

ADELAIDE BUSHWALKERS

75 YEARS 1946 - 2021



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Bushwalkers**

"Takes you places"

Front Cover - Gawler Ranges 2021 (Lee Marling)

Rear cover – Wild Dog Creek, Flinders Ranges 2015 (Kerry Munro)

This is an account of the past 25 years of Adelaide Bushwalkers from 1997 to 2021 and has been produced to recognise the club's 75th anniversary year. The history looks at the changes in the club over that time, its involvement in bushwalking and other outdoor pursuits and conservation projects and includes other club information and records. It starts with short accounts of the celebratory events held in 2021.

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75th Anniversary events in 2021

In 2021, Adelaide Bushwalkers club celebrated the 75th anniversary of the club's formation. Planning for the activities to commemorate this event was commenced by the ABW committee in 2019. Little did we realise that the next 2 years would take so many twists and turns with Covid-19 lockdowns, cancelled meetings and with much of the walks programs over this time cancelled.

The eventual program of events were: -

- A Rawnsley Park Station event organised by June Boscence featuring a series of day walks from 23-29 May 2021
- 'Beyond the Heysen' Walk – Lee Marling led this activity with a circuit walk on Warraweena with the intention of climbing Mt Hack, Mt Tilley, Patawarta Hill and Mt Gill.

- Re-enactment of first ABW walk – Alex Donald led this activity on the 23rd October. This date was as close to the original walk date of 26th October 1946. And it finished with a celebratory lunch at the Edinburgh Hotel.

- A Social Event – Sammi Lanyon led this activity based at Mambray Creek on 15 – 17 October.

- Commemorative memorabilia – Commemorative badges were designed and made available to members free of charge. Members also ordered commemorative polo shirts.

- Updating of the ABW History Book. This update encompasses the years of activities since the publication of the 50th Anniversary book and the activities undertaken to celebrate the 75th anniversary.

Re-enactment of the Inaugural Walk, 23 October 2021

By Arthur Ward

Twenty ABW members, ranging in age from thirty to eighty-one, met in Mitcham's Sutton Gardens early on the fourth Saturday in October. Led by Alex Donald, we were to re-enact as far as possible, the inaugural ABW walk which had been led by founding member and first President H.A. "Bill" Lindsay. That walk had started, possibly on the Friday night, from the then nearby Mitcham tram terminus on the corresponding weekend 75 years ago.

The 1946 walkers had followed Brown Hill Creek upstream for about 5 km to camp for the night near a house where eggs, milk and cream could be obtained for breakfast. They then climbed to Sheoak Road and walked through Belair National Park to the Belair gate near the Belair Railway Station. It is likely that much of their route thus far closely resembled what we followed, on or near the alignment of the present-day Yurrebilla Trail. A unique feature is the 'Echo Tunnel' under the railway line within the park. The key link in this section of the Yurrebilla trail (opened in 2003) is the

very steep undeveloped road reserve up to Pony Ridge Road from the end of Brown Hill Creek Road. There had been an earlier suggestion that this vital link be named 'The Bill Lindsay Link'.

From the railway station entrance to 'The National Park', we returned to our starting point along a route similar to that taken by Bill Lindsay in 1946. This was via Sheoak Road, Burnell Drive, the former quarry area that is now Randell Park Reserve in the Hills Face Zone and finally down through the Mitcham Cemetery. Besides two road crossings that were much busier than they would have been in 1946, the other modern hazard that we encountered were the prolific mountain bikers and particularly those fast few on a downhill shared trail section in Randell Park. Otherwise, it was a very enjoyable, well-researched and led walk by Alex Donald.



Left to right. Arthur Ward, David Evans, Sophia Oliver, Helen Davies, Margaret Nippert, Jana Sisnowski, Ute Schwarz, *Hidden*, Paul Young, Roger Kempson, *Unknown*, Samantha Carter, Ann Ward, Melanie Jackson, Annette Densley, Tai Lim, Sean Bryant, Alex Donald, Diana Bullock.

ABW 75th Anniversary Rawnsley Park Trip, 23-29 May 2021

By June Boscence

Adelaide Bushwalkers has been a wonderful group to belong to over the years and I have made many lifelong friends so as part of the club's 75th anniversary celebrations, Roger Kempson and I started planning a trip to the Flinders Ranges. Rawnsley Park Station was chosen as the base for day walks because of its range of accommodation and while the trip had special appeal to the Wednesday Walkers, it was open to everyone. Each of the four walking days had several options to cater for different fitness levels including the 'golden oldies' and to start it all off, a welcoming BBQ was planned for Sunday evening.

Monday - Rawnsley Bluff with its Wilpena Lookout was an obvious choice for the first walk and eighteen walkers, with nearly half in their mid to late seventies, climbed the Bluff and with all but the oldest, doing it in 5 hours as suggested in the Track notes. Some did it in six. The other walk option was on a marked trail to Clem Corner which continues along the southern side of Ulowdna Range.

Tuesday started out wet and windy, so the walks were cancelled, and a meeting was arranged in the Camp Kitchen to consider other options. Our cabin members decided to make surprise pikelets with raspberry jam and Robyn Mounster made over 60 pikelets while

Margaret Wattchow supplied homemade cockles. These were soon demolished by the multitude and after the meeting, a few of us went for a walk up to Ferntree Falls while several others headed to the North Blinman Hotel.

Wednesday walks started from Wilpena with one group climbing Mt Ohlssen Bagge while others explored inside the Pound including Hills Homestead. On **Thursday**, parties spent the morning following the well-marked trails leading to Hayward Hut and towards Bunyeroo or doing the Trezona Circuit which includes Youngoona Hut, before driving to Aroona Campground for lunch.

Friday saw two parties walk the 8km Wilcolo Circuit in opposite directions while I led the third group on a stroll on part of the service track near Wilcolo Creek.

The walk leaders were Bruce Marriott, June Boscence, Derek Hooper, Lorraine Billett, Bruce Marriott, Roger Kempson, and myself. The evening entertainments were organized by Roger, Bruce, John Bartlett and David Wattchow with Roger providing the audio-visual equipment. One night, we helped Bonnie Marriott celebrate her 80th birthday, with cake shared by all while she gave an enjoyable PowerPoint presentation of her yachting adventures. Leftover money amounting to \$100 after payment of Park Passes, was donated to the Walking Trails Support Group.



FRONT. Heather Grace (in red), Marilyn Browne, Bonnie Marriott, Liz Woodham, Kerry Munro, Jenny Donovan, Samantha Carter (behind), Margaret Young, June Boscence, Roger Kempson, Lorraine Billett (behind), Ute Schwarz, Janet Callen (behind), Malcolm Kirkham (behind), Alan McLean. BACK. Paul Young, Bruce Marriott, John Bartlett, David Markey, Peter Woodlands, John Norris (in front), Rick Williams, Judy Harvey, Robyn Mounster, Derek Hooper, Murray Billett (blue beanie), Denis Harper (brown beanie). Other Members who attended: David & Margaret Wattchow, Tony & Diane Mardell, Helen Smith, Chris Lloyd, Agnes Vitry.

Warraweena Four Peaks Circuit, 29 May – 6 June 2021

By Lee Marling

As part of the ABW 75th celebrations a circuit walk was planned to commemorate Warren Bonython's walks north of Parachilna Gorge, climbing Mt Hack, Mt Tilley, Patawarta Hill and Mt Gill.

Saturday - We drove to Warraweena Station, (540km north of Adelaide) a private conservation park for the recovery and conservation of the unique flora and fauna of the high country in the Flinders Ranges. It has a fascinating history of Aboriginal heritage and early South Australian mining and pastoralism. We stayed in the shearers quarters and enjoyed a BBQ dinner.

Sunday - Setting off we walked the 20km through the creeks to Warraweena Gap and camped there for 2 nights. A water drop had been made by Warraweena.

Monday - Mt Hack (1086m) was climbed as a day walk. There was a bit of scrambling around waterfalls. Fantastic views were seen from the top. The old logbooks and notes in jars were collected for the club.

Tuesday - Narrina Spring was our next destination with a planned side trip to Mt Tilley (1018m). The walk through Narrina Pound was lovely. The time required for the Mt Tilley ascent had been underestimated so we only got a third of the way up. Next time! The spring was flowing nicely so we were able to get plenty of water, which had to be sterilised because of its popularity with the local goats.

Wednesday - We walked 7km to Patawarta Bore, with the hope to climb Patawarta Hill (1015m) for lunch with day packs. Unfortunately, a storm with thunder and lightning arrived as we began to climb. We returned to the bore in driving rain which fortunately eased off in time for dinner around a campfire.

Thursday – There was a half day walk from Patawarta Bore to Blinman Hut. A lovely walk through the creek systems and Patawarta Gap. We enjoyed lunch and dinner at the hut with a hot shower from the 'donkey' heating system made from an old beer keg. We made a short trip to Ferguson Gorge in the afternoon.

Friday was a longish day from Blinman Hut via Warrioota Spring to a campsite south of Old Warraweena. Warrioota spring is substantial and features waterfalls, so it is always nice to visit.

Saturday saw us return to Warraweena Homestead via Mt Gill (914m) and the creek systems. The ascent to Mt Gill through the creeks was straightforward and afforded lovely views. Having failed to climb both Mt Tilley and Patawarta Hill, this came as a great relief! That night we cleaned up the BBQ leftovers with some cold beers and red wine.

A big thank you to the participants: Alex Donald, Ben McInerney, Bob Geary, Elke Brintrup Krueger, Esther Caprez, George Hatzirodos, John Bojczuk, John Norris and Mike Close.



Alex Donald at Ferguson Gorge

(Lee Marling)

75th Anniversary camping weekend, 15–17 October 2021

After many false starts and relocations due to Covid restrictions, this event finally took place at Mambray Creek in October. A fun and relaxed event with day walks to Hidden Gorge and The Sugar Gum Lookout

on Saturday followed by a “Back to Nature” themed party around the campfire that evening.



FRONT. Terry Garner, Paul Young, Samantha Carter, Stella Sturgess, Sammi Lanyon, Melanie Jackson, Sally Paterson. BACK. Bruce Gregor, Elke Brintrup Krueger, Michael Close, Jeffery Fuller, Martha Matthews, Martin Flood, Jess Farrell, Sofia Oliver, Sam Riley (behind), Alex Hay.

ABW End of Year Meeting, 8 December 2021

The NACC Hall was made unavailable for this gathering, so it was moved to Payneham Bowling Club with dinner and drinks at a very reasonable \$25 per head with the club covering \$15. The evening included the annual photo competition and everyone having

the chance to have a go at bowls after a short lesson. The highlight though was the cutting of the decorated commemorative cake by Roger Kempson, the longest serving club member present. All those who attended the evening greatly enjoyed it.



History of the Club Badges

Original article for the 60th anniversary edition of Tandanya was written by June Boscence and updated for the 75th anniversary by Roxanne Crook and Kerry Munro

The Club Badge

The badge is a replica of an aboriginal shield found in Central Australia which is now located in the South Australian Museum. Its symbols may be interpreted as the wanderings of a particular tribe within the boundaries of the tribal area. This is indicated by the serpentine design. The horse-shoe marks are the tracks made by a person squatting in the sand, and symbolise camping places normally associated with permanent waterholes. The small dots represent the scrub. The privilege of wearing this badge is reserved for full members only. *During the early days the Adelaide Bushwalkers were closely connected to the South Australian Museum. (Meetings in the 1960s and 1970s were held in the Museum Lecture Room behind the main building)*



50th Anniversary Badge

This was designed by Amanda Beattie.

In Mandy's own words, 'All I wanted to do was somehow incorporate the letters ABW into a picture that reflected what inspires us and what we do as a club: the land and bushwalking. The A (triangle) is the shape of the body or can even be seen as a tent. The B is the backpack or could also be a river. The W is the terrain / trail. There is also the big yellow circle which makes for a good head for the body, or even better, the sun.'



These are all things that make ABW the club that it is.' *(Note: This design was used on T-Shirts and members who led walks during the 50th year received a cloth badge with 'LEADER' included as shown here.)*

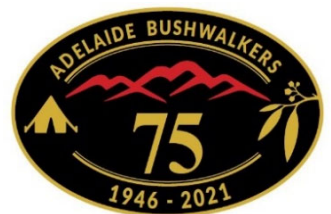
The 60th Anniversary Badge

The badge was designed by June Boscence (initial idea), John Bartlett (formal design) and Mark Procter (digital format). It was designed to show the ranges (60 peaks challenge) and the grass tree (Xanthorrhoea quadrangulata) an easily identified plant. The figure 60 includes a representation of the club badge. The badge surround contains the club's name and date. *(Note: Shirts designed for men and women were available with the 60th cloth badge. Members who led walks during the 60th year received a cloth badge with 'LEADER' included as shown here.)*



The 75th anniversary Badge

The idea behind the badge was the ABW colours black, red & yellow, & imagery to represent the club. Red mountains to represent the Flinders. A tent - what makes Adelaide Bushwalkers special as South Australia's only pack carrying club & gum leaves - the gum being the quintessential Australian tree. *(No leader badges were issued for this anniversary)* *In addition to the club badge, the polo shirt was also produced featuring the 75th anniversary badge design.*



(Lee Marling)



Heysen Range, 2019 (Mal Watt)



Second Headland, Wilson Bight, Tasmania 2021 (Trevor Jones)



Summit, Western Arthurs Transverse, Tasmania, 2018 (Mal Watt)



Rabbit Pass route, Mount Aspiring, NZ, 2019 (Trevor Jones)



near Parachilna - June long weekend, 2015 (Kerry Munro)



Mount Hayward, 2019 (Mal Watt)

Adelaide Bushwalkers, 1996-2021: A brief history

INTRODUCTION

What follows is an attempt to account for the last 25 years of the club's history. And while of course it can't include everything, it is sincerely hoped that nothing too significant has been omitted. It has been produced with a format similar to that used in the publication that describes the club's first 50 years. The information used in its compilation was taken from the last 25 years of AGM Presidential and other reports, the club's events calendars and articles published in *Tandanya*. In addition to this, various members were contacted to clarify situations where the information was unclear or incomplete. These people are acknowledged later. Most importantly, it is hoped that readers will enjoy this publication and that it provides a good portrayal of the club history and values.



Cynthia Bay, Tasmania 1995.

Left to Right. John Butler, Rita Clayton, Len Williamson, Mandy Beattie, Chris Kay, Jeff Price, John Bartlett.

A BRIEF LOOK BACK AT THE FIRST 50 YEARS: 1946-1996

ABW turned 75 in 2021 and a walk was held in October of that year to commemorate the occasion of the club's inaugural walk in 1946. The club's formative years were at a time when public transport was often used by members to get to and from walks and this included travel on the narrow-gauge Ghan train as far north as Copley to access walks in the Flinders Ranges. Many of these walks were in places not much previously used by recreational walkers. Paradoxically, or perhaps not, it is harder to access public transport to the Flinders now. It was a time when navigation was done using basic monochrome dyeline maps without contour lines and other information now taken for granted. This situation continued in the more remote areas until at least 1970.

The club made some of its own maps during this time, primarily by adding information from aerial photographs and other sources to dyeline originals. In 1959, the club produced a very attractive map of Wilpena Pound, with cliff lines shown in relief. This map was officially used and distributed for several years by the SA Government Tourist Bureau. The club during that era was also sometimes involved in track marking

and construction (including for example, the original ridgeline track from Tanderra Saddle to the summit of St Mary Peak) and in several conservation projects.

In terms of the gear used, many older walkers would probably agree that the most welcomed change was in rucksack design where the weight was largely transferred from the shoulders to the hips. Where feasible, campfires were almost exclusively used for cooking meals, but most members had probably changed over to using a camping stove by the time the club turned fifty. It was Warren Bonython who encouraged the club to drop the bushwalkers' axiom of 'bash, burn and bury' and to replace it with 'carry it in, carry it out' around that time. By 1996, the club membership had built up to around 120 Full Members. In that year, the club undertook a very ambitious program of walks, both locally and interstate, that has only since been matched in 2006 for the 60th anniversary. A major identifying feature of the club was its quarterly magazine *Tandanya* which was for six years (1965-70) produced as an A5 sized annual. An attractive and informative 28-page A4 booklet was produced to describe those first fifty years of the club's

life. It is a story well told and illustrated and can be accessed online at

<https://www.adelaidebushwalkers.org/about/history>

A plaque to commemorate the club's 50th year was erected at Deep Creek in 1996 and the club's history is something that its members can be proud of.

CLUB OPERATIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS, 1996-2021

Major Changes and Initiatives

Adelaide Bushwalkers has undergone several changes in the way it has operated over the past 25 years, and these were largely in response to changed circumstances, the expressed wishes of its members or in response to Government requirements or mandates. In approximate chronological order, these changes and initiatives have been as follows:

- The Monthly meetings. These changed location from the Girl Guides Hall in South Terrace to the North Adelaide Community Centre in 2008 and in 2014, the number of meetings was cut from two to one a month and with the meetings to start 30 minutes earlier.
- Leader endorsement. In 2008, the club made it mandatory for members to have led two weekend walks at a standard judged to be satisfactory, to become officially endorsed as a Walk Leader (later Activity Leader). These members are then permitted to lead walks of any duration or destination.
- An online Activities Inventory was initiated and developed in 2008 by Trevor May and in which Walk Leaders are encouraged to record details of bushwalks and other trips. It was designed to be a useful resource for members planning walks unfamiliar to them.
- Risk Management Plan. In 2015, the club developed a Risk Management Plan after widely consulting with its members. This Plan is designed to ensure that the club's activities remain as safe as possible for members and separate guidelines were developed for both bushwalking and kayak-canoeing trips. This may have been partly prompted by the development of a national standards for commercial outdoor 'adventure' companies (the AAAS) and the fear for some time was that, if applied more broadly to encompass volunteer bushwalking clubs, it had the potential to change the way the club operated and increase its costs.
- ABW homepage. The club had its first presence on the internet in 1994 and its continued development is considered later.
- Grants and Donations. ABW made two major donations in the past 25 years. There was \$2,000 to Walking SA in 2001/02 to support the development of walking trails and \$500 to the Himalayan Development Foundation in 2015 in response to the Langtang, Nepal,

region's devastating earthquake. This latter donation was prompted by there being a club walk in the area just weeks before the earthquake and by the Club Patron Duncan Chessell being on the board of the Foundation at that time. (In 1995, ABW donated \$500 for the rebuilding of the Rocky Creek Hut on the Heysen Trail.)

- Significant club initiatives. Two initiatives by the club carried out to support bushwalking in the Flinders Ranges were the installation of a handpump at Pigeon Bore in Aroona Valley in 2003 and of three Warren Bonython Memorial-ABW Water Tanks in the northern Flinders Ranges during 2016-2019.
- Membership categories. Government stipulations designed to protect juveniles from potential harassment proved to be too onerous for the club, so in 2018 it moved to restrict membership to persons 18 years and older. Family Memberships were also discontinued in that year although the last Family Membership was in 2012.
- Starting in 1987, the club installed logbooks in durable waterproof containers on twelve summits in the Flinders Ranges.
- Member surveys. Apart from a survey of members in 1997 concerning 'Tandanya', the club did broader surveys in 2009 and October 2021 to find what changes, if any, members would like to see in the club. The content of meetings was a theme common to both.
- Tandanya. The club ceased publication of Tandanya after its final issue in March 2021.
- 'Beyond the Heysen' (BtH). In 2019, a small group of members started planning for a route to continue north from the Parachilna Trailhead of the Heysen Trail to Mt Babbage and possibly on to Mt Hopeless. This is in keeping with Bonython's original thoughts on a track through the Flinders. The BtH route would have no signs or other track infrastructure apart from at least two water tanks recently installed by the club. Instead, the plan is for the route to consist of a series of waypoints that walkers could download onto a map on either a phone app or dedicated gps device. This is work currently in progress.
- The Covid 19 Pandemic. Measures to control the coronavirus pandemic in South Australia affected club operation from March 2020 when state Government mandates restricting both indoor and outdoor gatherings were introduced. With most meetings and trips cancelled that year and for parts of 2021, club fees were cancelled for 2020/21. In addition, the AGM scheduled for May 2020 was postponed until December 2020. The next AGM was scheduled May 2022 which meant that the two consecutive committees served for 19 and 17 months. The February 2022 General Meeting was also cancelled due to restrictions.



Two long serving Committee Members: Andrew Cope as Walks Secretary and Sally-Anne Thomas as Treasurer

Club Administration

The holders of each year's committee positions for the past 25 years are listed at the end of this document. A summary of those roles follows.

President. The club Presidents are responsible for keeping the whole show going and 14 members have taken on this responsibility over the past 25 years. Everyone would agree that that is a great result but considering that the club has a nearly equal number of men and women, it seems surprising that only three female members have taken on the role during that time.

Vice President. Often thought of as an all glamour-no work appointment, the VP is meant to assist other committee members when required. It can also help prepare the incumbent for the Presidential role, often taken on in the following year.

Secretary. The Secretary's job is to help the President keep the ship on an even keel and again, 12 members have taken this on with Trevor Jones, Mark Proctor and Andrew Cope putting in much extra time before the mast. Not the club's most glamorous post perhaps but an important one.

Treasurer and Auditor. It would surely pay to have a good head for keeping track of numbers for anyone taking on this role. And to have the ability to mysteriously balance the books without the need for a number after that undefined Sundries or Miscellaneous entry. The club has always been fortunate that someone has always very capably taken on this role over the years and Sally-Anne Thomas for the last seven of them. The club is also very fortunate that Richard Bowey, a qualified accountant, has audited the books for many years.

Walks Secretary. This is another high turnover position on the committee with most incumbents staying on for only one year. The exceptions are Andrew Cope with seven years in total and Lee Marling with three. One of the role's stated requirements is that, in addition to

taking charge of the calendar, the Walks Secretary is also required to gently stir up the Walks Leaders if the calendar appears to be lacking in trips at any time of the year. No committee position has had such a gender bias as this one with only one female Walks Secretary out of a total of 14 position holders in the past 25 years.

Membership Secretary. Besides keeping a record of the club's membership and registrations, a major role is to meet up with potential members at the interval time of meetings, to make them feel welcome and to help them decide if the club is for them. How better to do this than people like Romano Mihailovic, Beck Thomas and Kate Corner who each spent four years in this role.

Social Secretary. This position's main roles are to organize speakers for the club meetings, food and drink for the AGM, the annual photo competition and an occasional social activity or outing. Hazel Rose was the Social Secretary in 2006/07 with the annual report stating that her 'singing skills (were) highly appreciated' but perhaps members should feel relieved that singing is not a specification for this role. Gabrielle McMahon's five years in the position is probably best remembered, by those fortunate enough to have witnessed it, for her performance when invited to ring of the bell at Wirra Wirra Wines during an all-day club bus tour of Southern Vales wineries in 2011. The bell was so hefty that it almost rang Gabrielle! Sammi Lanyon served the role for three years and currently, behind the scenes, runs the club's Facebook page.

Conservation Secretary. Ten members filled this position until 2019 when, for reasons not entirely clear, it was put in abeyance. Lawrence Johnson and Janet Callen were both keen environmentalists and each held the position for four years. On the club's behalf, both they and along with others in this role, occasionally made submissions to relevant enquiries. (See Conservation 1996-2021, p14 and Gum Creek Cactus Control Project 2008-2019, p16)

Promotions Officer. This position was successively filled from 2012 to 2016 by Harry Hakkennes, Danuta Bezuch and Jeremy Carter (3 years). All had computer skills which would have helped with operating the club's online social media content during that time.

Tandanya Editor. Seven Editors over the last 25 years deserve praise for the effort they put into the club's quarterly magazine. Lindy Manthorpe (now May) produced it with a consistently good layout and design in the black and white years of 2007-09 while both sides of that period, David and Helen Evans kept up the good work. Denuta Bezuch stepped up for three years when no-one else wanted the job and in the process, added some design flare of her own. Bruce Marquis, with seven years behind the quill, was the magazine's

longest serving editor in the last 25 years and he took it to a new level of design and appearance.

Librarian. Keeping tabs of the club's many books and map CDs etc and possible new purchases, is the job of the club Librarian. And occasionally chasing up book returns. Fortunately, the club has its own cupboard in the NACC which is handily available for holding this stock. There were eleven keepers-of-books in the last quarter century with Melanie Jackson and Kerry Munro, both great book lovers, each putting in four years.

Gear Hire. The club's tents, packs and other bushwalking paraphernalia has always been kept onsite for ready access at meetings, Unfortunately, the club's use of an outdoor shed at the NACC was revoked by the Adelaide City Council in 2020 with all the gear having to be removed. Dan Drake-Brockman currently has the gear stored in his house in the city, but a better solution is needed for the longer term and this is being sought. The modest fees required for the loan of club gear was dropped in 2020 after which the gear became available to members at no cost. Jeannie Pope and Don Rusby each served in this position for five years but for most others, one year sufficed.

Club membership

The club currently (2021/22) has an all-time high 260 members including 148 Full and 92 Prospective members. Currently, Prospective members progress to Full membership once they have satisfactorily attended three weekend or longer walks identified with a Q rating on the Events Calendar. The dropout rate of Prospective members after the first year has always been high with rarely more than a quarter re-signing for

a second year. The reasons for this are not known but the comment 'not enough spare time' made in response to a survey question, may partly explain the situation. Whereas prior to 2009, prospective members paid a reduced fee, the full fee has been applied ever since. The club's membership has doubled over the past 25 years and most of this is likely to be due to its website, and its presence on social media. The club is also promoted, thanks to Sammi Lanyon and her band of helpers, at Walking SA's annual 'start of the walking season' event held in April at Belair National Park.

Two decades ago, an ongoing concern of the club was its aging membership and its low number of younger members, but this situation seems to have changed for the better. What perhaps is more of a concern now is the inevitable retirement of the older more experienced Leaders from pack-carrying walks and a seemingly slower increase in the number of new Walk Leaders. These factors may soon, if not already, start limiting the number and scope of walks on the calendar.

Tandanya

The 'new series' *Tandanya* recommenced as a quarterly publication with Vol 1 in 1971 following six years as an annual from 1965-1970 and it has been on the club's masthead until it ceased production in March 2021. Remarkably, the quarterly magazine has borne the same front cover design without interruption for virtually all its life.

Following grumblings amongst some members and perhaps fearing a popular insurrection by the muttering masses, the matter of changing the cover on a quarterly basis, was put to the vote in 1997. The officials need not



Gluepot 2016.

Left to Right. Jan Harrison, John Glover, Alicia Merriam, Beck Thomas, Tracy Bryant, Gabrielle McMahan, *unknown*.

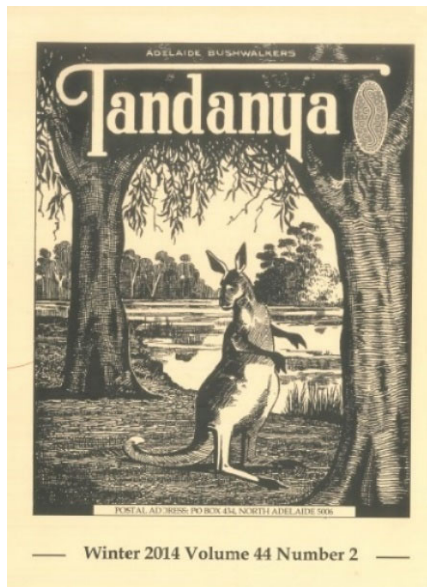
have worried because the idea was vetoed by a crushing 52% majority. Later mumblings about the cover, if indeed there ever were any, have never got past the doorman.

Tandanya has occasionally undergone changes in style and appearance with the change of editors but it's the content that is more important and it's interesting to see how this may have changed over the years. A survey of *Tandanya's* content in three 3-year timeframes, viz. 1997-99, 2007-09 and 2017-19, found there was a continuing decline in both the number of authors and articles over that time as well as an increasing proportion of reports on private trips and articles by guest writers.

In the 1990s, the Contents of each issue listed 20 or more items, although many were short, and there were nearly as many authors. These numbers had halved by a decade later and more recently, 6 articles and even fewer has been the norm.

Tandanya seemed to have a 'clubbier' feel about it in the 1990s due a lot to Graham Oats' stewardship as Editor over several years up to 1996. This clubbier or more personal feel was due to the magazine's little snippets of club information and personal news and the occasional letter to the Editor. This was gradually lost and the magazine ended up consisting entirely of trip descriptions and other articles. In 2002, this included a detailed proposal by Lawrence Johnson for a walking route on Kangaroo Island, 'the Baudin Way' from Penneshaw to Cape Borda via Cape du Couedic. (*Tandanya* 32:4, 1-5). He considered it an obvious extension of the Heysen Trail, but it seems to have progressed no further.

For a decade or so from 1998, David Evans produced a series of articles on, amongst other topics, mapping and



land tenure. These had a degree of detail almost fearsome to behold (and David probably knew that though it didn't stop him!) but the information was all there for those who wanted it. Also apparent, or at least to the writer anyway, is that earlier trip reports often contained humorous takes on matters bushwalking or on the foibles of other party members, this seems to have largely disappeared in more recent years. Frank Hall was always one to see and write about the funny side of the walking life and it's a pity that his and some other members' gems of humour are now buried with the *Tandanya* archives.

Back to appearances, *Tandanya's* first use of colour was a double page colour spread used to mark the club's 60th anniversary in 2006. Colour returned and stayed from 2015 under the editing of Bruce Marquis. Bruce's painstaking use of InDesign to produce a professional-quality magazine was possibly a factor that frightened off potential editors from taking on the role after his resignation. No-one came forward and so it folded with the March 2021 issue. Would it be missed was a question put to members in the club's survey of October 2021 and the majority of members (75%) did not support its revival. It's unlikely that many of the club's older members would have been in this cohort because the magazine has long been a part of their time with the club.

Perhaps this is just following the natural order of things. The '*Tandanya blog*' site is now the magazine's successor but with nothing original published in its first year, is it possible that Facebook has taken its place with the emphasis on pictures rather than words.



Devils Peak 2021. Left to Right. Cathy White, Stephanie Russell, Martin Flood, Ngaire Key, Sam Riley, Nino Fioretti, Caron Silcock, Zach Rees, Alex Hay. (Anita Russell)

The ABW homepage (By Harry Hakkennes and Dan Drake-Brockman)

Adelaide Bushwalkers first appeared on the World Wide Web in 1994 as a single page text document giving club details on the 'Bushwalking in Australia' site maintained by Sydney University. In 1996, this list moved across to the Australian Bushwalking Web, administered by The Confederation of Bushwalking Clubs NSW Inc. The content for the ABW page was then increased to include the current Walks Program and a copy of *Tandanya*. The club's existing dial-up account was transferred to TPG in October 1997, and this included 5MB of disk space for a personal web. The ABW Homepage was also completely redesigned for easier use and faster loading of *Tandanya* content. In 2001, the ABW Committee decided that the club should have its own domain name and independent web hosting and the domain name *adelaidebushwalkers.org* was registered with MelbourneIT. Costs at that time were extremely high so, after comparing various hosting companies, ABW signed up with Tasmanian-based Red Rook in January 2002. Now with 100MB disk space, the ABW website was migrated to the new host in January 2002.

The ABW Homepage had a number of major revamps during the following 11 years and the site was split into a public section and a password protected members' section. More club content was also added. In 2009, a Noticeboard/Discussion Forum for members was added. The site was maintained by Harry until February 2014. Then, member Jeremy Carter, a professional webpage designer, was contracted to redesign the site from the ground up. This included being able to maintain a membership database, send an electronic

newsletter and the ability for members to sign onto walks online so that attending a meeting was no longer required to do this. Nino Fioretti took over the role of Website Administrator in 2018 and still had that role at the end of 2021. Nino put in a lot of time and effort to get on top of the technology and to make many improvements to the site. Dan Drake-Brockman took over maintenance of the site in 2021/22.

The Monthly meetings

The club held its meetings in the Girl Guides Hall, South Terrace, Adelaide from 1987 to 2008 when its closure and sale forced the club to find a new venue and, in many ways, it was fortunate to be able to relocate to the North Adelaide Community Centre. Meetings were held on the first and third Wednesday of each month (except January), these respectively being the Social Meeting (with a presentation) and the General (Business) Meeting and each lasting around 90 and 25 minutes respectively. The content of both was combined into one monthly meeting commencing in 2014. About that time, members were required to sign up for events online and hence there was no longer a need to attend meetings to sign up for walks. Due to this change, the new combined meeting takes up no more time than the former social meeting. Before this change, it was common for six or so members to leave during the interval suggesting that they had attended the meeting primarily to sign up for a walk. Indeed, to cater for this, the meeting format was changed in 1995 so that the meetup session for coming walks was shifted from the end of the meeting to the interval and thus enabling members to leave early if they so wished. There is still however, a mandatory requirement for

new club members signing up for their first walk with the club, to come to a meeting to talk to their respective trip organiser and leader.

It was an earlier practice for someone, often the leader, to get up and give a very brief account of recent club walks but with no visual aids and only a couple of minutes for the task, these were generally considered to be a bit dull and the practice was dropped in 2008. Two club surveys both indicated that members wanted minimum time spent on club business matters and more emphasis on - and this is ambiguous - 'more interesting presentations'. This poses an ongoing challenge to the committee to come up with content that makes meetings worth attending. Over the years, guest speakers have addressed all manner of topics and commonly on conservation issues. Very occasionally and always popular, topics have involved a bit



Kangaroo Island 2008. Left to Right. STANDING. Arthur Ward, Judith Cahill, Janet Callen, Alan McLean, Malcolm Kirkham, Ann Ward, Cynthia Kirkham, June Boscence, Dennis Harper. SEATED. Elizabeth Woodham, Dave Evans, Janet Edstein, Helen Smith, Helen Davies

more audience participation. These have included a hands-on session on first aid and CPR, gear displays by the Scout Shop and one on snakes by a snake catcher, but with hands-on only by the presenter!

The two annual meetings with a real difference are the AGM in May with food and drinks provided by the club and the December meeting with its photo competition and dinner of shared food and drink provided by the members. The photo competition generally attracts around 50 entries over six categories with prize vouchers for the winners as judged by the members present. This was done as a 'slide show' prior to 2009 when it was replaced by A4 colour prints which were put on display for judging by members.

Social Activities

It's been a long-time tradition for members to be invited to meet for dinner before meetings and, in the 1990s, this was a bit more formalised with a different venue chosen for dining, each month. More recently, it has been stated that fewer members stay on to socialise after meetings, often at a local bar, than was once the case. In those earlier years of the review period, the club's social calendar regularly included activities as diverse as archery and karaoke. Since then, the social calendar has quietened down considerably, and this may be a result of changing times and social factors including the common notion that people are 'busier' today than 'ever before'. It is highly likely though that activities of a social nature will continue to be put on the club program for those that enjoy them. The survey in 2021 in fact, found that members are happy with the club putting on a couple of such events each year.

In the late 1990s and again in 2012 there were several cocktail parties held with members bringing shared food and the ingredients for the cocktails. These involved an evening camp over, but no walking, purely social events on the club calendar which were organised by Peter Magnisalis and were very memorable events by all accounts.

All walks of course have a strong social element, but two annual walks have more social emphasis than most. One is Sammi Lanyon's annual 'Southern Flinders SPECTACULAR' or similar. The other, and more recently on the scene, is the unlikely Palmer weekend run by Zach Rees and Michael Round. With its attractive edge-of-town sheltered campsite with campfire, a pub meal (or two for those who turn up on Friday) and five very different walks over the two days including a novel short uphill walk at sunset, this weekend has quickly become popular with members.

Conservation Activities.

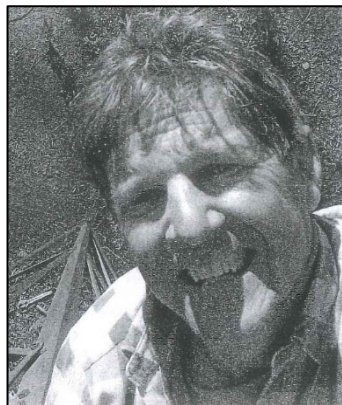
For a decade or so after 1996, the club invariably spent one or two days each year devoted to weeding or tree planting at Cobblers Hill and Deep Creek and in this, Lester Ball played a major role. The club did also make submissions to two crucial Government enquires. One, with an unsatisfactory outcome for the environment, concerned the ongoing presence of feral horses in Kosciusko Alpine National Park. The other and more local issue that did have a happy ending after a long period of uncertainty, was the SA Government finally moving to ban copper-gold-uranium mining at Arkaroola. The club had a representative on the Conservation Council of South Australia for many years, but this seems to have ended around twenty years ago. In 2008, the club commenced its biggest ever conservation project – a successful 14-year effort to control wheel cactus on Gum Creek Station in the Flinders Ranges. This was predominantly supported by the club's retired and semi-retired members who were likely to be amongst the 9% of respondents to the club's 2009 survey, who replied that their 'most favoured activities' in the club were day walks and conservation projects. (See Gum Creek Cactus Control Project, p16) With that project's instigation in 2008, other conservation-based club activities pretty much came to a halt. It's uncertain what future involvement the club might have with conservation activities.



Three ABW Field Initiatives.

In the past 25 years, ABW has been involved in two projects to provide water points in the Flinders Ranges at locations helpful to bushwalking parties. The club has also had an interest in the installation and upkeep of logbooks on several peaks in the Flinders Ranges.

Pigeon Bore Handpump. Pigeon Bore in Aroona Valley is on Gum Creek Station and is ideally located as a water source for bushwalkers and those walking the Heysen Trail and so it seemed a pity when the wind pump was removed for use elsewhere on the property. It was Hal Osman (pictured) who proposed that a handpump be installed in its place and

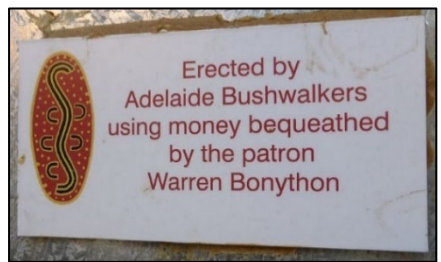


when approached, the station's 'most obliging owner' Bill MacIntosh, 'heartily agreed'. In November 2002, the club approved the spending of \$1,196 for a new hand-operated pump, and with the blessing of both the club and Friends of the Heysen Trail, Hal and Greg Lamey made a trip to the site to prepare it for the new pump. Greg later described the operation in *Tandanya*: '*Removal of the existing aging hardware was relatively trouble free, except for the superfluous supervision of a retired accountant, a little too used to giving directions in matters unfamiliar*'. They also took a water sample for analysis to satisfy safety concerns and to presumably protect the club. This showed that the water had a very satisfactory reading for salt concentration but was four times over the upper acceptable limit for lead and which Hal considered '*may signal the potential site of an Osman lead-mining operation*'. He went on to say that the water's lead content may impair brain function which '*may explain the behaviour of many older club members who have camped at Pigeon Bore and drunk freely in the past*'. The pump was later installed by club members unknown. And without an advisory or warning sign for potential users!

ABW-Warren Bonython Memorial Water Tanks.

Warren Bonython was Patron of Adelaide Bushwalkers for 43 years and, on his death in 2012, bequeathed the club \$10,000 with no word on how it might be spent. The club decided to erect three water tanks and a small subcommittee set about to investigate this further. The deliberations of a working party chaired. by Mark

Proctor and later by Patron Duncan Chessell, finally came up with the design plan and sites. In 2016, the first tank was installed at Mainwater Creek



near where it exits the Pound and the second tank at Yudnamutana, the latter to encourage more walking parties to venture into the hills west of Arkaroola. With Doug Sprigg's cooperation, the third tank was to be located at a site helpful to parties walking north of Arkaroola on a proposed 'Beyond the Heysen' route option. Unfortunately, the site suggested by Doug did not meet State Government stipulations for the property and so, after a year in storage at Arkaroola, the tank was finally installed at Red Hill in the Gammons in 2019. Mark Proctor, Duncan Chessell and Dean Johnson took a lead role in the installation of the tanks, with the pre-cut frames designed by John Bartlett. For more information on the three tanks and their grid references, go to

<https://www.adelaidebushwalkers.org/hikes-activities/water-tanks-project/>

ABW Summit Logbooks. Log books, in galvanised metal containers designed by John Bartlett, were placed on twelve Flinders Ranges' summits commencing in 1987. These books are a way of gathering potentially useful information on visit numbers. They are also fun to sign and deserve an occasional club visit to check on their condition. The twelve peaks known to have ABW containers with log books in the Flinders (and heading south to north) are: Point Bonney, Pompey Pillar, Mt Abrupt, Mt Haywood, Mt Barloo, Kankana Peak, Mt Falkland, Patawarta Hill, Mt Hack, Cleft Peak, McKinley Bluff, and the most remote and presumably little visited, Mt Shanahan. The logbook at Rover Rockhole, though not an ABW initiative, is housed in an ABW steel container.



ABW Wheel Cactus Control Project, Gum Creek Station, 2008 – 2019

By Peter Beer and Arthur Ward

In early 2008, the Adelaide Bushwalkers were contacted by Bill and Jane McIntosh of Gum Creek Station (near Blinman) asking if we would be interested in helping to eliminate wheel cactus (*Opuntia robusta*), on their property. The cactus first became apparent in the 1990s and its rate of spread was seen as alarming. Apart from changing the look of the land, the cactus has the potential to close off large areas to livestock and native animals. Despite it soon becoming obvious that this would be an ongoing annual commitment for some unknown number of years, the club's response was an immediate yes and Judith Cahill, the Conservation Secretary, got to work.

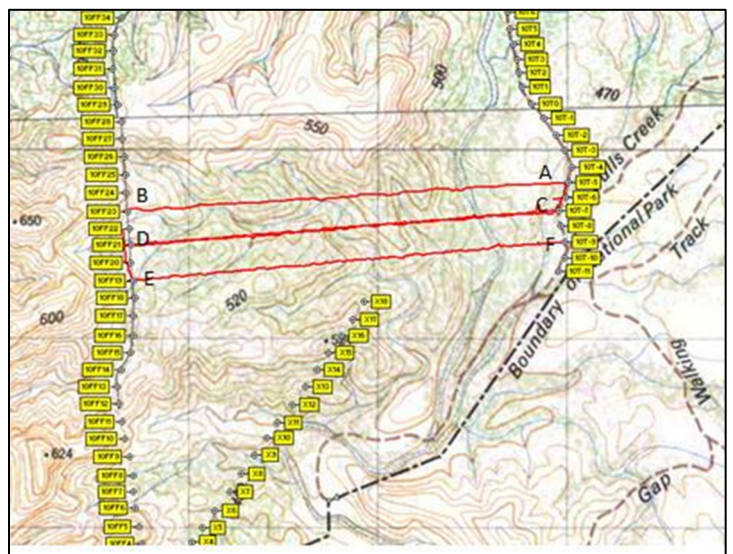
How the project operated

On 16 October 2008, members travelled to Gum Creek to be greeted by Bill and Jane who prepared a welcoming barbeque, and which has been their custom over all the ensuing years. In the evening, a plan was worked out where two teams of 8, each spread out across 80 metres, would advance in line to optimise the chance of finding and treating every cactus in each day's search area. The pattern across each sweep line was Navigator A, Driller 1, Poisoner 1, Recorder 1, Driller 2, Poisoner 2, Recorder 2 and Navigator B. Once a cactus was located, the line would stop and three people would get to work; one recording its satellite gps location, another making several drill holes in the cactus and the third, applying weedicide to each hole with a dosing gun. Very often, two plants at different parts of the sweep line would be treated at each such stop. Each cactus treated was recorded for its size and its GPS location was plotted so that a distribution map

could be made and, in this way, the project's effectiveness could be monitored. The photo and map shown below give a good idea of the operation and the red lines on the map represent the boundaries of search transects. The country was quite hilly and covered with thick scrub in places while more rarely, it was relatively open. Mistakes were made in the early days, but the protocols and their effectiveness improved with experience. While each day's work was fairly constant, there were some very pleasant 'distractions', for example, spectacular views from the hilltops with the ABC and Heysen Ranges in the background. Native orchids, birdlife and echidnas were seen, along with kangaroos and emus.

At the end of each day, the GPS data was recorded onto spreadsheets noting the size, position and date of each cactus recorded, and in some 6-day survey periods, over 2,000 cacti were recorded. Overall, it took four years for the two teams of 8 to cover the whole of the 23 sq. km target area. After that, the process was repeated over the same area and during this subsequent operation, it was very clear that the number and size of cacti were becoming much reduced. Coverage and treatment of the area was repeated up to three times.

The operation with its drill and poison routine was a resounding success but despite this, dormant seeds can spring to life after good rains and this obviously presents an ongoing challenge. Fortunately, to help meet this challenge, the Cochineal insect has come to the rescue by providing a better long-term solution.



Cochineal - A new approach

The cochineal insect (which produces the cochineal dye) is a tiny scale-like bug that can kill cacti by sucking the sap. They can be dispersed in the nymph stage by the wind due to their waxy filaments and thus spreading to neighbouring plants. This insect has brought a new approach to cactus control in many places including Gum Creek. In a new tactic starting in 2016, the now smaller ABW parties started following creek-lines instead of straight lines. Once a cactus was found, a portion of infected cactus was attached to it by ties and after four years, the results have been spectacular. In 2019, the last year of the project, very few cacti were found in the treatment area and in that year, infected pads were also spread over a wider area to increase the project's scope and effectiveness. In 2020, Bill reported that he could find very few cacti so there was seen to be no need to go to Gum Creek that year. Good rains in 2021 spurred new growth but the cacti were generally found to be infected with Cochineal. Biological control will not eliminate the cacti but should keep the situation under control.

Summary

The 12-year project (2008-2019) covered an area of 23 square kilometres and treated 11,079 cacti, with poison, removal of very small plants, or attaching cochineal-infected pads to any cacti found.

ABW's project on Gum Creek has been widely acknowledged as being a great success and, in this respect, the cochineal insect has probably come at an appropriate time because many of participants are now approaching or in their 80's.

Apart from being a way of repaying the generosity of pastoralists who over many decades, have allowed us access to their properties, this project was also a way of doing something positive for the wider environment. Gum Creek Station shares its southern boundary with Ikara Flinders Ranges National Park (IFRNP) and its western border extends over the ABC Range to the Heysen Range, land on which the ABW frequently walks. Pigeon Bore, well known to many members and encountered by people walking the Heysen Trail, is on the Gum Creek property. Hence not only Gum Creek Station, but also the National Park, has undoubtedly benefited from our efforts.

Acknowledgements

In all, 38 members contributed to the project and many of them for many years but special acknowledgement should be given to the following four members:

- Judith Cahill, the club's Conservation Secretary and who got it all happening by organising logistics, dates and volunteers for the first few years of the project.
- Peter Beer who, with his experience as a former Senior High School teacher, coordinated and led the project after Judith. Peter largely devised the search pattern and data logging method used in the project which kept him busy each night while at Gum Creek.
- Malcolm Kirkham and Peter Woodlands. Every year of the project, Malcolm worked late (and early) at Gum Creek maintaining the equipment and chemicals so that they worked well and safely. Peter also gave extra time to provide major practical support. Both Malcolm and Peter also generously provided 4WD transport with little recompense.

The project was monitored and supported by staff from the Arid Lands Department at Port Augusta in the form of training sessions, insurance and advice.

ABW members involved. Charlie Adam, Toni Beatty, Alison Beer, Peter Beer, Lorraine Billett, June Boscence, Richard Bowey, Merylyn Browne, John Butler, Judith Cahill, Janet Callen, Imelda Carson, the late Michael Dzintarnieks, John Duruz, David Evans, Helen Evans, Denis Harper, Roger Kempson, Cynthia Kirkham, Malcolm Kirkham, Tai Lim, Tony Lothian, David Markey, Bruce Marquis, Bonnie Marriott, Bruce Marriott, Alan McLean, Alan Plekys, Michael Round, Gwen Shaughnessy, Peter Shaughnessy, Errol Shepherd, Helen Smith, Ann Ward, Arthur Ward, Don Wood, Liz Woodham and Peter Woodlands.

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THE BUSHWALKING PROGRAMME, 1996 – 2021

In 2006, the club celebrated its 60th anniversary with its '60 Peaks Challenge', a level of activity only ever

matched in 1996 when the club celebrated its 50th anniversary.

ABW's 60th Anniversary 60 Peak Challenge.

'Thank God it's over!' I heard a walker cry,
'I've reached my target 60 peaks and no more will I try.'
From 'Ode to the 60 Peaks Challenge' by June Boscence

In this event, members accrued points according to the number of peaks climbed and with each peak accorded points depending on its height and remoteness. The list was earlier devised by Frank Hall and John Bartlett and was subsequently expanded to broaden the scope of peaks available for the Challenge. (*Tandanya* 36:3, 18-20). Overall, 87 different summits were climbed with 11 members meeting the challenge to climb at least 60 peaks while 144 others enjoyed the views from at least some of them. Simon Cameron was very discerning with his selection of 62 peaks earning him the highest score of 142 points. Arthur and Ann Ward were runners up with 131 points despite bagging the most (87) peaks. Other strong contenders were David Byrne (121 points, 61 peaks), John Bojczuk (119, 60) and John Bartlett (118, 75). Not far adrift of them for peaks and points were Lorraine Billet, Janet Callen and Denis Harper and Wendy Wilson. Mt Lofty was the most popular summit with 53 visits (20 from sea level) while The Battery, Devils Peak, Mt Remarkable and Dutchmans Stern predictably received the most attention in the southern Flinders. Further north, Mt Ohlssen Bagge and St Mary Peak were the most sought peaks while McKinlay Bluff was the most bagged Gammons summit. With a great cooperative effort, all the walk leaders submitted the information and Merylyn Browne, *Tandanya* Editor at the time and Lynne Matson, Walks Secretary, managed to keep a tally of all those scores (*Tandanya* 36:3, 18-20).

Day long and shorter walks

Day walks. These were held on a Sunday and, although listed on the 1990s calendars as being 'every second Sunday', they were in fact held weekly during that time and only to be interrupted by long weekends. Members were invited 'to meet at the Reserve Bank Building at the NE corner of Victoria Square at 9.00am sharp' and from there headed more or less in a convoy to 'somewhere in the Adelaide Hills' and be due back in Adelaide 'by 6.30pm' In 1997, there were 34 such walks but as time went by, they became less popular so that within a decade, the number of walks had more than halved. The loss of interest continued and the number of walks halved again so that in the six years up to 2020, there was generally fewer than five day walks a year.

It's also easy to get the impression that the walks have evolved over time into something a bit less lengthy and energetic, and perhaps include a visit to a café or hotel

for lunch at the halfway point of a walk. It seems possible that this trend may in part be explained by the increasing popularity of the Wednesday walks. These walks started around the time that the number of Sunday walks started to fall.

The Wednesday Walkers (by John Bartlett).

On the initiative of Life Members June Boscence and Frank Hall, a programme of half day walks commenced on 25th March 1998 with a walk in Belair National Park. The aim of setting up this group was to arrange walks primarily for retired club members although the walks are open to all club members. These walks are usually held on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, and on the fifth if there is one. As well as this, there have been annual trips of several days' duration in other parts of the state as well as in Victoria and the Blue Mountains. In the 23 years since inception, co-ordinators of the Wednesday Walkers have been Frank Hall, Judith Cahill, David Evans, John Bartlett and



currently, Roger Kempson. It is the principal duty of this person to put together the half yearly walks programme, with usually a different leader for each walk, and each facing the challenge of finding somewhere perhaps a little different to go walking. Right from the start, the procedure has been for the leader of the walk to provide the morning tea, with two crates of essentials which then move on to the next leader. The current walker contribution for the morning tea is \$3. Most walks are in and around Adelaide so there are plenty of opportunities to visit enjoyable and interesting places. Perhaps age has wearied some of our members, so these days, a smaller group may do a shorter walk on the day, but still wait for the much-anticipated morning tea. The average attendance on a Wednesday Walk is about 15. In summer the cut-off forecast temperature for the cancellation of a walk is 34°C.

A photo of walkers taken on the inaugural walk reveals that of those original 14 Wednesday Walkers, 10 are still ABW members. It is also interesting to note that most of those who walked in the first group of Heysen Trail walkers (1998 – 2005) and who are still members of ABW, are Wednesday Walkers. All the WWs look forward to the next walk - a time for chatting, catching up, walking in interesting places, the exercise, and of course the morning tea.

Thursday evening ‘training’ walks. These walks go ahead regardless of rain, hail or shine (forecast electrical storms being a possible exception) and start

at 6.00 PM, either from Waterfall Gully or Chambers Gorge according to the season. These walks were started in 2002 and ‘run’ by Lorraine Billett until 2006 when Dan Drake-Brockman took over and has run them ever since. The walks were initially on a Tuesday but were moved to Thursday three years later and where they’ve stayed ever since. The walks try and stick to different minor tracks and in winter, are largely



ABW ‘Veterans’ at Morialta, May 2008.

Left to Right. BACK. Robin Mounster, Peter Beer, Alison Beer, Ann Ward, Harry Hakkennes, Arthur Ward, Janet Callen, Roger Kempson. FRONT. Ian Boscence, Andrew Lothian, David Evans, Wally Mounster, Janet Edstein

done in the dark. While the use of torches is eschewed, the way is generally clear enough thanks to well adapted eyes and the reflection of city lights. The group consists of between 2 and 15 members and every Christmas, has a meal and a drink at Mt Lofty Summit. While the walks are listed on the calendar as ‘training Walks’, Dan insists that they are ‘just walks’ although the pace would probably be described as brisk by many, especially given the hilly nature of the paths.



Horseshoe Inlet, Tasmania 2021

(Trevor Jones)

Weekend and extended walks

What largely identifies the club are its weekend (or 'Overnight' walks as they were previously listed) and multi-day pack carrying walks and it is these that are surely the main indicator of its strength as a club. In the following text and Appendix 2, the years are listed with the 12 months commencing on 1 March. This is in keeping with the timing of the quarterly publication of *Tandanya* (and the A5 sized Calendar cards 1998-2002) that contained the quarterly calendar of bushwalks and other activities.

Weekend Walks.

Pack-carrying and base camp 'weekend walks', confusingly listed on more recent calendars as 'Multiday Walks', are mainly confined to the cooler months of April to October and generally have parties leaving Adelaide on Friday after work. Walking locations are usually a 2-3 hours drive from Adelaide with destinations regularly including Mambray Creek, Mt Arden and other sites in the southern Flinders and mid-North, Murray mallee areas, the Coorong and Yorke Peninsula. Closer to Adelaide, destinations that regularly featured on the calendar include Deep Creek, Mt Crawford Forest, Onkaparinga Gorge and the Marne River.

Two noticeable features of the calendar over the past 25 years are the changes in both the number of weekend walks held each year and in the number of members leading them. For the three 4-years periods 1996-99, 2006-09 and 2016-19, the total number of weekend walks was 98, 66 and 81 (24.5, 16.5 and 20.25/year) respectively and the number of people leading them was respectively 47, 20 and 17. These figures show that, while the number of annual weekend walks has recently made up about half of the earlier loss over the previous decade, the number of members leading those walks continued to fall slightly. Using those figures and the corresponding time



Onkaparinga National Park 2015

frames, the ratio of walks/leader over that whole time has risen from 2.1 to 4.8. This suggests that fewer new walk leaders have been coming on stream over the past decade though this was not examined. What is very clear however is that, in recent years, a very small number of leaders have been responsible for a disproportionately large number of the club's weekend walks and some recognition of this is due. During the four years 1996-99, six members, Frank Hall, Colin Falconer, Ed Burgess, Ray Hickman, Hal Osmon & Len Williamson between them put on just over a third (38%) of all weekend walks on the calendar. A decade later during 2006-09, just four members accounted for exactly half (50.0%) of the weekend walks program over those four years. These were Andrew Cope who led 18 walks and Lee Marling, Lorraine Thomas and Len Falconer who each led several walks over that time. Again, a decade further on (2016-19), Andrew Cope (15 walks) along with Lee Marling, Lorraine Thomas and Sammi Lanyon who together added a further 17 walks, accounted for over half (53.1%) of the weekend walks in those four years.

Long Weekend walks.

ABW has a long tradition of travelling in a hired 50-seat coach for its annual trip to the Flinders Ranges in the June Long Weekend. These trips have annually rotated between Parachilna Gorge, Aroona Valley and Wilpena and there are usually four walk options for those attending. These trips have generally been well supported by the members but, with a set cost per passenger and sometimes insufficient numbers, the club has run at a loss in some years, including instances in the late 1990s. So far however, the club has been prepared to accommodate the losses when they have occurred.

Similarly, the club has also had a long tradition of an annual bus trip to the Grampians for the October Long Weekend. Again, there were usually 4 walk options but support for these trips started to falter to the point where, 2016 excepting, the last bus trip to the Grampians was in 2012. In 2011 and 2017, the bus trip went to Glenelg River and each trip had 3-4 walk options. This change may have been partly prompted by park closures in the Grampians following heavy rains or bushfires which caused extensive damage to roads, walking tracks and other infrastructure around those times. Since then, the October long weekend has seen only one 3-day outing of any sort over the past 8 years and that was a car-based trip to the Flinders Ranges. All this aside, the bus trips have historically been popular with members as seen in 1998 and again about a decade later, when members voted in favour of bus over cars for these weekends. In at least two years when the timing of Anzac Day permitted a 4 or even 5-

day break, the club held a variety of trips, including one year when it saw parties head to venues in the Flinders Ranges, Lake Frome, western Victoria and as far east as the Otway Ranges.

In 2016, and apparently without the blessing of the State or any other high authority, Sammi Lanyon decided to add an extra day to a run-of-the-mill weekend in late July for her 'Southern Flinders SPECTACULAR' weekend. Popular from the start when almost 20 people were prepared to add a bit of indulgence to their busy lives, the weekend remains a popular annual event. The formula for those attending appears to be a peak a day and a party a night with some attempt at fancy dress being mandatory for one of those nights. The formula is an obvious winner.

Extended or multiday walks.

Despite the understandably small number on offer each year, extended walks are a major feature of the club calendar and apart from the occasional base camp trip popular with mainly older members, the walks discussed here mainly involve multi-day pack-carrying. Appendix 2 lists all the club's extended trips from 1996-2021 that were 7 days or longer including travel and the lists include car-based day walk trips. According to these lists, there were 56 walks done in South Australia, 59 in other mainland states and 56 in Tasmania over that time. In two years, there were no extended trips in any of those three broadly defined destinations. (This doesn't include 2020-21 when there were no extended trips to other mainland states because the state borders were effectively closed for much of that time due to the restrictions imposed during the Covid 19 pandemic.) Appendix 2 also lists club walks done in New Zealand and other overseas destinations over the past 25 years.

Of the 56 extended walks within South Australia, all were in the Flinders Ranges apart from four in the Gawler Ranges, one in Lincoln NP and one on Kangaroo Island. Overall, the walks were led by 24 different club members and with the four most prolific leaders being Steve Reynolds, Ed Burgess, Ray Hickman and John Callinan who between them led over a third (38.5%) of all these walks. For extended walks as defined here, nowhere in the Flinders has received as much attention from the club as the Gammon Ranges and Mawson Plateau with these two destinations respectively hosting 13 and 14 club trips. These walks account for just over half (56%) of all the extended walks done by the club in the Flinders in the last 25 years. Arkaroola recorded only two visits but in fact, many of the trips labelled Mawson Plateau in the calendar would also have involved a small amount if not a lot of walking on Arkaroola. Besides two trips to the Plateau led by Marilyn Browne in 1998, it was Steve and Marilyn

Reynolds' five club trips to the Plateau in 1999-2004 and his subsequent reports in *Tandanya*, that likely helped to spark more interest in this unique part of the Flinders in the minds of club members. Their parties seemed to invariably approach the Plateau from Mt Fitton ruins in the northwest and his reports in *Tandanya* can still be a useful source of information for anyone interested in walking in this area for the first time. They put names to some useful features that are now somehow still known to many who venture into this area although the names are not to be found on the topographic map of the area.



Nepouie Range, 2019

(Michael Round)

A more central part of the ranges given more attention by the club in the past decade is Warraweena with its private sanctuary status, with trips there led by John Callinan in particular. The adjoining Moolooloo and Narrina properties have also received increased interest from members in recent years due to a variety of leaders.

South Australia is the only state to border all the other mainland states and from that you would expect to see a broad range of walking destinations on the calendar, and this is the case. While there were an impressive 30 leaders for the 61 interstate mainland walks, half of those walks (50.8%) were due to the initiative and leadership of just four members, these being Roger Kempson with 14 trips and Lorraine Billett, Andrew Cope and Lorraine Thomas each leading several walks. One of the country's most demanding trails in terms of signposting, navigation, access to water in some sections, scrub regrowth following bushfires, and food resupply logistics, would have to be the Australian Alpine Walking Track (AAWT). This trip was led in three stages by Lorraine Thomas in 2017-18 with the club's only previous walk of the whole track being led by Roger Kempson in 1990-94. For outstanding landscape and bushwalking infrastructure, central Australia's Larapinta Trail is without doubt, one of Australia's most

outstanding walks and the club has done that walk several times in the past 25 years starting in 1998. The same surely applies to WA's Bibbulmun Track, especially if done in springtime during the height of flowering, though the club has so far only more recently walked some parts of the track with the trips there led by Andrew Cope and Lee Marling. Since 2014, Andrew Cope most notably, and Lorraine Thomas, Roger Kempson and Tracy Bryant have all led walks in national parks in coastal and far north Queensland. Closer to home, 13 members led 23 extended walks in 11 distinct geographic parts of Victoria during 1996-2021, these mostly being in the alpine and sub-alpine areas, the Otway National Park, Victoria's Great South West Walk and Great Ocean Walk. Walks in the more easily assessable Grampians and Victorian Mallee Parks were more generally confined to long weekends. During the same period, the club had 15 extended walks in NSW visiting six very distinctly different environments, most frequently to the Snowy Mountains and with trips also to the Budawangs, Blue Mountains, Ettrema Gorge, north eastern NSW National Parks and in complete contrast, Mootawintje NP, northeast of Broken Hill. Due to the prospect of cooler weather at higher altitude, the alpine areas of Victoria and NSW have been particularly favoured for walks during summer and early autumn.

In 1998, Arthur Ward compiled a list (Tandanya V 28:2) of every walk reported in that journal from 1980-97, regardless of duration or destination within Australia. Of the 39 reports of walks in the Flinders Ranges, 13 were about the Gammons Ranges but with only one on the Mawson Plateau (and that by Arthur Ward in 1990) and one by John Bartlett on Mt Babbage- Hamilton Creek which drains the Plateau. In it, Arthur mentioned that many of the reports were written by Frank Hall and John Barlett and this is explained by the fact that they led so many of the walks and enjoyed writing about them.



Sue Curtis straddling the mighty Murray River - one foot in Victoria and the other in NSW. 2017

To Tasmania now, and of the 56 club trips there in the last 25 years, the number of members responsible for them is comparatively low with over two thirds of the trips (71%) organised and led by just five members, these being Frank Hall with 14 trips in 16 years, and Trevor Jones, Stephen Boyle, John Bartlett and Trevor May with 25 bushwalking trips between them. Those individual tallies don't include walks led by Frank Hall and John Bartlett prior to 1996.

The Western and Eastern Arthurs were the most popular venues followed by walks in the contiguous Cradle Mountain Lake St Clair NP, Walls of Jerusalem and Central Plateau regions. The South Coast Track was the most favoured of the state's named tracks while surprisingly, there were only two walks of the Overland Track. The Eastern Arthur Range is widely regarded as Australia's ultimate bushwalking challenge and in the past 25 years, club trips there that succeeded in climbing Federation Peak have been led by Les Ormrod, David Wattchow, Stephen Boyle (twice), Trevor Jones and Romano Mihailovic (twice).



Wilpena Pound from Mount Ohlssen Bagge, 2017

(Kerry Munro)

New Zealand's South Island surely offers some of the world's best walking and yet despite this and the country's relative proximity, it has only attracted six club visits in the past 25 years. Meanwhile, Lee Marling seems to have spent more time taking club walks more distantly overseas than New Zealand and these are also listed in Appendix 2.

Before moving on to other activities besides bushwalking, a former club member who deserves recognition here for his sometimes very challenging walks during the early years of this review period is Ross Hender. Ross's most challenging walk, according to his own assessment, was the days he spent with a local walker on a scrub-choked walk along the Franklin River to the Lyall Highway via Frenchmans Cap in January 1996. Ross also walked the Overland Track solo in sometimes icy conditions and snow in early August 1998. He attempted several peaks on the way but apart from Barn Bluff, was otherwise defeated by the conditions that slowed progress. Both of these walks were listed on the club Calendar but failed to attract any interest. Two other former club members also deserving recognition for their sometimes-challenging walks are Ivan Riley and the late Paul Feinler.



Left. Top. Lee Marling.
Below. Trevor Jones



Colin Kinnaird and Lorraine Thomas finish the AAWT, 2018.

'Noticing my anxiety to leave, the host became less genial, and drawing himself up to his full height of at least two metres, barred my exit while calling his giant Irish Wolfhound to his side'. Frank Hall (Tandanya 19:2, 1989) describing a night of real or imagined imprisonment in the Blinman Hotel's cottage! Whatever the truth, he caught up with his tent-roughing party next morning to investigate the Jubilee Range.



Warraweena, 2008. Left to Right John Bartlett, Trevor Jones, John Callinan, Chris Ganley, Lester Ball, Don Rusby (kneeling), Des Norman, Trevor May, Rob Baker, Peter Woodlands

The ABW 12 Hour Walk.

**The Hon. P.J. Beer B.Ed, B.BW & M.Nav. and Col. R.A.W. Ward (ret.) of Katmandu DSc, DSO
Request the Pleasure of your Company on Sat. 18 September
at the Premier ABW Walking Event for 1999
The 12 Hour Walk**

The ABW 12 hour walk is both a competitive and social event, that tests both route planning, endurance and navigation skills. It commenced in 1968 and from there, was held annually until it ceased in 2007. The event was generally held within an hour or so drive from the city but ventured as far away south and north as Deep Creek and Bundaleer State Forest. The walks were mostly held in September apart from the inaugural event which was held in October and four other events held in July or August. The inaugural event was organised, and the course set by Ron Carr and since then, there has been an unwritten understanding that the winning team would set the following year's event. Besides this virtually guaranteeing that the next year's event would likely proceed, it also helped guarantee a well-set course. Extra help is needed in running such events of course and while many members pitched in over the years, Ed Burgess's often strong support, stood out.

While some teams retired early in the walk to enjoy the comforts of the hashhouse, keen teams stayed out for the duration with some undoubtedly keeping up a strong pace throughout. Concerning the results, David Wattchow and Peter Beer were the most successful competitors, scoring 8 wins each. David was generally teamed with Paul Feinler and which accounted for all 6 of Paul's wins. They won mostly in alternate years with the intervening years spent setting the event. That was the deal and without that obligation, they could have undoubtedly posted more wins although of course that would also apply to other consistent winners. Peter Beer had the longest span of wins, this being over 21 years and narrowly ahead of Alison Beer (19 years) and Arthur Ward and David Wattchow whose wins spanned 17 and 16 years respectively. Arthur Ward and Ann Ward both recorded five wins though they weren't always teamed together.

The all-ladies team of Lorraine Billett, Marilyn Browne and Barbara Lane outscored the men in 1997 but whether by a narrow margin or a landslide depends on who you're talking to!

A mounted silver winged boot was donated to the club as a trophy by Mike Freeman in 1973. In fact, it's a daggy old boot painted silver – with wings! The names of each year's winning team were engraved on a small

metal plaque attached to the wooden base and this was also done retrospectively. This trophy was the main source of information used to draw up the list the winning teams presented in Appendix 1 but unfortunately, no record seems to exist of the winners in 3 of the event's first 5 years.



The inaugural event saw 15 teams with 40 people competing and those totals were rarely rivalled because 9 to 12 teams with 20-30 members became the norm. In the end, an apparent decline in enthusiasm and perhaps fewer recruits from amongst newer members, saw the last event held in 2007. Whatever the reason it stopped, it's a highly commendable thing that the event lasted for 41 years.

Footnote. The ABW 12 Hour event presumably grew out the Adelaide University Mountain Club's 24 Hour Walk which started in 1963. (The winner of the inaugural 1963 AUMC 24 Hour Walk was an ABW team consisting of Arthur Ward, Gwen Ward and Tony Lothian.) The 1969 AUMC 24 Hour event was in fact set by ABW and was based at Waterfall Gully with the controls set along the escarpment to well north of Gorge Road and into the Adelaide Hills. There was a hash-house at the Youth Hostel at Montacute and another at a tent elsewhere in the Hills. The terrain made it a hard event and surprisingly, it was not mentioned in the club's 50 Years History publication. It's also worth recording here that in 1976, ABW organised a combined 12/24 hour event with the 24 Hour event open to the public. It attracted teams totalling 95 entrants which suggests that it got a lot of public support.

ABW and the Heysen Trail – Reminiscences

by John Bartlett.

Through Adelaide Bushwalkers, I have had a long and rewarding association with the 1,100 km Heysen Trail, which I regard as one of South Australia's treasures. The club took an active interest in the Trail's early development and helped with surveys and track marking. I can remember taking part in working bees in sections of the Trail that pass through Deep Creek Conservation Park in June 1985 and July 1987, and north of Mt Remarkable in April 1988. Club members have walked sections of the trail many times and three groups have now completed the whole trail and accounts of their adventures follow.

The First Party, 1988 to 2005. In 1988, Graeme Oats planned to walk the whole of the Trail from south to north and to walk it at one stage per year. In the end, it was done in 18 stages. The first nine stages were day walks, done on Saturdays while the remaining nine were weekend walks done mostly in September. All stages had a support crew, with June Boscence and John Ellis providing this service for all but the first 3 stages. Apart from Stage 1, we always stayed in accommodation of some sort, which meant we only ever had to carry a day pack. Daily distances were long with some being over 40km. Of the 18 stages, Graeme Oats organised and led 8, John Butler 4 and I led the last 8 stages. On the penultimate night before finishing at Parachilna Gorge, we met up with Jeannie Pope and her much younger group and who were not long into the club's second walking of the Trail and that evening was one of the happiest memories of the Trail for both groups. No-one in our party completed all 18 stages although Frank Hall and I had completed 17 stages, each missing a stage due to sickness. However, we had each already walked the missing stage and so were both duly awarded the much-coveted End-to-End Certificate and cloth badge from Friends of the Heysen Trail. Overall, 36 members walked at least one stage of the Trail and 14 walked more than half of them. These were Merilyn Browne, Rita Clayton, Arthur Ward, Ann Ward and John Butler, Harry Hakkennes and Roger Kempson with 12 or more stages and David Markey, Janet Callen, Denis Harper, Graeme Oats and Toni Beattie with 9 to 11 stages. (Photo of participants overleaf.) Arthur Ward also completed the trail doing the missed sections when the opportunities arose.

The second party, 2004 to 2014. Jeannie Pope and Peter Magnisalis oversaw this with the idea of walking on two weekends a year over 10 years. Initially, the plan was to walk the Trail from south to north, but it ended



up being walked from both ends towards the middle. The parties frequently averaged 30km a day and in contrast to the first group, carried packs on most days. As for the earlier group, there were many highlights, both good and bad, but as previously mentioned, the meeting with the first group at Willow Springs was a highlight. The final weekend was based at Oak View Station outside Booborowie and hosted by former ABW member and local farmer Jeff Price. To celebrate their achievement, a party was held in a Scout Hall in Balhannah and to which my friend Barbara and I were invited. In the end, only three of the original starters completed all stages to attain the coveted Certificate and cloth badge. These were John Golding, Peter Magnisalis and Ian Hattersly. David Markey from the earlier group also completed the end to end with this group.

The Third Party, 2014 to 2018. This walk was organised by Lorraine Thomas who told me that, in order to qualify as a leader, she decided to lead the club's third complete walk of the Heysen Trail. Initially, there was a flurry of interest in the club but after a good start, numbers fell to three before building up to nine regulars. The Southern section from Cape Jervis to Wirrabara Forest was walked as day and weekend walks, and north from there to Parachilna Gorge, was done as four 7 day trips. The Trail was completed in 67 walking days and at the last camp, the party duly celebrated in style. Lorraine put a figure of about \$3,000 to complete the trail including accommodation, park fees, tour operators and fuel expenses over the four years. The walkers who completed the Trail were: Lorraine Thomas, Arjunan Vikraman, Karen Madera, John Glover, Terry Garner, Roxanne Crook, Ben Campbell, Penny Day and Will Sheridan.

The Heysen Trail in a Day: The Warren Bonython Memorial Walk

By John Bartlett

On the Sunday of a long weekend, 6th October 2013, seven ABW parties consisting of 2 to 5 members, walked 15-22 km sections of the Heysen Trail between Dutchmans Stern and Buckaringa and Black Gap to Bunyeroo Gorge. Overall, they covered 111 km of the trail and in addition, walked a further 80 km, mainly on the Saturday, to get to and from the Trail from vehicle access points. This was all part of a project for the whole of the Heysen Trail to be walked in a single day. This was conceived and organized by Simon Cameron on behalf of Friends of the Heysen Trail. For ABW's part, Mark Proctor was the principal organizer of the club's participation in the event which attracted 26 members. Support was provided by Arthur Ward and Malcolm Kirkham in a 4WD and Stefano de Pasquale, Romano Mihalovic and John Norris who drove the charter bus. Romano and John also took part as walk leaders. The other leaders were Trevor May, Andrew Cope, Mark Proctor, John Bartlett and Roger Kempson. All walkers were awarded a certificate to mark the unique occasion.

This event was to commemorate the life of Warren Bonython who was the initial inspiration for, and

founder of the Heysen Trail and who had died in the previous year. Warren had also been the Patron of Adelaide Bushwalkers for many years up to the time of his death. Warren usually wore yellow shorts when walking, so it was suggested by Simon that walkers on this day should do likewise. Mal Kirkham, Mark Proctor and I obliged.



Heysen Trail First Party, 11 September 2005 at Parachilna Trailhead. Left to Right. John Bartlett, Arthur Ward, Harry Hakkennes, Frank Hall, Ann Ward, Merylyn Browne, Rita Clayton, Toni Beattie, Janet Callen, Lorraine Billett, Denis Harper, (in front), David Markey, Roger Kempson

OTHER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, 1996 – 2021

Apart from canoeing/kayaking and bike trail riding, cross-country skiing trips and rock-climbing are also considered here because, although hardly mainstream club activities, both were done in the years before, and in the decade after, the club's 50th anniversary year.

Canoeing and Kayaking.

Club kayak trips have typically been weekend trips on the Murray River's extensive backwaters as far upstream as Menindie Lakes in Victoria. Trips of this type were once popular with the club's canoe-owning members and who, in former times, had ten or more trips to choose from each year. Since then, only a third that number of trips tended to appear on the calendar in most years. In those earlier years, the club used to hold one or two training sessions a year, generally at West Lakes, and with these sessions led at different times by Tim Vogt, Tim Falconer, Len Williamson and Peter Woodlands and all of whom were accustomed to coastal paddling. Frank Hall and Alan Ladd also led trips during this era.

While the club once had an occasional paddle on the Glenelg River, that changed from January 2006, when Trevor May turned the 3-day Moleside to Nelson paddle into an annual summer event until 2011. John Norris took over in the following year but that seems to have been the last such trip. It's certain that trips will return there because, with its riverside cliffs, temperate forests and dedicated canoe campsites, the river offers some of the country's finest flat-water paddling. Paddles at Garden Island, Torrens Island, Onkaparinga River and along suburban beaches were usually well supported. In more recent years, Dave Paterson has been a reliable leader of trips on the Murray River as well as an occasional more social paddle on West Lakes. A moonlit paddle on West Lakes led by Richard Bowey in 2021, also proved to be very popular.

Of all the club's paddling trips, two really stand out. In May 2009, David Paterson organized a trip to southwest Queensland to spend 4 days paddling Cooper Creek across the border back to Innamincka. The creek was in good flow and between major

waterholes, flowed along vegetated channels which made the paddling very challenging. One highlight was undoubtedly the infamous Cullyamurra Choke and which they survived with just a couple of capsizes. Another was paddling out into Coongie Lake for a literal champagne sunrise, an experience described in Tandanya as 'SURREAL'. There were nine paddlers and a backup vehicle of two. Regular club paddlers were David and Sally Paterson, Graham and Wendy Foreman, Trevor May, Don Rusby and Chris Ganly.

The other trip was a week's sojourn in southwest Tasmania's Bathurst Harbour with the trip conceived, organised and led by Trevor May. The boats and paddlers were taken to and from Kettering to that glorious, drowned valley on a commercial fishing vessel which spent the week fishing locally. Apart from Deny King's at Melaleuca, the party also stayed two days at the even more remote former house of Denny's sister and partner. The weather wasn't always conducive to paddling so on those days, those stayovers were a far better option than tents. Not to miss an opportunity, the party climbed Mt Rugby, the region's most prominent peak. Accompanying Trevor on that trip were Lindy May, Rob and Marg Martin and Paul Godfrey.

Richard Bowey paddled 1400 km of Murray River from Swan Hill to Goolwa in September 2012 and, with a favourable water flow, witnessed the scenery go by at an astonishing 67 km/day. Initially expecting to take 7 weeks, he finished the trip in 22 days. Richard didn't put that trip on the calendar because he wasn't sure how it would all go. Fast was the answer. He did put the follow-up trip for November 2015 on the calendar but got no takers. That trip was to paddle 1,000 km from Biggara, well upstream of Hume Reservoir and downstream to Swan Hill. This time, he proceeded at a more leisurely 58 km/day and took 17 days. There was just the one critical incident early on in that trip and described by Richard as being 'caught in a Shute at a T-junction and propelled into the bank where I capsized amid all sorts of flotsam and lost my PLB'. But not his life.



Cycling.

The club has always had members with a keen interest in cycling and the number of such trips on the calendar appears to have remained fairly constant over the decades. Trips have mainly been on named trails which have increased in number in recent years, and on other dirt tracks and roads. Trevor May, Dan Drake-Brockman, Richard Bowey and Nino Fioretti have been the main recent promoters of these trips. Richard Bowey has for a decade or so led a 110 kilometre trip from Riverton to Clare via Mintaro and back to Riverton via the Reisling and Rattler Trails. This has obviously proved to be a popular trip. South of Adelaide, the Southern Vales offer great dirt track cycling easily accessible by train from Adelaide and it now seems to get a club trip in most years, perhaps two. A small number of dedicated club riders have done supported multiday rides sponsored by Bicycle SA and Bicycle Victoria and done unsupported rides on the Mawson Trail. In 2015, Richard Bowie rode the whole of the Mawson Trail unsupported from Adelaide to Blinman. It was put on the club calendar, and it attracted one other member who stuck it out until Burra.

Cross-country skiing.

The club started doing cross-country ski trips in 1981, primarily in August and mainly on the Bogong High Plains. These trips continued annually at times until 1999. Early on, Jonathon Chester was engaged to teach the basics of XC skiing and snow skills including camping in tent or snow cave. There was a final snow outing in 2005 bringing the total to 16 trips with the final trip limited to members with some skiing background. The trips were mostly led by David



Wattchow, John Bartlett, John Bojczuk and Alan Ladd and commonly had 5 to 7 participants. The most outstanding trip was probably the crossing of the NSW high country from Kosciusko to Kiandra by David Wattchow and John Bartlett in 1987. It is hoped that, with the right promotion and

personnel, the club might resume such trips again. A useful article for reference purposes was David Wattchow's 'Practical Cross-Country Skiing' (*Tandanya* 29:4) covering gear and many other practical concerns of those going on such trips.

All the club's snow trips and the reports published in *Tandanya* are listed in Appendix 3.

Rockclimbing.

From the mid-1960s when rock-climbing 'took off' in Adelaide, the club always had a small number of adherents interested in testing themselves on rock and this was principally at Morialta and Onkaparinga Gorge and with an occasional weekend at Buckaringa, NW of Quorn. Some members also climbed at Mt Arapiles and Moonarie in private trips. The club's final outing was to Buckaringa in 2005. Members involved in this activity included Alan Ladd, Peter Woodrow, Garry Trethewey and Roger Kempson. Since then, attempts at various times to interest members in attending sessions at a local climbing gym have not attracted much interest. (The Climbing Club of SA started in 1967 and is the base community and resource for anyone with climbing as their primary outdoors interest.)

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DEDICATION

In the process of writing this history review, the principal writer learnt a lot about the club and how it functions, and in particular, he learnt that without members putting in at Committee level or putting walks onto the Calendar and then organizing and leading them, this club would be only a shadow of itself. And hence, the considerable amount of time and effort put into writing this history is dedicated to the memory of those people.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1. ABW 12 Hour Walk Winning Teams (1968 – 2008)

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| 1968. Peter Liddle, Roger Kempson. | 1990. Darren Watkins, Andrew Semmler. |
| 1969. No record found. | 1991. Paul Feinler, David Wattchow. |
| 1970. No record found. | 1992. Peter Woodrow, Ivan Riley, David Green. |
| 1971. Theo Visser, Michael Wolcott. | 1993. Shaw Callen, Darren Watkins. |
| 1972. No record found. | 1994. Peter Beer, Arthur Ward, David Wattchow. |
| 1973. Roger Kempson, Phil Crouch. | 1995. Ann Ward, Janet Callen, Dennis Harper, Doug Sweet. |
| 1974. Roger Kempson, Peter Stubbs. | 1996. Paul Feinler, David Wattchow. |
| 1975. Peter Stubbs, Alan Wallace. | 1997. Lorraine Billett, Marilyn Browne, Barbara Lane. |
| 1976. John Ellis, Harry Bechervaise, Marilyn Browne. | 1998. Alison Beer, Peter Beer, Ann Ward, Arthur Ward. |
| 1977. Peter Beer, Alison Beer, Harry Greet. | 1999. Ron Smernik, Peter Murphy, Phil Michelsen. |
| 1978. Dianne Stebbing, David Evans. | 2000. Alison Beer, Peter Beer, Ann Ward, Arthur Ward. |
| 1979. Don Steven, Lyn Steven, Peter Beer. | 2001. Dave Pyle, Kathy Haskard. |
| 1980. Paul Feinler, David Wattchow. | 2002. Ron Smernik, Jason Bobbin. |
| 1981. Peter Beer, Alison Beer, Michael Bihari. | 2003. Janet Callen, Denis Harper, Ann Ward, Arthur Ward. |
| 1982. Paul Feinler, Graeme Oats, John Butler. | 2004. Shaw Callen, Des Norman. |
| 1983. Davis Wattchow, John Duruz. | 2005. Janet Callen, Denis Harper, Ann Ward, Arthur Ward. |
| 1984. David Kemp, Peter Beer, Timothy Vogt, Katrina Vogt. | 2006. Shaw Callen, Des Norman. |
| 1985. David Wattchow, Paul Feinler. | 2007. David Byrne, Trevor May, Romano Mihailovic, |
| 1986. Tony Mordell, Trever Moyle, Darren Watkins. | |
| 1987. Paul Feinler, David Wattchow. | |
| 1988. Peter Beer, Arthur Ward. | |
| 1989. David Wattchow, Paul Feinler. | |



On the way to Ray's Waterhole, Mawson Plateau

(Mal Watt)

Appendix 2. Tables of Extended Walks by ABW from 1996 to 2021

Date	Location	Leader	Date	Location	Leader
South Australia					
1996	Mawson Plateau-Mt Hopeless	John Bartlett	2006	Gawler Ranges	Lorraine Billett
1996	Gammon Ranges	Ed Burgess	2008	Warraweena	John Callinan
1997	Mawson Plateau	Hal Osman	2009	Arkaroola Base Camp	Lorraine Billett
1997	Western Gammons	John Duruz	2009	Gammon Ranges	John Callinan
1997	Murray River backwaters	Colin Falconer	2010	Moolooloo	Trevor May
1997	Gammon Ranges	Ed Burgess	2011	Mawson Plateau	John Callinan
1998	Mawson Plateau (May)	Merilyn Browne	2013	Southern Flinders Ranges.	John Callinan
1998	Mawson Plateau (July)	Merilyn Browne	2014	Moolooloo	Bob Geary
1999	Gammon Ranges	Ed Burgess	2014	Mawson Plateau	Trevor May
1999	Narrina base camp	F Hall, J Bartlett	2014	Warraweena	John Callinan
1999	Mawson Plateau	M & S Reynolds	2015	Gammon Ranges	Nino Fioretti
2000	Mawson Plateau	S & M Reynolds	2015	Gammon Ranges.	John Bartlett
2000	Yudnamutana Arkaroola	Jeff Price	2015	Mawson Trail bike ride	Richard Bowie
2001	Kangaroo Island	Lawrence Johnson	2016	Gammon Ranges	Ray Hickman
2001	Gammon Ranges	David March	2016	Heysen Trail northern	Lorraine Thomas
2001	Mawson Plateau	S & M Reynolds	2017	Gammon Ranges	Ray Hickman
2001	Gammon Ranges	Jeff Price	2017	Heysen Range	John Callinan
2002	Gammon Ranges	Ed Burgess	2017	Parachilna-Wilpena	Sammi Lanyon
2002	Warraweena	John Bartlett	2018	Mawson Plateau	Garry Trethewey
2002	Mawson Plateau	S & M Reynolds	2018	Warraweena	John Callinan
2002	Mt Hack	Jeff Price	2019	Lincoln NP	Roger Kempson
2003	Gawler Range	Ray Hickman	2019	Chambers Gorge	Michael Round
2004	Mawson Plateau	S & M Reynolds	2020	Narrina	Sammi Lanyon
2004	Gawler Range	Ray Hickman	2020	Gammon Ranges.	Ed Burgess
2005	Central Flinders. Day walks	Garry Trethewey	2021	Warraweena	Lee Marling
2006	Gammon Ranges	Ed Burgess	2021	Heysen Range	John Callinan
2006	Southern Flinders Ranges	June Boscence	2021	Mawson Plateau	Trevor Jones
2006	Gammon Ranges	Simon Cameron	2021	Gawler Range	Lee Marling
Other Mainland States					
1996	Otway Ranges, Vic.	Hal Osman	2003	Kakadu NP, WA	John Bartlett
1996	Mt Howitt-Harrietville, Vic.	Ian Boscence	2003	Larapinta Trail, NT	Lorraine Billett
1997	Jugungal wilderness	Kurt Gurnart	2003	High Country NPs, Vic	Roger Kempson
1997	Budawangs, NSW	Ralph Schwer	2004	Larapinta Trail, NT	Lorraine Billett
1997	Otway Ranges, Vic.	Hal Osman	2004	Chichester State Forest, Vic	Roger Kempson
1997	Kiandra-Thredbo, NSW	Phil Gill	2005	Barrington Tops, Q	Roger Kempson
1997	Kiandra to Canberra, NSW	John Duruz	2005	Hinchinbrook Is, Misty Mts, Q	Andrew Cope
1998	Hume & Hovell Track, Vic.	Roger Kempson	2005	Far East National Parks, Vic.	Roger Kempson
1998	Larapinta Trail, NT	Lorraine Billett	2007	Great South West Walk, Vic	Trevor May
1998	Mt Kosciuszko NP, NSW	Roger Kempson	2007	Kosciuszko NP, NSW	Roger Kempson
1999	Bogong High Plains, Vic	Les Ormrod	2007	Great Ocean Walk, Vic	Ron & Marg Martin
1999	Kiandra to Canberra, NSW	Peter Beer	2009	Great Victoria Bike Ride, Vic	Merilyn Browne
1999	Larapinta Trail, NT	Roger Kempson	2010	Blue Mountains, NSW	Roger Kempson
1999	Budawangs, NSW	Ron Smernik	2011	Alpine National Park, Vic	Roger Kempson
2000	Otway Ranges, Vic.	Peter Woodrow	2012	Larapinta Trail, NT,	Richard Bowie
2001	Mt Bogong & Mt Kosciuszko	Roger Kempson	2013	Wilson's Promontory, Vic	David Paterson
2001	Larapinta Trail	Lorraine Billett	2014	Great Ocean Walk, Vic	Sally-Anne Thomas
2001	Grampians, Vic	Les Ormrod	2014	Thorsborne Is, Q	Andrew Cope
2001	Bogong High Plains, Vic	Roger Kempson	2014	Koolaman Tk, Q	Andrew Cope
2001	Ettrema Gorge Trail, NSW	Alan McLean	2015	Bibbulmun Track, WA	Andrew Cope
2002	WA wildflowers, WA	Frank Hall	2015	North-eastern NPs, NSW	Roger Kempson
2002	Bogong High plains, Vic	John Bojczuk	2016	Gardens of Stone, Wollemi NP,	Lorraine Thomas
2003	Great South West Walk, Vic.	Lorraine Billett		Blue Mountains, NSW	
2003	Western Parks, Vic.	Merilyn Browne	2016	Fraser Island, Q	Andrew Cope

2016	Hinchinbrook Island, Q	Lorraine Thomas	2018	Aust. Alpine Walking Track.3	Lorraine Thomas
2017	Great SW Walk, Vic	Lee Marling	2018	Great SW Walk, Vic	Lee Marling
2017	Aust Alpine Walking Track.1	Lorraine Thomas	2018	Mootawintje NP, NSW	Roger Kempson
2017	Bibbulmun Track, WA	Lee Marling	2018	Thirsborne, Hinchinbrook Is. Q	Tracy Bryant
2017	Alpine National Park, Vic	Andrew Cope	2019	Bogong High Plains, Vic.	Lorraine Thomas
2017	Aust. Alpine Walking Track.2	Lorraine Thomas	2019	Great Ocean Walk, Vic	Nino Fioretti
Tasmania					
1997	Central mountains	Ross Hender	2007	Walls of Jerusalem	Trevor May
1997	Mountains of Jupiter	Frank Hall	2008	Western Arthur Range	Trevor Jones
1998	Central Plateau	Frank Hall	2008	Flinders Island	John Bartlett
1998	Overland Track, winter	Ross Hender	2008	Northern areas. Car based	Frank Hall
1999	Precipitous Bluff	John Bartlett	2009	Frenchmans Cap through walk	Trevor May
1999	Mt Anne circuit	Merilyn Browne	2009	East Coastal. Car based	Frank Hall
1999	12 Peaks	Frank Hall	2009	Precipitous Bluff circuit	Steve Boyle
2000	Western Arthurs	Les Ormrod	2010	South Coast Track	Trevor May
2000	Pelion Plains, Mt Ossa	John Bartlett	2010	Precipitous Bluff circuit	Trevor Jones
2000	Federation Peak, Mt Anne	Stephen Boyle	2011	Frenchmans Cap	Stephen Boyle
2001	Eastern Tasmania	Frank Hall	2011	South Coast Track	Mark Proctor
2001	Federation Peak	Les Ormrod	2011	Day walks. Car based	Frank Hall
2002	Traveller Range & Labyrinth	John Bartlett	2012	Tasman and Freycinet Peninsulas.	Richard Bowie
2002	Eastern Tasmania	Frank Hall			
2002	South Coast Track	Stephen Boyle	2012	Day walks. Car based	Frank Hall
2002	Eldon Bluff	John Bartlett	2012	East & West'n Arthur Ranges	Romano Mihailovic
2003	The Labyrinth	S&M Reynolds	2013	South West Cape &	John Norris
2003	Frenchmans Cap	Cathy Stijve	2013	South Coast Track	John Norris
2003	Freycinet Peninsula	Frank Hall	2014	Day walk. Car based	Frank Hall
2004	Frankland Range	John Bartlett	2015	Overland Track	Richard Bowie
2005	Eastern Arthur Range	Stephen Boyle	2015	Central Plateau & Walls of Jerusalem	Lorraine Thomas
2005	South Coast Track	Trevor May			
2005	Central region	Frank Hall	2015	Central Plateau, N-S crossing	Trevor Jones
2005	Western Arthur Range	Stephen Boyle	2017	Mt Anne circuit, Mt Field NP	Trevor Jones
2006	South Coast Track	Trevor May	2018	West & Eastern Arthur Ranges	Trevor Jones
2006	Various	Frank Hall	2020	Vanishing Falls	Trevor Jones
2006	Federation Peak	Romano Mihailovic	2021	Vanishing Falls	Trevor Jones
2007	SE area, car based	Frank Hall	2021	SW Cape circuit,	Trevor Jones
			2021	TheTarkine	Trevor Jones
New Zealand					
2000	Heathy Track	Lawrence Johnson	2016	Gillespie/Rabbit Pass	Nino Fioretti
2003	Not known	Steve Boyle	2019	Gillespie/Rabbit Pass	Trevor Jones
2006	Rees, Dart, Routeburn & Caples Tracks	Romano Mihailovic	2020	Heathy Track	Lorraine Thomas
2014	Stewart Island	Trevor Jones	2020	Travers-Sabine Circuit	Lorraine Thomas
2014	Gillespie Pass circuit	Andrew Cope	2020	Wangapeka Track	Lorraine Thomas
Other Overseas					
2013	Pindari Glacier, India	Lee Marling	2016	Sequoia National Park, USA	Lee Marling
2013	Milan Glacier, India	Lee Marling	2017	Gunung Sambora, Sumatra	Lee Marling
2014	Pindari Glacier, India	Lee Marling	2018	Central Pyrenees, France	Lee Marling
2015	Temang Region, Nepal	Lee Marling	2019	The Cather Way, France and Spain	Lee Marling
2016	Gunulg Leuser, Sumatra	Lee Marling			

Appendix 3. ABW CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRIPS, 1981-2005

The club ran 17 cross country skiing trips over some years from 1981 to 2005, with trips in consecutive years during 1985-1992. The trips were all done in August to early September. In the early 1980s Jonathon Chester was engaged to instruct the party on ski technique, snow camping and related skills. The lists were compiled by John Bartlett with updates by John Bojczuk and Michael Round.

ABW Cross Country Ski Trips.

3-7. 8.1981.	Cross country Ski Trip,	Wilde, Rosemary
1983	Victoria	David Wattchow
1985	Mt Bogong, Vic.	Watchow, David
1985	N.S.W.	Wattchow, David.
2-10. 8. 1986	Falls Creek to Mt Hotham, Vic.	Trevor Moyle
28. 8-7. 9. 1987	Kiandra to Mt Kosciuszko, NSW	David Wattchow
19-25 .8. 1988	Grey Mare Range, NSW and Bogong High Plains, Vic.	Charlie Andrews
19-26 .8. 1989	Bogong High Plains, Vic.	John Bartlett
1-8. 9. 1990	Main Range, NSW	David Wattchow
14-21.9 1991	Bogong High Plains, Vic.	John Bartlett
30. 8-4.9. 1992	Kiandra - Muncyang Range, NSW	Trevor Moyle
1-9. 9. 1994	Bogong High Plains, Vic	John Bojczuk
29. 8-7. 9. 1996	Bogong High Plain, Vic	John Bojczuk
16-24. 8. 1998	Kiandra to Mt Kosciuszko, NSW	Trevor Moyle
19-28. 8. 1999	Bogong High Plains, Vic	John Bojczuk
17-26. 8. 2000	Bogong High Plains, Vic.	Andrew Ladd & John Bojczuk
18-27. 8. 2005	Bogong High Plains, Vic.	Andrew Ladd & John Bojczuk

Accounts of ABW Cross-country ski trips in *Tandanya* (1981-1999)

Wilde, Rosemary.	(1981)	Cross country Ski Trip, 3-7 August 1981.	<i>Tandanya</i> 11:4,
Wattchow, David.	(1983)	on his XC skiing/ABW trip Victoria.	<i>Tandanya</i> 13:4, 11-17.
Wattchow, David.	(1985)	Cross Country Skiing Experiences.	<i>Tandanya</i> 15:3, 37-38.
Wattchow, David.	(1985)	Mt Bogong – A Winter Weekend.	<i>Tandanya</i> 15:3, 17-19
Wattchow, David.	(1986)	A Week in a Snow Cave.	<i>Tandanya</i> 16:4, 31-36
Bojczuk, John.	(1987)	Cross Country Skiing Gear.	<i>Tandanya</i> 17:2, 25-27.
Adams, Charlie.	(1987)	Kiandra to Kosciuszko.	<i>Tandanya</i> 17:3, 10-13.
Anon.	(1987)	The Skier's Ten Commandments.	<i>Tandanya</i> 17:3, 24-25.
Brown, Merilyn.	(1987)	Will there be any Snow in Kiandra.	<i>Tandanya</i> 17:3, 20-21.
Bojczuk, John.	(1988)	Skiing – And it persistently precipitated down.	<i>Tandanya</i> 18:3, 11-16
Bartlett, John.	(1989)	Skiing the Bogong High Plains.	<i>Tandanya</i> 19:3, 30-34.
Ward, Arthur.	(1990)	Kiandra to Kosciuszko.	<i>Tandanya</i> 20:4, 9-10.
Wattchow, David.	(1990)	Kiandra to Kosciuszko - A Winter/Summer Contrast.	<i>Tandanya</i> 20:4, 11-13
Bartlett, John.	(1991)	September on the High Plains.	<i>Tandanya</i> 21:3, 12.
Bojczuk, John.	(1996)	The Official Ski Trip.	<i>Tandanya</i> 26:4, 12.
Wattchow, David.	(1999)	Practical Cross Country Skiing.	<i>Tandanya</i> 29:4, 1-8.

Adelaide Bushwalkers Honorary Life Members

H A (Bill) Lindsay 1950 (deceased)
 Margaret Arnott – Rogers (deceased)
 Ron Pitt 1966 (deceased)
 Ian Hancox 1966
 Peter Beer 1980
 Harry Greet 1980
 Edward Burgess (not known)
 Tony Lothian (not known)
 Frank Hall 1993

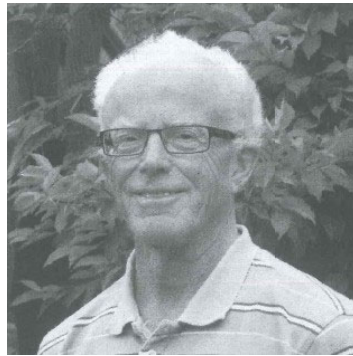
David Evans 1994
 Roger Kempson 1994
 Merrilyn Browne 1997
 Arthur Ward 2002
 June Boscence 2002
 John Bartlett 2003
 Trevor May 2011
 Harry Hakkennes 2013
 Mark Proctor 2016



H A (Bill) Lindsay



Back. Peter Beer, Arthur Ward, Tony Lothian, June Boscence. Front. Merrilyn Browne, John Bartlett.



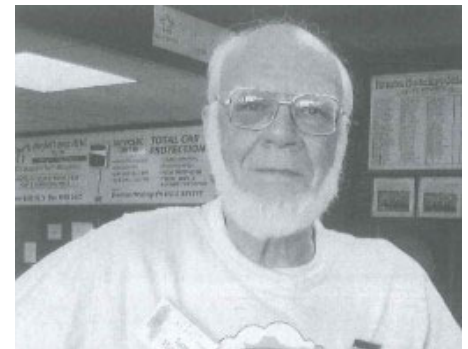
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David Evans



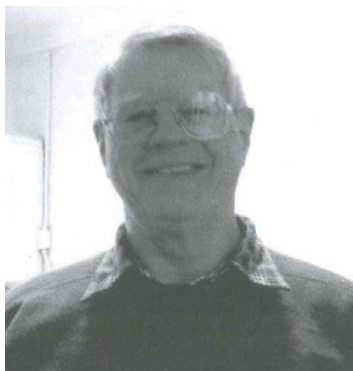
Ed Burgess



Ian Hancox



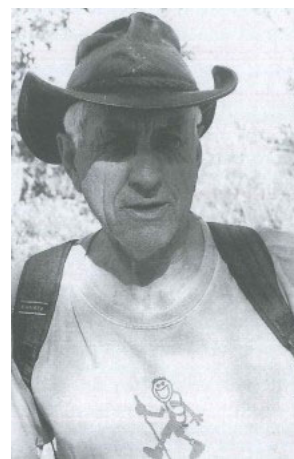
Mark Proctor



Harry Greet



Harry Hakkennes



Trevor May



Frank Hall

Patrons of Adelaide Bushwalkers 1947 to 2020

By Roger Kempson

Not much in the way of minutes of early club meetings was available but from a search through ABW's historical records (mainly the club's magazines *Tarndanya* and *Tandanya* and Newsletters) the following people have been patrons.

Norman Tindale was ABW's first patron and was elected at the first AGM on 12/5/1947 retaining this position until 1982. Professor Tindale gave presentations at club meetings during this time such as "Desert Journeys".

Warren Bonython was elected as patron in 1969 according to the club 50th anniversary publication. He retained this position until his death. During this period, he gave several presentations to ABW on his expeditions and made frequent donations.

Sir Mark Oliphant is first listed as a patron in a *Tandanya* of 1972 and remained as a patron until 1978. While Governor of SA (1971-1976) he was referred to in our magazines as His Excellency the Governor.

Norman Tindale, Warren Bonython and Sir Mark Oliphant were joint patrons for many years with the Tindale/Bonython co-patronage lasting by far the longest.

There were others who were patrons for shorter periods of time: in the minutes of the 8th AGM in *Tarndanya* issue of July 1954 it is recorded - "Congratulations and many thanks are extended to our patrons: The Hon. E. Anthony, LC, Messrs NB Tindale, HA Lindsay, and AE Simpson, all of whom were re-elected".

After the death of Warren Bonython in 2012 the position of patron was vacant until **Duncan Chessell** was appointed in late 2013. He relinquished the position in 2020 and it currently stands as vacant.

Brief biographies of the major patrons (Main source of information: Wikipedia)

Norman Barnett Tindale AO was an Australian anthropologist (South Australian Museum), archaeologist, entomologist, and ethnologist. Born 1900, Perth, died 1993, Palo Alto CA. He recorded vast amounts of genealogical and other information about indigenous communities from all over Australia. Written works: *The First Walkabout* (1954), *Aboriginal Australians* (1963) and *Rangatira the High-born* (1959).

Charles Warren Bonython, AO was an Australian conservationist, explorer, author, and chemical engineer. Born 1916 Adelaide, died 2012, age 95. A

keen bushwalker, he is best known for his role in the promotion, planning and creation of the Heysen Trail. His work in conservation was across a range of issues such as the Uranium Advisory Council, Royal Geographical Society, National Trust of SA, Scientific Expedition Group and Nature Foundation. In 1973 he and Charles McCubbin walked for 32 days across the Simpson Desert pulling a 250 kg trailer called the Comalco Camel. In 1982 he and Terry Kreig walked the 500 km around the shores of Lake Eyre.



Warren Bonython, ABW Patron 1969 - 2012, re-enacting his 1946 Gammons walk (Photo - Graeme Oats 1996)

Sir Marcus Laurence Elwin "Mark" Oliphant AC, KBE, FRS, FAA, FTSE, Former Governor of South Australia 1971-1976, was an Australian physicist, humanitarian and conservationist. Born 1901, Adelaide, died 2000, Canberra. He played an important role in the first experimental demonstration of nuclear fusion and the development of nuclear weapons, although he later protested their use.

Duncan Chessell is an Australian explorer, mountain guide, geologist and photographer. Born 1970, Adelaide. He began climbing in 1988 and has reached the seven highest summits in each of the world's continents, including three ascents of Mount Everest. He has been guiding since 1994, founding DCXP Mountain Journeys Pty Ltd in 2000. In 2006 he worked with a group of young cancer patients, guiding them to climb Mt Kilimanjaro. He was managing director of mineral exploration company Endeavour Discoveries Ltd (2010-2016).

ABW's Historical Records Collection

By Roger Kempson

Background

David Evans and Helen Davies took over the storage of a number of boxes of ABW's historical records at their house after the club vacated the Girl Guides Hall on South Terrace. After several years they asked if someone else could store them. A small group of us assembled at their house about 6 years ago to decide what we should keep. A huge amount of material was discarded as it would not be of any further relevance (eg draft management plans for national parks, magazines from various organisations that we no longer have contact with). There was a big pile of membership applications going back to the early 1960's: We kept those of members we knew (a number are now Life Members) and discarded the rest I found mine dated 23 Sept 1962 (my father Reg Kempson had to sign as I was age 20 and the age of majority at the time was 21! And the membership fee stated as being five shillings). The material to be kept was packed into three 80 litre plastic boxes. Box Numbers 1 and 3 are currently stored at my house under good environmental conditions in my study. Box 2 is kept with the club's gear hire material. On several occasions, resulting from enquiries, I've forwarded scans of articles to current or past members. Committee members and their details used to be printed in Tandanya and these have been used by Kerry Munro for the special 75th publication.

Please contact me if you would like to view any of the material listed here.

Note: Items of high importance had been put in archival quality plastic sleeves by Helen Davies. Heavy duty plastic sleeves were purchased for storage of much of the remaining material.

Box Number 1 Adelaide Bushwalkers magazines (Wanderlust/Tarndanya/Tandanya)

This box contains a complete set of ABW magazines from 1947 to 2021 with the exception of one magazine with an issue date of April 1960, which is listed in the State Library Archives collection.

Over the years there were magazines produced without any volume number and/or issue number and there a few instances where there was a mistake in numbering (these have been noted on the relevant magazines.)

- Volume 1 No.1 Wanderlust Dec 1947 (i.e., one issue for 1947 – cover page without any picture, plus two pages).
- Volume 1 Nos. 2 to 12 Tarndanya Jan 1948 to Nov-Dec 1948 (i.e., eleven issues for 1948) – the cover picture being the single kangaroo with turned head, between two trees with river in background – used in many issues including those up to 2021.
- Volume 2 Nos. 1 to 12 Tarndanya Jan to Dec 1949 (i.e., twelve issues for 1949)
- Volume 3 Nos. 1 to 12 Tarndanya Jan to Dec 1950 (i.e., twelve issues for 1950)
- Volume 4 Nos. 1 to 4 Tarndanya 1951 (i.e., four issues for 1951)
- Volume 5 Nos. 1 to 4 Tarndanya 1952 (i.e., four issues for 1952)
- Volume 6 Nos. 1 to 4 Tarndanya 1953 (i.e., four issues for 1953)
- Volume 7 Nos. 1 to 4 Tarndanya 1954 (i.e., four issues for 1954)
- Volume 8 Nos. 1 and 2 Tarndanya 1955 (i.e., two issues for 1955)

Tarndanya April 1956 (No volume number or issue number, i.e., one issue only for 1956).

Special Note: It was realised that the spelling should be Tandanya (ie without the 'r') – so the Sept/Nov 1971 issue became Tandanya and the numbering started again from Volume 1 No.1)

ADELAIDE BUSHWALKERS

APPLICATION FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERSHIP

SURNAME..... KEMPSON

CHRISTIAN NAMES..... ROGER ADAMS

PRIVATE ADDRESS..... 21 TERNAS ST, SAVAN

PHONE No. (Home)..... (Business).....

By whom introduced..... John Roberts

How was the Club brought to your notice?..... " "

I the undersigned, hereby apply for the Prospective Membership of the Adelaide Bushwalkers and declare that I will participate in all the activities of the club at my own risk and agree that no liability shall be accepted by the Adelaide Bushwalkers or its agents for any injury loss or damage suffered or caused by me.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT..... R. Kempson

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN IF APPLICANT IS UNDER 21 (Minimum age for Membership is 15 Years) SIGNED..... R. Kempson

Date..... 23/9/62

APPLICATION ACCEPTED..... SIGNED..... M. Munro..... Hon Secretary

Date.....

Fee of 5/- Paid..... 27/9/62..... SIGNED..... Treasurer

Date.....

NOTED ON MEMBERS LIST.....

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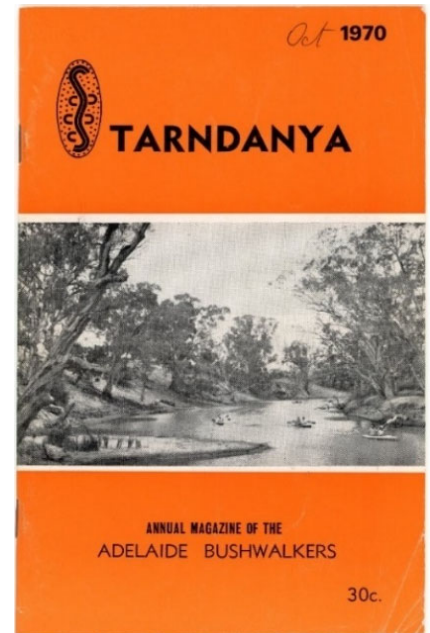
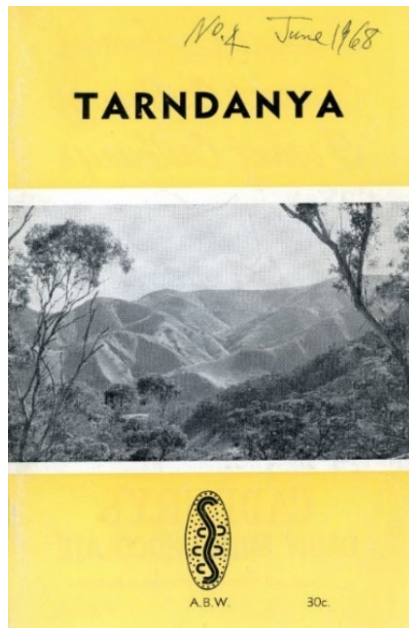
Some issues in the 1950s had different cover designs without a kangaroo.

The ABW collection does not contain any club magazines for 1957 to 1962 inclusive. State Library Archives information states "Publication suspended 1957, resumed 1960 as an annual magazine". However, State Library online records indicate they only hold April 1960 and do not list anything for 1961 or 1962. It is therefore likely that there was only one issue of the club magazine for the years 1957 to 1962 inclusive. However, regular Newsletters with a variety of club information were issued in this period and these are in Box No.3.

- Tarndanya 1963 (No volume number or issue number, i.e., only one issue for 1963, with a change in the kangaroo front cover design).
- Tarndanya 1964 (No volume number or issue number, i.e., only one issue for 1964, cover as for 1963)
- Tarndanya 1965 to 1970 inclusive: one issue only for each of these 6 years, there were only annual publications – these magazines were all in small size (140 x 218mm), high quality (professionally produced) on glossy paper, with a bushwalking photo and club badge on the front cover – they were designated May 1965, May 1966, No. 3 June 1967, No. 4 June 1968, September 1969 and October 1970. That is, no volume numbers were assigned. The 1965 issue has a cost of 3 shillings on the front while the rest have 30 cents (there was the change to decimal currency in 1966)
- Volume 1 No. 1 Tandanya Sept/Nov 1971. The cover picture used was that as for most of the issues of Tarndanya dating from 1948.
- Volume 1 No.2 Tandanya Dec 1971/Feb 1972 i.e., two issues for 1971.
- Volume 2 No.1 Tandanya, March/May 1972 (followed by Volume 2 Nos. 2, 3 and 4) – i.e., four issues for 1972
- Volume 3 to Volume 50 Tandanya for the years 1973 to 2020 inclusive – for most years there were four issues per year. Volume 51 No.1 (Autumn 2021) is the last issue in this collection and the way we disseminate information will now change as the long-running editor Bruce Marquis has relinquished this position. He and the proof readers are to be congratulated for a huge improvement in the quality of our magazine.

Note 1: a special issue of ABW's magazine was produced for the club's 50th anniversary – titled "Adelaide Bushwalkers 50 years 1946-1996" – with a bushwalking photograph and club badge on front cover and with October 1996 on page1. Consists of 28 pages and contains a list of all committee members for each of the 50 years. There are two copies in this box and there is also a digitised copy on a disc in Box3.

Note 2: Many of the Tandanyas in Box Number1 have been professionally bound – averaging several years of magazines per book. This was organized by the club librarians.



Box Number 2 Adelaide Bushwalkers magazine: Second set

The set of magazines in this box is incomplete, probably due to a number of reasons, eg Wanderlust Vol 1 No. 1 is missing – however State Library holds a copy. A list of the missing issues is included inside Box Number 2. Overall, this set is at least 90% complete up to about 2015.

Box Number 3 A variety of historical documents

Folder Number 1

- # Newspaper cutting: 'Bushwalkers use native shield' (the origin of club symbol/badge).
- # Programme for Public Meeting 13 Sept 1948.
- # 'How we began' by Bill Lindsay (2 pages).
- # 'ABW – Inception to 1949' (3 pages).
- # 'ABW in the 50's' (2 pages).
- # Mapping (2 pages – maps available and those produced by ABW in the early years).
- # List of Tarndanya/Tandanya articles, submissions and letters from 1948 to 1988 (11 pages).
- # List of Committee Members 1946 to 1995.
- # Set of ten A4 size cartoons drawn by Neil Wallace under the name of 'Choofa' as used in ABW magazines.
- # ABW 50th Anniversary Celebration Planning Meetings for October 1996: Subcommittee Meetings Nos. 1 to 11 held between June 1994 and April 1996. (These were held in members' houses and with the convener, subcommittee members and other members there was an average of ten in attendance. Lester Ball and Frank Hall were conveners – others who assisted and are still members of ABW in 2021 were June Boscence, John Bartlett, John Bojczuk, Merilyn Browne, Peter Beer, David Evans, Arthur Ward, Michelle Trethewey and Garry Trethewey. As you can gauge, a considerable time and effort was spent in preparation for the 50th year.)

- # Letters from Arthur Ward and Bob Mossel – both Sept 1994.
- # ABW Constitution – various issues from 1965 to 2001.
- # Article on 'Survival' (14 pages) – prepared for ABW in 1976 (Obviously this would need updating for use in 2021).
- # 'Safety in the Bush' – leaflet produced in Tasmania, 1977.
- # CVs of 5 ABW members for applications for Bush and Mountain Leadership Board.
- # Flyer for ABW's 30th Anniversary to be held on 16th October 1976.
- # Gear list and Food List (historical).
- # Guide to New Members dated 1979 and 1982.
- # Code of Ethics of Bushwalking (NSW Federation of Walking Clubs).
- # Committee Meeting Minutes, miscellaneous, 1990 to 2001.

Folder Number 2 Walks Programs and Newsletters (A4 sheets in plastic sleeves): 1951 to 1954, 1961 to 1969 and 1970 to 1971. These often supplemented or replaced the magazine although some are probably missing.

Folder Number 3 Walks Programs and Committee. (Thin cardboard sheets, coloured, approx. 14 x 23 cm): - Walks Program on one side and Committee Members/club info on the other, March 1973 to November 1989

Folder Number 4 Walks Programs and Committee. (Thin cardboard sheets, coloured, approx. 14 x 23 cm): - Walks Program on one side and Committee Members/club info on the other, December 1989 to August 2001

Folder Number 5 Newspaper cuttings (preserved fairly well in plastic sleeves): - Letters by members, articles about bushwalks, articles about Bill Lindsay, many cuttings regarding Kangaroo Island conservation matters (ABW played a significant role in preventing clearance of native vegetation).

Folder Number 6 Miscellaneous: -

- # Committee roles (2006),
- # Committee Contacts,
- # "The urgent need for Conserving Nature" by C Warren Bonython,
- # Flyers for 30th and 50th anniversary celebrations,
- # 60th anniversary/60 peaks competition (list of peaks in SA with point scores),
- # Social event Aug 2011,
- # Applications for membership in the 1960s (five of these Prospective Members later became Life Members).

Register of Members 1946 to 1948 Large exercise book, 24 x 37 cm, list of the Foundations Members and Members 1947-1948 in large, neat and elegant handwriting. Note: the rest of this book is empty.

Maps made by ABW Manila folder of several maps made by ABW members in the 1960s eg Wilpena Pound and Arona Valley. Note: State Library holds others.

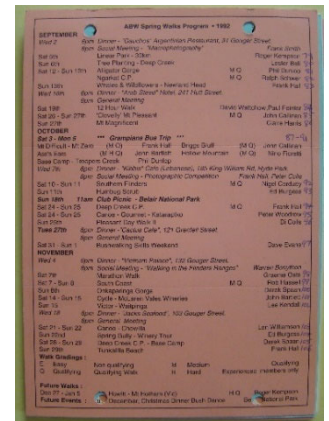
Photo Album Photos from 1940s to 1970s and later ones from 1990s.

Green Cardboard Box containing miscellaneous historical magazines and books, 1950s to 1980s

- # Safety in the Bush,
- # Backpack Cookery – California – 1966,
- # Walker's Song Book,
- # The Bushwalker (NSW Federation of Bushwalking Clubs, of which ABW was an affiliate),
- # Lake Pedder – why a National Park must be saved,
- # The Sydney Bushwalker – Feb 1950,
- # Flinders Ranges Walks – Editor Peter Beer – 1981,
- # Wilpena Pound Rock Climbing Guide,
- # HeyBob – Uni of Qld Bushwalking Club Magazine – 1965,
- # Skyline – Launceston Walking Club annual magazine – issues 1954, 1956, 1957 and 1960.

Digitized material When David Evans and Helen Davies were storing the historical records at their house Helen scanned

many items and copied them to disc – Walks programs, newspaper cuttings, some early club magazines and the 50th anniversary magazine. This material is on Disc No.1 and Disc No.2. in a folder. Many of the images need to be renamed in a systematic way so that they are quickly recognized. There are scans of all pages of the 50th magazine which can readily be collated. For many years detailed walks reports were written by walk leaders and forwarded to the Walks Secretary. Ray Hickman has scanned many of them and these too are available in digital form



<p>The club holds a walk each weekend and meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Every second Sunday there is a day walk. Meet at the Reserve Bank building at the NE corner of Victoria Square at 9.00am approx. Wear strong rubber soled shoes or crabsy boots, and carry lunch, one litre of water and rain wear. Party returns to Adelaide by 6.30pm.</p> <p>On the other weekends and long weekends there are walks lasting the whole weekend. The party leaves Adelaide either on Friday evening or Saturday morning for a walk involving an overnight camp and returns to Adelaide on the Sunday/Monday evening. Transport for the walks is arranged at the meeting prior to the weekend.</p> <p>Rucksacks, sleeping bags and tents may be hired at very reasonable rates from the club. On joining the club a person becomes a prospective member. To qualify for full membership three weekend walks of suitable standard must be completed.</p> <p>General</p> <p>It is important that every walker attempts to help with the party. If through difficulties otherwise that is impossible, the leader must be notified without delay. If unable to make contact with the party, ring the emergency phone number where possible.</p> <p>Emergency Phone Number: Graeme & Sue Bethune 31 5339 Neil Orange 270 3283</p>	<p>ABW Committee</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>President</td> <td>Business</td> <td>Home</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dianne Golls</td> <td></td> <td>272 9297</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice President</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Golls</td> <td></td> <td>272 9297</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Arthur Ward</td> <td></td> <td>278 2369</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Doug Sweet</td> <td></td> <td>337 4241</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Walks Secretary</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ian Seymour</td> <td></td> <td>47 1444</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Conservation Secretary</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marilyn Browne</td> <td>226 5525</td> <td>339 6839</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership Secretary</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ed Burgess</td> <td></td> <td>346 5909</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social Secretary</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Michelle Nicholas</td> <td></td> <td>346 6997</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gear Hire</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Woodrow</td> <td></td> <td>381 1813</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tandanya Editor</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Graeme Golls</td> <td>278 8022</td> <td>278 3179</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Librarian</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lester Ball</td> <td></td> <td>278 3660</td> </tr> </table>	President	Business	Home	Dianne Golls		272 9297	Vice President			Peter Golls		272 9297	Secretary			Arthur Ward		278 2369	Treasurer			Doug Sweet		337 4241	Walks Secretary			Ian Seymour		47 1444	Conservation Secretary			Marilyn Browne	226 5525	339 6839	Membership Secretary			Ed Burgess		346 5909	Social Secretary			Michelle Nicholas		346 6997	Gear Hire			Peter Woodrow		381 1813	Tandanya Editor			Graeme Golls	278 8022	278 3179	Librarian			Lester Ball		278 3660	<p>The Adelaide Bushwalkers</p> <p>SPRING Walks Programme 1992</p> <p>Held: Girl Guides Association Hall 278 South Terrace (Upstairs)</p> <p>At: 8.00pm When: 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month</p> <p>Postal Address: P.O. Box 178 Unley SA 5061</p>
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"The Coronavirus plant" aka Bidgee Widgee (*Acaena novae-zelandiae*), Wilson Bight, SW Tasmania, 2021 (Mal Watt)

How (or not) to write the ABW centenary history for 2046 – A comprehensive guide.

Well, assuming it's 2046 and that you were sufficiently foolish to put up your hand to volunteer for writing the last 25 years of the club's history, here's some notes on How and How Not to Do It. Sorting the two is up to your own judgement. You should be right though if your guiding principle is the thought that one day, someone who knows a lot more about the subject than you do, might get around to reading it and get back to you or worse, to someone who matters. Anyway, enough of that. Best wishes and good luck!

PART 1. Your own contribution.

1. Getting started. Trawl through all the Annual Reports, Trip Calendars and Tandanyas (in my case) and all other relevant documents and record as many facts and figures as you possibly can. Don't be concerned that much of it may be of no use or interest to anyone. Always think that everything just might be. Also, don't always expect that information you need will be in the annual reports.
2. The first draft. Have a lengthy and indeterminate break before settling down to write the first draft and do it entirely from memory while ignoring your notebooks full of scrawl. The aim is to get as much down as quickly as possible. In other words, just cover the ground, however roughly.
3. The interlude. Take two months off and spend an inordinate amount of it wishing that you'd never taken on the job. Spend the rest of it trying to keep the job as far from your conscious mind as possible.
4. The first revision. Without looking at it, decide that your previous effort is over-wordy bunk and decide to ignore it and start afresh. But just in case, read it anyway and find with great relief that it's usable. Just. Revise the text while constantly referring to your excessive notes and wishing the whole time that the slacker who wrote the first draft had taken a bit more time and care over it. With this done – and you've just doubled the word count - you should at least end up feeling a bit better. Without much in the way of expectations, send it out for review.
5. The second revision. This is to check the content and deal with any feedback (from the single reviewer who bothered to get back to you). Correct some startling errors and many others while ignoring the lesser of them unless of course you can spare the time to go back and correct them.
6. The third revision. This is to further check the text, to improve the readability and make better sense of the layout of text and photos. And remember, no-one will miss what's not there. Unless it's themselves of course. (Oh yes, ensure that everyone who's contributed to the club has their name down somewhere in the text. And even some who haven't if they're bigger than you.) By this time, you'll start feeling better about the world; the air feels fresher, the dawns more lovely.
7. The proofreading. Make no mistake, this vital step is pure word-by-wood drudgery, but it can't be rushed so there's only one thing to do - find someone else to do it. Sorry, that was a joke. You alone are responsible for this.

PART 2. Other people's contributions.

1. Be sure to set no clear guidelines or instructions for potential contributors with regards to length and content. And length in particular because it's all about balance.
2. People love their writing so be confident in dealing with offended contributors who object to the insensitive way that you, as editor, have gone about barrelling through their precious words like some sort of demented explorer slashing haphazardly through the undergrowth.
3. Be reassuring. Tell your contributors that, you too, as a sometimes-contributing author, have invariably had your literary efforts deconstructed and yourself crushed underfoot by some ignorant and insensitive fool of an editor. They will feel much better knowing this. Finally, reassure them that all editors, in your own experience anyway, are complete maniacs.

PART 3. The final assembly and appearance.

1. Make sure that you and the person you're working with for the final design and compilation of text and photographs are using different programs because this can only add to the fun and so far, you haven't had too much of that! In the end, just be thankful for any small mercies that come your way.



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