

Preview of the latest Footsteps Newsletter from the
Lavender Federation Trail



Footsteps Newsletter



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Banner photo - Nov 2015 - SARTI Board Members and Trail Maintenance Volunteers get together at Footeside Farm Neales Flat, located on the edge of the Lavender Federation Trail. This included a tour of Linda & Peter Hoffmann's Native Plant nursery & farm and a walk down to the Lavender Trail which traverses thier property in a lovely creek.

Dear Footsteps Followers,
We have a new Footsteps Newsletter for you.
Footsteps is the Newsletter of the South Australian Recreation Trails Incorporated (SARTI) and the Lavender Federation Trail.

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Trail escapes catastrophic Pinery fire:-

STOP PRESS: **27th November** (PeteH at Eudunda) - Most people have no doubt heard about the devastation caused during the Pinery fire here in South Australia on the 25th November 2015. With the tragic loss of 2 lives, many injured, the loss of property currently at 35 homes, vehicles, machinery and many thousands of livestock have perished.

At 4:30pm Friday it has just been announced that the fire is now 100% contained and thankfully with few calm and mild days ahead we hope it will help with maintaining control. Many roads have only just been reopened this morning and more of the losses are being discovered as residents are allowed to return to the area. (*People should still be very cautious as although they say the fire is 100% contained, when you study the CFS website, they have broken down the major fire into many individual fires over the original fire area*).

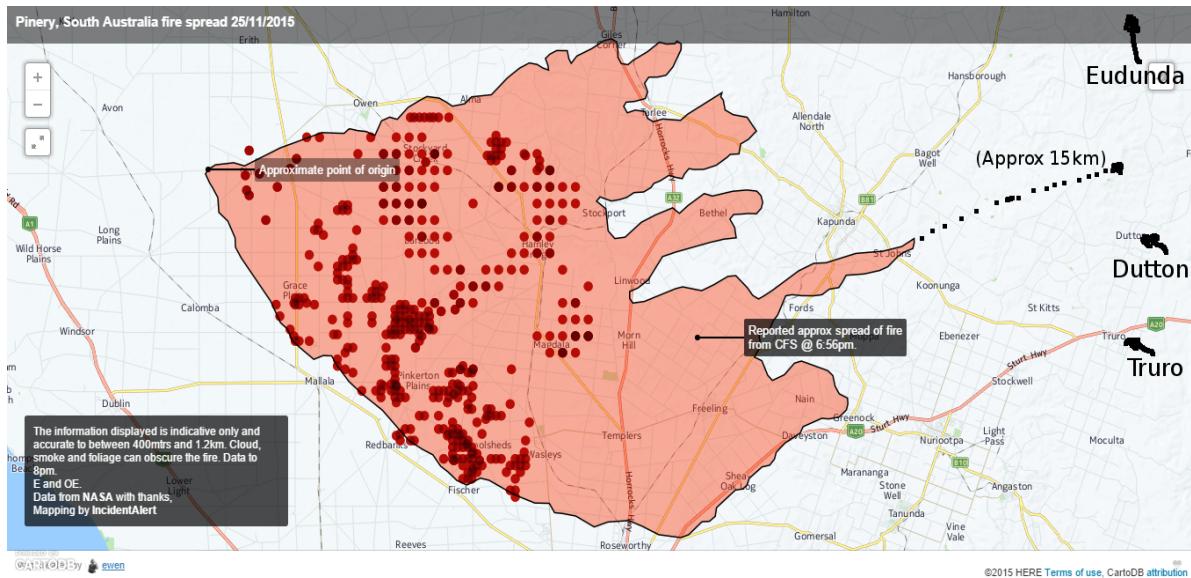
200 relief fire fighters coming from CFA Victoria to help over the weekend our brave CFS volunteers and local farm units will get some relief to continue to put out the many hot spots.

The Lavender Federation Trail has escaped the fire. It was under threat as the fire area headed North East from Kapunda, getting into the Koonunga area (between Kapunda and Nuriootpa and Truro).

A very rough look at the map (see black dotted line) shows that the trail was only about 15 km away from the fire at the closest point Leaks Lookout (Neales Flat). Later reports from CFS on the day were saying the fire was advancing at approximately 15km per hour - so only one hour away. If it headed straight East threatening Truro it would have approx 30km to travel, all of this could have happened.

To put the speed of advancement into perspective our local CFS were early on the scene and almost immediately caught in a 'burn over' (they survived with no one hurt - but told us that other units were not as lucky). The fire during the main part was moving at a very fast rate, some said they had about 5 minutes to get out once they seen the smoke. As walkers, it would be imperative to find safety at the first sign of smoke or knowledge of a fire in the vicinity.

The CFS still have an alert for "Truro Road - St John". (that is the left hand side if the dotted line in the image). If things were to escalate the trail would again be under threat. Hopefully that will not happen, but authorities say it will take many days to put the fire out completely.



The Pinery fire area on 25th Nov 2015

Our hearts and sympathy goes out to all those who have been affected by the fires. We especially thank all those brave men & women who have helped in any way to fight the fire and the great number of people helping in support such as the Eudunda Heritage Gallery ladies who came to the Eudunda Oval to help feed the many evacuees from the fire district. Reported that there were over 1,000 evacuees here in Eudunda, with many already evacuated to Morgan as the fire got closer.

27th 6pm News - Just heard on the News that the count of lost homes is now 87. (This has gone up as people are allowed back to thier properties)

At the Eudunda Show Committee meeting tonight we have seen some of the devastation in photos & video from some of the Eudunda farmers who have gone to help those farmers affected. They showed photos of whole valleys completely blackened, of many farm implements burned/melted in the paddocks, and of having to destroy burnt livestock, thousands at a time (a massive operation in itself). You can see in thier eyes how much it is affecting them.

WE DO NOT RECOMMEND WALKING THE TRAIL IN THIS AREA AT THE MOMENT
Enquire about local conditions before making a decision and stay safe.

Trail extension work underway:-

Work has commenced between Eudunda and Webb Gap predominately on private land as part of the first years planned extension of the Lavender Federation Trail between Eudunda and Manoora.

It is anticipated that the next 49 km section of main trail between Eudunda and Manoora as well as the 8 km Point Pass Loop Trail and 7.5 km Robertstown Spur Trail will be completed by August next year. A new map, Map 5 Eudunda to Manoora will be available when the next section is completed and ready to use.

Manoora on the Barrier Highway will open an easily accessible location for Adelaide based walkers to walk the LFT from north to south.

Walkers will be pleasantly surprised at the scenery they will encounter with the areas around Peppermint Springs and Inspiration Point a highlight. Organized walks in these areas are planned in April next year (see next item).



(L) Eudunda to Hampden rail line was once part of the Roseworthy to Morgan line carrying 30+ trains per day at its peak.

(R) The rail corridor will be part of the LFT extension between Eudunda and Hampden giving walkers a great way to access or exit the township of Eudunda.

Ceremony to celebrate linking of trails:-

SARTI in conjunction with Friends of the Heysen Trail are organizing a celebration the linking of the two trails.

The Board of SARTI is proud to announce a major celebration to mark these two great milestones in the development of the Lavender Federation Trail (LFT). This will be held on Sunday April 17th 2016 at Peppermint Springs on Ngapala Road which is about 4 km ESE from Webb Gap in the Tothill Range. Webb Gap is where the Heysen Trail crosses the range from west to east, a section that will be shared by both trails.

10:00 am. Walks will be organized by SARTI starting at Peppermint Springs.

11:00 am. Invited guests and supporters gather at Peppermint Springs and proceed to Webb Gap walking or by vehicle.

12:00 noon. Official opening ceremony at Webb Gap.

1:00 pm. Lunch at Peppermint

2:00 pm. Last organized walk.

Everyone is invited to attend and join us on this auspicious day. Catering will be provided by the Robertstown War Memorial Community Centre. Local producers are invited to attend and show their products and walking clubs, local accommodation and retailers associated with walking are encouraged to set up displays.

Walking Groups are invited to join us by adding a walk on this day to their program.

Advice on walks can be obtained from Ian Pool (imedp@bigpond.com) or Graham Hallandal (asta@internode.on.net), place an enquiry on our web site or contact Chris Bushell, president, SARTI at chris.bushell@pobox.com, phone 8264 3594 or 0429 400645 Between Eudunda and Webb Gap, the main trail takes advantage of views of the surrounding countryside. For 22 km, the trail overlooks vistas to the east (top & bottom left) or the eastern edge of the Tothill Ranges (bottom right).

These are the areas covered by walks at the trail opening on 17th April next year.

The Heysen Trail, a seven year full time project of Terry Lavender OA and the Lavender Federation Trail initiated by Terry in 1998 will meet in a symbolic joining of the two trails. Ann Lavender serves on the SARTI Board and is a life member and patron of SARTI.

Put the date in your diary and we hope to see you there.



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Change of trail route at Monarto:-

A revised route for the LFT for a 2.5 km section at the western end of Hartman Road, Monarto has been completed by volunteers from the Monarto Trails Working Group. Trail markers have been installed, fallen vegetation cleared and wooden marker posts installed on Hartman Road at either end. New fencing and swivel gates suitable for walkers and MTB riders to use will be fitted in coming months.



(L) Gates recently installed on the Jailbreak Trail Monarto. Similar gates are to be installed on Hartman Road Monarto. (R) Trees planted in Rocky Gully by volunteers as part of trail upgrades.

Bits and Pieces:-

- **Bushwalking Australia eMag focuses on SA Trails & LFT Trail**

Bushwalking Australia's eMag focuses on South Australian Walks in the latest edition.

The magazine features the best walks of South Australia with the Lavender Federation Trail on pages 12 and 20. You can access the magazine through the link <http://emag.bushwalk.com/BWA201510.pdf>

- **Riesling Trail**

The Riesling Trail AGM was held at Sevenhill on Thursday 12th November. Trail Planning Manager Ian Pool, Funding/Publicity Manager Graham Hallandal & Eudunda Community representative Peter Herriman were able to talk to the Riesling Trail Board prior to the meeting. As part of the proceedings during the AGM, a PowerPoint presentation giving a background of the construction of trails by SARTI since 1999, how we go about planning & constructing trails, cooperation with local residents and seeking their assistance in planning the route through their area was included. Following the presentation, many of those attending indicated their willingness to assist.



Graham Hallandal presenting the Lavender Federation Trail to the Riesling Trail AGM meeting

In the two days around the meeting, several hundred kilometres were travelled between Clare and Manoora, using some feedback from locals looking at alternative potential trail routes and using where possible, local tourist attractions and accommodation facilities.

- **Riesling Trail voted in "Top 10 bike-friendly wine routes in the world"**

With the Riesling Trail slogan of Walk, run or ride the Riesling Trail from Auburn to Barinia in the Clare Valley we want to congratulate the Riesling Trail for being voted in "**The Guardian's top 10 bike-friendly wine routes in the world**". As well they have just been recognised in the "**Gourmet Traveller Magazine**". Check out the articles on their website <http://rieslingtrail.com.au>

- **Monarto Working Party**

The group are still working and will meet at 8.00 am on the last Sunday of the month at Monarto.

Want to help?

You can place a message on the **LFT web site** (to Trail Committee) and Graham Hallandal will contact you to give more info.

- **SARTI volunteers get-together.**



(L) A "Thank You" from Chairman Chris Bushell at the SARTI Volunteer Lunch at Footeside Farm

(R) Linda Hoffmann of Footeside Farm in front of one of their experimental beds explains how school groups come to the farm to learn about native plants.

SARTI volunteers met for an informal "thank you" lunch at Footeside Farm near Eudunda on Sunday 15th November. The event was attended by volunteers who maintain sections of the trail or serve on the SARTI Board. All enjoyed a lunch using many Australian native foods such as wattle seed, quandong and bush tomato. A tour of the plant nursery, saltbush plantings, experimental plantings where young students come to learn and a walk to the native plants 'orchard' were topped off by walking to where the Lavender Federation Trail goes through Footeside Farm's creek as it heads toward an 1839 historic marker and eventually on to Eudunda.

This is an annual event when all volunteers have the opportunity to meet and socialize and prior to the lunch, observe a Board meeting.

Footeside Farm is used for overnight accommodation, is located next to the Lavender Federation Trail on the Dutton-Eudunda section and shown on map 4.



Walk to start of Footeside Farm section of the Lavender Federation Trail.
[See other photos in Heading of newsletter](#)

- **A Taste for Royalty**

Congratulations to Linda & Peter Hoffman of Footeside Farm for being invited to supply native foods for the recent visit of Prince Charles and Camilla to the Barossa Valley. They were asked to supply Oldman's Saltbush (see header photo top right), Lemon Myrtle and native Thyme which was supplied to the Royal

visitors at Tanunda. The samples were packaged under the Matjarra label (a business relationship between Aboriginal and non Aboriginal people).

- **Membership - give support to the Trail.**

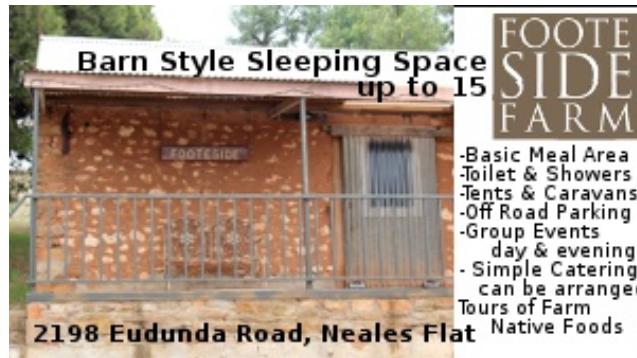
Are you a "Friend of the Lavender Federation Trail"? Membership is just \$10 PA for individuals or \$100 PA for businesses & organizations.

This newsletter is free to anyone who wishes to receive it but remember SARTI is a 100% volunteer organization who works for your benefit. Volunteers travel hundreds of kilometers each year at their own expense to not only construct but maintain the existing 265 kilometers of trails we have already constructed, often spending many days away from home.

Although we are supported by Local & State Government grants and donations from walking clubs, public liability insurance alone costs SARTI around \$1600 PA. Annual amount for individuals is just \$10 PA and you can become a Friend of the Lavender Federation Trail with a 5, 10 or lifetime membership. Business memberships include web site advertising if required.

Full details and membership forms See website at [**Membership**](#)

Welcome to Footeside Farm as our latest Business Membership



EXCLUSIVE: Michelle Ryan is 'First Solo Walker' Murray Bridge to Eudunda

A WALK IN THE COUNTRY WITH ME.



(L) Michelle relaxing at the Light Hotel Eudunda after her epic 9 day solo walk with the 4 maps she traversed. (R) Embracing the scenery - as far as you can see.

'The whistle blows just to break the silence' ...

'You can hear the train on the line' ...

'I wave just to break the time'

(Nullarbor Song by Kasey Chambers)

This is the song that I woke up to playing in my head as I hear the whistle blow from a passing freight train signalling a new day has begun. I'm tucked up in my little bed in a country hotel room in the historical town of Murray Bridge, South Australia. I get up, swing open the curtains to reveal the bright new day, alive and waiting for me to join it. Today I'm full of nervousness and excitement because today I begin walking The Lavender Federation Trail.

I came across this trail on research for a walk to do in September. Now I had never heard of this trail before and when I saw it I realised it was perfect. At 212 km long it was a great distance and through some beautiful country side I had yet to explore. It's located in the Adelaide hills in South Australia starting at the town of Murray Bridge and meanders its way north through farmland and wine country of the Barossa Valley. On research I found that no one has ever walked this trail solo or end to end unaided before and was being told that people would usually just walk sections at a time. That's great if you live in South Australia but I live in Western Australia and want to knock it off in one go. Took a lot of emails, phone calls and research but I finally worked it out. This meant I was to walk further than the 212 km as I was to walk off track at times for my accommodation but after just completing a 900 km journey through Italy I wasn't too worried. Through the organising I realised very quickly how helpful people were willing to be. I had offers to stay with private residence as well as staying in B & Bs. All willing to feed me (though later found one that didn't but it happens). Ready for my adventure to begin.

As I leave Murray Bridge I follow the old train lines. Walking along these old disused lines on a crisp beautiful morning is an amazing way to start any journey. With the mist and fresh morning smell hanging in the air, birds are everywhere singing their morning songs as they dance through the sky. Rabbits are scurrying across the tracks in total confusion as I walk towards them, a kangaroo jumps out in front and stops for a moment to look at me, then off he goes. I see my first ever kingfisher with his morning catch that he is slapping against the branch. I stop for a moment and breath it all in, this is living.

I continue along past some grain silos and more rail tracks. I can hear the distinctive noise of another train coming. As it gets closer I wave excitedly and do a toot toot motion with my arm, the train driver sees me and toots his horn and waves back. I'm giggling now like an excited child waiting for it to pass, it goes on forever, when it finally passes and I continue on my way off into the wetlands area where there were a lot of different water birds to watch. The day is warming up quickly and now I head into the beautiful Rocky Gully Reserve with its Mallee trees and rocky outcrops, this is the perfect place to stop and have my first break and call my husband and brag to him how wonderful it is.

Back on track and still quite a bit to go it's really warm now. The ground is a lot more sandy and dry. I'm following tracks that belong to an emu, though they don't look very fresh so not liking my chances of meeting up with him. I do however see something one would not quite expect to see out in the Australian countryside. Off into the distance, behind tall fences, I see very long necks reaching up to the tree tops, these are Giraffes! No I don't have sun stroke, I am actually passing the Monarto Zoo. This is one of the largest open-range zoos in the world with 50 different species of exotic and native animals. Takes me quite a while to skirt around the outside of the zoo and just before leaving it I find a perfect place under a tree, right next to the fence to have my lunch and a long overdue coffee. I was hoping to have a few friendly animals come visit but was not to be, only a kangaroo though he really wasn't too interested in stopping.

Today was a long walk and arrive at my pre-arranged meeting place. I'm spending the next two nights at the Rabbiter's Hut. On arriving there is a plate of local cheeses and a cold beer then later I shared a beautiful meal with the owners Bill, Annette and their son. The hut is a restored rural cottage sitting amongst the paddocks. I really feel at home here with the peaceful surrounds. So glad to be spending two nights!

"Long and winding road"

As the day got on this was how it started to feel, long and winding, only you can add hilly and rocky to it as well. It gave me such a diverse day too; the trail had me on country roads, in fields of canola, paddocks with sheep and cows, through marsh land, up and down steep rocky terrain, up a mountain, down a mountain and finishing as the final light disappeared. The land was alive with different types of animals and birds. They all seemed happy to be out in the beautiful spring air. I nearly stepped on two blue tongue lizards, was swooped by the magpies, scared a huge red fox who probably was hunting the rabbits I also saw. Got stared down by two cows that both refused to move out of the way, saw a paddock of Llamas, then was chased over the fence by a little black pug who thought he was a big black pug, got a free juice from a very lovely farmer. But the highlight of my day was the albino kangaroo with her pouch so heavy she must have a baby in there. Such a brilliant day that finished off with Annette making me the best lamb curry, a beer then ending it with chocolates. A girl couldn't be any happier than I am right now

"Walk in the country with me".

Such a lovely walk through the countryside today with a lot less hills and more rolling paddocks. Not as quiet and peaceful as one would imagine though. The birds are just going absolutely crazy today which means I might need to check the weather. Usually that is nature's way of telling you that there is rain is on its way or they are just squawking at me! The scenery is just so pretty I really make me feel like I'm walking through one of my great grandmother's paintings. Ma Merton had an amazing talent on capturing the Australian countryside and today I thought a lot about her, even though I never really met her I do remember the smell of her oil paints in her house when we visited when I was little. It's funny the things we remember.

Such a short walk today compared to yesterday and when I was sitting in a paddock overlooking a flowing creek having my coffee and lunch when I realised I only had about 3 km to go to the town I will be stopping at. This is great it's early and I see there is a pub so I am thinking a beer is in order. The last 3 km my mouth was watering, I could almost taste the beer. Had the plan all worked out, stop at pub have beer, snack then head the extra 1 ½ km s out past town to my accommodation. Perfect. Well it was till I arrived in town. I now know Australia really does have a pub with no beer! In fact it not only had no beer it was no longer open! (Tungkillo Hotel ED) Oh the disappointment one has. So I trudged my sorry ass out to my next accommodation and when I told them they felt sorry for me and gave me two beers! Now I'm a happy girl again. Gotta love the country.



"Milk Cow Blues"

I've been singing this song all day to the cows as I passed through their property. I think with most of them we came to the understanding I will sing and they will stay away. Don't get me wrong I love cows, I really do just as long as they stay away from me but

most have a curious nature and they want to check out the crazy human with something on her back. Some were quite big but I have survived the day to tell the story and I don't think they really liked me calling them Big Macs. The Sheep however were lamb shanks, which they were defiantly not impressed about as they kept running away when I got closer. I did have an amazing encounter this morning with a troop of kangaroos. I had been following them for around 15 mins, this not being my fault they just kept on going the same way. Well they had come to a dead end in a paddock and decided to come back towards me. I felt like they were planning an ambush as they turned around and charged right for me! Only to then come to a sudden halt before turning and jumping over the fence. Next was a pig farm! They were just gorgeous only in the way pigs can be. Snorting and muddy as they pushed their noses through the mud. They really looked happy as a pig in Well you know. That is enough of the animals, although I'm walking this trail alone I will have to say so far I haven't felt alone at all. In fact it's been very entertaining. Today the scenery has made me feel like I was back walking across England. There was the same look and feel I had when walking across the paddocks there, the only difference was (even though today was a little bit colder with not a lot of sun) it wasn't as cold and the paddocks were dry not wet with sloppy mud!

My day pleasantly ended when I walked into the very pretty historical town of Springton. Not only was there a lovely looking church but a general store and a pub! First shop and pub since leaving Murray Bridge. Great to stock up on supplies then up to the pub for a beer before heading back to my accommodation.

Springton has a bit of German history to it. The most famous part is the large Herbig tree. A German immigrant named Frederick Herbig lived with his young wife Caroline in this hollowed out Red Gum where they had the first two of their sixteen children! I had the pleasure of staying at the homestead that they later built and lived in. This was a real treat and on arriving I met Guinness. Now Guinness is a scruffy, cheeky, funny, Irish Wolf hound who is still a pup. He kept snuggling into me and almost pushes me over as he is so big. He bounds up to you in a real clumsy uncoordinated way, with head bouncing around, legs everywhere, not going in a straight line just real goofy like. What a character.

"Bring on the rain".

Today I just needed that extra strength to get through and this is the song I sung. The day started cold but nice. Scenery, well I certainly can't complain, body was feeling quite good and I did not have a huge walk today. With only five to seven km's to left to go, the sky grew extremely dark. I stopped to take an amazing photo of a hill with a lone tree on top and the dark moody clouds behind when suddenly the wind picked up and the air turned bitterly cold. Icy rain pelted down hard and fast turning into hail stones. As I was only wearing a singlet top and shorts I had to find some shelter and get warm gear on fast. The wind just kept on getting stronger and the temperature colder. Dressed and pack back on again I took off fast to warm up. Felt like I was flying in my red poncho as the wind was pushing me sideways. This is not a pleasant situation to be in. Out in the open fields walking as fast as I could I was still shaking with the cold but there was no place to hide, all I could do was move and fast! Finally I get to the road I need to take for my night's stay and the weather settles down. The cockatoo's warnings were right as this was not on the forecast at all. I arrive to find I have not only an old fashion wrought iron clawed bath but a wood fire beside it. Could a girl be any happier? Yes she can when dinner is a yummy chicken risotto and a beer.

"Me and Bobby Mc Gee"

Started singing this song just after I had my lunch break where I shared a rock with Bob so it got me singing Bobby McGee. Now whether Bob appreciated me singing I'm not sure as he didn't say a whole lot of anything, you see Bob was a Bob tail lizard and we both just happen to want the same rock in the sun. Thanks Bob.

It was a long but lovely stroll today. More of the dirt back roads but that was fine as there really isn't any traffic. Met a real nice couple, Steve and Louise walking in the opposite direction. They were locals out for the day and have been knocking off the Lavender Federation Trail bit by bit. Was great to see people out there. It's now day Six

and they are the first human walkers I have seen! Saw another kingfisher too today, they are so pretty. I didn't realise how small they were, also saw a baby bird fresh out of its nest. I watched him for a while. It was so funny as he was trying really hard to sit on the wire fence without falling off but was struggling. Think he might need Pilates to get that core working. Another day down and not many left of them left to go. I really am enjoying this trail and the wildlife has been very interesting.

"I'm Movin On" by Crystal Bowersox

Sung this today along with her other song 'Outa Here'. Not for reasons of not enjoying myself I had just found the middle section today to be long and hot and I'm feeling a little under the weather. When you do a long distance trail there is always one day or section that doesn't work for you and it's not for any reason other than it's just not your day. The first part was just so amazing as you walk through an incredible Gorge. I felt really small as I wander through the middle of it, and then there was the very steep climb out the other side to some fabulous views. This is a section of the trail I would be able to spend hours just exploring or even sitting and watching the scenery. The middle part was dry isolated, no shade and endless. This felt like it went on and on for ever, then just when I really couldn't walk much more as I was overdue for a break, I came across another Gorge. I think someone took pity on me or wanted me to stop singing loudly and gave me an incredible place to rest and eat my Vegemite roll and have a cuppa. I was also fortunate to see my second ever albino kangaroo! Two in one trip! To end the day I stayed with a very lovely couple in their private home. I was treated to a feast of food including the best tasting salmon that was cooked on the BBQ then in the morning a smorgasbord for breakfast. Feeling very spoilt indeed.



(L) One of Michelle's beautiful lunch stops



(R) Gustav & His Dog historic markers in the Truro-Eudunda Region.

'The hills are alive from the sounds of my singing'

OK I probably don't sound that bad, or maybe I do and that will explain why the animals run when they hear me coming! I had a few songs on my mind today. The first was 'Rollin Rollin Rollin', and then a whole lot from the Sound of Music, then 'Long and Winding Road' and to finish it off 'A walk in the country with me'. So having told you what I was singing you can work out what sort of walking terrain I went through. Today I have to say is a day with a varied terrain and this is always good as it adds interest and keeps you entertained. Saw a snake today so I was not only singing but I was doing the snake dance which moves pretty much the same way as the lizard dance. The amount of lizards I have seen has been incredible. I have lost count on the number but I did get to practice my dance moves a lot. Came across many wombat holes today as well, though still no echidnas. Tonight is my last night before the walk into Eudunda. I'm staying at Foote'side Farm. This is an extraordinary farm that produces native plant foods. Linda, my host, made me the most fantastic 'Wattle seed and roo curry' followed by homemade wattle seed ice cream. I ate so much I will defiantly need the walk tomorrow. Again I have been very fortunate as I was invited to stay in their home even

though there is accommodation in the refurbished barn.
When you travel alone like this it is so nice to feel like part of one's family.

"Walk in the country with me"

I awoke this morning, on my last day of walking, feeling the same feelings I had on my first day back in Murray Bridge. Full of nervousness and excitement. I am almost done! I walked the last part of the Lavender Federation Trail on a high; this has been over 212 km of the most beautiful country side I have ever had the pleasure in walking. I started the trail nine days ago in Murray Bridge and I'm about to finish in Eudunda.

As with any long walk you spend the last day reflecting on the journey. You become excited you have nearly finished though sad it's about to end. When you walk alone on a journey like this you are proud of your achievement though wish there was someone to walk the final Km's with you. As I drew closer I could see the town in the distance, when I crossed over the golf course I could see a bouncy castle and celebrations going on. Well they didn't have to go that far to welcome me! Shame it wasn't to be it was for the local B grade footy team that just won the finals and the whole town was out to celebrate. I made it to the end of my journey in Eudunda at the Hotel. Celebrations for me were a couple of beers, hot chips and gravy and a phone call home. A few hours later the town came and bought their footy celebrations to the pub. Love a small town excitement over the footy. I'm so thankful to the people who I met along the journey and looked after me.

I now can say I am the first ever solo unaided end to ender to walk the Lavender Federation Trail.

SARTI Congratulate Michelle on her achievement and thank her for allowing us to publish her personal journey on the Lavender Federation Trail here on the Footsteps Newsletter.

We have reduced Michelle's song verses down to a single line to reduce this publication (for printing) - sorry Michelle. Hopefully the titles give you the idea of her thoughts.

Michelle was also able to give us some valuable insights into walking the trail Solo, which should allow us to make it easier for others to do so and the compilation will be available soon online.

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