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WELL DONE - THEY HAVE  
WALKED THE WHOLE TRAIL

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT - COLIN EDWARDS

Council have decided to call a Special General Meeting on Wednesday, 6th April, 1994 to discuss the future direction of the Friends'. For this purpose it has been decided to devote the majority of this issue to the submission we presented to the Government; this is reproduced in full. It is important to realise that our submission, which is negotiable, was made two months prior to the department cutting off our funding and was not prepared as a reaction to that event; rather it was conceived and intended to create discussion to achieve a permanent solution to the the future of the Trail. The future is not secure under any existing arrangements.

Already our paper has initiated much discussion involving members of other walking organisations and the government and we feel its purpose to initiate rational and positive discussion is being achieved.

It is important for the Council to know your views and the direction the membership wishes the Friends' to go.

What are some of the alternatives?

- Close the Friends' down? What happens to our own funds?
- Become a "full on walking club"?
- Expand operations and become commercial?
- Run the office solely with volunteers and dispense with the services of Administrative Officer/Trails Coordinator?
- Continue as we are, and seek private funding?

There are obviously other alternatives. Please may we have your comments and suggestions prior to the meeting, but please be constructive and remember that what we are aiming for is for the Trail - not for the future of individual members.

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SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 6 APRIL, 1994

AT 7.30PM, ENTERPRISE HOUSE, 136 GREENHILL ROAD, UNLEY

## AGENDA

1. *Apologies*
2. *Acceptance of Agenda*
3. *The Government, the department and the recent events - the effect and future direction of the Friends'.*

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## BULLETIN BOARD

Walking near Jupiter Creek? Require a car shuttle? OR a secure car parking spot?

Help is at hand. Mary Mansbridge is a new resident and a walker. She is offering to assist the Friends' when they are out walking. Mary has very kindly offered a shuttle service north or south of Jupiter Creek, to and from your own car. All this for the cost of a donation. Mary can be contacted on 388 8572.

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## WALKING REPORT

Sadie Leupold

Once again our Summer Walking Programme has been a great success. The overwhelming response to our three walks at Waterfall Gully, Hallett Cove Conservation Park and Henley Beach have shown the popularity of walking during this time of the year. We have been pleased to welcome many new members as well as our enthusiastic "Friends" from previous years.

Sunday 10th April marks the official opening of the walking season held in conjunction with The Federation of Bushwalking Clubs and Life Be In It. The Friends will have a stand at the Bridgewater Oval and we urge you all to come up to Bridgewater from 10 am onwards and join in the fun. Liz Barry and Margie Weller will lead small children's walks and Jamie Shephard will lead a walk including part of the Heysen Trail. Please ring Mike Fretwell at the office for further information.

Mark Darter will be leading the Kangaroo Island backpacking trip over the Easter period. We will be leaving Adelaide on Friday 1st April and walking in Flinders Chase. There will also be an opportunity to visit some of the other scenic areas of the Island. One of our keen members is coming down from Alice Springs especially to be involved in this trip.

During April we are extending a welcome to members from other clubs and the public to participate in our walks on Sunday April 24th. Bradley Howell will be leading a walk on this day in the Mount Crawford area and Jon Selby and myself will lead the other walk from Strathalbyn to Kangarilla. This will involve walkers journeying by bus from the City to Strathalbyn. More details can be obtained from Mike Fretwell regarding times of departure and cost. (In the vicinity of \$10.00 per head). Please book early for this as we need to know numbers to enable us to determine the size of the bus needed.

Our Committee are continuously thinking up ideas to make our programme interesting and this year we have included a number of Special Walks, some with a theme and others which may involve a bus journey. We hope you find them interesting and enjoyable.

Thank you all for your support and we hope we can make 1994 an excellent year for walking.

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## 1. PREAMBLE

Since the Friends of the Heysen and Other Walking Trails Inc was formed a growing number of very enthusiastic and dedicated members have marked and maintained the Heysen Trail. In that time the Friends' have become a successful voluntary organisation, determined to see the Trail prosper and reach its full potential. For periods of up to six months at a time, when State funding was unavailable, the Friends' continued to advance funds from their own resources for the purchase of 'trail furniture' to enable work to continue without interruption. The volunteer ethic has underpinned our achievements, and the organisation has proved its capability and reliability by the high standard of work done on the Heysen and other Trails.

The marking of the Heysen Trail has been completed six years ahead of schedule. However, there remains much to be done to ensure that the Trail flourishes and becomes a world class walking track with the appropriate facilities. At the same time, it is imperative that the ongoing necessary maintenance and development programme does not become a drain on the tax-payers of the State.

To ensure the future of the priceless resource of the Heysen Trail, and to maintain the standard of work already undertaken, for the benefit of the population of South Australia and for our increasingly important Tourism industry, the Friends' consider that now is an appropriate time to review and, where necessary, revise management direction and procedures. Such a review would enable the administration, maintenance and development of the Heysen Trail to continue on a more effective and cost efficient basis.

The aim of the Friends of the Heysen and Other Walking Trails Inc in preparing and presenting this paper, is to initiate discussion on, and seek concurrence with the concept that the Friends', under agreed specific conditions, be given full trusteeship of the Heysen Trail.

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## 2. INTRODUCTION

### 2.1. *The Heysen Trail*

It is now 24 years since the Heysen Trail was conceived. The conception came in 1969. At that time a network of walking trails was being established in the Adelaide Hills by the National Fitness Council. Mindful of the long-distance walking trails then coming into vogue overseas - in America the 3,200kms Appalachian Trail and the 4,000kms Pacific Crest Trail, and in Britain the 400kms Pennine Way - Warren Bonython suggested to a National Trust symposium in July of that year that there was now scope for a long distance walking trail in South Australia. He was apparently thinking in the context of a trail in the Mount Lofty Ranges. However, having just returned the year before from a trek along the Flinders Ranges, a combination of the two was beginning to have great appeal. The end result WAS such a combination: The Heysen Trail.

In 1970, the State Government formed the Long Distance Trail Committee. Its brief was to investigate and develop a walking and horse-riding trail of a length and general route now well known to most of us. The Chairman of the Committee in 1970 was the Surveyor General, George Kennedy. Following Kennedy's retirement in 1971, Warren Bonython was appointed Chairman, and held that position for the remaining seven years of the Committee's existence.

The next decade saw a lot of activity with very little to show for it. Local Government and landowners were briefed, objections overcome, and obstacles circumvented. On 14 November 1977 State Cabinet accepted recommendations on the "Development and Management of Conservation, Recreation and other Reserves" and gave responsibility for all walking trails to the then Department of Tourism, Recreation and Sport

In 1978 the Minister appointed Terry Lavender to plan and develop the Trail. Permission was given to develop a 50 kilometre section from Mount Lofty to Mount Magnificent. This was opened on 19 November 1978. The Heysen Trail was born.

Fifteen years later, the 1,500kms Heysen Trail was formally opened by the then Premier of South Australia, the Hon. Lynn Arnold, M.P. on 4 April 1993

### 2.2. *The Friends of the Heysen Trail*

The establishment of the Friends' resulted from a meeting of bushwalkers on 1st June



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1986, called by the Department of Recreation and Sport. Approximately 200 people (today the membership of the Friends' numbers 800+) attended the meeting from which an interim council was appointed. Following frequent meetings of sub-committees a general meeting was called in April 1987. The purpose of the meeting was to gauge public interest and support for the continued operation of the organisation.

This meeting was well attended and strong support was indicated. A grant was made by the Minister of Recreation and Sport to employ a part time Administrative Officer to co-ordinate the activities and provide support for the Executive, Council and the various sub-committees. Those present at the meeting were invited to become foundation members.

The first Annual General Meeting of the Friends' was held at Arbury Park Outdoor School on Sunday 30th August, 1987.

### 3 THE FRIENDS' MISSION STATEMENT AND FOCUS

The Friends of the Heysen Trail and Other Walking Trails Inc., has a simple mission.

#### 3.1. *Mission*

To maintain the Heysen Trail and the associated Network Trails as a world class walking trail, and to provide support for the Friends' and other walking groups.

#### 3.2. *Focus*

During 1978 - 1993 the focus of activity was construction and marking of the Heysen Trail and the associated Network Trails. With the completion of the Heysen Trail, and whilst construction of other walking trails continue, the focus is changing to maintenance and the encouragement of safe walking practices, and the maximum use and enjoyment of the Trail.

### 4. INTERACTION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE FRIENDS'

The Department of Recreation, Sport, and Racing provides financial support for the Friends' of the Heysen Trail and Other Walking Trails Inc for

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- \* funding of a part-time Trails Coordinator/Administration Officer
- \* funding of a part-time Workshop Supervisor
- \* equipment for maintenance
- \* materials

In return the Friends' accept responsibility as custodians and maintainers of the Trail. The Department controls negotiations with landowners and makes decisions on the routing of the Trail and the production of maps.

## 5. THE FRIENDS' IN ACTION

### 5.1 *Organisational Structure*

Specific committees were not formed immediately following the First Annual General Meeting. The reason for this was to allow Council members time to consider the direction they wished to channel their interests and energies. Trail building and marking occupied everyone's thoughts; in the early days little consideration was given to getting walkers onto the Trail. As the Trail and the Friends' developed other committees were formed as the membership indicated a need.

The current organisational structure is as follows.

#### 5.1.1. *The Council*

The affairs of the Friends are managed and controlled by the Council. The Council consists of members of the Executive Committee (see below) plus no less than eight and not more than fourteen elected members.

#### 5.1.2. *The Executive Committee*

This committee is responsible for the day to day running of the Friends' within guidelines laid down by Council. Membership comprises the President (Chair), two Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Administrative Officer.

This committee is also responsible for policy development and implementation, liaison with State Government Departments, and the budget.

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### *5.1.3. The Office.*

The Friends' maintain an office leased from the Adelaide Central Mission at 10 Pitt Street, Adelaide. The office is run by the Administrative Officer who is employed on a permanent part-time basis. In addition members work a voluntary roster enabling the office to be open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

The Administrative Officer is also employed as the part-time Trails Co-ordinator thus all Trail maintenance is coordinated from the office.

The office is also the focal point for all information about the Trail: walking conditions, where to camp, detours - temporary and permanent, etc. and this is provided to the general public in person or, over the telephone. More and more walkers drop in for a briefing before setting out on the Trail. The office has also become a very important centre to a lot of walkers from both local, interstate and overseas, who are not members of the Friends'.

Map sales and an outlet for brochures published by NWPS, and Woods and Forests complement the operation.

### *5.1.4 The Trails Committee*

Essentially, the Trails Committee was the first to become firmly established. It was important that the valuable role of this group remain uninterrupted. From the outset practical workshops for members were conducted to demonstrate standardised methods of trail marking, eg. the use of metal logo markers, silver poles, or perma-pine posts according to the type of terrain or environment, construction of stiles and placement of erosion barriers. A reference manual was issued to each participant. These workshops provided a nucleus of members to act as leaders for carrying out basic trail marking and maintenance. The effect of the workshops in equipping volunteers with the basic skills of trail building and trail maintenance has been far-reaching.

The Committee is chaired by the part-time Trails Coordinator who is responsible for the work of the Friends' volunteers and the maintenance of the Trails. The Heysen Trail is notionally divided into 17 sections. Each section has a maintenance section leader or Branch trails coordinator who continuously assesses their section of Trail. Minor maintenance problems are rectified by the Friends' without Departmental input. More extensive work requires consultation with, and approval of, the Department. Major remarking of the Trail after wildfire, or forest clearing, for example, is also done by members of the Friends'.

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## *5.1.5. Walking Committee*

With the increase in public awareness of the benefits of walking for their own fitness and pleasure, a growing number of people are walking the Heysen Trail. It was seen as imperative that the Friends' use their knowledge to assist and encourage walking. The Walking Committee produces a walking programme, conducts walk leader training, and mapcraft tuition for the benefit of members. Introductory walks for non-members are an important feature of the programme. All walk leaders produce a report on the condition of the Trail they traverse when conducting a walk and this is forwarded to the part-time Trails Coordinator who initiates necessary maintenance action

## *5.1.6. Greening Committee*

In conjunction with land owners the Friends' assist in the planting of trees adjacent to the Trail. So far this "greening" has been done in the Para Wirra Conservation Park, south of Kapunda and in the Mid-North. "Greening" involves collecting seeds, seed propagation, land clearing and the planting of trees.

At all times close liaison is maintained with the local land owners/managers. NWPS, local government and Trees for Life.

## *5.1.7. Promotion and Publicity Committee*

The role of this Committee includes an editorial overview for the Friends' official journal *The Trailwalker*, the main medium of communication with registered members. The magazine is produced on a bi-monthly basis and contains articles of interest on bush walking Trail information, announcement, and paid advertising.

The adoption of a distinctive logo which incorporates the Heysen Trail symbol has enabled the Friends' to promote the Trail, eg polo shirts, badges and car bumper stickers have been used to good effect. The Friends' are expanding this role in publicising the Trail and the eco-tourism opportunities the Trail presents

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## 6. THE FRIENDS' AT WORK

### 6.1. *Projects*

The Friends' continually carry out routine maintenance on the Heysen Trail. In addition major projects are undertaken from time to time. The following are some of the projects completed by the Friends'.

a> Construction of a 200 metre ladder to provide access for walkers to Waitpinga Beach across a section of delicate sand dune vegetation in the Newland Head Conservation Park.

b> Construction and installation (in two stages) of a board-walk through a shallow creek bed in a road reserve forming part of the Heysen Trail near Echungu in the Mt. Lofty Ranges.

c> Construction of a bridge over Jupiter Creek in an E & WS reserve adjacent to Kuitpo Forest. Students from Mt Barker High School built this bridge as part of their Technical Studies. This bridge now needs to be lengthened to overcome flooding of the approaches.

d> Surveying and marking of an 80kms section of the Heysen Trail with Duke of Edinburgh Award candidates in the North Mt. Lofty Ranges to the Barossa Range.

e> Restitution of the Trail following two bush fires, first from the summit of Mt. Remarkable, near Melrose to Woolshed Flat near Quorn and, second across Wilpena Pound to Bridle Gap and Black Gap

f> Surveying and marking of the Trail from Quorn (Woolshed Flat) to Hawker (Wonoka). This took groups of 12 members, four weeks to complete.

g> The construction of five suspension bridges for creek crossings in the Fleurieu Peninsular

h> Overseeing of the restoration of five walkers' huts by the Adelaide Central Mission with funds provided by the Department of Recreation and Sport. This was at no profit to the Friends'.

i> Remarketing sections of the Trail in the Flinders Ranges

j> Surveying and marking of an 180kms section of the Heysen Trail in the North Mount Lofty.

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k> Construction of a wooden staircase alongside Willochra Creek and the 'Talc' Cliffs.

## 6.2. *Ongoing Maintenance*

The Friends' are continually carrying out routine and extra-ordinary maintenance on the Trail. Three Branches have been established: Fleurieu based at Normanville, Leigh Creek, and Burra in the Mid-North. Together with other members who are designated Maintenance Section Leaders, approximately fifteen teams undertake work almost on a daily basis somewhere on the Trail. This work, which is carried out by volunteer members, is coordinated by the Friends' part-time Trails Co-ordinator with minimal Departmental input.

As a further contribution to maintenance and to involve those unable to assist during the week, the first and third Sunday of every month has been designated a "maintenance Sunday". Section Leaders advise of work required; meanwhile members ring in to the Friends' office offering their services. The two sides are married together and the weekend work progressed.

The Trails Coordinator maintains a formal set of track reports relating to work needed; this is in the form of an ongoing 'fix-it' list for each of the 15 Trail maps covering the whole Trail.

Seasonal work involves the placing and removal of Fire Ban Signs at strategic points along the Trail from the Flinders Ranges to Cape Jervis; the clearing of revegetation; and the construction of erosion barriers on the Trail.

## 7. THE COST OF THE COMPLETED TRAIL

### 7.1. *Maintenance*

Maintenance of the Trail is ongoing due to a number of factors. These can include the weather and storm damage, re-routing for land management reasons, vandalism, regrowth of vegetation, and wildfire.

Materials, equipment and tools required by the volunteers are supplied by the Government Workshop located in the grounds of the Institute of Sport at the Kidman Park Complex. A Workshop supervisor, with volunteer help, works 3 days a week preparing signs, stiles, and other trail furniture for the Heysen Trail and other Government sponsored trails eg. Mawson Cycling Trail.

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## 7.2. *Capital Works*

The Capital Works Programme is defined and funded by the Department as required with the actual work being undertaken by the Friends' volunteers. Capital works items have included the construction of bridges; long drop toilets; bog ladders; and light weight camp sites.

A major joint project conducted with the Adelaide Central Mission was the restoration of five stone shepherds' huts for the use of walkers. The Friends supervised the construction, and homeless men under the care of the Mission learnt new skills and developed self esteem by building the huts.

## 7.3. *Promotion/Advertising*

Every walking Trail needs maps and guide books to assist walkers and to promote participation and safety. The Trail is mapped to a scale of 1:50,000 and depicted on 15 Strip Maps produced by the Department. Two Guides, a> for the Flinders Ranges section, and b> for the Fleurieu Peninsula have also been published. However the vitality of the Trail means that maps need continual revision, corrigenda sheets, and regular updates. The two Guide Books are in urgent need of extensive revision. The remaining larger part of the Trail should also have guide books.

There is also scope, as yet untapped, for the marketing of a variety of publications, calendars, cards etc promoting the Trail. Limited "paid" advertising has been used to date.

Hundreds of people have been introduced to bushwalking and in particular the Heysen Trail by the regular guided walks the Friends' have conducted since 1987.

Further promotion of the Trail in this manner is being considered eg increasing the frequency of walks and introducing Ecotourism walks. These emphasise an education that enhances an understanding of natural environments and ecological processes and, at the same time, provides information on how to preserve the unique natural heritage they are seeing.

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## *7.4. Volunteer Labour*

### *7.4.1. Capital Construction*

Volunteer members of the Friends', who have a multitude of trades and professional qualifications, have built many substantial structures to aid walkers, eg. suspension bridges, and staircases. This dedicated pool of labour, available at call and renowned for its high standard of construction is grossly undervalued.

### *7.4.2. Maintenance*

Branches and teams of volunteers throughout the length of the Trail are continually assessing and maintaining it to ensure the public have a safe and reliable trail to follow. All members of the Friends' assist by providing ongoing information on the state and repair of the Trails.

### *7.4.3. Public Speaking*

The Friends' regularly provide speakers to organisations interested in hearing about bushwalking and the Heysen Trail in particular. This professional slide/video presentation has proved invaluable in promoting the Trail and will be expanded and progressively updated.

## *7.5. Departmental Involvement*

### *7.5.1. Staffing*

The Trails Unit of the Division of Sport, Recreation, and Racing consists of a manager and three officers. Clerical and typing assistance is also provided in the Registry and Reception Area. Liaison is normally undertaken with the Friends' Trails Co-ordinator on an ad-hoc basis.

### *7.5.2. Duties*

Now that the Trail is completed, it is suggested that the emphasis of Departmental involvement could shift to the following areas: liaison with land managers and government developing other recreation projects. Maintenance and occasional capital work items will continue to be undertaken by the Friends' but will only require minimal Departmental supervision.



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## 7.5.3. *Equipment*

The Department operates a late model 4WD vehicle and supervises the Workshop at Kidman Park together with stock control of the ancillary tools and equipment the volunteers use. The Department also uses these facilities to develop other Trails eg Mawson, Tom Roberts, and Riesling Trails.

## 8. THE FRIENDS' CONTRACT PROPOSAL

The Friends' believe it is now appropriate for the State Government to hand over the responsibility for the maintenance and promotion of the Heysen Trail to the Friends' of the Heysen Trail and Other Walking Trails Inc under the following guide-lines.

### 8.1. *Synopsis*

A) The Friends' be responsible for the total maintenance and promotion of the Trail as a State Tourist attraction for an annual budget of - \$110,000 (an increase of the Friends' Budget by \$35,000). This represents a net saving of about \$90,000 pa from the current Departmental budget in wages and associated costs (please refer to section 8.4)

B) Ongoing Departmental assistance would be required in:

(i) Monitoring/policing of maintenance standards

(ii) Assistance with complex re-route requirements, land management and public litigation etc

(iii) Capital construction work

(iv) Development of legislation protecting landowners and government departments from irresponsible members of the public and improper use of the trails.

(v) Ongoing audit role.

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- C) The Friends' to have responsibility for, and ability
- (i) Advertise and seek sponsorship to promote the Trail as a tourist attraction
  - (ii) Promote ways to utilise the Trail
  - (iii) Publish corrigenda sheets to the Trail Maps and Guides (the production and reprints of official maps would remain with the Department)

## 8.2. Current Situation

The savings to the tax-payer effected by the Friends' taking over maintenance, promotion, administration, and coordination can be quantified.

### 8.2.1. Estimated Departmental Labour Cost

Position	Salary	% Trail Work	Cost	
Director	\$55,000	5%	\$2750	
Manager	\$45,000	15%	\$6750	
Project Officer 1	\$32,000	85%	\$27200	
Project Officer 2	\$27,000	55%	\$14850	
Typist	\$20,000	75%	\$15000	
Clerical Assistant	\$18,000	25%	\$4500	
Publicity	\$35,000	15%	<u>\$5250</u>	
				\$76,300
				On Costs @35%
				(Superannuation, Long Service
				Leave, Annual Leave, Sick
				Leave, Training Levy, etc)
				\$26,705
				-----
				\$103,005





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### 8.2.2. Accommodation/Travel Costs

Accommodation, overtime, field trips		
Two Officers at 60 days @ \$80/day/person	\$9600	
4WD Vehicle		
15,000kms @ 55.9cents/km	\$8385	
(Covers lease/insurance)	-----	\$17,985

### 8.2.3 Office Space and Infra-structure

Office Space at \$240/sq.metre per annum		
Say 60square metres	\$14400	
Telephone rental/costs	\$1500	
Office Furniture Lease	\$2500	
	-----	\$18,400
		=====
Total		\$139,390
		=====

### 8.3. Cost of the Trail

The cost, in its simplest form, consists of two parts; government staff costs, and costs associated with the Friends' of the Heysen Trail.

Friends' Budget FY 1992/93	\$67,000	
Department Costs (as shown above)	\$139,390	
	-----	\$206,390

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## 8.4. The Friends' Budget Proposed for First Year

Assuming the proposal is accepted, the budget for the first year would be as shown below. Items of a capital or large scale replacement (eg fire or flood) nature have not been included. Capital works have been tendered for separately and the replacement costs have in the past been underwritten by the government

Salaries		
Executive Office	\$33,000	
Office Assistance (P/T)	\$12,000	
On Costs	\$4,500	
Bank/Audit	\$1,000	
Rent	\$5,000	
Printing of Trailwalker	\$6,000	
Publicity	\$6,000	
Trail Materials	\$25,000	
Transport & Accommodation		
Trail Coordinator	\$6,000	
Volunteers	\$5,000	
Vehicle Costs	\$9,000	
Telephone	\$2,500	
Postage	\$2,000	
Insurance	\$1,600	
	-----	\$118,600
Contingency		\$6,400
		-----
		\$125,000
Less Sales, Sponsorship and membership fees etc		\$10,000
		=====
		\$115,000
		=====

Note. Major marketing and promotional projects may be jointly sponsored by the Friends' and the Department. Revenue from these activities would enable the Friends' in time to become fully self funding and the Heysen Trail maintenance would then be at zero cost to the SA Government.

A budget time-line for this would be established.

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## 8.5. Conclusion

### NET TOTAL COST SAVING

Acceptance of this proposal will allow current Departmental staff to be re-assigned to higher government priority areas in the State Government Strategic Plan. It will ensure that the past and continuing State investment in the Heysen Trail is maintained at a high level.

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

The Membership Secretary, Friends of the Heysen Trail and Other Walking Trails Inc.,  
10 Pitt Street, Adelaide, SA 5000. Tel. 212 6299

Please renew (enrole) me as a member of the Friends'.

I enclose \$..... for .....years (max. 3 years)

Membership Fees are \$12 (single), \$18 (family), and \$25 (organisation) for one calendar year.

NAME

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ADDRESS

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POST CODE ..... TEL. NO. ....

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## 1994 WALKING PROGRAMME.

The programme shown below lists all the walks planned for 1994 by the walking committee; *Sunday, weekend, and week long*. Further details will be provided nearer the time. Please note a charge will be made for the weekend and week-long walks to cover associated costs. *N.B.*; in the list below, (N) & (S) indicate the location of the walk relative to the city, ie north or south.

DATE	TYPE OF WALK	DESTINATION	WALK LEADER/S
<b>APRIL</b>			
1 - 4	<i>Extended</i>	<i>Kangaroo Island</i>	<i>Mark Darter</i>
10	Official Opening of the Walking Season	Bridgewater Heysen walk Bridgewater Childrens walk Information Booth	Jamie Shephard Margie Weller/Liz Barry Colin Edwards/Richard Schmitz/Jon Selby/ Sadie Leupold

Please see advertisement elsewhere in this edition of *Trailwalker*.

24	Friends	Strathalbyn	Sadie Leupold/ Jon Selby
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Please note a bus will be chartered at an approx. cost of \$10 per head. The walk is a linear walk and, therefore, the use of private vehicles to and from the walk will be difficult.

24	Friends	Mt Crawford (N)	Bradley Howell
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### MAY

8	Intro	Belair	Liz Barry
21-22	<i>Weekender</i>	<i>Victor Harbor</i>	<i>Colin Edwards/ Sadie Leupold</i>
22	Friends	North Side	Arthur Smith
22	Friends	Coles Crossing (S)	Barbara Rundle
29	Special	Monarto Zoo	Sue Croser

There will be a bus chartered for this guided tour and walk; cost to be advised. Please book early.

### JUNE

4-10	<i>Extended</i>	<i>Willow Springs, Flinders</i>	<i>To be advised</i>
12	Intro	Onkeeta, Kuinto (S)	Wendy Phillips
26	Friends	Chappell Hill (S)	Jill McPherson



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26 Friends Walkerville Gully (N) Mark Darter

## JULY

9-15 *Extended* Gammon Ranges *To be advised*  
 10 Intro Sturt Gorge Sue Wilksch  
 24 Friends Kuitpo (S) Klaus Hribar  
 24 Friends Clare Wineries (N) Colin Edwards  
 31 Special Hahndorf Early Sadie Leupold/  
 Settlers Walk Jamie Shephard

## AUGUST

14 Intro Pony Ridge Rd Neville Southgate  
 20-21 *Weekender* Mts Brown and Arden Mike Fretwell  
 28 Friends Onkaparinga Estuary (S) Jon Selby  
 28 Friends Kangaroo Creek (N) Maureen Morris

## SEPTEMBER

10-16 *Extended* Oraparina - Flinders *To be advised*  
 11 Intro Mt Lofty Botanical Gardens Jill McPherson  
 25 Friends South Side George Driscoll  
 25 Friends Marne River (N) Mark Darter

## OCTOBER

1-7 *Extended* Grampians, Victoria *To be advised*  
 9 Intro Aldinga Scrub John Lawrie  
 18-25 *Backpacking* Training course  
 23 Friends South Side Jennifer Dow  
 23 Friends Mt Gawler (N) Sue Croser  
 29-30 *Weekender* *Backpacking practical*

## NOVEMBER

4-6 *Weekender* Innes National Park *To be advised*  
 13 Intro Morialta Colin Edwards  
 13 Friends Wirra Wirra Peaks (N) Norm Taylor  
 13 Friends Hills Mt Barker area (S) Jamie Shephard

## MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

A programme of extended maintenance works will be published in the next edition of *Trailwalker*. As some members will be aware, some projects have been on hold. We now hope that these will be placed on the list for this walking season. Volunteers will of course be required.

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## 1994 WALKING EXTRAVAGANZA

10am-4pm April 10 - Bridgewater Oval

Join the 'Federation of SA Walking Clubs Inc' and 'Life. Be In It' for a family day of walking and related activities suitable for all ages and abilities.

Come and try walking with guided walks on the Heysen Trail, short and long duration family walks, and a childrens' mini Heysen Trail walk.

Enjoy the numerous exhibits and displays on the oval giving up to date information on where to walk, how to walk, with whom to walk, and get expert advice on all walking matters.

A full programme is planned with

Bazza the Bunyip,

Numerous field demonstrations,

and the Official Opening of the 1994 walking season by Recreation SA

Refreshments and lunches available at the oval or surrounding area, ample car parking, STA and Mt Barker bus services from/to Adelaide.

**FREE EVERYBODY WELCOME FREE**

**WALKING - SA at your feet!**  
This event is supported by Recreation SA