



Friends of the Lavender Federation Trail **S A RECREATION TRAILS INC (SARTI)**

www.lavenderfederationtrail.org.au,
also on Facebook & Twitter
SARTI Secretary, SA Recreation Trails Inc,
PO Box 1052, Murray Bridge, SA 5253
secretary@lavenderfederationtrail.org.au



Thank you Friends

South Australian Recreation Trails Inc.

Thankyou for being a Friend of the Lavender Federation Trail. We rely on your support because although the fee is relatively small it helps us maintain the trail and undertake additions. Your support shows that you are prepared to put something back. You number only around 50 compared with the thousands who are Friends of the Heysen Trail, so encourage any friends who enjoy our trail to make a contribution.

A year has passed since we completed construction of the Lavender Federation Trail. During this time we have been tidying up some loose ends. There are still a few minor details to be completed. We believe, until advised to the contrary, that our trail is the longest in the world constructed entirely by volunteers.

Maintenance of the trail will be an ongoing endeavour. We welcome our new enthusiastic and energetic Maintenance Manager, Stuart Shepherd. We have a maintenance team for each section of the trail who do excellent work.

George Adams has retired as Maintenance Manager after dedicated service and the construction of innumerable stiles. Ian Pool has undertaken trail planning and delicate negotiations with landowners for most of the trail. He has decided to reduce his role. We are very grateful that they both intend to remain on the Board and contribute their experience and wisdom.

We always intended the trail to be a spine onto which loop, link and spur trails could be added and this will continue. This year we have planned for:

- A link trail to Callington,
- A loop trail to connect Mount Pleasant to the main trail,
- And finally the Rocky Gully Loop Trail will become a reality.

The Map 1 reprint has been completed and the Map 2 revision is almost complete.

Additionally our role has changed considerably. We have a wealth of experience in trail design, funding, construction and maintenance. These we freely offer to anyone as consultants. This year we have been working with other groups on:

- Wakefield Council's extended proposal for a Leasingham to Port Wakefield trail and other trails.
- Trail from Eudunda to Morgan following the bullock trail and/or the disused railway.
- Three Riverland Councils on their proposal for a trail from Mannum to Renmark.
- Adelaide 100 Project.

Chris Bushell.