



# Activity - 2019

It's been 20 years since WTSG was formed, to take over the maintenance of 150km of walking trail established by Royal Geographical Society members and hand-picked members of Friends of Heysen Trail. The volunteers remained the same, but continued as a determined group under Friends of Parks Inc.

Membership has expanded, and the interest continues. We have achieved improvements to trail routes, replaced outdated hardware, developed a system of providing interpretive leaflets at trailheads and the government now undertakes to print them.

2019 has, like the previous 19 years, been one of great achievement. Maintenance is a commitment, but we should work towards making it minimal ... as long as the violent seasons we've had in the past don't make it too hard!

All members should feel confident that they are making a positive contribution for the public good. Our reward is visitor appreciation - either by email, by donation or from those we encounter.



◀ *The Dutchman*  
More than 100 drains cleared  
Here's just 6 ...

.... and it goes on and on ...  
but one drain too many? ▶



◀ *Trezona*  
These things happen ... but the  
important bit survived

... and many hands make  
light work ▶



◀ *Weetootla*  
New tools or toys?  
An effective riveter and ...

*Trezona*  
...Ubco electric bike for  
carting tools  
(and the boss) ▶



**Be very wary of Bag Moths,  
caterpillars and their bag nests**

◀ *Trezona*  
Processionary caterpillars of a Bag Moth.  
Hairs have minute barbs causing severe  
dermatitis, or worse.

*Balcanoona Creek*  
A healthy survivor among many others  
relying on dry tucker,  
but water must be within reach. ▶







### *Dutchman*

◀ Dinner for 10 – it's not all work and no play ▶



### *Italowie*

◀ A new topogram for the Gibber Plain.  
Not too many gibbers to shift

One of six newly installed totems ▶



### *Mt Brown*

◀ The last of Umeewarra, an obsolete solar-powered transmission station.  
WTSG dismantled it ...

... DEW powered its final removal. ▶



### *Acacia Ridge*

◀ An effective assault on the rough eastern end

### *Balcanoona Creek*

No field session is complete without a re-route! –

this under way from the creek up to John Grindell's Old Hut ▶



Pics by David, Mike, Judy, Andrew, Sue

David's Christmas star

**Best wishes to all  
for the coming festive season**

