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President's Report

The AGM Report, time to reflect on the year that was. I am somewhat biased towards the Rangers, but even so, I think we have had a good year. We have matured in our second year, people have formed their friendships and we have defined what our club is and what we want to be doing. Thankfully we have not developed the clicks present in some other clubs, everyone seems to mix well.

Of course there is always work to do to make the club run and events happen. Thanks to the committee who have kept the thing going. The workers have to keep in contact with the association, plan trips, send out news letters and a heap of other jobs thanks to all concerned.

It is always difficult naming people as invariably you leave some one out but here goes, apart from the official committee thanks to the following.

Gail & Dean for the Rangers Review, for a club that wasn't going to have a newsletter, just ask the president, we now have one the envy of most clubs. Don't forget, your input is always welcome, saves them

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hassling me for a report.

Sheryl and her group who have organised our social events, this can be frustrating job, but its been done well.

Ted for his persistence in getting training up and going. Having spent a fair bit of his time getting qualified, Ted was the prime mover behind our club running the first officially recognised CBT basic 4WD Course in Australia. Not bad for someone who can't speak English.

Thanks to all the others who hold our equipment, maps, bring the tea and coffee, run the bar etc. etc.

I have enjoyed the year, I hope you all did and look forward to seeing you all with us next year.

See you on the track,

Clipper

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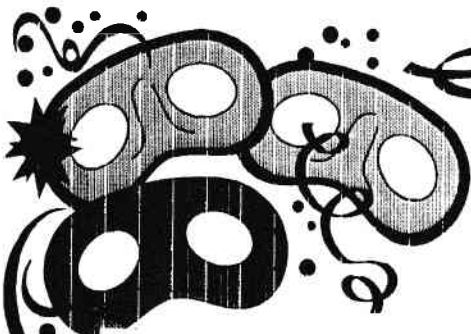
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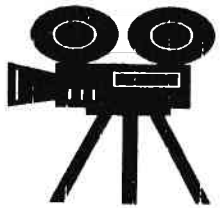
*YOU'RE INVITED TO A
SOCIAL DINNER
on Sat. the 28th of June 1997*

Come along and join in the fun at the Flagstaff Hotel - South Rd - Darlington on the 28th of June at 8.00p.m.

This year rather than the Christmas 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. The total cost of the smorgasboard meal is \$12.95 per person. Fantastic Value!!!!

To secure your seat, please pay \$5.00 per head to Sheryl Penno at tonight's meeting with the balance of monies to be paid at the June Meeting. This will be a most enjoyable night out where you will have a chance to mingle with other members in an out of club setting.



CINEMA NIGHT

Don't forget to watch the notice board or see Ted Bal for a great night out at the movies.

This is another great night out and value for money assured. There is a double feature movie, with supper included for \$5.00 per person. The theatre is at Pasadena with a seating of around 45 people. The next movies are on the 24th of May featuring Twister and a comedy. The 14th of June is Mission Impossible & ????

Don't miss out.
The Social Committee.



MAY 1997

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 4wd drivers 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 - A Social Committee has arranged a "Dinner for no Reason" So what better reason do you need to come. For \$12.95 per head enjoy a night out at the new Flagstaff Hotels Smorgasboard - all you can eat - pig out and have fun. Starts 8.00pm For reservations see Sheryl Penno with a \$5.00 deposit.

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'rs only. Families - no trailers or Caravan. Trip Leader John Keay Phone 8278 6863

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



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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.

MEETING DATES

JUNE MEETING - MONDAY 16TH

NOTE THIS IS THE 3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH DUE TO THE 2ND MONDAY BEING A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

JULY MEETING - MONDAY 14TH

THIS IS THE 2ND MONDAY



SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL PARKS PASSES

If you have any S.A. National Parks Passes which are up for renewal, or if you intend to purchase any passes in the near future, you should consider the following information and then check with the Department of Environment and National Resources Information Centre at 77 Grenfell Street, Adelaide. Ph: 8204 1919.

The Annual Statewide Pass is so new that very few people are aware of it's existence, however I have just purchased one in preference to buying just a Desert Parks Pass. As yet it is only available from the Dept. of E N & R. Further information should become available in time for an update in the next magazine.

1. Annual Statewide Pass

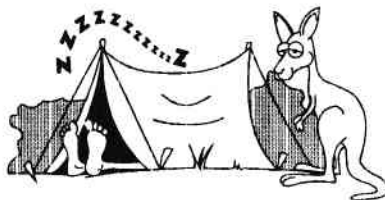
The new ANNUAL STATEWIDE PASS has just become available from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Information Centre at the above address. At the time of writing, only the stickers are available: the information packs are yet to arrive. Costs are currently:

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| \$140 with Desert Parks Pass | \$105 for eligible pensioners |
| \$120 for subsequent renewal | \$90 for eligible pensioners |
| \$100 without Desert Parks Pass | \$75 for eligible pensioners |

The ANNUAL STATEWIDE PASS with Desert Parks Pass covers all parks listed in the Annual Regional Park Passes, all Desert Parks listed below and Flinders Chase National Park and Bool Lagoon Reserve.

The ANNUAL STATEWIDE PASS without Desert Parks Pass covers only those parks listed in the Annual Regional Park Passes.

It is hoped that further parks will be added to the list in the future, but with camping sites ranging from \$5 (Category C) to \$15 (Category A) per night, Parks Passes are looking to be a financially attractive option for regular campers, plus you get very useful maps and information kits included. It should be remembered that passes are issued in respect of vehicles.



2. DESERT PARKS PASS

This pass covers Innamincka Regional Reserve, Simpson Desert Conservation Park, Simpson Desert Regional Reserve, Witjira National Park, Lake Eyre National Park and Elliot Price Conservation Park, Costs are \$60 for the first pass and \$40 for renewal - no pensioner discount.

3. ANNUAL REGIONAL PARK PASSES

There is no discount for renewal of any of these passes

1. Eyre Parks Pass

Covers Lincoln National Park and Coffin Bay National Park, Costs \$40 - \$30 for eligible pensioners.

2. Metropolitan Parks Pass

Covers Belair National Park, Para Wirra Recreation Park and Mt Lofty Summit. Cost \$60 - \$45 for eligible pensioners.

3. Fleurieu Parks Pass

Covers Deep Creek Conservation Park. Costs \$60 - \$45 for eligible pensioners

4. Yorke Parks Pass

Covers Innes National Park. Costs \$60 - \$45 for eligible pensioners

5. Flinders Parks Pass

Covers Mount Remarkable National Park and Flinders Ranges National Park. Costs \$60 - \$45 eligible pensioners.

*Please note that the above information is not an official release from the Dept. of E & N R. It is intended as a guide to those who are about to purchase or renew S.A. National Park Passes.

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Statement of Funds for the period 1/5/96 to 31/3/97.

| <u>Income</u> | <u>Expenditure</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Subscriptions | Club Field Trips(3) \$ 255.50 |
| Joining Fee | Meeting Expenses \$ 210.00 |
| Raffles | Audit Fees \$ 105.00 |
| Bank Interest | Postage \$ 75.55 |
| Sale of Car Sticker | Bank Keeping Fees \$ 20.21 |
| Sale of Cloth Badges | Affiliation Fees (2) \$ 1125.00 |
| Sale of T-Shirts | Driver Training \$ 450.00 |
| Sale of Tyre Plugs | Club Property(*) (4) \$ 781.04 |
| Sale of Sand Flags | Irish Xmas Dinner \$ 845.00 |
| Deposit Received - Dinner | Irish Dinner - Refund \$ 100.00 |
| Sundry Income(1) | Club Trip Check Rules \$ 70.14 |
| Surplus Carried forward from 1996 | Surplus for the period \$ 2093.02 |
| | \$ 6130.46 |

- Notes
- (1) Sundry Income derived from \$50.00 Xmas Club trip refund, \$40.00 National Insurance Refund and \$10.00 Sale of donated books
 - (2) Affiliation Fee's include \$10.00 per member payment to SAA4WDC, \$5.00 per member to Blackwood Football Club, \$4.00 per member ANFWCD Liability Insurance.
 - (3) Club Field Trip Expenses includes \$89.30 of maps and reference books which are now part of Club Property.
 - (4) Club Property includes items(*) for sale to members

Mount Lofty Rangers Club Financial Statement as at 31/03/97

| ASSETS | LIABILITIES |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Car Sticker (149 @ \$2.50 ea) | Outstanding Accounts - Club Flag |
| Cloth Badges(4 @ \$5.00 ea) | \$ 360.00 |
| * Club Sand Flags(72 @ \$2.00 ea) | |
| * Club Tyre Plugs(10 @ \$7.50 strip) | \$ 372.50 |
| Magazine Sponsorship to 31/3/97 | \$ 20.00 |
| Supper Money (Cash) | \$ 144.00 |
| Surplus for year ending 1996 | \$ 75.00 |
| | \$ 200.00 |
| | \$ 31.65 |
| | <u>\$ 2093.02</u> |
| Total Assets | Total Liabilities |
| | \$ 2936.17 |
| | \$ 360.00 |

Club Property as at 31/3/97.

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|------------------|----------|---------------|----------|
| Notice Board | \$ 70.85 | Cash Tin | \$ 19.84 |
| Club Banner | \$ 70.00 | Snatch Strap | Donated |
| *First Aid Kit | \$120.00 | *Tirfor Winch | \$375.00 |
| *Topo Maps/Books | \$ 89.30 | Club Flag | \$360.00 |

In the opinion of the Treasurer the above is a true and accurate record of the Financial status of the Mount Lofty Rangers Inc., and as such, recommend that the fees for the period 1997-8 remain the same as previous ie \$35.00 Yearly Subscription, \$10.00 Joining Fee.

Renewals are due as from the first Meeting in May 1997.

Dean Dayman
Treasurer, Mount Lofty Rangers Inc.

The Continuation of Pilgrims Progress

The Easter Escapade

REPORT BY BEV CLARK

They should never have lost faith in Moses. He said they would do it and they did, eventually. It was a tired group that set up camp in Hidden Valley that night. It was a good camp-site with sand rather than prickles, and there appeared to be some very tasty delights on the menu that evening. Moses, having perfected his lost puppy dog look by the third night out, got invited to dinner almost everywhere. He accepted the first, and furthestmost, invitation and went on a pub crawl back to his swag.

Optimistic thoughts greeted the new morning as happy campers packed to get underway. Camp-fire camaraderie had strengthened feelings of co-operation and tolerance which was just as well as the first obstacle was only a few meters away. But they pushed and they pulled, jointly and severally, until everyone was through. Things went well for some time. Naturally there was still some road building here and there, but there was time to enjoy the scenery, examine rocks, skulls etc. and, despite the disappointing lack of gold nuggets lying beside the tracks, all went well for some time until.....

There in front of them lay the track, zigzagging up a steep and rocky incline, cliffs going sharply down on one side and equally sharply up on the other. Gulp!! Not for the first time, and not for the last, the group were individually and collectively glad that Moses was leading. Once again, it was Moses who had to sally forth, slowly checking the way, rebuilding here, estimating there, and eventually declaring the way safe and standing by ready to assist any who might need it.

Bulldozer was next to follow and Janet was moved to tears by the startling scenery below. Of course everyone made it - they always did. But Janet and Bev needed a nicotine fix at the top of the track while Jim went for a Ducene and a relief driver, a role ably filled by Nick, the middle of the three Generations. There was a short, but needed toilet/lunch break at the top of the mountain. Some enjoyed the magnificent views, others just recovered.

Again things went relatively smoothly for a while until another

section stopped them in their tracks. Another testing time for Moses; maybe it built character, it must have built muscles! A steep narrow, rutted track with a wash-away on the cliff downside that even Moses couldn't fill. After considerable work Moses declared, "Wagons Roll", and some offered a silent prayer that they wouldn't roll too far. Most of the women, with a unanimous vote of confidence in their men being able to negotiate the difficult terrain with out their guidance, decided to walk the road taking their children with them. The notable exception was Susan who, interestingly enough, had told a story the day before about hoe she had decided that if Clyde was going to roll down a mountain that she might as well go with him.

But as usual, having got himself through, Moses brought his flock through without problems or mishap and once again led the way to a happy and peaceful camp-site near Hamilton Creek. Some of the men, having decided to collect water for washing up etc., took the opportunity for a quick dip. Clyde assuring everyone that he even washed his clothes! It was a relieved and happy camp-fire on Saturday evening. Sunday would bring the Easter Bilby, and a leisurely scenic drive unencumbered by all the camping gear. Most had a restful night in contemplation of this, But not Clyde. Was it the Easter Bilby that tentatively followed him during his nocturnal ablutions, was it some crazy kid with nothing better to do on a Saturday night, or was it something else?

Sunday also saw the departure of the Three Generations who, unfortunately, had to get back to the SE by Monday. The ever versatile Moses assumed the role of Pied Piper taking the camp children for a stroll prior to the obligatory Easter Egg hunt. Jim, having lost his block some time previously on the journey decided to fashion a new one because, as he pointed out to the other chaps, you're definitely unstable when you loose your block like that. In keeping with one of the most endearing features of the journey, everyone offered to help. Of course everyone was relieved when they were told that it was really a one man job and that they could go away and play with their boules to their hearts' content. David and Jim learnt that, while the pullsaw coped magnificently with a railway sleeper on TV, it couldn't cut it with a piece of pine in real life.

Truck fixed, the Zupps joined the group tour in and around the surrounding rages. Stunning views around every corner. One of the

managed a flat tyre right at the pinnacle so that everyone could enjoy the view for that little bit longer. The Bradeys continued the co-operative spirit by volunteering to take the littlest, and noisiest Zupp in their vehicle and if that was not public spirited enough, somehow or other Ken and David found themselves taking all the children for a dip in the water-hole following the return to camp. Once again, a great camp-fire, great company and so to bed.

Moses, having foolishly done an outstanding job as the Pied Piper on the previously morning, found himself acting as Scout Leader on the next, leading the children on an Emu Walk picking up all traces of the group's habitation before leaving for the last day's journey in the wilderness. Having only stopped to view some ruins, early travelling was easy lulling the group into a false sense of security. But Bulldozer had to have last bite at a ditch which bit back.

Stopping for a look at Terrapinna Water-hole, Julie proved the real value of attention to detail by being the first to spot a rock wallaby unbelievably moving around the ancient tors which crown the water-hole. Wallaby Dammed! Amazed at the sight of feral humans on it's patch, it called it's mate out for a bit of a look. Julie and Bev could have stayed there for some time, but the absence of the others was a tactful reminder that it was time to move on.

The trailers, sick of trailing blindly after their respective vehicles, had their own camper conference some way out of Arkaroola and remained there, fortunately, until well after nightfall when they were returned to their rightful places. Meanwhile there was lunch at Arkaroola followed by a short inspection of Bolla Bollana Smelters where Bev's determination to find a garnet or two started to infect some others in the group so that, on his occasional rod building exercises, Moses found himself short of a man or two as they skived off work in favour of fossicking fun.

Yet again Moses led the way through changing and wonderful landscapes to the ruins of Yandina Homestead. Driving away from the sunset without Tears in their eyes, the group was nevertheless wistfully aware that their days in the wilderness were nearly done and it seemed a pity that, having picked up their trailers, they were now heading for the last camp, in the dark at that!

Moses led the way through thickening dust along the road to Copley. And it's a long road to Copley. Would the group Follow R.M. Williams' example and set up camp at Italowie Gap? No. The dust hung as thickly as the worry in the Zupps' collective mind that Moses was making for another post midnight camp at Copley. Behind the Zupps, blissfully unaware of Moses' previous Easter Escapade, Clyde has decided that the best way to keep dust out of the mouth was to eat cake while somehow managing to talk on the radio and arrange things so that it would be Susan, and not him, who would be kept awake most of the night with stomach aches.

Sometimes ESP can prevail when radios crackle into silence. Moses decided against Copley in favour of a camp at Frome River and arranged for a playground, in the shape of an old abandoned Chrysler, to amuse the children the next morning. Jim, however, was not amused the next morning as everything went wrong with the packing up. But the group waited kindly and patiently despite the fact that they would soon be parting ways. There was a bit more dust on the way to Copley and a final bit of bonding around the toilet block before the parting of the ways, the Zupps chugging slowly along the blacktop while the others went into Copley to fill up at the Bakery.

Such unity is not easily broken. The Bakery group soon caught and farewelled the Zupps who did not expect to see them again for some time. But Moses manifestly, or manifoldly, had other plans and the Zupps pulled over to find that he had the able assistance of Clipper and Bulldozer. The Zupps moved slowly on, only to be stopped by a flat tyre. Silver Hawk was the first to offer assistance having also been waved on by Moses and mates, but his kind offer of help was not needed. Moses, Clipper and Bulldozer were waved on later when the job was well in hand.

And somehow, despite different speeds and mishaps, the group still managed to more or less meet in Hawker where lunch was consumed and goodbyes said yet again. Travelling at a more sedate pace, the Zupps and Silver Hawk were amazed to find Clipper and Bulldozer just outside Laura and all bowed to the inevitability of travelling together along the back way to town.

Close to the caterwauling cares of the City the group lost each other and the journey was over.

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