



FOUNDERS' WALKING TRAILS UPDATE

What could be more apt than a nature walk to honour people so influential in advancing the cause of nature? We are delighted to have nearly completed the third in our Founders' Walking Trails series, the spectacular Barbara Hardy Walking Trail at Hiltaba Nature Reserve. This is a 6 km walk we hope many visitors to Hiltaba will enjoy, experiencing the true beauty of nature in this ancient, isolated landscape. The trail takes walkers through magnificent scenery, up rocky slopes and through quintessential Gawler Ranges vegetation – the perfect recognition of Nature Foundation SA's co-founder, patron and past president Dr Barbara Hardy AO.

You, our Nature Foundation supporters, are invited to the official launch of the Barbara Hardy Walking Trail on Friday, 26 August at Hiltaba Nature Reserve. This is a fantastic opportunity to take a four-day trip to Hiltaba to walk the new trail and also another two trails at the property – the Bob & Betty Lewis Trail and the Warren Bonython Trail. After a huge effort at the recent Hiltaba Grand Working Bee, the trail construction is now complete and has been marked out with walker directions. We have big plans to create an interpretive sign system that points out to walkers different species of trees and shrubs, intriguing rock formations, cultural and historic stories and other points of interest. We want the trail's users to be able to experience walking along as if they were there with Barbara, who would point out all these features with her characteristic enthusiasm and love for nature.

Barbara co-founded Nature Foundation SA 35 years ago with Dr Mark Bonnin AM, David Cleland and Warren Bonython AO. After studying Earth Sciences at Flinders University and a Science degree at the University of Adelaide, Barbara has been working in the environmental field in a voluntary capacity since the early 1970s. Barbara's dedication to preserving our state's precious natural wonders is outstanding and tireless, and she is

a regular face at Nature Foundation HQ, working with staff to continue our work to save, protect and restore nature. Barbara's granddaughter Bec Hardy is an active committee member and great supporter of Nature Foundation SA, and her daughter (Barbara's great-granddaughter) is our youngest member.

We plan to complete the Founders' Walking Trails series with the construction of the Mark Bonnin Trail and the David Cleland Trail. As always, we could not have achieved this without the generosity of many. If you have generously donated funds (or intend to) through the Ecotourism For Nature Appeal, or have given your time, intellect and services, we are sure you will be proud of the walking trails and their contribution to connecting more people to nature.

• For more information about the
• Founders' Walking Trails, go to
• [www.naturefoundation.org.au/
ecotourism/founders-walking-trails](http://www.naturefoundation.org.au/ecotourism/founders-walking-trails)
• To register your attendance at the
• launch of the Barbara Hardy Walking
• Trail on Friday, 26 August, contact the
• office on 8340 2880.
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