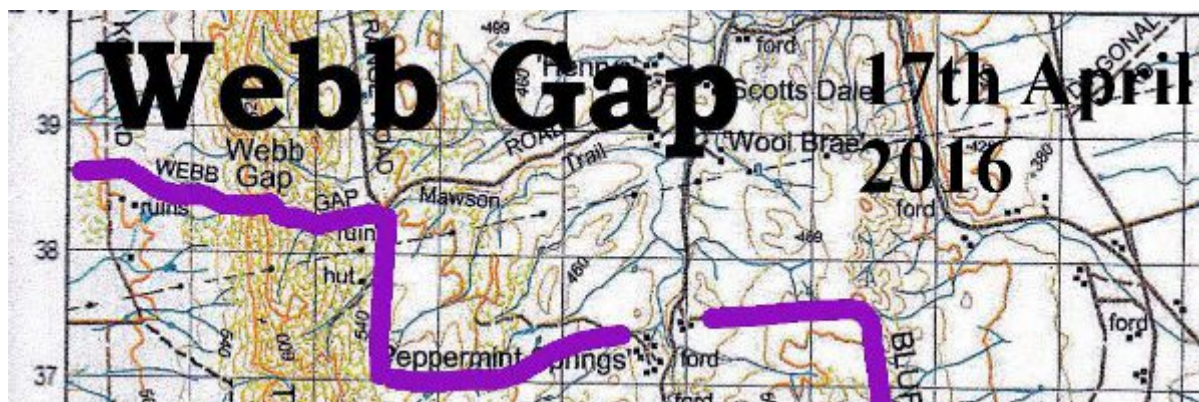


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## Footsteps Newsletter



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**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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## **New sections of Lavender Federation Trail opening - 17th April:-**

Please join us at Peppermint Springs for the opening of the next 31 km section of the Lavender Federation Trail from Eudunda to Webb Gap.

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# ***PUBLIC INVITATION***

## ***Sunday 17th April 2016.***

*To celebrate the crossing of two of South Australia's significant walking trails, the Lavender Federation Trail and the Heysen Trail, at Webb Gap in the Tothill Range.*

*This event will be held north of Eudunda at Peppermint Springs, 2123 Ngapala Rd, grid 146371, 4Km ESE from Webb Gap. Turn west at Robertstown and follow the signs.*

*10.00am and 2.00pm, organised walks at Peppermint Springs.*

*12.00 noon, opening ceremony at Webb Gap.*

*1.00pm, Lunch is catered at Peppermint Springs.*

*The day will be enhanced with displays and Information, maps and brochures relating to these trails and many attending walking clubs.*

*Come along and enjoy a great family day in a beautiful landscape.*

## ***Everyone is invited to attend.***

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Peppermint Springs can be accessed by GPS from the address on the poster or from Robertstown head west from the town centre on Hill Road following the large arrows & purple ribbon for 2.5 km into Brady Road before reaching a "T" intersection at Ngapala Road. Turn left to Peppermint Springs nearby.

You can help local communities by purchasing lunch & drinks at the opening.

The Robertstown War Memorial Community Centre will be using the event as a fund raiser by catering with the usual "country hospitality" and farm fresh food.

Take your pick from a lunch menu of chicken yiros, pork ribs, beef kebabs, vegetarian



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Several walking clubs have organized walks for their members however, if you are not involved in these walks; join a morning or afternoon walk organized by SARTI.

The morning walk commencing at 10.15 am will head to Webb Gap and the official ceremony linking the two trails.

A shorter return to Peppermint Springs for lunch will then take place.

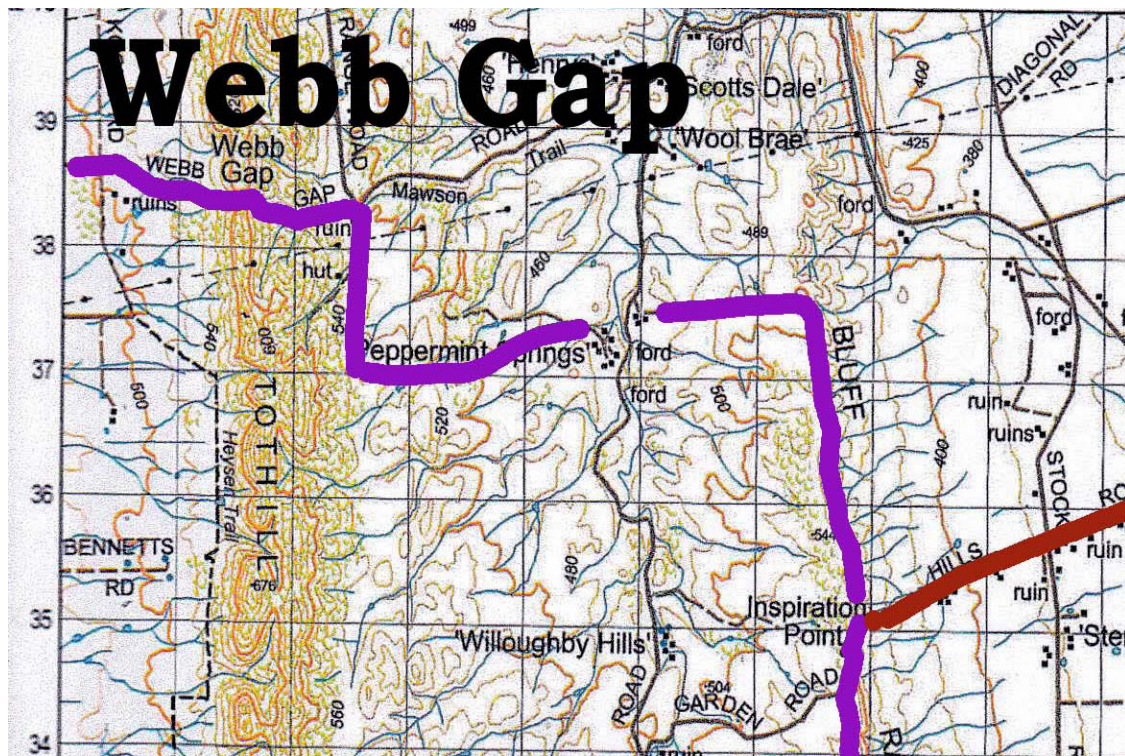
The afternoon walk includes a bus trip to the well described Inspiration Point with a walk along the ridge line back to Peppermint Springs.

Make sure you bring your cameras on this walk; with great views east over the escarpment and west to the Tothill Ranges. Those taking part can claim to be amongst the first ever walkers to use this route between the two ranges. In one section, you will also be walking along the side of large area of rare and endangered Peppermint Box Scrub in it's natural state.

**The linking of these trails has special significance in the SA trail network.**

The Heyesen Trail, a project over many years of Terry Lavender OA and who was also one of the major driving forces behind the creation of the Federation Trail (later, the Lavender Federation Trail) and its first Chairman, will for the first time be linked together.

[Displays from clubs and retailers are welcome - please contact us via the website.](#)



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***Views from the Lavender Federation Trail near Peppermint Springs***

## **Jailbreak Trail network opening** **24th April:-**

The weekend following the Webb Gap activities, on Sunday 24th April, another new trail network will be opened at Monarto.

The Jailbreak Trail is a new network of trails joining the Lavender Federation Trail from Rocky Gully in the north to Tower Hill on the Princess Highway near the SE Freeway in the south.

There are currently two loop and one spur trails as well as the main trail offering a number of options for walkers and mountain bikers.

The day's activities get underway at 10.00 am with three grades of mountain bike rides (expert, intermediate & beginner), runners and then walkers. All activities will be led by guides and are of different lengths to suit all grades of fitness and experience.

The event is designed as a social and fun event not competitive. Maps will be available on the day when registering.

All those attending will be provided a BBQ lunch and drinks.

The official opening of the trail network will be 12.00 noon.

Location is off Maurice Road, several hundred metres past the entrance to the Mobilong Prison. The entrance will be signposted. Maurice Road is the first set of traffic lights on Princess Highway in Murray Bridge if coming from Adelaide. Turn left into Maurice Road at these traffic lights to the event.

The Jailbreak Trail is a multi-purpose walking/ MTB trail built by volunteers with the assistance of the State Government through the NRM and Murray Bridge Council, with personnel from these authorities volunteering their time working alongside the walking/MTB volunteers.

*If you would like to assist, work days and times can be found on the LFT web site [www.lavenderfederationtrail.org.au](http://www.lavenderfederationtrail.org.au).*

## **Local community involvement** **in future trail plans:-**

Local communities of Manoora, Mintaro and Waterloo were informed about the proposed Webb Gap to Manoora section of the LFT at a public meeting on Thursday 10th March at the Manoora Oval Hall.



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obtained SARTI's past record in trail building, involvement in local communities, potential economic spin off and a proposed route of the trail in the area. Our objective was to utilize local knowledge to find the most picturesque and interesting route and involve local people in the construction and future maintenance of the LFT as well as answer any questions or concerns.

Some of the views expressed included the desire to expose walkers to the history of Waterloo and Manoora, concerns about public liability insurance, involvement of Local Government and a positive comment from a local wind farm operator to site the trail near turbines.

All these comments & concerns will be addressed over the coming months in cooperation with the local communities and their representatives.

The Northern Argus newspaper has printed an article on the evening. Follow the link to read the article at <http://www.northernargus.com.au/story/3789963/lavender-trail-extension-planned/>



***Public meeting at Manoora to inform the local community about the LFT.***

## **Bits and Pieces:-**

- **A Green Army Graduation Day was held at Monarto on the 17th February.**  
In December, one team of the Green Army spent most of a day working on the LFT in Rocky Gully building a new section of the LFT, closing off an eroded section, concreting in marker posts and relocating the tracker counter housing.

SARTI was represented by Graham Hallandal who worked with the team and was able to give a brief overview of the LFT to the visitors at the ceremony that included representatives of the Federal & State Government including Kylie Jonnason, 1st Assistant Secretary to Minister for the Environment, Greg Hunt.

Green Army funding is continuing for community projects with, hopefully, future trail upgrades in Rocky Gully and assistance with the proposed Frahns Farm Loop Trail at the western end of Monarto involving Green Army teams.

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***Green Army in Rocky Gully closing off an eroded section of the LFT after building a new section. Marker posts were relocated & installed.***

- **New trail named "Murray Coorong Trail"**

The planned multipurpose trail extending from Cadell in the Riverland downstream along the length of the Murray River, past Lake Albert and along the Coorong initially called the River Trail is now officially called the "Murray Coorong Trail."

Estimated to be around 450 km when completed, the trail will share a section of the Lavender Federation Trail at Murray Bridge. It is hoped work "on the ground" will commence this year with each of the three Local Governments involved building a trail section in their Council area adjacent to a major township. SARTI is a member of the planning committee.

- **Australia Wide interest in completion of new section of Lavender Federation Trail**

Enquiries are coming into the web site from around the country regarding the completion times of new sections of the LFT. Current plans are to complete the trail from Webb Gap to Manoora, the Point Pass loop Trail and Robertstown Spur Trail by August this year. Map 5 Eudunda to Manoora will then be published.

A walking group of around 20 from Victoria intend commencing in Manoora to walk to Murray Bridge over 14 days in September and several walking clubs have added new sections to their 2016 walks program.

- **An accommodation guide under development**

An accommodation guide listing accommodation along the main & loop & spur trails is being developed. It is intended to list accommodation of all grades from hall, caravan parks, hotels & B & B standards suitable for all requirements from individuals to groups.

Some accommodation places are prepared to pick up & drop off walkers and these will be listed.

- **Tracker counters**

These are now located at two locations on the LFT, one at Rocky Gully where it has collected data for six years and another near Dutton. These are read each month and help provide data together with others located throughout SA.

The Rocky Gully tracker shows a 16% increase for January & February 2016 over 2015.

## **Memberships**

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