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“THE GROUP” - FLINDERS WEEKEND

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

These last two months have been busy for me, while Arthur Smith, our President, has been travelling around Australia. Arthur should be back by the time you read this issue of The Trailwalker.

At the end of June our Secretary / Public Officer, Jan Clarke, resigned her position with the Friends'. I am sure that all the members of the Friends' will join me in saying thanks to Jan for all the work she has done, both paid, and voluntary. Jan will continue to assist in a voluntary capacity, as her work schedule will allow.

In July Michael Southren resigned his position as Section Leader for the Mount Lofty Network Trails due to an increase in work commitments. Michael has put in many hours of work on the Trail and we thank him for his efforts.

Even though the Friends' no longer have a Project Officer, the Section Leaders are still undertaking numerous working bees with their own small group of volunteers, on their particular section of the Heysen Trail.

The Friends' Council still has a couple of vacancies. Council meets every Fourth Wednesday of the month at the Friends' Office from 6.00 pm till about 8.00 pm. If you would like to have a say in the running of the Friends', why not join the Council. Ring the office and leave your name and contact number if you are interested.

In May the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing approached the SA Federation of Bushwalkers to inform them of their status as "Peak Body" in regard to maintenance of the Heysen Trail. At the June meeting of the Friends' Council I welcomed Peter Beer (Acting President), Bill Gheling and Thelma Anderson from the Federation of Bushwalkers. Peter has asked the Friends' Council and Section Leaders to assist them in putting together a costing schedule in regard to maintaining the Heysen Trail. We will keep you informed in future issues of The Trailwalker as more information is received.

At the June meeting of the Friends' Council a motion was put forward and carried to decrease the number of Trailwalkers per year from six (6) to four (4). This will come into effect from 1997. The Council also thanked Jamie Shephard for his generous donation of fencing to protect the new seedlings planted at Kapunda. Terry Lavender was also thanked for arranging posts and other materials.

The Friends' 10th Birthday walk was held on June 30, 1996, from Hahndorf. The day was a success with perfect weather and great company. Well done to the leaders and assistant leaders. My personal thanks go to Neville who was able to supply me with a ride home at lunchtime following a knee injury. Thanks also to the Scout Outdoor Centre for paying the electricity charge used to heat the urns. The coffee at Woodhouse was a welcome relief for all at lunchtime.

This is my last Vice Presidents report for this year so I would finally like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time over the last ten years. Without your help the Friends would not have existed nor can they continue in the future.

Richard Schmitz

Vice President

MAINTENANCE OF THE HEYSEN TRAIL

Ten members of the W.E.A. Ramblers helped in a work-bee held on Sunday June 2nd. As a key had been obtained from the Ranger we were able to enter by car from Woods Hill Rd into the Horsnell Gully C/P where the work was to be carried out. This included:-

1. Installation of a 2 step stile (or more correctly a 4 step stile) south of Giles Corner, where a new gate had been installed near the grid pylon (G.R. 915324 H/T map 2). Doug Leane took this opportunity to give the group a lesson in how the work should be done - with great precision and care - and therefore the end result was of an excellent standard! The Park Ranger had given permission for this installation but will monitor its use - the fear being that the goats presently being used to control the growth of exotic plants and undergrowth might learn to scamper over the stile and thereby escape.
2. Re-painting of markers within the Park and also of the larger direction board at the Piccadilly end of this section, at the intersection of Spriggs Rd and that leading to Mt. Lofty Botanic Garden.
3. The nasty work of grubbing out new shoots - particularly in the re-route section near Rockdale Hill that was completed last year.
4. General trimming and lopping along the trail.

The work bee finished around 4 p.m. and as we walked out we were able to note with satisfaction the results of all our hard work!

Liz O'Shea

SECTION LEADERS MEETING

The bi-monthly meeting of Maintenance Section Leaders took place on July 9th, 1996 at the Adelaide Central Mission building. Ten section leaders attended, together with Bronte Leak from the Office of Recreation Sport and Racing (ORSR) and two guests - Mary Cameron and Bill Gehling representing the Executive Committee of the Federation of S.A. Walking clubs.

Reports were tabled outlining the work completed on the various sections during the past 2 months, projects being planned and any pertinent information relayed to the ORSR.

The meeting was then opened to our guests, who spoke on the proposed changes to trail maintenance, and the recent meeting between the Federation and Geof Pearce (the Program Manager from ORSR). Concerning this and how the Federation perceives what their role might be in future plans for maintenance and possible extensions to walking trails. This was followed by open discussion and exchange of information and ideas. Emphasis was made on the need for The Friends and The Federation to liaise closely to establish a workable solution and further meetings are planned to help resolve the problems.

Liz O'Shea

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MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEER SECTION LEADERS

1.	Cape Jervis to Boat Harbour Creek	Steven Harkness H 384 3530
2.	Boat Harbour Creek to Back Valley Road	Ralph Ollerenshaw H 379 2762
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 Creek Rd	Bob Verrall & Jim Pearce H 382 8577 H 276 5190 W 372 5170 W 372 5169
6.	Black Fellows Creek Rd to Glen Bold	Stephen Boyle H 391 1696
7.	Glen Bold to Piccadilly	Jamie Shephard H 331 8107 W 373 1422
8.	Piccadilly to Norton Summit	Liz O'Shea (WEA Ramblers) H 352 1636
9.	Norton Summit to Cudlee Creek	Shirley Tavender / 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 H 085 252054 W 085 622022 Fax 085 252271
12.	Peters Hill to Logans Gap	Michael Tilley H 396 4363
13.	Logans Gap to Spalding	Hugh Greenhill - Burra Branch H 088 438115
14.	Spalding to Hughs Gap	Vacant
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 Branch H 086 752885 W 086 754332

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WALKING REPORT

We are now at the half way mark during our walking season and it is great to see the high standard of fitness amongst our walkers. I must make mention in particular of the large group on the Hahndorf Early Settlers Walk. Three busloads journeyed up to Hahndorf where we were joined by a few others at The Academy and a fine cracking pace was set right through to our lunch spot at Woodhouse where Neville Southgate met us with welcoming cups of tea and coffee. Thanks to Jamie for checking stiles and planning a new route and to Colin, Brad, Ric and Richard for assisting during the walk. Thankyou also to Hilda Schmitz for helping with money collection and Neville Southgate for his assistance with hot drinks at Woodhouse.

Unfortunately we have found it necessary to cancel the proposed Kangaroo Island Weekend due to lack of numbers. People who had initially shown interest had to cancel due to the cost which to break even would be approximately \$230. Therefore, we decided to make a decision now as deposits have to be paid to confirm bookings on the Island.

It is disappointing when people book on to our day walks and do not turn up. Some of our leaders put a ceiling on the numbers and although we always book a few over it is unfortunate if persons are told the walk is full and they are placed on a waiting list. The Committee have decided in future bookings for day walks will only be taken one month ahead. We realise the difficulty with last minute cancellations as the Office is closed on weekends. If you have booked further ahead than this please re-confirm your booking at the Office.

If you intend backpacking with Mick Thomas in the Mambray Creek area on August 10th and 11th please confirm now. For those who have had some backpacking experience and want to share a weekend away with some like minded people here is your chance. The cost is only \$10.

We have had requests for some Saturday walks and if you check the current programme you will see we now have two led by Jenny Prider in August and September.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist in the Office with walking information. If you have good communication skills and are willing to help please ring the Office and a time can be allocated. It does not have to necessarily be on a regular basis as quite often we have regular volunteers away and we need people to help fill in.

We have lots of interesting walks planned for the rest of the year and it is most heartening to see so many fit people out there on the Trail.

Sadie Leupold

DAY WALK CHARGES: PER WALK

Members \$3 Non Members \$4 Children \$1

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WALKING PROGRAMME 1996

TRAILSTARTER WALKS

Aug 11 th	Sue Croser - Mack Creek (Parra Wirra)
Aug 17 th	Jenny Prider - Bridgewater
Sept 8 th	George Driscoll - Myponga
Sept 12 th	Jenny Prider - Kersbrook
Oct 13 th	Bradley Howell - South
Nov 10 th	Bradley Howell - Belair
Dec 8 th	Jennifer Dow - Afternoon Walk

TRAILWALKER WALKS

Aug 25 th	Ric Trutwin - Castle Rock
Aug 25 th	Spencer Trowse - Myponga
Sept 22 nd	Chris Bagley - Milang
Sept 22 nd	Jennifer Dow - Newland Head to Newland Hill
Oct 27 th	Mick Thomas & Axel Lingstadt - Talisker
Oct 27 th	Colin Edwards - North
Nov 24 th	Jamie Shephard
Nov 24 th	Jill McPherson

TRAILBLAZER BACKPACKING WEEKEND

Aug 10 th , 11 th	Mick Thomas - Mambray Creek Pre requisites (a) Experienced (b) Completion of Intro Weekend with the Friends
Oct 12 th , 13 th	Mick Thomas - Cape Jervis Introductory Weekend Pre requisites (a) Completion of 3 long Heysen Friends Walks (b) Proven Experience

TRAILBLAZER BACKPACKING WEEKEND

MAMBRAY CREEK

AUGUST 10TH & 11TH

LEADER - MICK THOMAS

A weekend for those who have completed our Introductory Back Packing weekend or have had backpacking experience.

Participants will be expected to carry their own food, tent and overnight requirements.

COST \$10

For further information regarding carpooling etc please contact the Office, Friends of the Heysen & Other Walking Trails, 10 Pitt Street, Adelaide. Telephone (08) 8212 6299.

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WANTED : Walk Leaders

The Friends' are on the look out for next years walking programme. If you have a favourite walking area and would like to share it with others, then why not lead a walk in that area. Walks can be either Saturdays or Sundays.

Walk leaders are exempt from paying the \$3.00 on any walks which they lead.

Ring the office and leave your name and daytime contact phone number if you are interested.

DAY WALKS : Booking Procedure

Due to the number of people who book on walks and then do not turn up, the Walking Committee have put a new booking procedure into effect.

Bookings for walks will only be taken one month prior to the walk. (This does not apply to extended walks).

If you have booked further ahead than this please ring the office again to re-confirm your booking.

BURRA BRANCH OF THE FRIENDS OF THE HEYSEN TRAIL AND OTHER WALKING TRAILS INC.

BURRA BRANCH WALKING PROGRAM

August 21	Bev Jennings	(08) 8892 2618	Stein Hill
September 18	Peter Brown	(08) 8863 3042	Spring Gully
October 16	Lee Sinclair	(08) 8892 2724	Brownhill Range
	Mike Fretwell	(08) 8892 2603	
		(08) 8892 2129	
November 13	Bob Howell	(08) 8892 2777	Burra Gorge

Please Note

It is estimated walks will take between 4 and 5 hours. In adverse weather conditions the walks may be changed to another suitable day. For the meeting place and what to bring, ask the contact person for the particular walk you wish to join. Walkers should be of good health.

Cost: nil

BURRA BRANCH TRAIL REPORT

The section of the trail between Hallett and Mount Bryan is in good condition. The water tanks at Mount Bryan and Hallet are both okay and have water in them. Hugh Greenhill and his group of volunteers have been doing trail maintenance in their area, with remarking, clearing etc.

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ORAPARINNA WEEKEND MAY 18 19 20, 1996

There she sat, dressed in shorts and jumper, sipping a large glass of brandy, tired aching feet resting and reviving in a huge saucepan of hot water. This was Lorraine, in the kitchen of the shearer's quarters after our first days hike around Oraparinna Station, 24 km north of Wilpena Pound.

The 20 km circuit walk that day passed along the Oraparinna Creek, Enorama and Dingley Dell, and the Pantapinna Walking and Fire Access Track. The terrain was flat and dry, and interesting "finds" along the way included abandoned emu eggs and a wedgetailed eagle's nest complete with dead rabbit draped across its dry leaves and twigs.

Dinner that evening was a barbecue at the Blinman Hotel shared with other tourists, a group from the Landrover Club, and a bush band. Outside the hotel in the main street were huge logs burning in stock troughs to keep revellers warm in the cold damp air.

On Sunday cars left in a convoy heading for Wilpena Pound. We had only gone a short distance when observant Lyndsay noticed Lorraine had a flat tyre, so many an onlooker watched as Spencer changed the wheel. Once the cars were parked in the Pound Colin stood on a rock and gave "the sermon on the mount" ie. rules and regulations, projected time stops etc. for the day's walk.

A 4 ½ hour trek took us over the creek, past the Old Homestead right through the Pound and high up on the Tanderra Saddle where we tried to shelter from the cold biting wind during the lunch break.

Time did not permit the climb to the top of St Mary's Peak so we clambered down The Wall and walked back to the cars from the other side of the Pound, another 2 hour walk.

After the usual rush for hot showers, a change of clothes and a reviving drink we enjoyed tomato soup, barbecue and salad plus fruit and cream.

Entertainment that evening was an impromptu raffle quickly organised by Christina to offset a shortfall in leaders funds with an oversupply of certain foodstuffs. "Baby" of the group Rosemary drew the tickets and laughter greeted the luckiest winners Darcy (a tray of sausages - uncooked) and Don (a tray of chops - cooked). Two of the prizes were subject to being used up before the end of camp, so the left-over grog was of dubious quantity and Lorraine had to relinquish her prize of a roll of toilet paper when supplies ran low in the ladies loo next morning. All in all, a fun raffle!

The weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by all 30 participants. Grateful thanks to Colin as leader, also to Sadie and all other helpers. We missed Marlene who was absent this time, and hope Bob is recovering after slipping in the shower and hurting his arm.

Good walking, fine weather, casual fun and careful planning and management all contributed to a successful weekend away for Friends of the Heysen Trail.

Sue Stewart

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Walking in the
Oraparinna Area



MAGNIFICENT MOUNT GOULD

“North” with Mark Darter turned out to be a truly magnificent walk and has my vote for Walk of the Year! Thankyou Mark from all twelve brave souls who defied the weather forecast.

Twenty four kilometres as forecast by Mark and verified by Laraine’s trusty pedometer - the only inaccuracy being Mark’s statement of only one hill, at the end - and that was Mount Gould!

Breathtaking scenery, rolling green hills, peaceful pine forests, young lambs gambolling in the sunshine - to those who stayed in bed, you missed a truly magnificent walk! One that was well planned in all its details.

Jill and David, as first time walkers with the group will, I am sure, be back for more.

The final walk up Mount Gould was well worth the struggle with views of Gumeracha and Forreton on one side, Kersbrook (and coffee) on another and Mount Crawford in the far distance - we could actually see what twenty four kilometres looked like from on high!

Thank you to Mark for sharing his walk with us and to Bozina as backmarker for her encouraging smiles and gentle cajoling.

Trish Bell

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HAHNDORF - EARLY SETTLERS WALK SUNDAY 30TH JUNE 1996

"Will or won't we?" This was the question that many of us asked in the lead up to this walk, the attraction of the walk versus the fear of the distance.

To master the challenge you need to overcome the fear: So here we were, standing outside the Feather's Hotel in Burnside at 8.15 am on a crisp Sunday morning.

A hearty crowd of approx. 100 energetic walkers had already gathered, eagerly waiting to grab a free apple and to board one of the three buses that were to transport us to Hahndorf. Arriving at around 8.50 am we found the main street of Hahndorf void of the usual Sunday tourists (I think we were a tad early - the Hotels and tourist shops were yet to open, as were some of the public conveniences - nevertheless we hit the track and began our trek).

Everyone was in high spirits and the morning was superb; the sun slowly beginning to rise in the sky and the smell of smoke from freshly stoked wood fires filtering through the nostrils. It wasn't long before the layers of clothing were being shed, as cold bodies began to warm up. We passed beyond the township and into the countryside. Beautiful rolling hills, fresh green pastures (lush after the recent rains), black and white cows busy eating breakfast, frisky horses still in their night coats. Dogs watching and barking at us, wondering what this passing parade was up to at this hour of the morning.

Quaint country farm houses, their curtains still drawn - their families having their Sunday sleep-in or enjoying their lazy egg and bacon breakfasts. We saw it all, wandering along carless roads, breathing in the fresh morning air and sharing stories along the way.

Morning tea was at the lovely Bridgewater Mill. Some of us were hoping a cappuccino was on the menu. But alas, the service left a little to be desired, or maybe our expectations were a fantasy.

Onward we went, lured by the aroma of hot tea and coffee to a lovely lunch spot. Dear Neville had been busy setting up urns of hot water, tea and coffee, sugar and disposable cups - what a lovely surprise and a welcome relief to enjoy lunch with a hot rejuvenating cuppa. Another unexpected luxury were the lovely clean toilets (no need to line up for these), and even showers, if you so desired.

After lunch, we gathered around to hear Jamie Shephard talk about the spirit of the Early Settlers. How they pushed their wheelbarrows and wagons, laden with fresh produce down to the markets in Adelaide. After staying the night, they would reload with goods and farming items and make the return journey to Hahndorf. Admiration for their robust lifestyle inspired us on for the second half of our walk.

The afternoon saw us venture into the lovely Mount Lofty Botanical Gardens. Some short but steep hills began to test some already weary legs. By the time we reached Mount Lofty House it was decided that the faster fitter walkers should move on, leaving the second half of the group to amble along at their own pace.

We soldiered on, up and down (more down than up), conversing on anything from "The Teachers Pay Increases" to Remedies for improving the performances of the Crows".

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Afternoon tea was short, sharp and shiny and a little embarrassing for one hungry person. She was about to eat her Mars bar, when it was light-fingered just centimetres from her lips, only to be given to another hungry mouth. Just goes to show that you can't trust anyone these days. With only a few kilometres to go, our minds focused on reaching the "Feathers". Our greatest fears being, "The first group will have drunk the place dry", "The beer will be hot", "The first group will have had their fill and gone home to their hot showers and spa baths".

But no, the perfect day ended in the perfect way - our friends were still at the Feathers waiting for us, mulling over their experiences of the day.

Congratulations to all concerned - Organisers, Walk Leaders and most importantly, to the person who ordered the weather.

Heather Gough

SPROUTS' HAHNDORF RAMBLINGS

The last week of June and the first week of July it rained, but somehow the morn of June 30 dawned clear and fine for the walk of the Hahndorf Early Settlers Trail. A total of 97 people boarded the buses at the Feathers Hotel for the ride to Hahndorf. Sadie informed all that we faced a 26 km hike - whereupon several participants immediately started to munch on their apples, apparently only nerves because none backed out. In good spirits we started off to the first hill just out of town, which produced a few puffs, but overall the route proved to be relatively easy as it followed along the ridgetops. Good progress was made and a morning tea break was enjoyed at the Mill. Somehow Charlie disappeared and wasn't seen again until the lunchstop at Woodhouse. Some people are wondering which bus he caught! However he, for one, enjoyed the hot cuppa provided there, it was certainly welcomed. Continuing along on the Heysen Trail to the Botanical Gardens, a winding way was followed that eased us up the Mount. Pity the Rhododendrons weren't flowering - but this leaves an ample for spring.

At the road crossing the old "group bug" surfaced.....the group split and some members shot through in their hurry, disappearing into the distance. Somehow Colin got us in a roundabout way to the Eagle On The Hill. One lady made the mistake of looking back and was heard to loudly say "I really climbed up THAT hill?" proving you can do anything if you try hard enough. From this point on it was easy going back to Burnside with good views over the Waterfall Gully and the city. Eventually all 'staggered' back to their starting point where a pleasant refreshment was enjoyed by all. Overall the day proved to be a long but enjoyable exercise carried out in fine clear weather - it must have been, because no complaints were heard about this repeatedly popular outing.

John Crouch

Ed. Note. Congratulations were received from Woodhouse for the lack of rubbish found after the Friends' left their lunch spot. Well done to everyone for keeping the area clean.

Thanks to the Feathers Hotel for letting us park our cars in their car park.

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HAHNDORF TO BURNSIDE - STARLINGS' STORY

I had placed my name on the list to participate in this walk as I felt I needed to use this opportunity to tone up "tummy and tail" after limited exercise and leisure time in the past six months. There were three buses waiting at the Feathers and an assembly of 97 people, with some new and familiar faces to welcome us on board, as we made the trip up the Freeway to Hahndorf. We all remarked how fortunate we were that the forecast for the days weather was to be mild. Ideal walking weather.

Our route this year followed tracks and some bitumen sections, so I did not need the heavy Blundstone boots that I anticipated would keep my feet dry if we were to cut across paddocks with long grass. I came prepared with my comfy old faithful spare boots and was able to change into these at our first 10 minute break at Bridgewater. The dangling spare boots on my backpack caused much comment "were the boots to give myself a kick up the bottom when the going became tough?" We had a welcome opportunity to partake of hot tea and coffee provided at Woodhouse by Neville Southgate, and we had a pleasant lunch break. A nearby walker after eyeing off my lunch box, thought I had brought lunch for two, but I always bring enough for "Ron".

Passing through the Mount Lofty Botanical Gardens we could see that the camelia season was a little later than in the suburbs, as the flowers were not in full bloom. The front runners stayed in the lead so I was not able to pass pleasantries of the day with them, but in the middle contingent there were many conversations with the troops, and when we needed to catch our breath we could enjoy the views, as this is a pretty hills walk. The last stretch down to Burnside along the Mana Track from Eagle On The Hill fortunately was not too slippery, but ones toes know the insides of the boots well after the descent and look forward to a hot bath when the feet are finally released from their trappings.

I left the group along Glynburn Road as I did not have a vehicle to collect. I hope all walkers were able to acknowledge that this walk was memorable and that the true spirit of companionship and enthusiasm to undertake a challenge was realised by all who participated. Many thanks to our leaders and organisers.

Vira Starling

Ed. Note. Thanks to the Scout Outdoor Centre for covering the electricity charge and the site fee at Woodhouse.

The Flinders Weekend

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HOW TO WALK THE HEYSEN TRAIL (CAPE JERVIS TO PARACHILNA) IN 14 YEARS AND 18 TRIPS

In 1982, for some long forgotten reason, now retired horticultural adviser John Steed of Paringa and soon to be retired car and tractor dealer Alec Ayling of Renmark, were left by their wives at Mt. Crawford Forest one Saturday morning, to be picked up on Sunday afternoon at Chain of Ponds, very weary and foot sore, but also very happy with themselves.

On their next trip, a year later, Judy and Peg again left the boys, this time at Chain of Ponds - it was raining slightly, but the ever optimistic hikers could tell that it would soon clear. Wrong! Later in the day with the rain driving in almost horizontally and with great force, the boys, thoroughly saturated, shivered their way from Montacute Heights down to a phone box.

Another year - another trip - sometimes two days, sometimes three - some four day trips. At which point it was decided to do the whole trail, neither could say. But it became a project that must be done. Every single step of it. There was no particular plan or pattern - sometimes there might be as many as three unconnected sections yet to be done. But bit by bit these sections were linked and others extended.

One trip, Wilpena to Parachilna, the boys drove to Hawker catching the midnight bus to Wilpena, camping there overnight and on subsequent nights near Yanyanna Hut, Aroona Valley and Parachilna Gorge, walking into Parachilna and again catching the Stateliner back to Hawker. On arriving at Yanyanna Hut after setting up camp and softening their hard beds with water reeds, John disappeared behind a nearby tree and reappeared with half a bottle of St. Agnes brandy. The next night the same thing! Unbeknown to Alec, John and Judy had been in the area with some of their friends several weeks earlier. John, calculating where he and Alec should be for overnight stops, did some stashing. On the last night in Parachilna Gorge, Alec kept his eye on John hoping to see him again wander off, but sadly no.

Gradually as the years rolled by, John and Alec abandoned carrying their overnight packs, and each taking a vehicle, "leap-frogged" so that at least one vehicle with their camping gear was on site at the day's end. This method had the added bonus of them seeing very pleasant country that would normally never be seen.

Various types of accomodation were used - camping in hike tents, shelters, a caravan, bed-rolls, Burra North Hotel (one extremely wet and cold night - coincidentally the night of their Irish Christmas), Quorn Motel, Hawker caravan park cabins, camping in the Melrose and Kapunda caravan parks, another we night - John's brother-in-law's house on the Whalers Watch leg, the Youth Hostel at Inman Valley, the shearer's quarters at Wirrilla just out of Georgetown and the Mayo Hut. The boys seemed to have an incredible ability to choose the most atrocious weather imaginable. From cold and wet to the other extreme when coming south between Wilpena and Hawker, one extremely hot day with a strong north wind had the hikers drinking great quantities of billy tea and creek water.

Happily however, the last two trips to complete their goal between Quorn and Hawker were both done in beautiful weather and the scenery around the Mt. Arden and waterfall area hard to surpass.

Some wonderful memories of the 18 individual trips will stay with John and Alec for the rest of their lives, and the beauty and variety of the countryside and wildlife can only be understood by other hikers.

What we don't see, when we whiz by in our cars, is amazing, isn't it!

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NEW MEMBERS

The Council would like to forward a warm welcome the following new members:

SINGLE

Carolyn Boyd
Alec Ayling
Andrew Lower
Maxwell Mitchell
Wendy Husdson
Sally-Anne Thomas
Chris Porter

Michael Vaughan
Jenny Dupont

FAMILY

Michael & Norma Khan
Linda Young &
Michael Langdon

NATURE REWARDS LANDCARER

The diversity of flora and fauna now found on areas of scrubland fenced off by James Huppatz provides a myriad of rewards for the nature loving Riverton farmer.

Inspired by his father Con, some 120 acres of scrubland has been fenced off in the past 20 years. "In the 1970s we had several very wet Novembers, which got things growing really well", James said. Some of the trees that germinated are now 8 foot high.

While many people focus on the value of trees in revegetation work, James' main interest is in the understorey. In the scrub, we can find four different orchids (including spider, donkey and giant sun orchids). There are also many smaller flowering bushes.

The preserved scrubland has also attracted many birds not seen for years.

Ed. Note. The Heysen Trail passes through the Huppatz property. Huppatz Hut is located on Heysen Trail map 11. Location grid reference 086508.

(Article reprinted from Landcare News, Number 44, April 1996).

HEYSEN MAPS OUT OF PRINT

Heysen Trail Maps 2,3,8,9 are currently out of print. New stocks are expected in 2+ months.

WALKERS WANTED

If anyone is looking for company to do any section of the Heysen Trail please phone John Crouch - (08) 88 524430. I am an experienced backpacker.

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REMEMBER ADD AN 8

From the middle of August the Friends' phone number will change to (08) 8212 6299.

From the middle of August the Friends' fax number will change to (08) 8211 8041.

OFFICE HOURS

The following office hours are correct at time of printing and are liable to change without notice.

Tuesday	10.00 - 2.30	Lyn Condon
Wednesday	10.00 - 2.30	Richard Schmitz
Thursday	9.00 - 2.30	Richard Schmitz/Arthur Smith
Friday	10.00 - 2.00	Ric Trutwin/Brad Howell/Kath Palyga
Last Monday In The Month	10.00 - 2.00	Geoff McNichol

The office is closed on weekends. Messages can be left on the answering machine at any time of the day or night.

The office is run by volunteers so hours may change slightly from week to week.

Sometimes it may take a couple of days for your message to be answered, particularly if an office volunteer is on holiday. For this we apologise.

To keep the office open more, we need volunteers for Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you have some time to spare, or if you have recently retired and are looking for something to do please help us by volunteering your time. If you are interested ring the office and leave your name and contact phone number.

Richard Schmitz
Vice President

TRAILWALKER DEADLINE

All articles for the Trailwalker should be in to the office by September 18, 1996. We are always on the lookout for articles on walking, maintenance or other things of interest to walkers.