the President and members of Council.

### SINGLE

Heather Reeves  
Brian Watkins  
Anthony Betson  
Arthur Eddison  
Diana Nunn  
Andrew Scutter  
Bradley Howell

### FAMILY

D. Tynski  
Donald James  
Patricia Grant  
Vera Booth  
Warrick Robertson  
Joanne Engel  
David Briggs  
R.D. Canute  
David Morris  
Ken Morcom  
J. Filsell  
David Bayly  
James Carty  
D.M. Carragher  
Robert Freer

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

To: The Treasurer, Friends of the Heysen Trail and Other Walking Trails,  
10 Pitt Street, Adelaide, SA 5000. Tel: 212 6299.

Please enrol me as a member of the **Friends'**. I enclose \$.....  
1993 membership fees are:

\$12 (single), \$18 (family), \$25 (school organisation), and \$50 (other organisation).

NAME:.....

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## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are required for work in the workshop, the office. and on the Trail. In addition we will be holding a Maintenance Workshop in March. If you wish to volunteer or, take part in the Maintenance Workshop please ring the office (212 6299). There is work to be done through the summer months.

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Postal regulations for registered publications such as ours will change in 1993. The change in format for this months edition anticipates this. We now move into the era of "Print Post". A Publications Committee is being formed at the moment. If you are interested in joining this Committee or, indeed in writing for **Trailwalker**, we would like to hear from you.



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## THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

1992 will be remembered as the year our Patron, Warren Bonython's dream came true! - Yes, **The Heysen Trail** is complete, thanks mainly to the efforts of 'the Friends'! The Official opening will take place early in the 1993 walking season!

There will still be many more Mount Lofty Walking Trails to be marked and maintained, so list yourself to complete 'a workshop' and join with other Friends to help on the Trails.

1992 also saw us open our own very attractive office in the city at  
**10 Pitt Street, Adelaide**

It is planned to promote our organization and the Trails to the public. To achieve this we need volunteers to assist in the Office on a roster system from 10am to 3pm daily. It is hoped we can also work closer with both the Y.H.A. and R.A.A. to promote both the Trails and, how to get to them.

We now have over 800 members with varied interests which we try to cover by having committees which organise such things as:

Trail Marking and Maintenance

Walking (including Map Reading and First Aid)

Tree Planting

Publicity

Social Functions. etc.,

Join in and help - share the pleasure of your organisation with others; help it grow and improve;- come and visit the new office at

**10 Pitt Street, Adelaide. 212 6299**

We would love to see you.

In closing may I wish you all a happy and healthy festive season and a prosperous New Year for 1993.

President Nev.

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## WATERS ROAD - STOP PRESS

On 3rd December, 1992 advice was received from the Department of Environment and Land Management that the Minister had declined to confirm the Council's Road Order to close Waters Road. It was stated that of particular importance was the intention of Recreation SA to designate Waters Road as part of the Mount Lofty Walking Trails.

The Department has stated that it is important to note that there is currently no legal access over the railway adjacent to Waters Road. Further, its use as a walking trail should be discouraged until such time as a suitable crossing is installed.

Martin Foster, Project Manager, commented that "this decision has been a milestone in the retention of Crown Land for recreational purposes. I applaud the efforts of those Walking Clubs and individuals, who submitted their objections to the closure, and particularly appreciate Thelma Anderson's unstinting involvement".

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## THE WALKING COMMITTEE COMMENTS

In 1992 over 30 walks were conducted by more than twenty leaders - all leaders were members of the Friends.

This is an opportunity to thank those leaders.

The walk brief usually allows the leader to choose an area to walk in. As a guide the leader may be asked to select a specific district ie: North, South, or Central. A distance for the preferred length of walk may also be indicated.

It is the walk leader's responsibility to take the telephone calls from the Friends booking-in for the walks published in the Trailwalker. This is necessary as we do limit the numbers for everyone's comfort; including the wildlife and the bushland! The leader also does a 'recce' walk a week or so before the walk. This ensures they are totally familiar with the route, have chosen rest and lunch places, and know the time taken for the entire walk.

The leader usually calls on a Friend to act as a support person. Friends' leaders are considered as 'managers' of the walk. They do not charge out in front, they do not have a comprehensive medical background, and they don't need to be brilliant navigators. They do see however that someone in the party can help with these duties.

Some highlights of the season were the big opening event at Bridgewater, the Hahndorf Settlers walk and the weekends away at Burra and Inman Valley. However some Friends' may believe that a different walk than these listed was their personal favourite.

We walked the Heysen Trail, the Network Trails and sometimes 'off-track'. We went from Deep Creek to beyond Burra. There have been many people introduced to the Friends', from the walk programme. All have the potential to become members who can assist with the many functions of the Friends'.

The fun enjoyed this year was provided by our leaders and on behalf of all our members I thank them.

Now this is also an opportunity to thank the walking committee. They set up the programme. This started with the Friends' walk leader training course at Woodhouse so people could learn the guidelines for leading a Friends' walk.

The committee met through the year and as well as running this year's programme they have made plans for 1993.

So what's on next season?

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Under a new Chairman of the Committee we are planning a grand opening of the walking season at Quorn with Recreation SA on the first weekend in April. This occasion will mark the official completion of the Trail. A recce trip will be done shortly. Accommodation, the programme and travel details will be announced in the New Year.

There is to be a walk leader programme where potential leaders will actually lead a small group on a short bush walk on Sunday 7 March. Plans are also in hand for another major settlers walk, this time in a different area. In hand also - another weekend and, our regular walks.

The quality of the programme depends on the leaders. You may know a walk that you would like to take the Friends' on. Next year come on the leaders programme and help make the fun.

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## The Summer Walk Programme

Sunday 14 February, 1993

### Twilight Walk Along the Beach

Meet at Kingston Park at the Picnic Area south of the tennis courts at 5.00pm off Burnham Road near the Esplanade.

We will walk two hours and be back at this little known but lovely picnic spot at 7 pm for a BBQ tea. There are electric BBQs available or you may like to bring a picnic meal. BYO drinks.

Sunday, 28 February, 1993

### Wirrina Wander

This is as much a picnic as a walk. Bring towel and togs as well as walking boots or shoes. We will meet at the Normanville Bakery at 9am where lovely lunch things can be bought; or bring your own.

This event will proceed regardless of the weather conditions but may be varied to suit the conditions. We plan to finish by 3.30 pm.

Bookings please for both days to: the Friends Office - 212 6299.

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3 December, 1992

Dear Friends,

We are once again at the end of the walking season. It has been a busy year and seems to have passed very quickly.

Much has been accomplished in the last 12 months, particularly on the northern sections of Trail. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who travelled north to help mark the Trail; it was a fantastic effort. I'd also like to thank Andy Joy and the students of the Quorn Area School. These people are the walkers of the future and its great to see them getting involved. The landowners co-operation in this area has been excellent. This has allowed large portions of the trail to be established on freehold land which would normally be unavailable to walkers. The Kanayka-Quorn and Hawker Council have also been very supportive of the Heysen Trail development.

Curnows Hut was opened in August, thank you to Department of Woods and Forests staff, Erwin Shulten, David Kaethner and Neil Collins, without whose support the project would not have been possible. Paul Nicholas, his staff and workers from the Wright Court Day Centre as usual have created another quality overnight haven for trail users. Final development work was completed for Map No 12, the route was established with the support and assistance of the Spalding and Hallett Councils, local landowners and Friends' members from the Burra Branch.

A special thank you goes out to Thelma Anderson who has worked long and hard since the inception of the Friends. Her dedication to the job will be missed, but I'm sure she will still be a great asset to the walking community with her continuing input into road closure surveillance.

Thanks to Mike Fretwell who was thrown in the deep end as Trails Co-ordinator and Eric Rowatt who put in a huge effort in supplying materials for a hectic development program.

I'd like to thank the volunteers who helped out at the workshop and numerous others who have helped checking and maintaining the trails this year.

I'd also like to thank all the landowners, Councils and staff of other Government Departments who made this a very successful year.

On behalf of Terry Lavender, Martin Foster and myself, I hope you all have a pleasant Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Moylan  
Project Officer, Recreation SA

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## THE TRAILS REPORT

The months of October and November have seen work continue throughout the length of the Trail. In the South, Peter Hill, with a group of volunteers, has re-marked and maintained the Trail between Mt. Scrub Road and Tunkalilla Beach Car Park. Another small group, under the guidance of the Trail Manager, Andrew Moylan, carried out work in the Quorn/Hawker area in, what can only be described, as, lousy weather conditions!

The workshop will, by the time you read this, have moved to Kidman Park. The new workshop is situated in the grounds of the former Kidman Park High School off Valetta Road - car access is by using the turning after the main building - Gate 2 - (to the west) and driving down the side of the main buildings; the workshop faces the oval.

At Norton Summit, there will be a realignment of the Trail between Norton Summit and Giles Corner. The Highways Department will be working on the road and relocating the crash barriers. The Trails Manager is endeavouring to obtain approval from the landowners to continue the Trail along the topside of the road. This would provide us with a complete route clear of the road to Giles Corner.

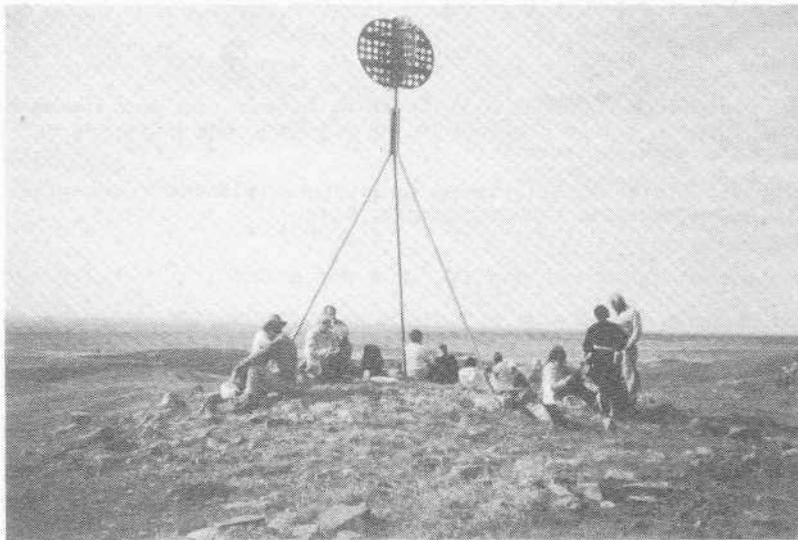
At present our youngest maintenance team must be Hallett Primary School. Under the guidance of their Principal, Brian Ford, the children are assessing the best way to route the Trail through the township as a fourth term project. Once all the necessary clearances have been obtained they will help complete the job by marking the Trail.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have helped on the Trail this year. Your efforts, advice and friendship have been very much appreciated. The compliments of the season to you all.

Mike Fretwell  
Trails Coordinator

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### FRIENDS AT STEIN HILL - MAY 1992



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## HUTS AND WATER TANKS ON THE HEYSEN TRAIL

In the last edition of *Trailwalker*, we published some information on the huts currently available to walkers on the Heysen Trail. We have now been asked to provide more information. We are indebted to Arthur Smith for collating the data.

From North to South.

**Mayo Cottage**                      **Map 5**                      **Grid Ref 544833**

**Location:** On Wonoka Creek, approx. 2kms south of junction of Mernmerna and Wonoka Creeks, and approx. 8kms north of the Heysen Trail crossing of the Hawker Leigh Creek Road.

**Accommodation:** 12 Bunks, water tank, fire place, long drop toilet.

**Waukarie Creek Water Tank** **Map 7**                      **Grid Ref 106402**

**Location:** Approx 5kms SE of Woolshed Flat Fitness Camp.  
Approx. 25kms NW of Wilmington.

**Accommodation:** Light Weight Camping Site.

**Curnows Hut**                      **Map 13**                      **Grid Ref 715097**

**Location:** On Trail, 14kms South of Jamestown, about 2kms after passing the mast on New Campbell Hill. Walking North, the hut is situated approx. 1km after crossing sealed road to Jamestown.

**Accommodation:** 10 Bunks and 2 single beds, 2 fireplaces and wood, tank water, long drop toilet.

**NB** a \$2 fee is payable to Woods and Forests Dept.

**Bowmans Hut**                      **Map 13**                      **Grid Ref 428087**

**Location:** On the Trail, about 6kms South of Hughes Gap, and 3.5kms NE of Crystal Brook. Hut is situated in Bowman Park and a fee may apply outside the walking season.

**Accommodation:** 14 Bunks in 3 rooms (one with a splendid view), water tank, fire place, outside toilets, camping area.

**Wirrilla Shearers Quarters** **Map 13**                      **Grid Ref 671600**

**Location:** Approx. 10kms East of Georgetown and 9kms SW of mast on New Campbell Hill.

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Accommodation: 7 beds, cooking facilities, hot showers, Toilets.

**Huppatz Hut**      **Maps 10 and 11**      **Grid Ref 086508**

Location: Approx. 33kms South of Burra and about 6kms South of where the Trail crosses bitumen road (see map 11); and about 5kms North of Black Springs road (see map 10)

NB Hut is marked on Map 11 BUT not on Map 10.

Accommodation: 2 long bunk platforms for 10 - 12 people, water tanks, long drop toilet, fireplace and cut firewood.

**Freemans Hut**      **Map 2**      **Grid Ref 111627**

Location: Approx. 7kms South of Lyndoch, situated on 2kms spur track. Walking South the spur track is 2.5kms after crossing Trial Hill Road and entering Ross Fire Track. Walking North, spur track starts at a Trail junction, 1km after passing Microwave Tower.

Accommodation: 11 bunks in 2 rooms, fireplace and wood, water tank & sink, long drop toilet.

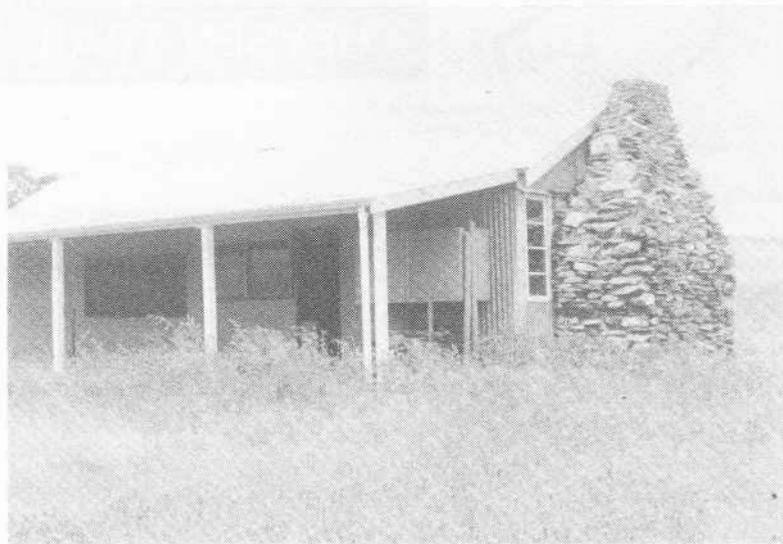
**Mylor Water Tank** **Map 1**      **Grid Ref 951168**

Location: 3kms South of Mylor Oval, 2kms North of intersection of Glen and Feder Roads.

Accommodation: Light Weight Campsite

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## HUPPATZ HUT



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## Summer in the Alps!

In January, the Bogong High Plains become a wonderland of mountain streams and alpine wildflowers. The air is cool and fresh, the forests shady, old huts are picturesque and the scenery is spectacular!

### Our walking holiday features:-

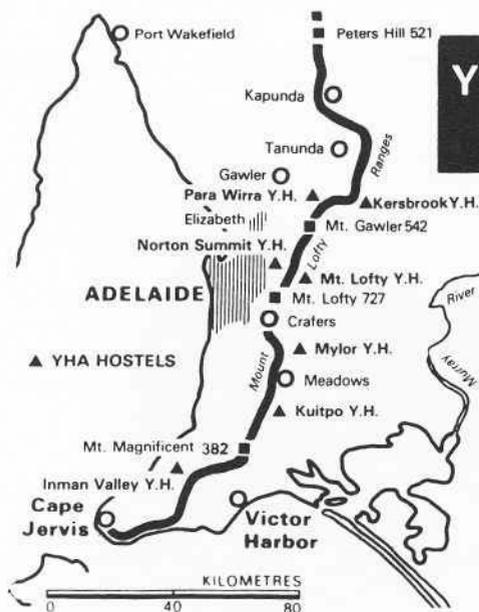
- 7 full days exploring the High Plains
- 8 nights accommodation in a modern club ski lodge - rooms are twin share with private facilities
- All meals including wine with evening meals
- Small group: maximum of 15 participants with 2 leaders
- Games room and lounge with open fire in the evening
- Five years experience with this tour.

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Comfortable accommodation for overnight stops on the Heysen Trail —

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- Comfortable beds with all bedding (you provide the bed linen)
- Bathroom Facilities
- Pleasant Situations

### Bookings and Enquiries:

YHA of S.A. Inc.  
38 Sturt Street.

ADELAIDE 5000 Tel. (08) 231 5583 Fax (08) 231 4219



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The Inman Valley walking weekend left its mark on us in different ways. Marilyn Bowey for one, felt the need to write about it afterwards.

## A BUSH WALK

The weather was kind - a slight nip in the air  
We'd a spring in our step and nary a care,  
We were off on a bush walk, over hill and down dale  
The fresh air in our lungs, we felt hearty and hale.

The fields were so green, the birds were in song  
And we chatted and laughed as we ambled along,  
With George our dear leader, who made us play games  
To help us remember each other by name.

Then just before lunch, we'd a creek to be crossing  
And we felt safe in the knowledge George knew what he's doing  
The creek was flowing and gurgling below  
But how to get over? We sure didn't know.

So we looked to our leader - but he seemed unsure  
Though he told us he'd walked here, just two weeks before.  
His memory had suffered a temporary loss  
And it wasn't forth coming with ideas to cross.

Some waded across - water up to their shin  
Others scrambled or leapt and two fell right in.  
The icy cold water caused a squeal and a shout  
And strong eager hands helped pull them out.

Of course dear old George had skirted around  
And was already standing on dry solid ground.  
I couldn't be certain but as I drew near  
I believe he was hiding a grin, ear to ear!

After lunch in the sun, out food now inside  
Our feet and our clothes all partially dried  
We continued our walk, which went on up the hill  
And the view from the top gave us all quite a thrill.

Twas a short while from home, when we in fact learned  
Our way lay through a paddock, all muddy and churned.  
The ground slippery and squelchy, our progress was slow  
And I had only a very small distance to go

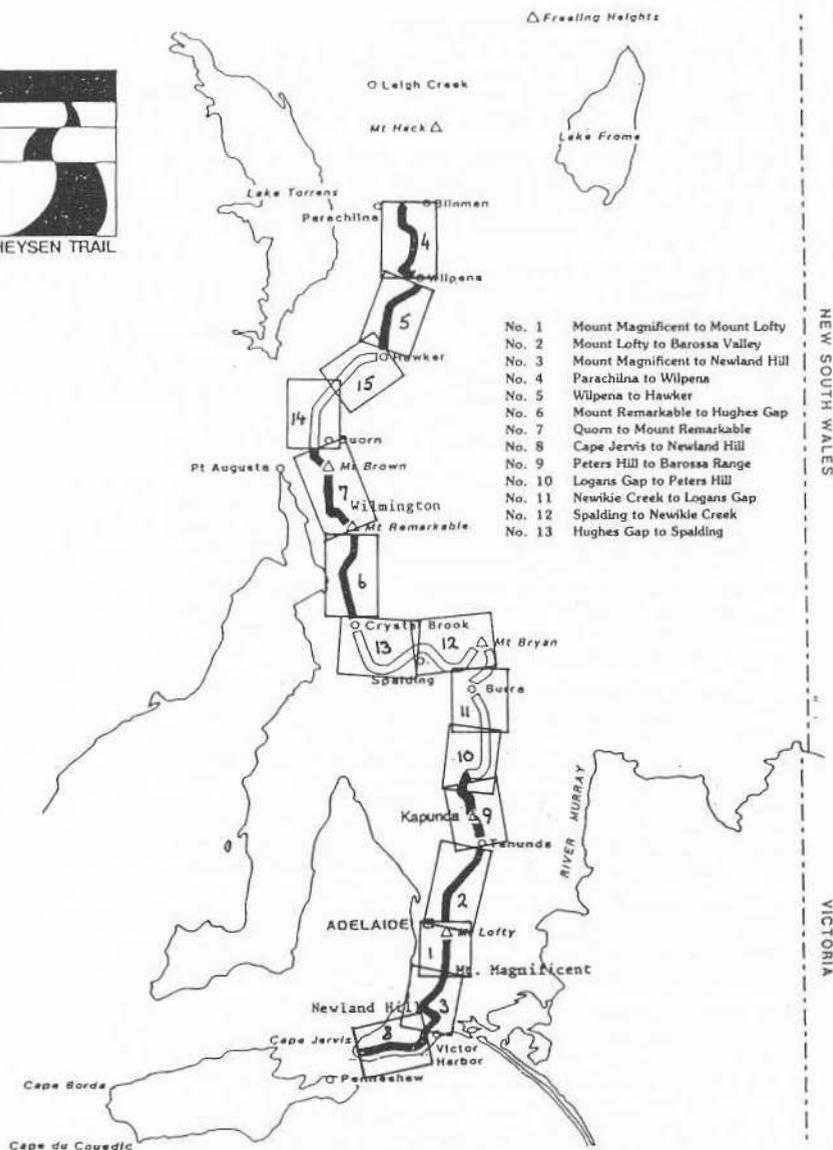
To reach husband John who did patiently wait  
Fighting for balance - holding on to the gate,  
When the horse started to gallop with me in his sight  
I cried out in alarm and my eyes filled with fright.

And George came to my rescue - arms and legs flailing  
Got twixt me and the horse (I was close to the railing)  
I reached the gate safely, feeling all warm inside  
To think that chivalry had not really died.

I looked to my hero, my thanks to express  
But I should have known - why didn't I guess  
The only thing George was worried about  
Was whether or not the "bugger" got out!!

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## HEYSEN TRAIL MAPS



- No. 1 Mount Magnificent to Mount Lofty
- No. 2 Mount Lofty to Barossa Valley
- No. 3 Mount Magnificent to Newland Hill
- No. 4 Parachina to Wilpena
- No. 5 Wilpena to Hawker
- No. 6 Mount Remarkable to Hughes Gap
- No. 7 Quorn to Mount Remarkable
- No. 8 Cape Jervis to Newland Hill
- No. 9 Peters Hill to Barossa Range
- No. 10 Logans Gap to Peters Hill
- No. 11 Newkirk Creek to Logans Gap
- No. 12 Spalding to Newkirk Creek
- No. 13 Hughes Gap to Spalding

NEW SOUTH WALES

VICTORIA