



Rangers' Review

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Mount Lofty Ranger Members, who are the first to obtain the Nationally Accredited Certificate in Basic Four Wheel Driving Techniques. Absent from the Photo are Dean Daynman and Hugo Silver.

Presidents Report

We are drawing close to the AGM - May Meeting. You have been warned, now is the time for nominations. THIS MEANS YOU!

Nominations are now open for all positions, forms are available from Ron. The constitution gives the current directors power to set the opening and closing dates for nominations. We have agreed to open nominations now, they close with the mail on Monday the 5th of May. This means you must either hand them in during the APRIL meeting or post them to our PO Box before the 5th.

Please note NO nominations will be accepted from the floor of the AGM unless none are to hand by the official close. If you want to put up a name DO IT NOW.

All positions are vacant, from the President down. A strong club needs an active committee, competition for positions keeps every one on their toes. THINK ABOUT IT.

Soap box is out again on trips. The Peake trip probably has been cancelled by now. Months of notice and only two or three prepared to go. We have probably lost our booking at Peake due to this performance. We have a trip booked for Arkaba and Wilpena on the May long week end. If we don't get 10 DEFINITE participants we will cancel due to costs. Its up to you.

See you in May.

Clipper

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NOTES

May 25th: Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to cancel our day out on Sunday May 25th but we hope to plan something in it's place later in the year.

SATURDAY JUNE 28TH

A Dinner for no reason but to be sociable!

Where: The Flagstaff Hotel - South Rd - Darlington
When: June 28th - 8.00p.m.
Menu: Smorgasboard - all you can eat
Cost: \$12.95 per person



This year rather than the Xmas in June we have decided on a simple, all you can eat, affordable social night out. Forty lucky people can come along on the basis of first in first served. Please pay \$5 per head to Sheryl Penno by the May meeting and the balance by the June Meeting to secure your seat. This should be a great fun night out.

The Cinema Nights

3rd May: "Chain Reaction" and a comedy 24th May "Twister" and a comedy
14th June "Mission Impossible.

A great night out, ask anyone who has been to these nights at Pasadena and thwy will tell you it is a great night out! It you want to go along on the 3rd or 24th let us know at tonights meeting. (Put your name on the list on the board). Let us know at the May meeting if you are coming along on June 14th.

From the Social Committee

SHARED PROJECT WITH SOCIETY FOR GROWING AUSTRALIAN PLANTS

Society for Growing Australian Plants have asked for members of SAAFWDC clubs to help them with a replant project at Fishery Beach about 5km southeast of Cape Jervis.

Here is a remnant of the original scrub which is rather special because it is the only example of this particular type of scrub left on the coast. SGAP, with our help, plan to rehabilitate it and conserve it which will mean removal of *Melianthus cosmosus* (Tufted Honey flower), collecting seed and growing seedlings for replanting.

The land is owned by the Coastal Protection Board and has previously been used for grazing and trial bike riding, so it is somewhat sad. The area is not fenced off from trial bikes and the grazing will cease in May this year when their lease runs out.

SGAP have suggested that we may like to do some direct seeding with our greening machine. (I believe it needs a bit of adjustment but we should be able to do that) and with collecting seed. Those of you who are interested could also grow tube stock for replanting and we can all go down and put them in the ground.

I had a look at the area with SGAP on 26th Jan 1997 and there are a couple of parts of the area I think we could handle. In particular, we could design and plant up at least two camping sties as the scrub would make a great spot for club trips with good fishing, scenery and lots to see in the adjoining areas. The plan is to make the area accessible only to groups such as ourselves who have worked on it.

Much of the vegetation is similar to that on Kangaroo Island which can be seen just across the water. There are some truly spectacular black boys and some interesting plants not normally found on the mainland such as the KI prickly acacia.

The first need is to control the Tufted honey flower which is smothering plants. It will have to be removed by pairs of people: one to cut the stems and one to day poison onto the cut area. By knocking the honey flower on the head, the native plants will get a chance to come through.

The job will be too muck, i think for just one club so I am circulating this information to all clubs. Anyway, I find it much more fun to have people you haven't met before who are in the movement come to these events. The area has no wood and no facilities of course but it is quite spectacular for scenery and good fishing.

A Survey Trip has been arranged for Sunday the 3rd of August. We will be meeting at the KI Boat load area at Cape Jervis at 10.30. Bring a packed lunch. For further details contact Ann Riddle, Fax no 8337 0708 or ring AH on 83373347.

BASIC TRAINING

4 Wheel Driver Awareness Course

Monday Club Meeting

After what seemed like many years, and probably was, the culmination of much work finally blossomed, when Ken Bradey returned from Tasmania with a box of freshly printed Reference Manuals, log books and paraphernalia. At last we were given the *green light* for the Basic Training 4 Wheel Driver Awareness Course.

Those of us who'd had our names on the list to do the course were asked to meet on the following Monday.

Following Monday

After some confusion over the starting time we began on time or ½ an hour late- not sure. The evening ran like a well oiled Swiss watch. Each *trainer* took his turn approaching and explaining various facets of the Reference Manual. The forum encouraged thoughts and input from the trainees. It was a good introduction to what we were about to undertake but it go on a tad late!.





Nose down and bum up for this vehicle

Following Saturday - Leisure Park 8am.

A beautiful day for training or anything else. This *event* was so squeaky clean and new, we all had to wait until our trainer-teachers familiarised themselves with the course. Once we all got into the swing of things, it worked well - 6 trainers and 18 trainees. Apart from the recovery , key stall start, and mechanical areas where there was 1 trainer to 3 trainees, the other sections were dealt with on a one for one basis, and so if you said or did something dopey your trainer was there to put you on the right track.

Sunday - Leisure Park 9am.

Overcast and somewhat cooler, rain was forecast. Nothing eventuated. It was cold though !. There was a degree of waiting around as we queued to be assessed. This training was a very first, so I expect we will either have more assessors next time or regulate the arrival of trainees on the final assessment day.

It was a great weekend, an interesting course at Leisure Park and we all learnt something. This course is a excellent venue for both experienced and novice 4Wheel Drivers



MAY 1997

Friday 9th/10th/11th The Toyota Landcruiser Club of Aust is inviting all Clubsto join them at an informal weekend on private property at Kangarilla. The property is approx 80 acres with some bush tracks but the whole idea of the week end is an informal get together of club members - must be self sufficient. Camping for 200 vehicles from Friday evening - visits to picturesque Hills areas and nearby wineries at Langhorne Creek are some events of the week-end. Further details contact John Dodd 08 85566494.

Saturday 17th/18th/19th (May long weekend) Arkaba Station Flinders Ranges, Once again Ken Bradey is leading this trip to the Wilpina Pound area. A great time camping on this old established Station owned by Dean Rasheed. A family camping weekend in great surroundings. Just \$10.00 per vehicle per night. This year if we can get a minimum of 8 Vehicles Dean will take us around the outside perimeter of the pound in an exclusive 1st Tag-a-long tour. Note this is for experienced 4wdrivers only. Cost to be part of this first is \$50.00 Contact Ken Bradey 82782787

JUNE 1997

Saturday 7th/8th/9th June Long Weekend - Another of Ted Bal's adventurous trips to Lake George(between Robe and Beachport). Sand, Sand and more Sand with spectacular coastal scenes and beach driving - Camping at Lake George Caravan Park with powered and non-powered sites. Ideal for tents, campervans and caravans. a great week-end for novice and the experienced driver- Family weekend Contact Ted Bal 8382 1932.

Saturday 28th Saturday Night - An Irish Christmas Dinner - venue to be decided- as last years dinner went so well we the Social Committee will do it again!.

JULY 1997

Saturday 4th thru to 11th. Port Lincoln/Coffin Bay Peninsular. Sand Beaches, Limestone outcrops driving. Families, bush camping, fishing. Fully Self Sufficient, 27mhz CB/UHF, Flags. Fishing mostly from safe rocks. Trip Leader Mike Scherer Phone 8270 3985

Saturday 4th for three weeks. Cape Yorke from Cairns. Experienced 4WD's only. Families - no trailers or Caravan. Trip Leader John Keay Phone 8278 6863



(continued)

JULY 1997

Saturday 12th. 13th . Geranium - Another Training weekend in the Sand Dunes but totally different to that of Peake. Great Camping area with 1 shower and flush toilet block- plenty of shade- Vehicle charge \$10.00 per day - Must be self sufficient Contact Ted Bal on 8382 1932

AUGUST 1997

SEPTEMBER 1997

OCTOBER 1997

Saturday 4th/5th and 6th (Long Weekend) The last of our training runs at Geranium. Camping area with 1 shower and Toilet block - plenty of shade - Vehicle charge \$10.00 per day - Must be self sufficient. Contact Ted Bal on 8382 1932.

NOVEMBER 1997

DECEMBER 1997

Sunday 7th - Christmas Picnic breakup. Last year was well attended so once again the Social Committee will be organising something similar to last year Venue to be advised.

DAY AT THE MURRAY MOUTH

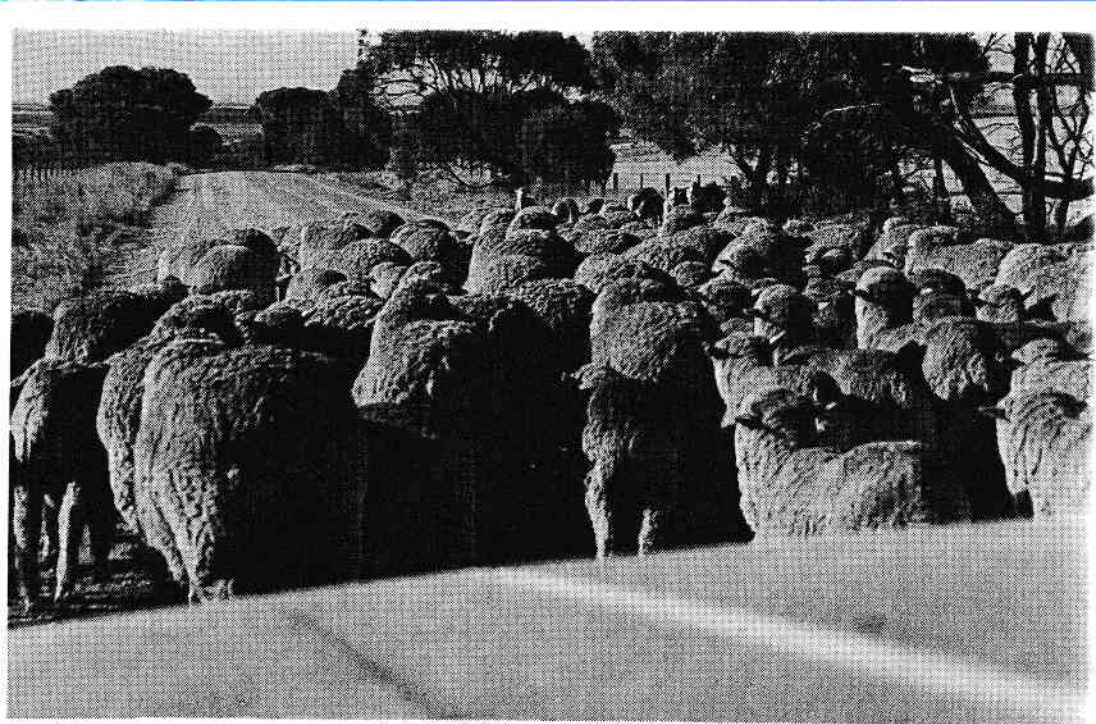
The weather forecast was not the best for Sunday 23rd but three Mt. Lofty Ranger members had made a commitment to assist Kevin Leslie in transporting a Cubs Group from the Blackwood Cubs to the Murray Mouth. Light rain had fallen that morning in Adelaide but by the time we had arrived at Goolwa, although no rain in sight, the wind had picked up which is not unusual for the area. A check with the Goolwa Tourist Information Centre revealed a high tide around 2.00pm but with this wind the water would be high a lot earlier and travelling to the mouth could be tricky. Have'n picked up our troop of around 16 cubs and 6 adults , five 4wd's ventured onto the beach around 11.00am. The water was high even then and everyone was coming the other way (including about 40 horses and riders) as we drove to the mouth. It was obvious that we could not stop for long and so returned to the car park soon after. However the group enjoyed the experience. Lunch at No 19 Beacon, a bit of fishing and we all returned to the Goolwa Scout Hall where we were refreshed, thanked and whoofed. It was a pleasure to be able to help our local Cub Group out. Thanks to club members Brian & Joyce Gray, Michael Brett and son Andrew .

Dean & Kathy Dayman

THE GOLD ESCORT ROUTE - RERUN

Sunday March 15th saw 10 Mt. Lofty Ranger members and 1 prospective member meet at the Mt. Barker Oval bright and early. Even though it was only 8.30am we were all enthusiastic and ready for the promised 4WD'ing. Dean and Kathy Dayman were our well read leaders and on departing Mt Barker, Dean narrated a brief history of the Gold Escort route which was set up by Police Commissioner Alexander Tolmer of the S.A. Police Force during the period March 1852 and December 1853. The gold was bought back into South Australia from the South Aussie prospectors at the Ballarat Gold Diggings in Ballarat. This gold, 328,509 ounces valued at approx. \$150,000,000 in today's money assisted in reviving the economy of South Australia at the time, as the Treasury was practically bankrupt. Not long after leaving Mt Barker we turned into Red Creek Road - the official beginning of the Route - we were slowed to a crawl by a flock of sheep being moved to another paddock. Tail-end Charlie found themselves stuck at the tail-end of the flock and not the convoy. However their plight was rewarded when they picked up our own lost sheep "Baby One" who that picked up our CB radio transmissions. Lost in the rural wilderness and in total confusion as to where we were by some dodgy directions we finally were together again, as a convoy, as we drove past the Ferres McDonald Conservation Park. Morning Tea was had at Wellington, our last fuel stop before Tintinara. The Old Court house and Jail was a nice spot for morning tea and to recharge batteries, and for some, a chance to catch up with everybody that we hadn't in the rush of the meeting spot at Mt Barker due to being late. (Hence this trip report!). We crossed the River Murray on the ferry and by 11.00am we were on the Hawks Nest Road and were finally able to to lock in the hubs and climb a few sand dunes. We strayed off the official Route slightly as a suggestion by Phil Dohnt who had traversed a large sand ridge some weeks earlier. One particular sand hill had most of us practicing our reversing down hill and even saw a couple of bears running up the chicken track. It was a bit of fun and well worth the diversion. Lunch was had at The Granite House which provide an insight into the ingenuity of our pioneers as well as an interesting walk and a chance to stretch the legs. Just to make sure everyone's nuts & bolts were secure we took the track up to the Trigg point on top of Mt. Boothby, checked out of couple of water holes which would have been inviting back then before finally finishing at Tintinara around 4.30pm. Here the group treated themselves to ice - creams, had a bit of a chatter before dispersing to find our way home. Thanks to Dean & Kathy for an enjoyable day - glad we didn't travel in horse drawn wagons like the pioneers who used the tracks before us !.

Sheryl, Neil & Darien Penno



Tail-end Charlie Paul & Cheryl looking at plenty of tails as the convoy disappears



The Granite House

4WD FLINDERS FROLIC '97

Hosted by: Whyalla & Districts 4WD Club

March 8-9, 1997

Present (from the rangers)

Ron Dunkley (Trip Leader)

John & Gail Dodd

Simon & Jenny Heinsen

Noeline & Rodney Curtis



Ken & Julie Bradey

Jim & Bev Zupp

David & Janet Ludbey

and numerous Rug-Rats.

The main purpose of the weekend was the Annual General Meeting of the S.A.A.F.W.D.C. It was held at Spear Creek, which is about 20 odd km's from Port Augusta. Spear Creek is situated near the base of the Southern End of the Flinders Rangers.

The Dodd's and the Zupp's made their way to Spear Creek on the Friday. The rest of us made it their on Saturday. By Saturday afternoon there was well over a hundred vehicles at the site.

The organisers of the weekend, the Whyalla & Districts 4WD club, had organised many varied 4WD trips of varying lengths and difficulty. These trips were running on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

All of us signed up for several of the trips. We drove high up into the rangers and had some spectacular views of the gulf and Port Augusta area. The drivers were not too difficult, but were well planned and most enjoyable.

Other activities, included horse riding for the kids, which appeared to be a great hit. The adults enjoyed a large bonfire in the evening while watching a local bush band and enjoying a few drinks.

The AGM in the early part of Saturday evening voted Tony Metcalfe as the new President, Ron Dunkley as Vice-President and Bryan Reynolds as Secretary. Congratulations to all concerned.

Of course the highlight of the weekend was not the AGM or the various drives into the rangers, but the competition for the "4WD Frolic Perpetual Club Trophy". The competition involved a club display, best set-up vehicle (won by the Zupp's), and a questionnaire. We spent several hours filling in the answers to the questions. The result, THE RANGERS WON the trophy, and best of all we beat the Landcruiser Club.

It is not winning, but the way you play.....**BULL**..... Winning is everything, Losing is nothing.

Up the Rangers.

Pilgrims' Progress

The Easter Escapade

REPORT BY BEV CLARK

Easter - forget Oakbank or catching up with those little jobs around the house, a new tradition has been born. Easter is the time to follow where Moses leads. Why? For magnificent scenery that defies description, for challenge and adventure and, definitely, for the camp-fire camaraderie. So it was last year, so as it was this year. Our six day mission - to boldly go where no man has been before (at least for a year or so by the look of some of the tracks!).

But Easter with Moses is not so much a trek as a pilgrimage with Biblical overtones. It has been written that the first shall become last. And so it came to pass that the Zupps, first to leave Adelaide by some hours, were the last to arrive at the nominated camp site as they did not follow Moses but went blindly into the wilderness and set up camp some 90kl short of their target and had to catch up the next day. The Bradey's and the Ludke's, seeking strength in numbers, travelled together without the benefit of Moses's leadership and arrived at the correct camp-site, bit Ken was still tested by the first flat tyre.

The next morning Moses, being four sheep short of a flock, went alone to the hill for some deep and meaningful communication with his lost lambs. And it came to pass that they all met together at Arkaroola to break bread before setting on their arduous journey. The group may have appeared ill assorted to some, but as their journey progressed they all fell into their natural places and each contributed according to their talents.

Moses, The 'Ray Martin' of 4WD, was the fearless leader and self-appointed protector of the little band of Aussie Battlers. Taking up part-time work as a road builder he abandoned his usual role as sartorial showman, leaving his white T-shirt and crisply ironed trousers at home in favour of flannelette shirts and jeans (still no wrinkles and not a hair out of place). Unable to relax the dress code any further, he was forced to use his shovel instead of leaning on it in order that he could safely forgo the flouro singlet so necessary in urban life to distinguish still life from the surrounding landscape.

Next in line was Musicman whose weakness soon became his strength. Armed with a massive stone plough, cunningly disguised as an off-road camper, he smoothed the way for those to follow in such an efficient manner that he soon earned the new call sign of *Bulldozer*. Janet's role was to soothe the other - it's always reassuring to know that someone's more scared of heights than you are.

Following behind were the three generations - father-in-law, Pete - Son-in-law Nick - and son Dave who bravely joined the group for a short time. Apart from Joining with Clyde and Susan to tempt Moses in the wilderness on the third night out, they filled the most valuable role of providing relief driver when one was sorely needed.

Clipper and family were next. With a surname like Bradey they were tempting fate and they had the kindness to become the *Bradey Bunch* taking extra children in the back seat to help defuse the tension in the Zupp vehicle. Clipper showed his expertise as a camp-fire yarn-spinner, particularly with the one about the gas cylinder, while Julie squashed all hopes of successful competition in the clean kids stakes by polishing boots every night (may be why they last so long).

Being completely outdone, the Zupp's abandoned all hope and, despite only having two feral children, gave a successful impression of having at least twice that number by virtue of noise, disorganisation and a magnetic attraction to dirt. Jim did get a bit of his own back by having the only vehicle with a camper which never got stuck.

Bringing up the rear was Silver Hawk. No Charlies there, they just kept chugging peacefully along ready to offer help when needed and keeping an eye on the convoy in front. Susan discovered she hadn't left her work behind at all when she was called on to strap Janet's sprained ankle.

So they all were as they set out for the next camp-site allegedly only four hours away. Alias, the best laid plans of mice and Moses gang oft astray. Hidden Valley remains well hidden until the next day and they camped at Black Spring instead. It was a beautiful night for stars, showers by firelight and, unfortunately, a sprained ankle for Janet. At that stage the travelling had seemed arduous, hot and thirsty work, and there had been more concentration on how

vehicles and trailers were performing than on the scenery. Fortunately no one had any idea what was to come, so it was a happy little band that but itself to bed after sleepy discussions around the camp-fire.

The next morning saw the gang well on the way to Paralana Hot Springs. It's a most attractive area and it is easily understood how a health resort flourished there in the mid twenties until suspicions arose that maybe radioactive water was not the best treatment for gout and rheumatism. Julie, unable to decide if the view was better with, or without, sun-glasses decided on a compromise by shattering just one lens.

Maybe it was this focus on sun-glasses, or the lack thereof, that caused the gang to take a dim view of the next creek crossing, or lack thereof. Although Moses and his flock found a way, as they always did, the group began to wonder, were they on the road to nowhere, or was there no road to anywhere? Anyway they got through, and they got through any way.

Although it was only Friday, Moses had declared it to be a day of rest. He would lead the way to the next camp-site and then everyone could relax. Unfortunately there was not a great deal of relaxing to be done between lunch and dinner. Stopped on hillside in the hot sunshine, it was apparent that while the four hobbled goats were having no difficulty in negotiating their way up the hillside, four wheels might be a different matter and six wheels might cause serious problems.

'Tiger county', declared Jim, contemplating the steep, loose-surfaced, heavily rutted track with the sharp right hand bend in front of him.

'We'll never all get up there', chorused the three generations.

AVID READERS OF 'RANGER REVIEW' WILL THE PILGRIMS MAKE THE HILL?, WILL THEY HAVE TO TURN BACK?, WILL MOSES LEAD THEN TO THE NEXT CAMP-SITE?, WHAT WILL HAPPEN!!!! FOR THE FINAL CHAPTER OF THIS STORY MAKE SURE YOU ARE AT THE NEXT MEETING TO PICK UP YOUR COPY OF THE RANGER REVIEW

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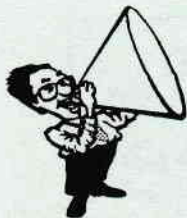
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