

Member Profile: Frank Hall, Honorary Life Member



I joined ABW in 1983 on my son's 15th birthday and at his urging.

I had walked with the cubs and scouts as a boy but studies, work, marriage and family intervened.

As our children grew, we began short walks (2-3 hours) along the Heysen Trail with other families.

From this we progressed to trips to the Victorian Alps, Grampians and Flinders Ranges and then, at least for my son Stephen and I, to tackling major peaks such as Bogong and Feathertop.

Joining ABW has been one of the best decisions I ever made. I have made many friends, visited beautiful areas both locally and interstate, learned many outdoor skills and appreciated the opportunity to give my time and knowledge back to the club as both a walks leader and trainer.

Having led in excess of 250 walks since 1983, I have had to think long and hard about my most memorable walks, and have compiled the following list:

1. 1986 Tasmanian Trip (2 weeks) Walls of Jerusalem - Never Never - Mt Ossa - Pine Valley - Labyrinth
2. 1987 Tasmanian Trip (9 days) The Labyrinth in snow
3. 1988 Bicentennial Walk led by John Bartlett (7 days) Far North Flinders
4. 1989 Gammon Ranges (7 days) Co-led with Ed Burgess
5. 1997 Tasmanian Trip (10 days) Central Plateau
6. 2002 Mawson Plateau (6 days) led by Ray Hickman

Other highlights have been the club's 50th anniversary celebrations in 1996, leading (with June Boscence) many new members' weekends and participation in the Heysen Trail Marathon Walk (1988-2005).

Where will the club be in its 100th year? Hopefully, still able to enjoy the fresh air and sounds of the outdoors unimpeded by the threats of urban expansion, pollution and global warming. But, who can tell?

A Beautiful Wedding

Jeannie Pope

Long-time members of ABW may remember Katherine Haskard and Warwick Lloyd, who were active in ABW in the late eighties and early nineties. Kathy in particular is remembered as a very strong walker and good leader. Sadly, she let her membership lapse, initially to complete a PhD and more recently to undertake a contract as a statistician in the United Kingdom. Warwick, a psychiatrist, has remained in his current position in Adelaide.

After twenty years together, Kathy and Warwick decided to marry during Kathy's Christmas visit. They married in January at St Andrews Anglican church. Kathy wore a burgundy lace dress. Poor Warwick sweltered in a suit in 42 degree heat. After the ceremony there were light refreshments and live folk music in the church grounds. Several ABW members attended the ceremony or attended an 'at home' celebration the following day.

Two days later Kathy returned to the United Kingdom, making this a contender for the world's



Photo: Andrea Haskard

shortest honeymoon. Long separations seem to be typical of this unconventional couple; Kathy spent some years in Tasmania previously.

On behalf of the club we wish the newlyweds long life and happy trails!