



Rangers' Review

Volume 3 No. 10

Mount Lofty Rangers Inc.

April 1998

PO Box 1150, Blackwood S.A. 5051



Well just don't leave me here !!! I need some help, god dam-it!
Michael Brett in a spot of bother at the Hackam Training Centre



APRIL 1998

FRIDAY 24TH TO SUNDAY 26TH JUSSIEU PENINSULA

Cape Domington to Cape Catastrophe, Port Lincoln. Great fishing spots, historical area, rugged coast line. What more could you ask ???

Trip Leader Wanted

SATURDAY 25TH & 26TH NATIONAL OFF ROAD TITLES.

WARNERTOWN SOUTHERN FLINDERS RANGERS

Recovery Vehicles are required to assist in this National Leg of the OFF ROAD TITLES. camping will be at Crystal Brook Further Details contact Phil Dohne Phone 8270 2503

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*The Annual General Meeting will be held on
MONDAY the 11TH OF MAY*

Please consider nominating for any position.

**ALL POSITIONS ARE VACANT ALONG WITH A
NUMBER OF APPOINTED POSITIONS**

**THIS WILL BE A SOCIAL NIGHT FOLLOWING THE
AGM**

**PLEASE BRING A PLATE FOR A LIGHT SUPPER
FINGER FOOD BBQ WILL BE SUPPLIED BY THE CLUB**



MAY 1998

FRIDAY 15TH to MONDAY 18TH - GAWLER RANGES

Easy highway drives - some dirt roads through the Gawler Ranges visiting Kinggoonya, The Old Sturt

Highway and the Gawler Range's short cuts

Trip Leader Wanted

SATURDAY 16TH to MONDAY 18TH(Adelaide Cup Weekend)

BURRA CREEK GORGE

Great area to visit - Camping area has toilets Enjoyable the walks and drives. Take a yabbie net and have a good time. Firewood to be taken in Contact Brain or Joyce Gray Phone 8278 1576

FRIDAY 16th TO MONDAY 18th (PROPOSED DATES)

COFFIN BAY

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

TRIP LEADER PAUL WEST PHONE 8387 1571

MAY 16th to MONDAY 18th Ngarkat Working Bee

SAA4WDC Sponsored Working Bee Enjoy the comradeship of other club members camping in the park with plenty on 4WDiving and a bit of work . Meeting place Pinnaroo Main Street Saturday 10.00a.m. for more details contact ROD HARTFIGSEN on 8388 6083

JUNE 1998

FRIDAY 5TH TO MONDAY 8TH(Queens Birthday Weekend)

FLINDERS RANGERS

Visit and explore the Paralana Hot Springs at Arkaroola, The Aligator Gorge, The crumbling Ghost Town of Sliding Rock hidden in Lonely Valley.

Trip Leader Wanted

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE

WINTER SOLSTICE DINNER

CONSERVATORY RESTAURANT BELAIR HOTEL

FULL CHRISTMAS SMORGASBORD CHRISTMAS TABLE DECORATIONS

LIVE MUSIC FOR DANCING

\$19.95 PER PERSON PLUS YOUR OWN DRINKS

\$10.00 DEPOSIT PER PERSON TO BE PAID TO CHERYL O'TOOLE BY MAY MEETING

BALANCE TO BE PAID BY JUNE

MEETING

CLAYTON RAFT CHALLENGE 1998

attended by Jack & Rene Moss

Mike & Isabell Brett plus children

Mark & Linda Moss plus children

Rodney Curtis

Malcolm & Bet Curtis

Neil & Cheryl plus bub

Ron Manning

Paul West & Cheryl O'Toole

Peter & Chris Chapman plus children plus 1

Friday Night - 13th

We (the Chapman Family plus 1) decided to get an early start. As all was packed, including the raft and canoe, we headed off and met up with Rodney at Meadows. A quick tea (Fish & Chips) and we were Clayton bound. Jack and Rene had arrived earlier in the day and had set-up camp. Our arrival around 9.30pm was greeted with a warm welcome. Many clubs had decided to come down earlier as well. Suzuki, Subaru, Wanderers and Range Rovers all had members busily setting up camp for the weekend. Caravans in place, tents erected, it was time to have a quick mingle and spy. Phil Dohnt (opposition camp this weekend) even had his new camper set up. Well worth the look.

Saturday - 14th

It was as early start for some people. But we won't get into that. Some even had some extra driving to do. The day was very relaxing watching the arrivals and spending some time in the water. Mike and Isabell plus troops arrived mid afternoon along with Mark & Linda plus family. They had booked into an On-site van and an enjoyable evening was had under it veranda. The entertainment started around 8.00pm. The marquee had been erected earlier and a good time was had by all. Some more than others (the belly dancer was warmly received).

Sunday 15th

There was plenty of action right from the start. Last minute testing and repairs were carried out with both categories in for some great challenges. Neil, Cheryl, Ron, Bet & Malcolm plus Paul & Cheryl had all made it down for the day. Good news was that Range Rovers had made a high tech raft to challenge Suzuki & Subaru this year.

10.30am Race Time Basic Section

Our men's team was in 2 heats. Decided on placings & times

Mark, Neil & Myself - Heat 1

Mark, Paul and Mike - Heat 2

Unfortunately we missed the finals by 14 seconds. Well done guys
A very big Thank you to Linda Moss - the only one from our club in the woman's team
Fortunately we were able to get some assistance from Natasha

& Karen from the Suzuki Club A big thank you to those girls and there Clubs. It all made for some great fun The Barossa Club won the Day . Well done

High Tech was very competitive. Unfortunately the Range Rover raft didn't make it through the day, but they vow to be back next year and take he crown from the Suzuki Club

Presentations were held and it was decided that the Barrossa Club were Champions of the Day giving them the opportunity to host the event next year. Which they have taken up.

Racing over it was time to pack up and head for home.

My congratulations to Suzuki for running the event this year. A job well done. Subaru's sausage sizzle took good care of the people down for the day and all looks good for the 1999 event.

Hopefully we can get some more support for this great event. Winning next year will give us the opportunity to host it in the Olympic Year 2000.

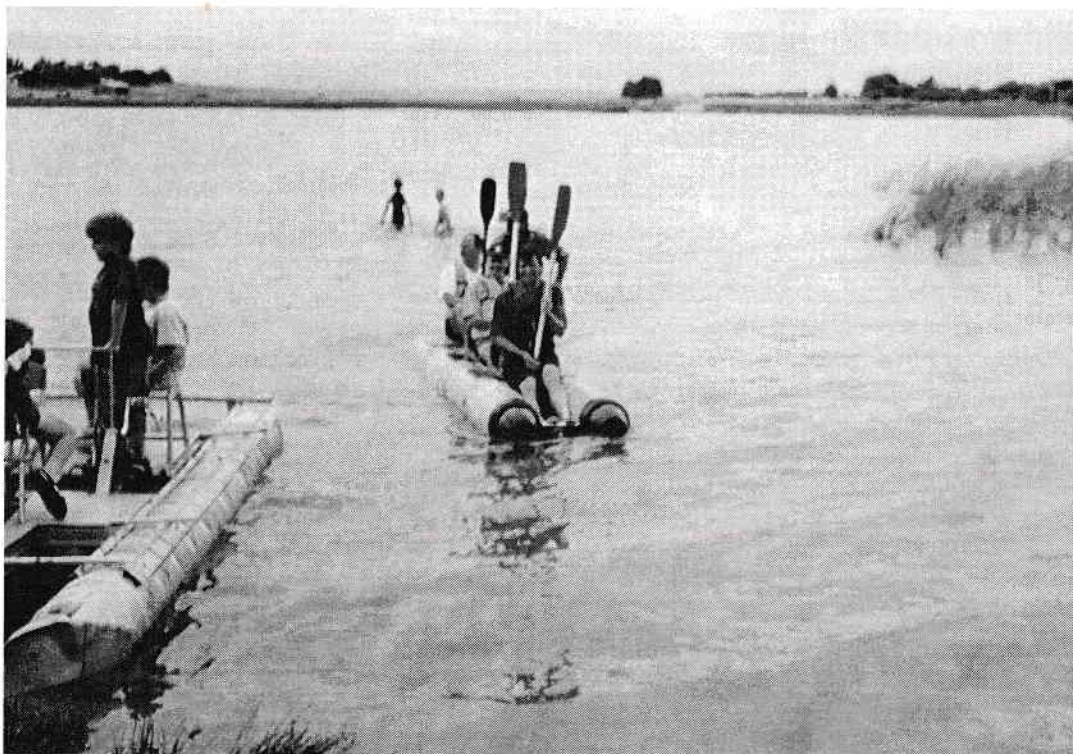
Some thing worth while to aim for.

Once again a big thank you to all those who could make it down.

Peter Chapman.

p.s. The Mt Lofty Rangers committee and members would like to thank you. Peter, for your many hours of work and frustrattons to have the club represented at the 1998 Clayton Raft Race weekend





REPORT 2

CLAYTON RAFT RACE WEEKEND

This was our first visit to Clayton for the raft race. Some of the group drove up on the Friday, we arrived on Saturday afternoon expecting to participate in practice sessions but Captain Pete advised us to conserve our energy for the big race. We checked out all the competitors rafts and some of the high tech rafts looked so impressive they could be hired out on the Torrens by the half hour.

The Clayton camping ground was lovely and green, well maintained and the weather was perfect for camping. The grounds were crowded with members from Suzuki, Subaru, Barossa 4WD and just our little group from the Mt. Lofty Rangers.

The Suzuki Club were hosting the weekend and provided entertainment on the Saturday night of a belly dancer which was interesting for the fellah's but became a tad boring after the first half of the show so our group left and continued our happy hour back at the camp.

Sunday morning we awoke to another perfect day with the races beginning around 10.00am. There were two divisions to the racing, - basic and high tech - but we only had a basic raft this year. The fellah's first and although they put in a great effort it was to no avail. When the women's race was done we had to borrow a couple of volunteers from the Suzuki Club as Linda from the Mt. Lofty Ranges was the only volunteer from the Mt Lofty Rangers due to injuries and illness so we definitely need more club participation. The kids raced as well and I think their race was the most fun to watch as they had all the trouble trying to get the rafts to go in the right direction.

When the races finished there were tug of war challenges with the raft. Neil's motto is 'if you can't beat them, then saturate them!' and that started an all out out splashing war. After that there was plenty of dunking and splashing after every challenge.

There was a lot of discussion amongst the Mt. Lofty Ranger men about building a High Tech Raft. Spy photos were taken of the other rafts to assist us with our design and construction for next year. The Suzuki club were the winners of the high tech section and Barossa 4WD won the basic section and will be hosting the event next year as that honour goes to the winning club.

We had a great weekend and the kids enjoyed it immensely. You can even bring the family dog. I would highly recommend the weekend as being fun and relaxing and we will go again next year. The down side is there are few Mt. Lofty Rangers present compared to the members of the other clubs that it is almost embarrassing, but let's hope that will change next year.

I would like to compliment the Suzuki Club on their organisation of the weekend as it was obvious they put in a lot of work to make the weekend a success it was. Thank you as well to the Chapman's and Rodney Curtis for all their effort and a very enjoyable weekend

Report by Isabel Brett

Phone: 018 857 622 LIGHTING*POWER

* HOT WATER

*STOVES

OVENDEN ELECTRICAL

*INSTALLATION *MAINTENANCE

*DOMESTIC *COMMERCIAL

72 TURNERS AVE, HAWTHORNDENE

Lic. R 24694

Telephone 8382 1963

Ted Bal

Quality 2nd fix Carpenter

24 Baanga Road

MOSSIAH MYSTERY TRIP

1/3/98

I guess it had to happen sooner or later - we would be last to arrive and get the privilege of recording the day's events for prosperity. At least this way I put my slant on the day and can overlook my wrong turns !!

There were 17 cars raring to go but Paul and Cheryl were nowhere to be seen - it seems they have a different calendar to the rest of us. Simon decided not to scratch his new Patrol (that looks like a 'cruiser') so he stayed home too. Mark & Linda were trip leaders and changed their call sign from Receder to Mossiah for the day. Jack and Rene' (Rolling Stone) volunteered (?) to be Tail End Charlie all day.

We knew that at some stage a visit to a winery was in store so were a bit surprised when we headed up Acklands Hill Rd. It wasn't long before we hit the dirt in low range and dropped into a secluded valley. Unfortunately one of the nearby settlers thought that secluded also meant private and didn't like us using the public road because he maintains it. After Mark unruffled the settlers' feathers we were off again switching from bitumen to gravel, to little used dirt tracks and winding our way through Bakers Gully to McLaren Vale. We were soon back into FWD on the sandy end of Kays Rd before circling around back to Trotts Rd and across the creek and into sand again. Lyn disappointed a few people by not pruning the way clear as she has in the past. This was followed by some 3 point turn manoeuvres in the sand. After a few more turns we headed up Amery Rd which has sand & dirt sections before doubling back and then diverting down Settlement Rd and onto McLaren Flat Oval for morning tea. Here the Moss's had thoughtfully arranged a cricket match and horse riding display for our entertainment .

After a leisurely break we headed off to Louds Hill Rd at Willunga via McLaren Vale. This has steep sections that would see a 2WD off the edge when wet. The views (and breeze) from the top are spectacular and we could see Yorke Peninsula on the horizon. The next obstacles were 2 diversions off Old Sellicks Hill Rd. The first a straight forward but very steep climb and descent back down. It was here a few inquisitive kangaroos checked us out before hopping off into the distance. The second diversion was close by where we rock hopped a bit, with a few people concerned about the sideways angle, before stopping at the top with another spectacular view. The return to the road was quite steep again requiring FWD low. On a previous trip no club member was prepared to tackle this hill so I guess a few of us are a bit more experienced now. We were getting a bit hungry now so we headed back to McLaren Vale for lunch. On the way back we upset more locals by using an unmaintained public road that they like to think belongs to them. A few of us received a royal glare and a not so royal wave !

After winding around the back blocks we ended up at the picturesque Kay Brothers winery for lunch. It's a great place to stop and enjoy the views with the option of wine tasting a bonus. The downside to Kays is the mudflap eating blueheeler. It seems to prefer the soft Pajero rear mudflaps as the (well named ?) Tourists found out. It was here that the convoy accidentally split. The Tourists dog feeding show meant some of us were delayed a couple of minutes, and with no one waiting at the gate to show directions, they took us on a separate tour of the Vales. We eventually made radio contact and found our way back thanks to Ankles who waited at a strategic corner before heading off home. The next stop was Hugo's winery which boasts a new wine tasting area and a great 1996 Shiraz. From here we headed south again on some dirt roads skirting parts of Kuitpo Forest before ducking down a rutted track. It was here that we were held up again but this time it was cows on their way home for the afternoon milking !

Heading northish we ended up on the main road to Clarendon with the convoy stretching out a bit. Convoy procedures had been working well until someone forgot that indicators don't work when the ignition is off, which meant a few of us took another wrong turn. No surnames will be mentioned but we had a vote and Blinky Bill was renamed Blinker Bill. At Kangarilla we followed a creek bed / firetrack past the ostrich farm before heading back to Happy Valley. We turned into the Cholmondeley Estate for our last bit of FWDing for the day. The Mossiah led us down this little FWD low track between 2 houses, across a creek bed into a nature park. On the way out we had a few local spectators but instead of getting the evil stare (which had become the norm) we had a welcome smile and a wave. As we left I noticed the friendly folks also drove a classic Pajero - that may explain the smiles !

Now it was time for the final gathering at Thalassa Park for a BBQ tea. This is a nice park with a playground, electric BBQ, shade and loos. There was plenty of daylight so out came the tables and chairs for shared nibbles and salads and a chance to tell some tall stories and jokes.

Thanks to Mark, Linda, Jack and Rene' for organising a great day out.

Silver Fox (alias Hubert and Lyn Orbons)

Sheryl Penno F.G.A.A.

Manufacturing Jeweller

Gemmologist - Designer

For ALL your Jewellery needs see Sheryl first

Phone: 0414-720353

GLENELG RIVER TRIP

13TH - 15TH FEBRUARY 1998

This was our first trip with the club, so Shaun and I were looking forward to it very much. We decided it was best to follow the trip leader (Ted & Margaret) there as we were new to the way trips go. Everyone else was making their own way as they had camper trailers and it was easier to follow the bitumen.

We met the Bal's at Norman's Winery and set off down through Wellington for an early lunch at Meningie. Ted had mentioned to Shaun we could do some sand driving from Robe to Beachport as he had just done the trip a few weeks before with the club. Shaun and I thought this was a great idea so just out of Robe we got to the coast, let the tyres down to 15psi and we were off. Ted had put his orange flag on his aerial but we didn't have one. All you Mum's did you know that Nappy Sax make a great 4WD sand flag? The driving was great!!! Shaun was really confident when after a sharp right turn into soft sand he kept going right instead of straight ahead. Low and behold we got bogged. We got bogged only once more so we felt Shaun had done well.

Because we had enjoyed the sand driving so much we also went through the Canunda National Park but Ted couldn't remember how long it took and exactly where it ended. At 8.00pm we were putting air back in our tyres and heading for Nelson, having had no tea and a 17 month old daughter who was getting sick of sitting in her car seat.

After a couple of wrong turns and Ted learning his lesson that Margaret is always right, we found Willsons Point that was our camp site for the weekend. We also found the other people who were on the trip. It was 9.30pm when we arrived and our 6 hour trip to Glenelg River had taken 11 ½ hours!!! The others (Bradeys, Grahams, Warbouts, Heinsens & David Ludbey & son) were thinking of sending out a search party but had no idea where to look. They were set up and were looking at going to bed when we arrived.

Technically we were the last to arrive so we should have got the job of the trip report anyway, but silly me volunteered. I will never be last for any trip again...

Saturday morning we rose to a lovely day and set off about 10am for Nelson. Ted had organised a cruise on the Nelson Endeavour and a tour of the Princess Margaret Rose Caves. Most of us had a BBQ lunch

that was provided, but Simon wasn't allowed to have any. He was asked by the Captain to just stay in the middle of the cruiser as we were having problems with the cruiser being off balance!!!

The scenery was beautiful but also unusual. There were lots of little "boat sheds" which are leased to the owners on a life long lease. When they die it is not allowed to be sold to anyone else. They were very strange, as were the people who we saw in them. The caves were beautiful. A very unusual "tunnel cave" that all of us went through except Dani Warbout as she is claustrophobic. Madison even climbed all 68 steps on the way back out!!! The cruise and tour of the cave took most of the day and we went back to our camp via some dirt roads that Ted thought might "christen" the Heinsen's new Patrol. No such luck, the roads were very good for dirt.

When we returned to the camp site some crazy's jumped in the cold river for a swim. The rest of us had a late afternoon tea and got the evening meal ready. The five girls (2 Bradeys, 2 Warbouts and 1 Graham) had decided they should share the same 3 man tent together. So sleeping bags, pillows, mattresses and toys were heading from campers to 3 man tent. This only lasted 2 hours for the youngest Bradey and I think only 3 ended up sleeping in there in the end. Someone lit a fire, good job too, and Madison kept the older children entertained with her dancing to Bananas In Pyjamas and Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. One of the Peters made a damper and Ken cooked fantastic pancakes around the fire. If you ever get the chance I suggest you try them.

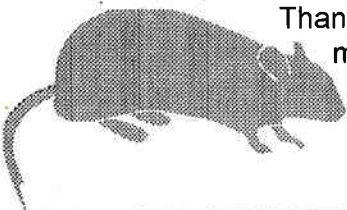
2am brought rain. Lovely constant, wet your tent through rain. About 9am it stopped for enough time to get breakfast and pull the tents down, but everyone with their campers wanted them to dry a bit more. No such luck - the rain started again. When we left with the Bal's the campers were coming down wet regardless...

You think Shaun and I would have learnt our lesson on our 11 ½ hour fun sand driving trip to Glenelg River, but no, Shaun and Ted decided we would hit the sand once more just out of Kingston into the Coorong National Park. This time I drove. I haven't done any 4WDing - so yes Isobel I'm interested in a course for the girls only - and was enjoying myself until the car started sliding around. Tyre pressure down didn't help much either so I abandoned the driver's

seat and left it to Shaun. We only got another 15 minutes and ran out of sand. The tide was coming in and we couldn't get through after about an 1 ½ of driving we had to turn back on ourselves drive back the way we came and hit the bitumen.

The trip home only took 9 ½ hours so I suppose that was an improvement. We realised on the way home we had actually done 3 trips in one weekend. The Beachport/Robe Trip, the Glenelg River Gorge Trip and some of the Coorong. We enjoyed ourselves immensely and thank Ted and Margaret for being so hospitable and being so patient with us. Madison has new "Grandparents" and we have some new friends.

Thanks again, we are looking forward to the next trip very much.



Angie, Shaun & Madison Lawson (The River Rats)

MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS INC.

NOMINATION FORM

1998 Annual General Meeting

I Nominate Member No

for the position of:-

- ☐ PRESIDENT ☐ VICE PRESIDENT ☐ SECRETARY/ PUBLIC OFFICER ☐ TREASURER ☐ ASSOCIATE DELEGATE ☐ TRIPS CO-ORDINATOR ☐ MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

(tick the position for which this nomination applies)

NOMINATED BY:..... Member No.

SECONDED BY:..... Member No.

I agree to stand for the above position

(SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE)

CLASSIFIED ADS

Alltrac 4WD

For a smooth ride, improved handling and clearance let *Alltrac* 4WD install an Ultimate suspension system to your ehicle. Ultimate suspension is acknowledged world wide as a leader in 4WD suspension design. We can custom tailor an Ultimate suspension system exactly to your requirements and give you a lifetime warranty on springs and 5 years on shock absorbers.

So remember an Ultimate suspension will improve performance, comfort and steering for you on the road, 4WDiving or towing.

Alltrac 4WD 305 South Rd, Mile End, 5031
ph (08) 82324 5299 a/h 018 846 544

SAA4WDC GREGORY BOOK OFFER

A selection of books from UNIVERSAL PRESS have been made available to clubs within the Association at a reduced price. *For further information contact Lee Smith on (08) 8359 0627 or fax (08) 8359 0632*

<i>PRODUCT DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>R.R.P</i>	<i>DISC</i>	<i>COST</i>
Adelaide Street Directory 35th. Edition	\$27.95	45%	\$15.37
Gregorys Adelaide Street Directory 46th Edition	\$24.95	45%	\$13.72
UBD Motoring Atlas of Australia 3rd Edition	\$24.95	45%	\$13.72
Robinsons Road Atlas of Australia 15th Edition	\$24.95	45%	\$13.72
Gregorys 4WD Going Bush	\$19.95	45%	\$10.97
Gregorys 4WD Escape Volume 1	\$47.95	45%	\$26.37
Gregorys 4WD Escape Volume 2	\$49.95	45%	\$27.47
Gregorys 4WD Service Manuals (Series 500)	\$47.95	45%	\$26.37

Jerry Cairne's Corner

Don't miss next months
valuable tip



As a pillow



**NEXT
MEETING
11th of
May 1998
7.30p.m.
AGM
MEETING
PLATE FOR
LIGHT BBQ
SUPPER**

Lic. R 24694 Telephone 8382 1963

Ted Bal

Quality 2nd fix Carpenter

24 Baanga Road
Morphett Vale SA 5162

TCIS Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd

offer a full range of insurance covers
to club members

Ken Bradey

Ph 08 8278 7000 Mobile 018 807 934

Driving Instructor & Trainer

Driver Training

Logbook

Driving Test

Overseas Conversions

Driving Instructor

Training

JOHN DODD

0885566494





TRADING MART

Sell, Buy or Exchange

Sell - Allen Towbar (2 Tonne towing capacity) to suit Toyota Landcruiser HZJ 75. \$100.00, Set of Toyota Landcruiser Manuals/Chassis and Body Repair & 2F Engine Repair Manual \$50.00 the lot. Contact Ted Bal Mobile 8382 1963 ah

Sell- BOX- Sealed light galvanised box, suit storage of sleeping bags or cloths etc. on roof rack 45"Lx24"Wx12"H. \$75.00 BOX- Sealed light galvanised suit spares etc 24"Lx12"Wx12"H. \$35.00 Phone Paul West 015 393 569.

Sell- Tyre one only used as Spare - never been on the road. BF Goodrich's Allterrain TA 31.1050 15" rim \$150.00 ono MAX ALMOND 8278 3848

Sell- Custom built 'Chuck Wagon' to suit 80 Series L'Cruiser. Fits to existing bolt holes. Complete with 4 plastic(large) bins - room for fridge & 2 Jerry Cans \$250. Two Tin Bins - Suitable for Pack Rack Rain & Dust proof 30x70x32cm \$50.00 & 60x114x32 cms \$70.00 Bull Bag Exhaust Jack as new 80.00 CONTACT WALLY FEE 8364 3506

Sell- Toyota 60 Series — SPARE PARTS & ACCESSORIES Brown Davis Alloy Watertank fits behind seat \$150.00, Auxiliary Fueltank and Filler \$200.00, R.V. Products rear Wheel carrier \$200.00, Alloy side steps \$120.00, Towbar \$90.00, Serviceable Clutch & Pressure Plate \$30.00, Standard Fueltank, side mirrors, neoprene bushes, front window Phone PAUL WATERS 8381 7055

Wanted to Buy 16" wheels to suit Nissan GQ Utility also 1995 Workshop manual for same model Contact Malcolm Curtis Phone (08) 82786813

Sell- IDEAL ROUND AUSTRALIA VEHICLE OKA DUAL CAB - Lift-off POP-TOP CAMPER

With tray and tonneau.

Perkins 110T 4 litre diesel(345 Nm torque @ 1600rpm).

Seats six. 63,000 kms

Fitted with the following extras

900R16 Michelin XZL tyres , Dual batteries-Second battery 90AH deep cycle , Dual fuel tanks with separate gauges.(approx 1900 km range) ,Dual cab air conditions, Dual spare wheels, Steel bull bar
PRICE \$94,990

New vehicle costs, dual-cab tray-top with camper approx \$150,000

Contact Jim Ditchfield a/h 08 8278 1614

Your Committee

PRESIDENT	Ken Bradey	Wk 018 807 934 Hm 8278 2787
VICE PRESIDENT	Clyde Paton	Hm 8278 1964
SECRETARY & PUBLIC OFFICER	Dean Dayman	Wk 8346 7999 Hm 8296 6390
TREASURER	Hubert Orbons	Wk 278 8142
ASSOCIATION DELEGATE	John Dodd	Hm 08 8556 6494
MEMBERSHIP OFFICER	John Keay	Hm 8278 6863
TRIPS CO-ORD.	Ted Bal	Hm 8382 1963
MAP LIBRARIAN	Jack Moss	Hm 8278 2719
SOCIAL COMMITTEE	Cheryl O'Toole	Hm 8387 1571
PROPERTY OFFICER	Henry Stendara	Hm 381 7827
MAGAZINE EDITORS	Gail Dodd	Hm 08 8556 6494 Fax 08 8556 6494
	Dean Dayman	
LIBRARIAN	Jack Moss	Hm 8278 2719