

Recommended Reading

To help prepare yourself mentally for the rigours of the ride ahead check out the following publications for some inspiring reading about the Mawson Trail's namesake, Sir Douglas Mawson.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas_Mawson

The Home of the Blizzard: A True Story of Antarctic Survival; by Douglas Mawson
"A real hidden gem. One of the great survival and human endurance stories that I have read. This firsthand account provides great detail, emotion, and reflection by the author who was also the survivor."

This Accursed Land; by Lennard Bickel

A fantastic biography of Sir Douglas Mawson's 1912/13 expedition to Antarctica.

"The author Bickel, an ABC science reporter, brings journalistic brevity and immediacy to the story with startling effect. The result is utterly engrossing and will stay with you for a long time. It's one of the most extraordinary tales of survival you will ever read."

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Another important but perhaps lesser recognised Australian adventurer and pioneer of Arctic and Antarctic exploration was Sir (George) Hubert Wilkins. Wilkins was a native of South Australia and the original cottage of his birth at "Netfield" near Mt Bryan has been restored as a memorial. We'll pass by on Day 6 of our adventure.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hubert_Wilkins

The Last Explorer: Hubert Wilkins, Australia's Unknown Hero; by Simon Nasht

[Read Sunday Mail article](#) – by Nathan Davies, October 2018

The Incredible Life of Hubert Wilkins by Peter FitzSimons, Hachette Australia,

Author Peter FitzSimons describes South Australian explorer, photographer and war hero Hubert Wilkins as the nation's greatest explorer. So, FitzSimons wants to know, why is he not a household name?

[Read SA Weekend article](#) - review of Peter Fitzsimons book, October 2021