

Walking SA Presidents' Forum

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Walking SA



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Office for Recreation and Sport

be active.

Kaurna Welcome

I acknowledge the Kaurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide Plains region. I recognise Kaurna peoples' cultural, spiritual, physical and emotional connection with their land. I honour and pay my respects to Kaurna elders, both past and present, and all generations of Kaurna people, now and into the future.



Who is Walking SA

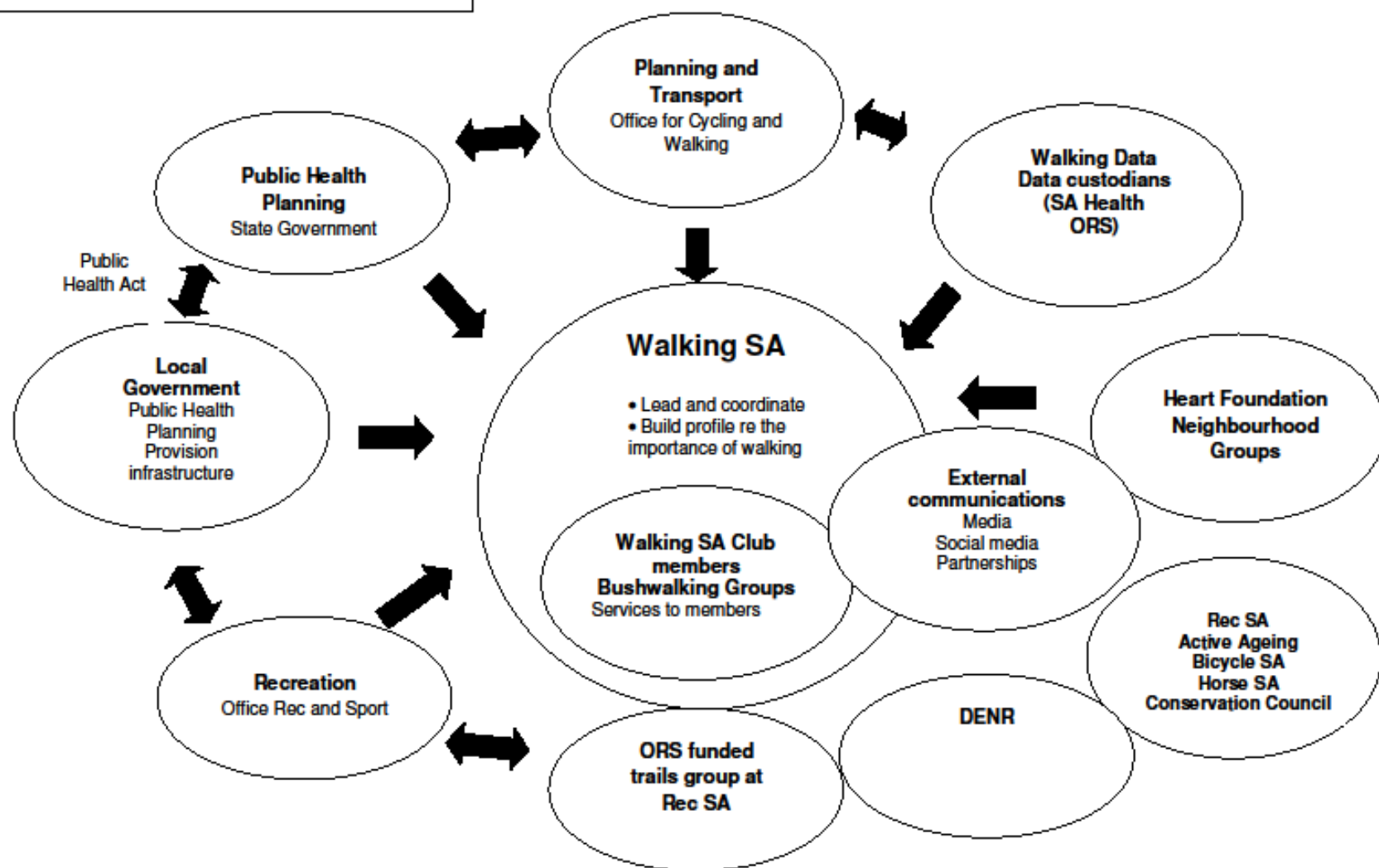
We are the not for profit peak body that leads, promotes and supports all forms of walking in South Australia, including walking for recreation, transport, health, wellbeing, organised events, adventure, environmental appreciation and fun experiences.

Walking SA represents

Our members include clubs, formal and informal groups, individuals and organisations whose aims and objectives align with those of Walking SA.



Walking SA Partnerships Vision



WSA Key Achievements

- New Constitution accompanied by the development of a strategic plan that reflects a much broader walking agenda
- Appointment of an Executive Officer
- Improving administrative processes
- Policy development
- A new website with improved opportunities for promoting your walks



Strategic Plan Themes

- Governance
- Finance
- **Sustainability and Growth**
- Partnership Development
- Communication
- Marketing and Promotion



WORKSHOP

Question 1

- What activities does your club currently do?

Examples - leading walks for members, maintaining trails, social events special events equipment hire.



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Question 2

- From your perspective as a club leader/member what should we do to sustain and grow WSA



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Question 3

- What 3 things should Walking SA focus on in the next 18 months



SA Trails Coordinating Committee Update

Industry led group was established in 2014 as a sub-group of Recreation SA consisting of:

- Bicycle SA
- Horse SA
- Walking SA
- Canoe SA
- Scuba Divers Federation of South Australia



SA Trails Coordinating Committee Update

Two projects funded by the Office for Recreation and Sport.

- SA Recreational Trails Master Plan - strategic framework to guide the development and promotion of the trail sector for the next 10 years - Finalised in April
- Trails SA Website redevelopment – to encourage general public to better access and use trails



Walking SA Trails Survey

Objective of audit:

Survey groups for walking trails, collate data and report to Walking SA - emailed to 135 groups in SA (132) and NT (3)

Results:

- 122 records of trails, 44 of which are groups or networks of trails.
- The quality and detail of information provided is outstanding. It represents extreme value for anyone wishing to fast search a region, build a broad picture, or find out who to ask.



Trails Survey

Responses were received from 29 groups:-

- **LGAs 22:-** A broad representation of local and regional councils.
- **RecSA 1:-** Trails Master Plan
- **Walking Groups 3:-** Keep Walking, 4 Seasons, Adelaide Bushwalkers
- **Trail Developers/Managers 2:-** Friends of the Heysen Trail, Friends of the Willunga Basin
- **Tredwell Management Services (2):-** Responded for the 7 LGAs of the South East (Limestone Coast), and KI



Trails Survey - Key Findings

- **Safety and usability** was a common theme e.g. the danger for walkers posed by cyclists on shared trails, clear but not overdone signage, sustainable and appropriate trail surface.
- **Maintenance** most commonly mentioned (along with funding) e.g. maintaining trail condition, conducting regular inspections and monitoring.
- **Describing trails** was an important issue for some e.g. identifying and formalising, grading in terms of difficulty, keeping maps updated, inconsistencies in LGA & State trails.
- **Delivering and maintaining a walking experience** was mentioned e.g. minimising biodiversity impact, providing local history and heritage opportunities, redesigning to improve function.



Role of WSA

- Assistance in preparing funding applications would be useful.
- Walking SA promoting and publicising was a common theme e.g. health benefits, volunteer programs, interagency forums.
- Walking SA had a role in developing and maintaining walking thoroughfares.
- Walking SA as a facilitator e.g. trails information flow, community engagement in new trail initiatives, interagency forums to develop trails across LGA boundaries.



Trails Survey

- Valuable contribution from Walking SA to the Coordination Committee of the SA Trails Master Plan.
- Thanks to Jim McLean and Margaret Gadd and everyone who participated

