



Rangers' Review

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Our Vice President Clyde Paton well and truly up to his axles in it at Lake Caddibarrawirracanna which is somewhere in Australia

PRESIDENTS REPORT

It seems only a couple of weeks ago I was rambling on about the better weather approaching, the light at the end of the tunnel bearing down on us now is Christmas ALREADY !

Great planning has seen me double booking a driver training day and the Christmas Pageant, what was I thinking of?..I have determined to review the calender further and get more organised.

Our editor has hassled me for a report - NOW, as such I have made some executive decisions regarding the Rangers Christmas Meeting as follows. My apology to the rest of the committee who know nothing of this.

1. Our December meeting will be held on Monday the 8th of December at the club as usual.
2. We will not have a guest speaker, some videos will be arranged, by Ron Dunkley I hope.
3. We will have a little party, not dinner just a few nibblies, please bring a salad or desert plate.
4. The treasurer will, if I ask him nicely, supply some nibblies etc to cook on the barbecue.
5. As the club is licensed, you must buy your drinks from the bar.

Please note your diaries now to ensure you are free to attend. We would appreciate an indication of numbers at the November meeting to avoid me having to eat barbecue leftovers for three weeks.

Important ! This is NOT our official Christmas show, just an

aberration of the president. The official party, where the gentleman in the red suit will put in an appearance is, on Sunday December 14, again Cheryl needs to know numbers.

Onto General Matters;

Training is ongoing in our club with a further 12 members undertaking the basic 4WD course. Any others wishing to get some formal training should contact either Ted Bal or John Keay.

Several members have put their names down to buy club T Shirts, we need a few more names to make the deal worthwhile, if interested let me know this meeting.

Peter Chapman was too slow in steeping back at the last meeting and is now organising the raft challenge for February, he needs any help you can give, please chase him up THIS meeting. We had a good showing last raft race, its a good weekend, please get your name on the trip board asap as we need to book sites at Clayton.

Finally the photo swap board needs more photos.

See you on the track - Clipper





NOVEMBER 1997

FRIDAY 7th to MONDAY 10th Jussieu Peninsula - Cape Doming-ton to Cape Catastrophe. Port Lincoln has many area Great fishing spots, Historical area, rugged coast line.

Trip Leader

FRIDAY 14th thru to MONDAY 17th- Flinders Ranges - Visiting and exploring the Parlana Hot Springs at Arkaroola, the Alligator Gorge, the Grumbling Ghost Town of Sliding Rock hidden in Loneley Valley

Trip Leader

SUNDAY 23rd Scott Creek Conservation

Park clean up - this our own back yard - lets been seen to care

Picnic after clean-up Organiser Ken Bradey Ph 82782787

DECEMBER 1997

SUNDAY 14th - CHRISTMAS PICNIC BREAKUP - SOCIAL EVENT -
VENUE FOR THIS YEARS XMAS PICNIC IS AT THE WILFRED TAYLOR
RESERVE, WHEATSHEAF ROAD, MORPHETTE VALE TIME -from 11a.m.

JANUARY 1998

AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND - ROBE Adventure trip to Laker George.
Sand, sand and more sand with spectacular coastal scenes and beach
driving.

Trip Leader Ted Bal Ph 8382 1963 or Mobile 0411223555

FEBRUARY 1998

FRIDAY 13th to MONDAY 16th - Glenelg River

Gorge - The lower Glenelg River National Park is truly magnificent area
with something for everyone. Take a 3 hour cruise to Princess Margaret
Rose Caves.

Trip Leader



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FEBRUARY 1998

X SATURDAY 14TH to SUNDAY 15TH 8th ANNUAL CLAYTON

BAY RAFT RACE -To be held at the Clayton Bay Caravan Park.
come down Friday night & make a full weekend of it FUN &
GAMES Cost of Camping \$5.00 per night Co-ordinators
Peter Chapman ph 3817231 or Rodney Curtis ph 82786280

FRIDAY 20th to MONDAY 23rd - The Coorong

Time and Tide - Sand driving/water crossings. Popular fishing spots and
magnificent sand driving areas
Trip Leader

MARCH 1998

X FRIDAY 27th TO MONDAY 30th - Coffin Bay

Whispering Sands-Yangie trail to Yangie Bay -Sir Issac Point. Camping at
Black Springs and Sensation Beach
Trip Leader

APRIL 1998

MAY 1998

FRIDAY 15th to MONDAY 18th - Gawler Ranges

Easy highway drives - some dirt roads through Gawler Ranges visiting
Kinggoonya, the Old Stuart Highway and Gawler Ranger's short cuts
Trip Leader

JULY 1998

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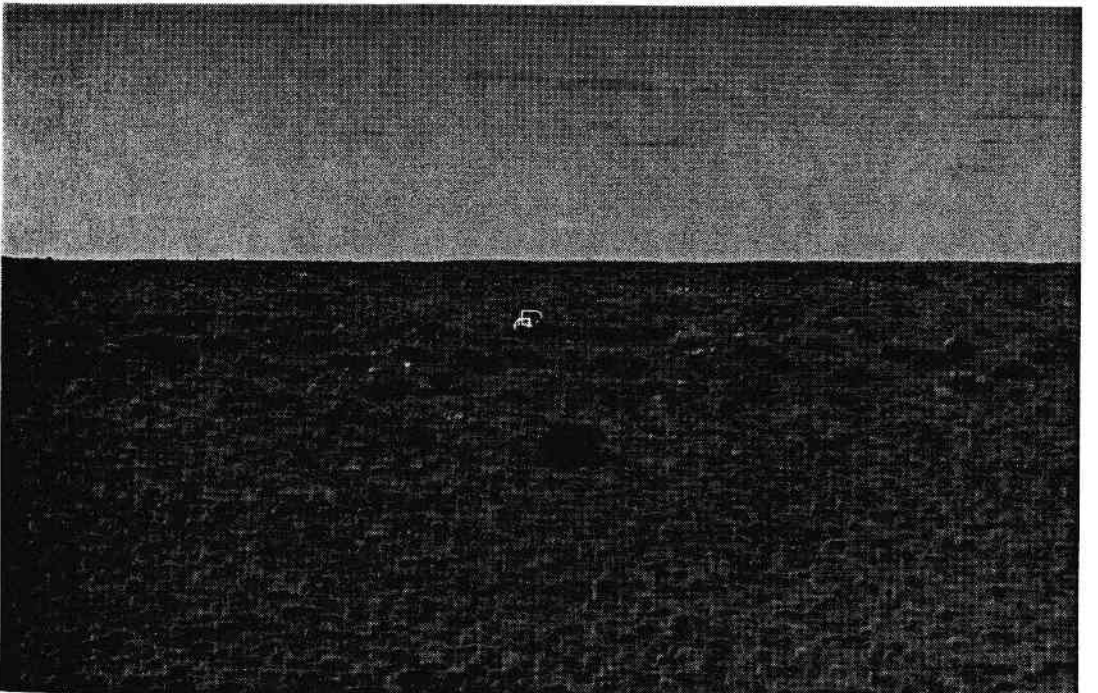
August 8th thru to 23rd 1997

Trip Participants

George, Jane, & Nicholas Vlahos (Mt. Lofty Rangers)
Ashley Farrow & Margaret Edwards (Nissan Patrol Club)
Gil & Mary Polomka (Nissan Patrol Club)
Mike, Rennee, Brendan, & Carlin Garrett (Nissan Patrol Club)

Little did we know that when we set off on this trip, we would be traversing the "Mogul Highway". George, our trip leader, had glossed over the fact that the sand dunes were lumpy and that the Spinifex clumps had bred like rabbits. We came to realise the truth on day 4 of our trip when the Shotline we were following, came to a dead end. It was then time to make our way onwards and we now know why there is a need for so many handles in 4WD's. They were all put to good use and the callouses on the passengers hands are proof of this!!

The Colson track, yes that was a welcome relief, but a very short lived one. I think George let us have about 1km of respite before we were led off into the never never again. Sometimes we would pick up evidence of old tyre tracks gone before us only to lose them over the next sand dune, and there was plenty of those!! A HIGHLIGHT of our trip was Geo Survey Hill!! It was something to see that didn't consist of moguls of spinifex. A cairn and a visitors book awaited us at the top and we made the most of being released from our vehicles. Our hands even got out of their clenched position long enough to be able to leave our scrawl in the dusty little book so there would be proof of our madness!.



Somewhere over the Queensland Border

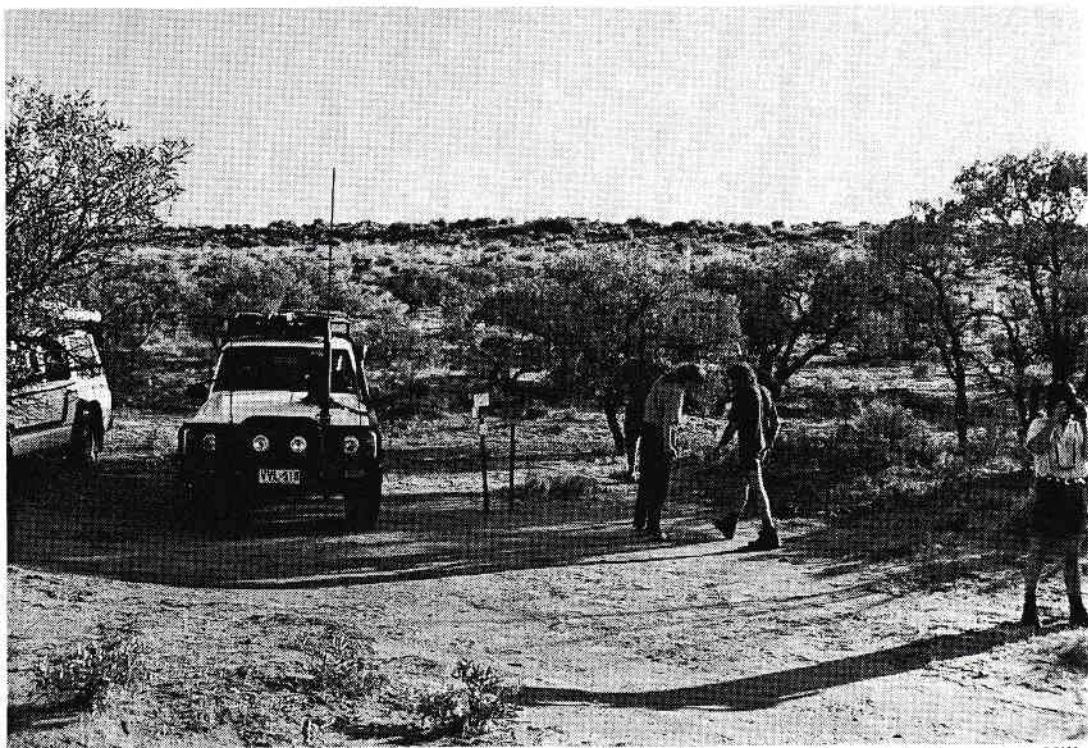
The next day, George had another surprise in store for us. A Football field claypan near Madigan's Camp 11. Camp 12 was passed and the moguls continued for as far as the eye could see. (Even the view through the binoculars did not alter). As we climbed to the top of each dune, our hopes for a change would rise only to fall abruptly as we reached the top and saw ahead.

At the top of one dune, a vision was sighted and we thought it has come to lead us home. On closer inspection, it turned out to be a white camel, an unusual sight against the deeper of the sand. There had been many of the usual coloured camels seen throughout the journey so far.

At last, relief, the Hay River had come to save us. The river was a dry one of course, but a track of sorts existed and we could let go of the handles and enjoy the change in the landscape.

Camp 16 further down the river and we met another group of 4WD's from a Melbourne club, 6 vehicles in all. Cecil Madigan had blazed a tree at this spot and luckily there was a sign to point us in the right direction. Signed the visitors book and read the messages of those gone before us including Garry Thompson's Nissan club note from a decade ago. We decided to have an early camp on this day to let our scrambled brains settle back into place.

Said goodbye to the Territory and headed into the Sunshine State to see a beautiful sight. Floodplains and not to a mogul to be seen. Wildflowers were popping up everywhere and as we negotiated our way along the flooded Eyre Creek, we saw lots of interesting birdlife. A full rest day was even enjoyed by all at Kuddaree water-hole, out came binoculars, makeshift fishing rods and solar showers. Did I mention the flies welcomed us?



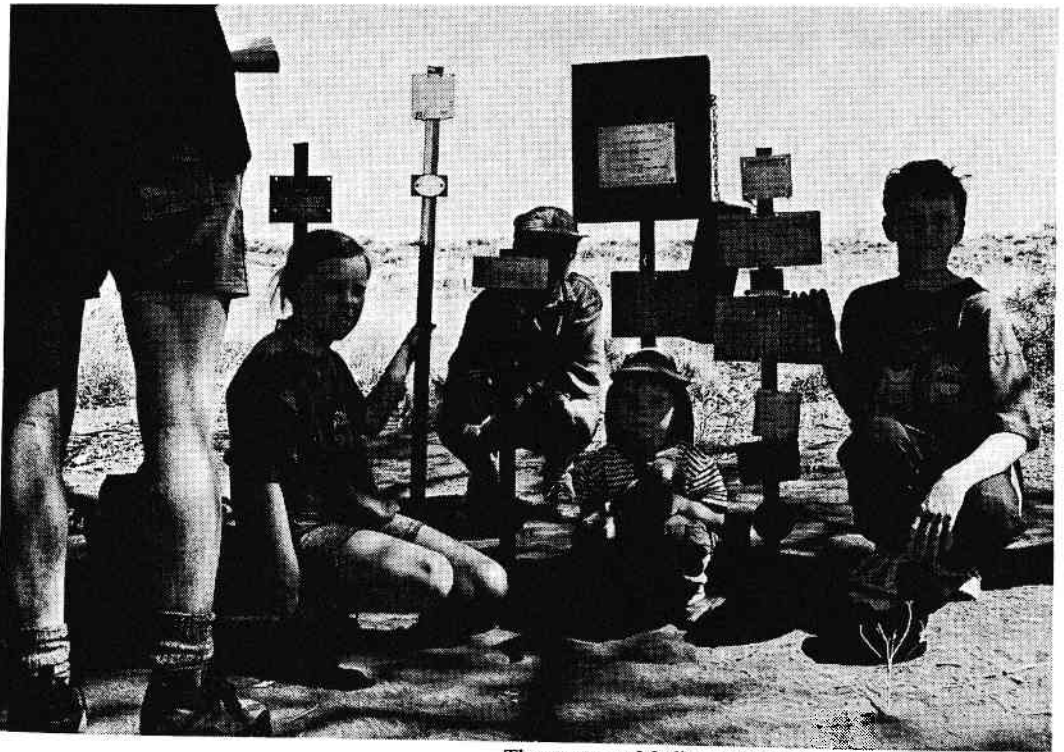
On route to Geosurveys Hill

Refreshed and ready to travel, we followed the creek southwards. Annadale ruins could be seen across the water but as we didn't have a boat packed, we had to be content with just a view. Our first water crossing at Dickery Bore cleaned some of the red dust from the tyres and then we checked out Gulamalera Crossing before camping south of the French Track. The tents were all up before we realised there was a dead cow not far from us, but luckily we were not down wind of it.

Big Red, well it was there to be conquered so Ashley and George did. Mike and Gil had thoughts of re-inflating tyres so they took the chicken track which they say was much more interesting!. The road to Birdsville was like a dream - A Commodore road!.

Hot showers and suddenly we all lost the reddish brown tinge from our skins and returned to the usual winter white colour. Seafood basket at the local pub, sure, everyone knows that's the meal to have in the middle of nowhere! It was well worth waiting for although I think Gil and Mary had to wait until the next trawler came in! Down the beautifully graded infamous Birdsville Track. Me thinks there must be a bit of a race up this way shortly. Last camp for this journey was at the Cooper Creek area. Ashley and George tried to show us how Not to cook a tinned pudding but eagle eyes around the camp-fire spoilt their lesson.

Viewed Lake Harry from a lofty look-out and then headed southward once again to join the wind and the rain and leave the warm, sunny weather behind us.



The troops at Madigans Camp 16

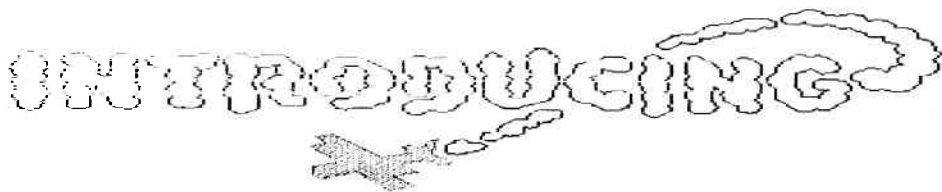
Thanks to George and his trust GPS gadget for leading us on this trip and never getting us lost once. We all had complete faith in you {or was it that little piece of plastic that you kept playing with?}

Trip Trivia

- * All vehicles were white diesel GQ patrols although one was in disguise[which car is mine??]
- * Punctures - 13 in all but some were re-offenders. (One unlucky person didn't get to play with his tyres at all while another couldn't stop playing with his!)
- * Overall distance travelled was 3210km.
- * Longest section without fuel stop - Mt Dare to Birdsville 741kms.
- * Average ks per hour across the Simpson Desert 8kph -
- * Lowest ks travelled in a day - 33.5kms from 1030 - 1600 hrs.
- * Average fuel consumption 22-24 litres diesel/100 kms

MANY THANKS TO RENEE FOR WRITING THIS TRIP REPORT

GEORGE



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MERV'S MYSTERY TOUR

28TH September

A good total of eleven vehicles rolled up: Merv Ann Grant, Rodney, Jenny Peter, Roger Joyleen, Murray Joan Daniel Andrew, David Michael, Graham Erin, Mark Linda Chelsea Stacey, John Gail Tabatha Ashleigh Brandon Reece, Robert Jacqui Graham, Jack - Melissa.(apologies for any omissions). We left the clubrooms at 7.40a.m. with quite a few bleary eyes present, due to the Crow's magnificent win over "those Vics". Arrived at Tintinara with the weather perfect and the countryside never looking better - (the cockies should be chuckling) - and then about 20k further on turned to the North off the main highway and after another 5k entered the Mount Rescue Conservation Park and eventually into Ngkarkat Park.

In the main we followed the Park's Western boundary, terrain being somewhat similar to Geranium, mostly thick scrub (which took a toll of a few aerials), mainly Teatrees and Banksias, five different varieties at least (yes, those paint scratched so come out with polishing), and typical Mallee trees up to 10m high. Tracks varied from oft sand to limestone.. Some of the sand hills were insurmountable, but there was always the "chicken track". We called in at the old ruin of Bucks Camp Soakage and then proceeded on for a short while to lunch. It was 4 WD all of the time, not always by necessity, but to conserve the track. One participant did the whole track in 2wd (which says a lot for the Pajeros) not by choice, but because the selector had jumped out of its gate. (It was fixed under warranty).

For those near the front there was an abundance of wild life. Roos - beg reds, up to six feet tall, lizards on posts, emus, plus a few dead ones tangled in the boundary fencing. Rabbits were very scarce, but there were a few that Myxo and Calicivirus hadn't caught up with.

Eventually ended up at Box Flat Soakage, an outstation of Gurri Station and did some mud sliding for half hour or so and took some group photographs. After about 25k of dirt road got to the Ouyen Highway just short of Lameroo about 5.45p.m, having travelled about 85k through the parks in 7 hours. Which of course included all the tucker stops and general spectating at the hill climbs, etc. Arrived home at 8pm with 510k under the wheels. It was a long day but most enjoyable and no mishaps (Murray on one occasion did a bit of a sideways slip but got out without problem). Thanks Merv from the whole group for your preparations (and Murray) - look forward to your next trip.

Things that Bite in the Bush

continued, with thanks to Dr. Kelvin Hogarth



ARACHNIDS This group included the spider ticks and scorpions.

SPIDERS:

Only two species of spider have been confirmed as causing human deaths in Australia, namely the Sydney Funnel Web and the Red-Back. Nevertheless, there are other species of funnel-web in Northern NSW and Queensland and these should also be considered dangerous, along with some more species mentioned below.

The Sydney Funnel Web: This species is confirmed to a 160km radius from Sydney and therefore takes in some of the Blue Mountains and good camping areas in beautiful bushland. It is far and away the most dangerous spider because it is highly toxic and very aggressive. Females tend to live in the bush in rock crevices in burrows up to 30 cm deep with a tubular web. Both sexes are toxic but all human deaths have been due to bites from the male which tends to wander about the bush. They may enter houses especially in summer after rain. The bite is painful and within 20 minutes the person develops uncontrollable muscle twitching of the body, face and tongue. Blood pressure drops, pressure in the brain rises and they become comatose. Within 30 minutes they writhe grotesquely whilst sweating and salivating. Death occurs due to fluid build-up in the lungs and subsequently respiratory arrest. This terrible death seems to have been uniquely reserved for humans and monkeys, as cats, toads and rabbits suffer no ill effect from even large doses of the venom!

Treatment of the bite is similar to a snake bite, namely a firm broad bandage and immobilisation. But clearly, the rapidity of action of the venom means medical attention with access to anti-venom is needed urgently. The good news is that the anti-venom is highly effective.

The Red-Back. Unlike the Funnel Web, the Red-Back is not naturally aggressive and only bites if threatened. The male is too small to inflict a harmful bite on a human. The female, with her characteristic red strip, lives in quite dark places under houses, sheds, garden refuse, dead timber and of course the old country toilet seat! The web has an untidy central snare with a tubular retreat in which the spider resides.

Red-Back bites are immediately painful with local perspiration. As the venom spreads pain may migrate up the limb. Nausea, vomiting, headache, abdominal pain and muscular paralysis may occur.

First aid treatment is the same as for snake. Once again, there is an anti-venom which is highly effective.

Other Spiders: Huntsman, Orb spiders, and various garden spiders have been reported to have bitten humans but all without any major toxic effect. Mouse spiders are widespread and have large fangs and copious venom and have caused sickness in humans. The Common House spider, black or brown, has also caused local reactions and illness. The White-tailed spider is common in houses and under bark. Ten percent of White-Tailed bites develop pain, blister and skin ulceration.

First aid is simply a cold compress, pain relief and perhaps an oral anti-histamine. Antibiotics may be needed for a wound infection. Some large ulcers may require medical treatment.

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