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*Colin Biggs and David Marshall
at work near Boat Harbour Creek*

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MEMBERSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A warm welcome from the President and members of Council is extended to all new members. We look forward to your friendly participation in our activities.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We are now well into the Walking Season, and our Trail Maintenance Working Bees and Walks have been well attended and successful. Thanks to all those who have participated and a special thanks to those who have organised and led the events.

At the last Council meeting, it was agreed to fund the supply of combination locks to control access to huts which, because of their location, it is considered desirable to keep them locked. We hope to soon reach an agreement between the Council and the Office of Recreation and Sport regarding further funding of major projects. A number of Council Members and Friends attended the recent official opening by Dr Armatige, Minister for Health, of Huts located at Peters Hill, (Marshalls Hut) Mt Bryan East, and Dutchmans Stern. The opening was held at Mt Bryan East.

Following a recent "near incident", when two groups arrived at the same Hut to stay overnight, a brief preliminary Rules and Etiquette of Hut use has been prepared and appears elsewhere in this issue. This was prepared after consultation with Andrew Moylan of Recreation SA.

We are also enclosing with Trailwalker a copy of Guidelines for Walkers.

Arthur Smith
President

HAPPY SHOPPERS

Pictured are some members of the Friends at the Scout Shop buying up at the special night put on for *Friends* and other walkers. The catalogue included with this issue is an advance copy for *Friends* of special offers.

You might come out with armfulls too!



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LETTER FROM A SATISFIED TRAIL USER

Dear Sir/Madam

I have completed a section of the Mawsen Trail between Burra and Wirrabara YHA. I had wished to go further, but I found the trail more difficult than expected due to the recent rain and logging operations in Bundaleer forest, making progress slow. Also time - I had hoped to reach Willmington by Wednesday but the bus service from there has been cancelled. It runs only on Sundays to Adelaide and I realized later I could have gone further north to Quorn and got a more regular service back. I came back via the Stateliner Bus service (Jamestown) from Gladstone.

I wish to thank the Friends for the use of Mt Bryan East School. The pot belly stove was warm and the mattress an added piece of luxury (there was also a mattress at Curnows Hut).

Both Huts were a credit to the owners, the workmen and your organization. I stayed at the Spalding Hotel, the YHA Wirrabarra and the Gladstone Hotel. The key holders of the YHA, Mr and Mrs Lynch, and the publicans were all warm and friendly and extremely helpful on my quest. I have already completed the Mawsen Trail Burra to Adelaide.

I will return to these places as I have yet to complete the Heysen Trail. I have only reached Huppatz Hut from Cape Jervois so I'm sure you'll see me at the office again in the future.

Thanks again for your wonderful advice and help.

Happy Trails

Yours Faithfully

Ann Kimber

(Ed. take a bow Recreation SA and Adelaide Central Mission)

MEMBERSHIP FORM
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WALKING REPORT

Walking 1995 has started with some interesting walks over the Easter period in the Parachilna area of the Flinders Ranges. Thirty three people stayed at the Angorichina Hostel and enjoyed a series of walks with Michael Fretwell as our leader. Mike led us to Mt Elkington, Blinman Pools and along Heywoods Track. Alternative walks were led by Mick Thomas and Colin Edwards. Our Group dined at the Parachilna Hotel on the Saturday evening followed by dancing under the stars to a local bushband. On Sunday an enjoyable evening was spend around the campfire. Thank you Mike, Colin and Mick for your leadership.

Our next weekend away is in July for the Burra Sesquicentenary celebrations. We are already fully booked with people on the waiting list. Michael Fretwell is once more our leader, this time in his home town. Two years ago our group walked in the Burra area and everyone had a thoroughly good time.

In September our final weekend for the year is to be spent at Melrose. We have booked the Anglican Diocesan Centre and Colin Edwards intends to lead us on walks up Mt Remarkable and along Alligator Gorge. I will be assisting Colin as camp rouseabout. This weekend will be fully catered for with a barbecue dinner on the Saturday evening. We are limited to only 26 for this weekend and bookings are already heavy.

The Walking Committee try very hard to keep prices as low as possible for these weekends away and we have had excellent feedback from people who have taken part over the last few years. Generally things go quite smoothly but in order to keep it as hassle free as possible we would like to draw walkers attention to a few "hiccups" which occur from time to time. Walking with a group entails certain responsibilities therefore it is very important to always stay behind your leader. People who book on walks are committed to decisions made by the Committee and we feel it is only fair they are abided by, therefore walking solo on these weekends is not to be encouraged. Known medical, conditions including allergies must also always be reported to the walk leader prior to the walk.

We have a couple of special walks in July which I would like to draw your attention to. On Sunday 23 July Arthur Smith will be leading a Friends walk to the newly completed Marshalls Hut at Peters Hill in the Totills. This is a good opportunity to see the restored settlers cottage on Mr James Huppatz property.

On 30 July Jamie Shephard will be leading a walk on his property "Hilltops" at Nairne. The walk will start and finish at the shearing shed and coffee and streusel cake can be purchased for a small charge at the end of the walk. I have prepared separate notices for the Trailwalker for these two walks.

I would like to say hello to the Duke of Edinburgh Award students from Nuriootpa High School with whom a few of us recently spent a night in Freemans Hut. I hope you all passed your test. It is good to see our huts on the Trail being used and enjoyed.

To all our old Friends I wish you a good season of walking and a welcome to new members and I hope this will be a fun year for all.

Sadie Leupold

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JUNE AND JULY WALKING PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTORY

11 June	Arthur Smith	Scott Creek
9 July	John Lawrie	Aldinga Scrub

FRIENDS

25 June	Gunther Schmitz	Kuitpo
25 June	Ric Trutwin	Castambul
23 July	Arthur Smith	Marschalls Hut
Kapunda		
23 July	Jill McPherson	Springmount Cons.
Park		

WEEKEND

14, 15 & 16 July	Michael Fretwell	Burra
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SPECIAL

30 July	Jamie Shepard	"Hilltops" Nairne
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SECTION — BLACK FELLOW CREEK TO GLEN BOLD

Extensive logging operations in the Knotts Hill section of Kuitpo Forest has necessitated re-routing the Heysen Trail in this area. The Trail now follows the eastern boundary of the forest from Old Coach Road to Wicks Road. The Onkeeta Trail is closed to the public. Walkers are requested to keep strictly to the marked trail and as always adhere to any notices from Primary Industries - Forestry. When logging has been completed the area will be replanted and the Trail will then hopefully be returned to the initial track.

During my years of walking and working on SA walking trails I have met many of the owners who's land is traversed by these walks. We rely on the cooperation of these land owners to access many attractive walking regions of the state. A number of walks described in various walking books make use of road reserves which adjoin privately owned land. Changes over the years can make descriptions difficult to follow. These walks are not marked on the ground with signs as Recreation SA trails are. If following any of these walks it is your responsibility to ensure that you walk on the appropriate reserve. Failing to do this can result in trespass on private land. This can have wide felt consequences on the walking fraternity.

Thank you

Colin Malcolm

WANTED

Articles and assistance in putting together August issue of Trailwalker. No particular skills requires, just a belief in our aims and a willingness to do a bit. Closing date for August issue late July.

Many thanks to Janice Chippendale for typing this issue.

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INAUGURAL WALK - MARSCHALLS HUT

Leader Arthur Smith

SUNDAY 23 JULY 1995

Join the Friends walking in the Totills and visit our new gem on the Heysen Trail. Marschalls Hut is situated at Peters Hill on the property of Mr James Huppatz north of Kapunda. This old settlers cottage has recently been restored as an overnight shelter for walkers on the Trail.

To book contact The Office, Friends of the Heysen & Other Walking Trails, 10 Pitt Street, Adelaide, telephone 212 6299.

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR A REMARKABLE WEEKEND AT MELROSE

8 - 10 SEPTEMBER 1995

Accommodation at The Anglican Diocesan Centre, Melrose

Fully catered

Barbecue Saturday night

Two long walks

Leader Colin Edward and Sadie Leupold

Contact The Office, Friends of the Heysen & Other Walking Trails, 10 Pitt Street, Adelaide, telephone 212 6299.



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BE KIND TO YOUR LEADER AND YOUR CO-WALKERS

by

Colin and Marlene Edwards

We have all done it! Read the Trailwalker and Pathfinder programs and picked out a walk that seems suitable. Rang the Office and booked. The only requirement then is to know where to meet and to be there on time. Everything else will take care of itself. A scenario we would all recognise and being perfectly honest, would have been involved with.

Then on the day of the walk the leader does a number of things, all of which appear to be interesting and valuable. The leader tells us where the walk will be, the difficulties we might encounter and what time we should be back. These are task-oriented concerns to which the leader will always focus on to some degree.

Depending on the relative importance of the leader's concerns (for tasks, for groups, for conditions) a pattern can be identified at the commencement of each walk. After people have been asked to enter their names on the respective leader's list, and asked to introduce themselves to the group, the leader will provide some guidelines to the walkers. The leader might emphasise the importance of interacting with others, for the enjoyment of the walk. So one might hear the leader saying *'take time to talk to the person next to you, 'please attempt to talk to everyone on the walk'* and *'enjoy your day'*. Another leader might be heard to say, *'it's not a race', 'it's not a competition', 'we're not in a hurry to get from A to B'*. In this way the leader indicates the way he or she would like the group to operate and it has less to do with proving one's physical prowess and competing against others to be first past the post, and more to do with sociability and gaining the benefits available from enjoying a day in the bush with friends.

In these preliminary talks the leader might indicate his preference to *'lead from the front'*, from *'the back'*, or *'the middle'*. The leader may appoint a *'tail end Charlie'*, to use the terminology of the walkers. Walkers might be asked *'do not get in front of the leader'*, and *'do not leave the group without telling someone'*. Some mention will usually be made about having a rest at a certain spot, usually after an hour of walking. This indicates the leader's concern for the welfare of the group. The leader might ask walkers to inform of any disabilities or injuries they have prior to, or during the walk. This can be done discreetly and treated as confidential. The leader is obliged to speak of these matters because of the ramifications for all who are participating in the activity.

Walkers will be asked by their leader whether they have sufficient water, and some mention might be made about adequate wet-weather gear and footwear, this underscores the scout motto *Be Prepared!* These concerns are of paramount importance to some leaders and walkers who have not been adequately prepared have been advised to come better prepared next time, if not discouraged to continue.

The leader with a prime concern for environmental conditions might inform walkers *'we take out everything we take in'* and *'don't litter'*. Often one has heard people saying to each other *'do banana skins disintegrate?'*, and *'can I throw away this apple core?'*. In this way they indicate a heightened awareness toward the environment and a pressing need they feel toward protecting the land. Notions of the day being enhanced because *'the heath is out'* might also provide insight to the leader's concern for conditions, as would comments like *'don't pick the flowers'*. A leader with special concern for the environment might avoid *'bush bashing'*, preferring to keep large groups on marked paths rather than allowing them to trample through thick growth and damage foliage. Gates are to be closed after passing through private properties, dogs left at home and the

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Heysen Trail used only during the official walking season. These understandings have the status of official rules and government regulations, and are portrayed regularly and openly.

We have all heard mention of the above-stated comments in our scenario and can possibly think of many more. But have we really stopped to consider, in depth, the relevance of these ideas and concerns in terms of walker's *responsibilities*? These are varied and related to people, conditions and issues. They relate to *responsibilities* to one's leader, to co-walkers, to the environment and to property owners, whose generosity has often made possible the walkways we all enjoy together on our days and weekends out in the bush.

It seems to me there is much that has been said about the *responsibilities* of leaders (see Priest 1989, and *Bushwalking and Mountaineering Leadership*, 1994). These works and others serve to remind me how, in the literature on leadership, the *responsibilities* of walkers seems scant, or low key, at best. The 'Friends' have in this regard printed a *Guideline for Walkers*, which for some reason has not been freely promoted to walkers. I must admit I have never mentioned this leaflet to any groups I have led on a walk, nor distributed it to newcomers, or seen other leaders do the same. Yet, if we want to guide walkers along a set pathway we should, in the first instance, make this information more readily available to them.

Going back then, to my earlier reference to the scenario we have all encountered at some time before commencement of each walk, comments like '*don't leave the group without telling someone*' etc. contain more than a convivial message. The scenario contains a message for walkers about *responsibilities* they owe to their leader, to co-walkers, to the environment, and to landowners.

So, walking is not only about the pursuit of individual interests, it is a group activity and like any other group activity where people have *responsibilities*, so too do walkers. Now, these *responsibilities* are not heavily endorsed through reference to rules and regulations. Nor are they explicitly linked with the *Guidelines for Walkers* leaflet. They are implicit understandings, which only really surface when someone oversteps the mark and infringes upon what group members consider to be appropriate conduct. Then they are talked about openly for a while and then appear to be forgotten.

There needs to be some way of getting walkers to think about their *responsibilities* without appearing prescriptive and highly moralistic when after all we are only out to enjoy walking. Perhaps I might be able to contribute toward this by drawing on a number of incidents which I have observed over the years.

Most of us will have been on a walk when someone has not been fit enough (healthwise) to either finish the walk, or do so comfortably, without a delay to others. When difficulties with breathing have occurred (because of asthma, heart condition, being unfit or overweight), the leader has been transformed into a first-aid worker, complete with kit and helpers. Sometimes the call has gone out for someone with nursing experience and private transport sought to shuttle the injured or distressed person to medical facilities. The walker was under some obligation to inform the leader of any physical or emotional problems because of the possible ramifications. However, on several occasions this responsibility has been totally overlooked. Where a walker has not been able to cope, other walkers have become upset. Their day has been spoilt by delays and the obvious stress on the group. Of course, I am not including those misfortunes through accident, which might happen to anyone at anytime and are quite beyond reckoning and cautionary comments. Accidents do happen! It is the leader's right to be made aware of such matters so that any precautions can be taken, just as it is the walker's right to be informed of these expectations.

To take another example, I am sure many of us can recall being on a walk where people have gone missing. They have moved out of the sight of other walkers, perhaps because they have stopped to look at flowers or birds, take photographs, or gone ahead to pursue an alternative pathway. As a

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consequence, the walk had to be halted, the leader had to find the missing walker or walkers and attend to group safety. People were told to sit and wait, they got cold and grumpy, and the day turned sour. Consider now the leader's plight!

Similar outcomes have arisen when some people decided the walk was '*too slow*', they found slow walking was '*frustrating and tiring*'. They subsequently strode out in front of the leader. When this situation occurs, in combination with problems at the back of the group (due to a walker's difficulties with coping) the potential is there for the group to fragment. The leadership could be threatened, if not undermined totally, and tempers could flare between walkers and between walkers and their leader.

These few examples I hope will serve to reinforce the view that walkers have *responsibilities* to their leader and their co-walkers. Whilst these *responsibilities* might be implicit they are none-the-less important to the smooth running of a walk. Walkers expect a certain standard of operation from their leaders and this has the authority of legality and possible litigation about it. It has to do with the protection of the walker's welfare, and includes getting them safely back after an enjoyable day in the bush. Why then should the leader and co-walkers not have reciprocal arrangements so as to facilitate everyone's enjoyment?

This then brings us to the issue of making the appropriate choice of what group to walk with, and points to another area of concern with *responsibilities*. If the leader informs the group '*this is not a race*' etc. it can be assumed an ideal is operating. On the other hand, if the criteria for membership of a walking group is physical fitness and endurance then it might be assumed the competitive spirit will reign supreme and the social walker will be outlawed. Therefore, it would seem appropriate to join a group where your interests and physical capabilities are best served. If you want to walk independently and dash from A to B in a set time, then join a group where this is appreciated. Of course one's fitness can increase over time and one can outgrow the group into which they initially recruited, or the group can undergo change from a training format to a sociable one, with the influx of newcomers. A transition of this nature might lead founding members, wanting great physical challenge, to pursue other arrangements. But the point remains, operating outside the ideals of a group can mean infringement of the rights of others and contravene implicit understanding of what is appropriate for a given group.

There seems to be difficulty with clearly establishing what we all might consider *right* for the group. Perhaps this is linked to the fact, awareness, only really surfaces after some incident occurs on a walk. Our communication on such matters also seems to be thwarted by a relatively high turn-over of walkers, with newcomers being greeted with a scenario that is shot through with well-worn comments that lack veracity when it comes to really belting out the *responsibilities owed to the leader and co-walkers*. Perhaps it would help if copies of the *Guidelines for Walkers* leaflet were distributed to new walkers at the commencement of each walk.

There seems to be a need for clarifying our values and ideals with regard to rights, responsibilities and obligations in walker/leader relations and walker/walker relations. Perhaps this commentary could become a small contribution to achieving this aim, leading to a heightened understanding of such matters, generally. Perhaps we could think about this matter in the light of my title: *Be kind to your leader and to your co-walkers*.

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NEW

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NOW AVAILABLE FROM OFFICE

Hume & Hovell Walking Maps, *Walk from Albury to Yass In NSW* \$10.00.

BOOKS

Tasman Tracks \$17.00.

Bushwalking and Camping Handbook \$16.00

Walks Around Adelaide \$12.50.

50 Walks In The Grampians \$17.00.

Map Reading Handbook \$13.00.

First Aid In The Bush (pocket size) \$11.00.

Flinders Ranges Plant Identikit \$9.00.

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WANTED

Experienced backpackers (maximum of two) to walk entire Hume and Hovell trail in NSW. Beginning walk on 1 October and walking for four weeks. Total of approximately 450km. For further information contact the office, and your details will be passed on.

POSITION VACANT

We are still in urgent need of a Treasurer to oversee our accounting and bookkeeping. We have an accounting package, and most of the day-to-day accounts is carried out by our volunteer bookkeeper Kath Palyga. Please contact me on 212 6299 if you think you may be able to help.

Arthur Smith

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Acknowledgment

I have been considering for some time writing an article on the responsibilities of walkers to their leader and the responsibilities of walkers to each other. Marlene has kindly put my ideas together in the preceding article.

Colin Edwards

TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The Trail Maintenance weekends have started off really well, the first of which was reported in the last Trailwalker.

Section Leader Paul Carruthers who is responsible for the area from Moon Hill to Hindmarsh Tiers Road has conducted the second successful maintenance weekend. This was held on the first weekend in May, consisting of trail marking and erosion barriers placed to assist walkers and contain erosion problems. Maintenance volunteers did a great job both days, Saturday, logistically getting the materials to the work sites. Sunday completing Paul's work program bringing the area up to standard, see Paul's interesting article for more specific details and events.

Section Leadership Changes

Cape Jervis to Boat Harbour Creek; Steven Harkness has taken over this area now and will work in with existing members who still perform valuable maintenance and inspection work on the Trail, in the area.

Peters Hill to Logans Gap; Michael Tilley has taken on the Section Leadership to relieve the existing Leaders of too greater area and work load. Any member wishing to help Michael can contact me at the office, we will be pleased to hear from you.

WEEKEND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

July and August

The 1st and 2nd July, 5th & 6th August 1995 will see maintenance work being carried out on the Mid North section of the Trail.

Maintenance Volunteers who can donate their time to attend either or both weekends please phone the office to register your name. The exact locations have not yet been determined, we will advise you of full details prior to the date.

Thank you all for your time and continuing efforts.

Regards

Ian Jays
Project Officer

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MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEER SECTION LEADERS

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| 1. Cape Jervis to Boat Harbor Creek | Steven Harkness
H 384 3530 |
| 2. Boat Harbor Creek to Back Valley Road | Peter Hill
H085 56 5213 |
| 3. Back Valley Road to Moon Hill | Thelma Anderson
H 278 4420 |
| 4. Moon Hill to Hindmarsh Tiers Road | Paul Carruthers
H 336 1889 |
| 5. Hindmarsh Tiers Rd to Black Fellows Crk Rd | Bob Verall and Jim Pearce
H 382 8577 H276 5190
W 3725170 W 3725169 |
| 6. Black Fellows Crk Rd to Glen Bold | Colin Malcolm
H 382 2194 |
| 7. Glen Bold to Piccadilly | Jamie Shephard and Nev Southgate
H 338 6223 H 364 2191
W 373 1422 W 410 4344 |
| 8. Piccadilly to Norton Summit | Liz O'Shea (WEA Ramblers)
H 352 1636 |
| 9. Norton Summit to Cudlee Creek | Shirley Tavendar/Arthur Smith
H 337 3692 H 261 6746 |
| 10. Cudlee Creek to Bethany | Doug Leane
H 43 3388 |
| 11. Bethany to Peters Hill | Joyce Heinjus
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| 12. Peters Hill to Logans Gap | Michael Tilley
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| 14. Spalding to Hughs Gap | Ray Griffith
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| 15. Hughs Gap to Mt Brown | Vacant |
| 16. Mt Brown to Hawker | Vacant |
| 17. Hawker to Wilpena | Vacant |
| 18. Wilpena to Parachilna | Shayne Reschke Leigh Creek
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Project Officer

Ian Jays

HEYSEN TRAIL HUT BUILDING PROGRAM

HISTORY

For the past seven years the Outdoor Recreation Unit of the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing has been developing huts along the Heysen Trail. The aim of this program is to provide basic overnight accommodation to walkers using the Heysen Trail. Where possible the huts are also located close to the Mawson Cycling Trail to provide a dual use facility.

Eventually huts will be developed a day's walk apart along the entire trail. Each hut is equipped with basic cooking and sleeping facilities and rain water tanks. These facilities will provide shelter for walkers and cyclists, opening the trail up to a broader user group and increasing the tourism potential of the trail.

The first hut to be established was Mayo Hut in the Flinders Ranges which was officially opened in September, 1988. This pioneer settlers cottage was rebuilt by a team of five unemployed people from the Adelaide Central Mission, Wright Court Day Centre. This work was part of a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program and had an important role in building self-esteem and teaching valuable skills in stone masonry and carpentry. This group went on to win an Award in the "1989 Recreation Awards" which further recognised the value of the program.

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.

To date three huts have been completed from this funding. They include:

- Mr Bryan East School
- Dutchman's Hut
- Marschalls Hut.

MT BRYAN EAST SCHOOL

The Mr 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 due to population decrease in the area its doors closed in 1947. 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.

Special thanks is extended to the National Trust for making the building available and Peter Boaden, Chief Executive Officer of the Hallett District Council for his support for the project.

THE DUTCHMAN'S HUT

The Dutchman's Stern Hut is a converted farm storage shed and is situated 5kms north west of the Southern Flinders Ranges township of Quorn.

The shed was one of the out buildings adjacent to the "The Dutchman" homestead. The Dutchman was a pastoral lease property dating back to the 1880s until it was acquired for conservation in 1985. The property was dedicated as a Conservation Park in 1987.

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This project was made possible by the support of Mr Brenton Arnold and Ms Shirley Meyers of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for allowing the shed to be used and to Mr Peter McInnes for supplying slate for the hut.

The Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing would also like to thank the Friends of the Heysen Trail for their donation of \$10,000 towards the establishment of the hut.

MARSCHALLS HUT

Marschalls Hut is located 8kms from the Gilbert Valley Township of Riverton. The hut was originally built by pioneer settlers Christian and Elise Marschall.

The Marschalls were of Wendish origin. The Wends were a slavic race. In geographic terms the Wends occupied upper and lower Lausatia this region is now part of Germany.

The Marschalls and their eight children arrived in South Australia in October 1854. The family arrived at Peter Hill near Riverton in 1856. Their first home was built from local stone and timber.

Christian commenced farming there and soon was to construct a larger home on the same site. Christian was a "Cottager" (a builder of small homes) by trade but did not follow this trade in South Australia.

Christian Marschall died on 4 March 1896 aged 86 years. He was buried in the old Lutheran Cemetery at Peters Hill within sight of the pug and stone cottage built with his own hands.

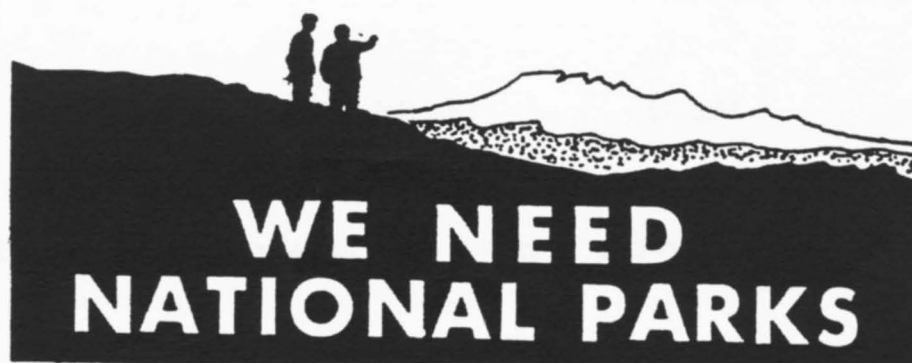
(Information from Marschalling the Marschalls commemorating 140 years in South Australia 1854 - 1994 compiled by Marschall reunion committee.)

The Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing appreciate the support of Mr and Mrs F C Huppattz and James Huppattz for allowing the restoration of this building for Heysen Trail walkers. The Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing would also like to thank Mr Neil Schirmer of Mintaro Slate for supplying slate for this and other huts.

Work on these huts was once again carried out by unemployed people from the Adelaide Central Missions, Bryon Place Day Centre. The Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing would like to thank Ms Sue Park, Group General Manager, Adelaide Central Mission, and Mr Eric Felgate, Manager, Adult Service, Bryon Place Day Centre, for their support in co-ordinating the program and Mr Greg Lowe and Keith Hall for on site supervision of workers and construction of the huts.

Construction on the next project "Rocky Creek" Hut situated in the Kuitpo Forest is underway.

Andrew Moylan
Senior Project officer
Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing



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Heysen Trail Huts

The following is a list of huts available to walkers along the Heysen Trail. This list is an update of information supplied by Arthur Smith in a previous Trail walker.

The huts are listed from north to south.

Mayo Cottage Map 5 Grid Ref: 544833

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

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

Dutchmans Hut Map 14 Grid Ref: 808226

Location: Approx 5 kms north east of Quorn in the Dutchmans Stern Conservation Park.

Accommodation: Platform bunks to sleep 20, water tank, slow combustion stove/oven, toilets.

Conditions: A fee may be charged for the use of this hut next year.

Bowmans Park Hut Map 13 Grid Ref: 426067

Location: On the trail about 6 kms South of Hughes Gap, and 3.5 kms north east of Crystal Brook. But is situated in Bowman Park.

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

Conditions: A fee may apply outside the walking season.

Hiskey Hut Map 13 Grid Ref: 543062

Location: Situated on private property 3 kms west of Georgetown.

Accommodation: Platform bunks to sleep 16, water tanks, open fire, long drop toilets.

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Wirrilla Shearers Quarters

Map 13

Grid Ref: 671600

Location: Approx 10 kms east of Georgetown and 9 kms south west of mast on New Campbell Hill.

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

Cumows Hut

Map 13

Grid Ref: 715097

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

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

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

Hallet Railway Station

Map 12

Grid Ref: 038000

Location: Situated on the southern outskirts of the township of Hallett.

Accommodation: Platform bunks to sleep 20, water tank, slow combustion stove/heater, long drop toilet.

Mt Bryan East School

Map 12

Grid Ref: 156014

Location: Situated 21 kms north east of Mt Bryan and 12 kms east of Hallett.

Accommodation: Platform bunks to sleep 30, rainwater tanks, slow combustion stove/oven, long drop toilets.

Huppatz Hut

Map 10 and 11

Grid Ref: 086508

Location: Approx. 33 kms south of Burra and about 6 kms south of where the trail crosses bitumen road (see map 11) and about 5 kms north of Black Springs road (see map 10).

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

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Marschalls Hut

Map 9 and 10

Grid Ref: 999169

Location: The hut is situated on private property 11 kms east of Riverton. The hut is just off the map on both map 9 and 10, however it is located approx 1 km north of Peters Hill on the western side of the range. A spur trail to the hut has been marked from the Heysen Trail.

Accommodation: Platform bunks to sleep 12, single benches for 5. Rainwater tank, open fire, long drop toilet.

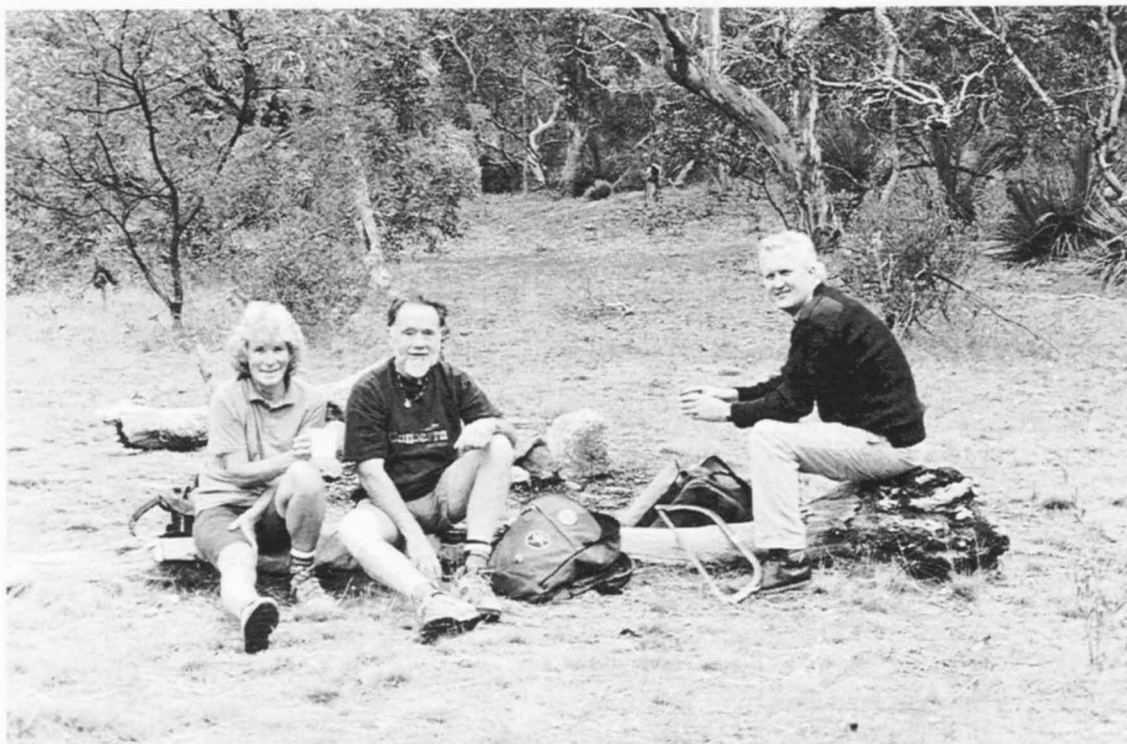
Freemans Hut

Map 2

Grid Ref: 111627

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

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



*Warren Day, Kath and Alvin Whittle
(see article page 20)*

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HUT RULES AND ETIQUETTE

Preliminary, proposed after consultation with Recreation SA.

1. There are no bookings - first in best dressed.
2. All have a right to bunk space until the Hut is full, ie. first arrivals must allow later arrivals bunk space until all are taken.
3. Be considerate of other users when sharing cooking facilities etc. and lights out at a reasonable hour.
4. Tidy up before you leave, and replenish wood supplies if possible.
5. Walkers intending an overnight stay at a Hut, should carry enough tents or other equipment between them to enable them to camp out overnight in the event of the Hut being overfull. (Bear in mind also that some unforeseen circumstance may prevent you from reaching your destination by night fall.)
6. Whilst all Huts have water tanks which will normally have an adequate supply of water, the usual precautions regarding quantity and quality of water should be taken.

Arthur Smith

THE "HYACINTH" TRAIL

We are grateful for permission to publish the following letter to the Editor which appeared in *The Australian*. (Should be Hyde Park SA, Arthur Smith).

REALTY BOUQUET

Keeping up Appearances? Forsooth! I was very entertained by the description of the impressive mansion for sale as House of the Week in the residential property section of *The Weekend Australian* (22-23/4). It was described as being in the Adelaide Hills only 300m from the Hyacinth Trail.

The picture of the grand house near the fragrant blue spring flowers was appealing. So was the image of the lady of the house dragging poor Richard for a ramble to plan the next "Candlelight Supper" or to bring him up to date with news from Majorca or Sheridan's new curtains. However, I could not quite imagine Onslow, Daisy or Rose appreciating the country ambience.

One who did, immortalising it on canvas with strong images of somnolent cattle drowsing in dappled sunlight, was Sir Hans Heysen. The 500km walk is named after him - the Heysen Trail!

HELEN M J REID
Hyde Park, WA

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WEEKEND MAINTENANCE AT MOON HILL TO HINDMARSH TIERS ROAD

Ideal weather conditions greeted the Weekend Maintenance programme planned for Saturday 6 May. The first group of enthusiastic volunteers comprising Steven and Lee Boule, Jan Clark, Patti Turney, Cath Seally, Ian Jays and Valerie North met with me as arranged at Myponga for a 9.00 am start.

Cath and Ian set off to perform track cleaning duties between Moon Hill and Nunn Road the remaining members of the party were assigned the onerous task of getting all materials and equipment as close as possible to the work sites. For this purpose, Ian bought the Departmental Landcruiser and trailer. Permission to go through private property in the vicinity of Wild Dog Creek had been obtained by Gloria Bache and consequently a set of erosion barriers, metal tie rods and tools were dropped off at the top of the gully above the creek. After a well earned lunch eaten while gazing over splendid views of the Fleurieu Peninsula, the party spent the remainder of the day taking posts, erosion barriers and equipment to the other work sites. Much of this involved some very strenuous climbing and scrambling in steep country.

On Sunday 7 May, the work party comprised Alvin and Kath Whittle, Steven Boyle, Patti Turney and her friend Rob, Barry Finn, Warren Day, Michael Hutton and John Reynolds. This very pleasing attendance enabled us to complete the major tasks of erecting additional sign posts along Nunn Road, Causeway Road, Inman Valley Road and Yulte Road, the installation of erosion barriers on two steep sections within the Myponga Conservation Park and much needed track cleaning.

Although a few minor tasks remain to be undertaken, this weekend work party has made a very significant contribution towards ensuring a safer trail for walkers and I extend my thanks to all these volunteers for their wholehearted enthusiasm and support.

Paul Carruthers
(Section Leader)



*Steven Boyle, Michael Hutton and Barry Finn
Putting in erosion barriers within Myponga Conservation Park*