

# Work on The Dutchman's Stern

**F**ROM 27th April to 5th May recently eight members of the Walking Trails Support Group took part in their annual work session on the trail in The Dutchman's Stern Conservation Park, including one day on the trail in the Mt Brown Conservation Park.

Quorn members taking part were Leah & Richard Khoe, Modis Ozolins, and Ray Wood. Others were Rob & Sue Marshall, Mike Turner and Kevin Wainwright.



From left : Kevin, Modris, and Rob installing the new Topogram and platform for it on the Summit Viewpoint.

The work included replacing the old uni-directional round waymarker poles with bi-directional square ones every 200 metres; installing new Checkpoints with coloured maps; and installing a Topogram at the 4.2 km Summit Viewpoint.

A Topogram is a reproduction of a compass showing the bearings of peaks and other points of interest all around. Also, a new sign was erected at the 2.5 km Terrace Viewpoint pointing out the Devil's Peak and Mt Brown in the distance.

Sections of the trail were re-laid from the Trailhead for 300 metres, and at the Summit Viewpoint to make the exit to the southern part of the Circuit more obvious.

And stones were removed using crowbars and sledgehammers from a section of the trail around 2.4 km along the Circuit too.

The aim is to make these walking trails in all South Australia's State Parks as accessible and clearly-marked as possible. Removing large stones from them is important to this.



From left : Kevin, Rob, and Richard crow-barring rocks out of the trail 400 metres from the Trailhead.

Another important element of the Group's work is pruning back undergrowth from growing across the trails, and removing obstacles such as fallen branches and trees.

The Mt Brown and The Dutchman's Stern walking trails are maintained by this Walking Trails Support Group (Friends of Parks Inc). Every year they hold a work session in these two Parks late in April and early May.

Members do what they can when they can, even only a single day if that's all they can offer. Many are retired people.

The Dutchman's Stern Walking Trail has been described as the most beautiful in all of South Australia's Parks.

Great numbers of overseas visitors walk this trail, and love it. It's encouraging that more South Australians, including from Quorn, are walking this trail these days.



The kind of crowd often seen on the Summit Viewpoint on The Dutchman's Stern, around the new Topogram.