



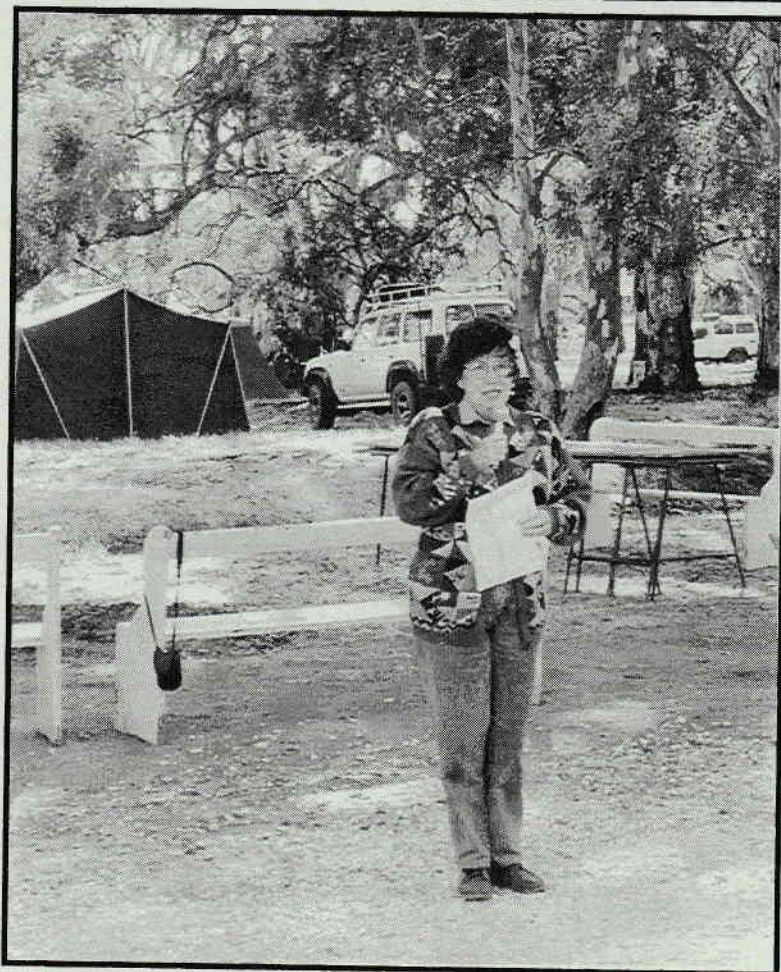
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ANNE BEADELL OPENING FRIENDLY FROLIC 1998 AT TOWITTA EARLIER THIS YEAR

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PRESIDENTS REPORT



Well Winter is definitely here and in full force with wind, rain (for Merv..) and even local snow. It is enough to keep most people home in front of their heaters and television watching their favourite football team (Sturt & Crows), but not our Club. In the last month Merv has led two trips, Dean assisting with one of them and Ted has headed South for a trip to plant more grass.

We have some excellent suggestions that were forwarded with the questionnaires but we still require trip leaders and volunteers to assist with organising trips.

I mentioned at our previous meeting that I would contact other clubs for a chance to join them on their club trips. So far two invitations have been extended to our club. One trip is from the Murray Bridge 4WD club to Murray Sunset in September and the other from the Adventurers to a private property North of Burra in October. This gives us opportunity to interact with other clubs, make new acquaintances and expand your comradeship with other individuals who have similar interests. All those interested please put your name on the trip board and see me for details.

There are some excellent family social outings organised by Joyce the Ten Pin Bowling day should be interesting (especially if have little or no ball handling skills) and special bumper alleys can be arranged for the kids. August appears to be a bit lean so come along to the Mt Crawford observation trial on the 23rd. It will be a day for the passengers to do the hard stuff for a change.

We are looking for a new Properties Officer so if you can handle a little additional responsibility and have some spare storage space please inform Dean. Speaking of Dean he may be looking for a new editor to assist him with the preparation and publication of our monthly magazine. Well that's it from me. See you around.

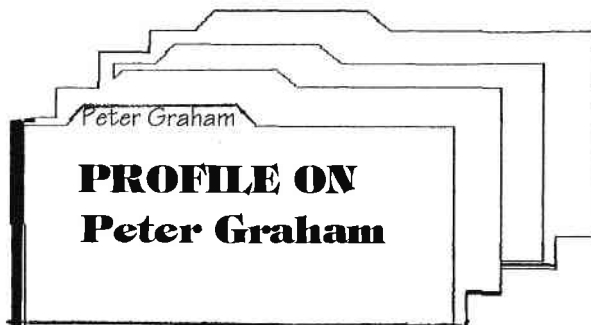
COMING EVENTS

Why Not Plan a Trip or a Days Outing Around One of These Attractions

September 6th	Start of the Australian Rally -Rundle Mall
September 27th	RAA Bay to Birdwood Run
October 10th	Curdimurka Ball
October 23-25th	4WD & Outdoor Show,S.W.Parklands (Discount tickets can be purchased through the Club)
November 1st	'Life be in it" Show, Bonython Park
November 21-22nd	Murraylands Big River Steam and Riverboat Rally, Murray Bridge
February 13th-14th	Raft Race Inter Club Challenge, Clayton



Dr. Cheryl O'Toole - talking to the animals Goat said "love the black & white outfit" SEE REPORT ON PAGE 2



My name is Peter Graham and I am the trip coordinator for your club. I have been married to Nutashu for 13 years and our daughter Jessica is 11 years old and is in year 6 at Heysen Primary at the Aberfoyle Park Campus.

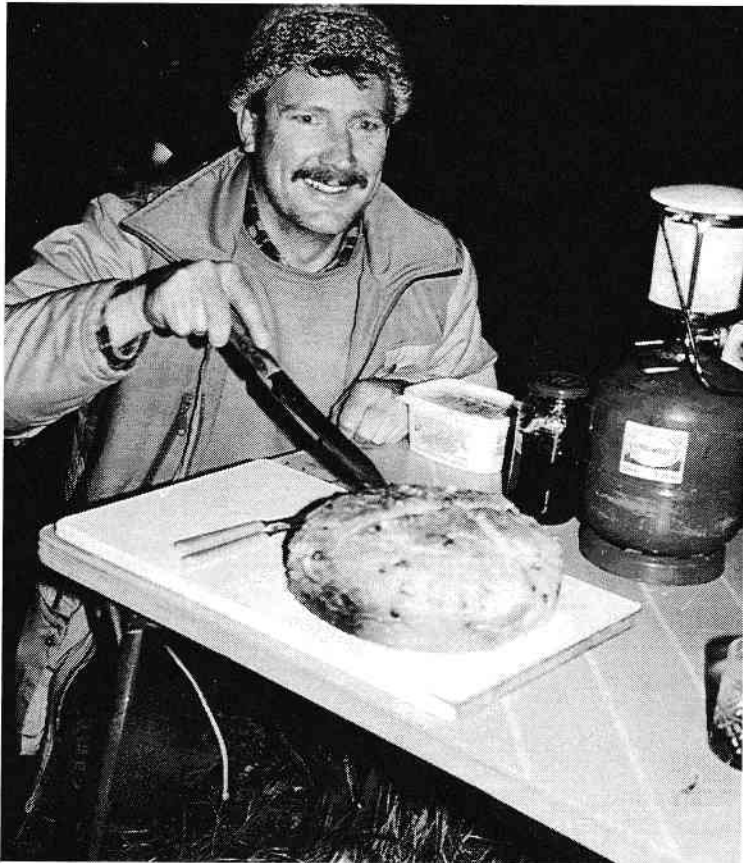
I was one of the first babies born at Blackwood Hospital in April 1954. I grew up in Blackwood and remember it as a town with a country atmosphere. It was a great place to grow up in and a lot of my friends from school are still in the district.

After leaving Blackwood High School I did an apprenticeship in Fitting and Turning at General Motors-Holden at Woodville and I still work as a Toolmaker for various labour hire agencies round Adelaide. Surfing took up a lot of my time during my late teens with many a trip to Pongakowrie Bay at the foot of Yorke Peninsula. We tried to take our cars where a 4wd would have been better with the Ranger helping to extract my VW Kombi from the mud on one occasion. Later my interest turned to scuba diving but I haven't dived for many years now.

I ventured overseas to London in 1979 on a working holiday which lasted 2 1/2 years. I had various jobs in London including dishwasher, furniture removalist and fitter. I also spent a winter in Austria working as a waiter. The skiing was fantastic! The highlight was the 6 months overland trip from London to Capetown in South Africa. The adventure took in all terrain from the sands of the Sahara to the jungles of the Congo. The game parks of east Africa and the climb up Mt. Kilimanjaro were fantastic. I travelled to Nairobi on an organised (?) tour in a MAN 4x4 truck then a Bedford 4x4 with the rest of the way on my own by hitching and local transport. I worked as a toolmaker in South Africa for 6 months before flying home.

I bought my first Toyota in 1986 which was a 1978 FJ55 Landcruiser. We got bogged on a beach on our first trip only to discover later that the left front axle was missing. Next came a 1984 diesel Hilux dual cab which proved a very versatile vehicle, but not for towing. I am now a dedicated diesel man and I currently have a 1990 diesel Troopy which has plenty of room for all those "essentials". My favourite trips are to the deserts with huge horizons and open spaces.

The Mount Lofty Rangers is the 2nd club I have belonged to and after 3 years I am getting to know the other members. I really enjoy the club outings and believe that participation is the key to getting the most out of our club.



Peter Graham - did he make the damper or not?



AUGUST 1998

SUNDAY 23RD OBSERVATION TRAIL - MT CRAWFORD

Join in the fun of an Observation Trail at Mt Crawford Woods & Forrest
A great area for the family
TRIP LEADER MARK MOSS

SEPTEMBER 1998

SATURDAY 5TH BURRA TRIP

Burra and near by country side. Type of driving Offroad with some very rocky creek crossings and scenic bitumen BYO Morning and Afternoon Tea & Lunch For Tea join us at the Burra North Hotel for \$5.00 Schnitzel/kids menu departing at 7.00p.m. home by 9.30pm TRIP LEADERS MARK & LINDA MOSS PHONE 8383 6324 LIMITED 10 VEHICLES

SATURDAY 12TH & SUNDAY 13TH MURRAY SUNSET NATIONAL PARK

Joint trip with the Murray Bridge 4WD Club. Leave our Club rooms at 7.30 am on the Saturday MORE DETAILS ON THE NOTICE BOARD

OCTOBER 1998

OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND 2ND, 3RD, 4TH , 5TH GERANIUM

KEEP IT IN MIND (SEE NEXT PAGE)

CONTACT KEN BRADEY 8278 2787

NGATKAT CONSERVATION PARK INTERCLUB WORKING BEE 3RD, 4TH, 5TH

This is a beautiful Mallee Park in the East of the State. These weekends are not all work and its a great way to visit with people who know the area. Meet in Pinnaroo, Main St at 10 am Saturday Morning. Contact ROD HARTVIGSEN Phone 8388 6083

FRIENDS OF THE PARKS 14TH ANNUAL FORUM. 9TH TO 11TH

Hosted by the Freinds of the Coorong and held in the Medingie Area School's Stadium. Discussions, exhibitions and tours will be held over the weekend. For further information contact PETER GRAHAM
PH 8370 6224

SATURDAY 31ST-1ST NOVEMBER CLARE WEEKEND

Tour some of the wineries, Homesteads and Bungaree Station plus local places of interest. Various charges for camping approx \$67.00 per couple for the weekend
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Dorado Desperados

October Long Weekend at Geranium

Yes it's true, after years of Bar Room bravado and unfocused enthusiasm we have finally organised a music and party Weekend. To be held at Dorado Downs 25km from Geranium on this October Long Weekend. The property has been booked from Friday night for those wishing to get an early start

The Plan

The event is open to members of the Rangers and the Holden 4WD Clubs. Come down Friday or Saturday to camp on site with a flush toilet, hot shower, shed to protect us from the rain(should it dare fall) and generally a great camping area. Its a great spot for and driving with tracks ranging from easy to impossible. Driver training and assessment can be undertaken or you can just take it easy.

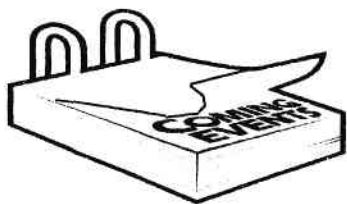
Bring all your own requirements

Saturday Night

We would like to organise a combined Roast Dinner, if those of you with camp ovens bring them along, and we all contribute some food we should be able to arrange a feast. The food will be supported by a CD and tape based music system. Each person is invited to select their two all time favourite pieces of music which will be played on the night. For those classical buffs a piece of music can't be longer than 7 minutes(just long enough to fit in Stairway to Heaven - I think!)

The Hassle

We must know definite numbers well before the event. Please ensure you record your name on the trip sheet at the September meeting. and yes it will be noisy, but you can camp ½km away if you wish!



SOCIAL REPORT

AUGUST FRIDAY 28TH:- Visit to Rescue 1 base at Adelaide Airport.
(note date change) Time - 7.15pm Airport Road

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY 20TH:- 10 Pin Bowling at Cross Road Bowl
Time 2.30pm Approx \$10.50 per person for 2 games
& shoe hire. \$5.00 deposit per person
at September meeting. Rest on the day.

DECEMBER SUNDAY 6TH Club Christmas Picnic at Clarendon Oval.
We have shelter whatever the weather.
Make a note in your diary. Full details at
September meeting

JUNE 1999 Club Dinner

Suggestions have been received from the Committee for outings but I would welcome more from all members as you are the ones attending. The more suggestions the better the choices. Some of the ideas put forward are

- 1 A repeat visit to Bridgestone Tyre Factory - Salisbury
- 2 Alltrac 4WD Workshop
- 3 Warrawong Sanctuary (dusk walk)
- 4 Progressive Dinner
- 5 Tour of Old Adelaide Gaol

Feedback on these would be appreciated to enable me to organise them

Joyce Gray Phone 8278 1576

CASPER'S WHALE WATCHING TOUR 6TH-12TH JULY

Trip Leaders Paul West and Cheryl O'Toole	(Casper)
Michael, Isobelle, Emma & Andrew Brett	(Tourists)
Mark, Linda, Chelsea & Stacey Moss	(Mossiah)

Monday morning arrived and we were running well within our schedule to arrive at Globe Derby park 7.00am. Passed the Bretts on the way so we were feeling pretty confident about not scoring the trip report. Stopped at McDonalds Drive thru to grab a quick breakfast but this turned out to be not so fast and we pulled up at Globe Derby Park with maple syrup on Stacey instead of the hotcakes. We were awarded the honour of the report and after cleaning up as best we could the convoy departed.

Next stop was Port Germein for morning tea. Headed off to Port Augusta Power Plant for an 11.00am tour and made it with two minutes to spare. We all donned hard hats and safety glasses for the tour which was very enlightening. The roadway to the power plant had a section of Sturt Desert Peas in full bloom which we stopped to admire on the way into Port Augusta for lunch.

The weather on Monday was fine and looked promising as we drove on. A little tip - make sure you have some small change in your pocket if you want to use the toilet at Iron Knob as the local service station proprietor charges admission. Later that afternoon the Bretts discovered when disciplining children in the car do not rest your knee on the lever of the handset or your voice will be broadcast to the world!

We arrived at Streaky Bay just on dark. Trip leaders Paul & Cheryl began their holiday in the luxury of a cabin whilst the Bretts's and the Moss's were braving it in tents. Both tents were new and put to the test as it was a wet and windy night. After a leisurely start the next day we all played tourists looking around the town then drove out to the Point Labatt Conservation Park where a sea lion colony exists. On the way we stopped at Dreadnoughts Lookout which is a very pleasant walk and other various vantage points along the way all of them sharing spectacular coastal scenery and equally spectacular cold winds. We finished Tuesday off with tea at the Streaky Bay Hotel.

Wednesday dawned and it was time to pack up camp and head for Fowlers Bay. Along the way we stopped at Felchillo Oasis (a Quandong

Farm). For a modest price we received a tour of the property which incorporates many innovative ideas in gardening, recycling and power supplies. They had quite a collection of animals such as camels, donkeys, sheep, goats, ducks, chooks, rabbits & wombats. We had been warned "Keep back from the male wombat. He has been spurned by the female and has turned into a nasty, grumpy wombat who bites." Mark was leaning over looking at him when the wombat flew at him. I have never seen the President move so fast for fear of having a wombat attached to his face. Its amazing how high these little fat, low to the ground creatures can jump when they want to. At the completion of our tour we enjoyed a cuppa and some quandong slice which was very tasty and a real eye opener.

We moved on to Fowlers Bay and the weather was getting bleaker but it didn't really matter because the majority of the day was spent in the car except for lunch at Ceduna. We thought we might have to pitch the tent in the rain at Fowlers Bay but the Gods smiled and cleared the weather. Paul and Cheryl were roughing it now in an onsite caravan. Luckily for the rest of us there was a large campers kitchen shelter that we could utilise when we experienced occasional showers over the next few days. Across the road were huge sandhills easily comparable to Lake George so we explored them as soon as we set up camp. That night we had our first campfire, which ended up smoking us out and sending us to our beds.

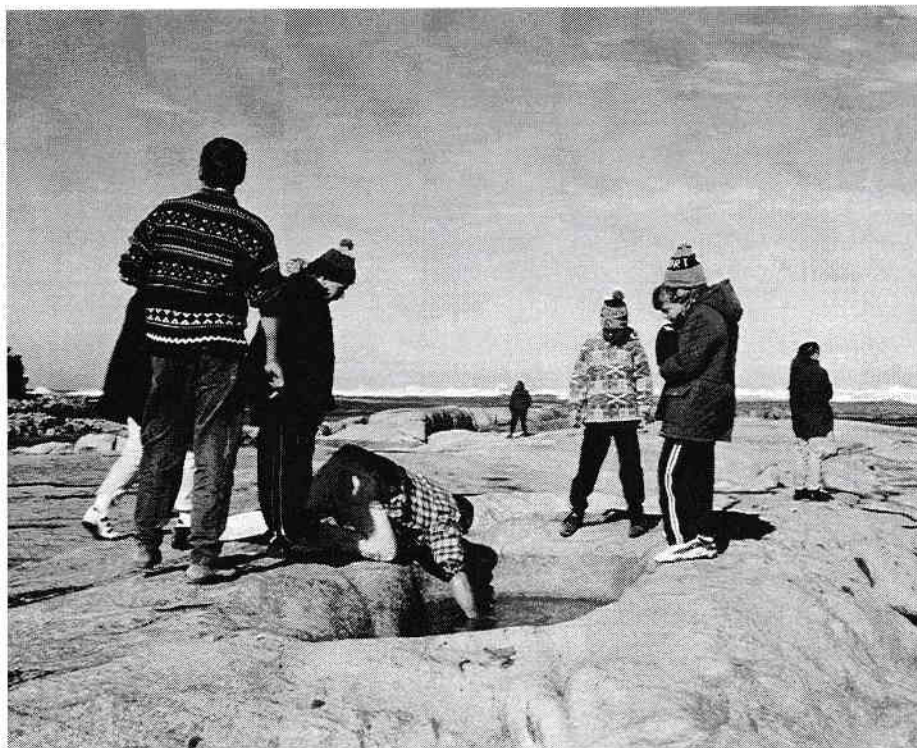
Thursday was a late start with the morning spent sand driving and beach fishing where the kids outfished most of the adults. When we had 7 decent fish we decided it was time to return to camp where Paul & Cheryl put on a sausage sizzle lunch. Some of the group hadn't had enough of fishing so they went out again. Meanwhile another 4WD group had been through and churned up the sand making it hard for the trip leader to conquer the first hill. The words of Ted Ball came floating back "Lower the pressure you can't run on more than 20PSI". Once air had been let out of the tyres he conquered the hill. Isobelle was the only one to make it first try that afternoon.

On Friday we set out for the Yalata Aboriginal Lands for whale watching. We heard a noise in our engine which was the clutch for the cooling fan so we stopped for Mark to remove it. We arrived around 10.30 and to our amazement we counted 20 whales lolling about in the water not far from the viewing platforms. A large Southern Right female whale is 17m, 80 tonnes - large male 15m, 50 tonnes - calves at birth 5.5m and 1 tonne.

We had lunch at Yalata then headed back towards Fowlers Bay turning off to a more scenic route via a few sandhills which our car did not appreciate due to the disconnected fan. This led to overheating on the last sandhill. After the car cooled down we returned to camp for a well earned happy hour which extended somewhat.

Saturday morning we packed up and headed back to Port Augusta where we all hired cabins for the night - sheer luxury! In the morning we all said our farewells as we had different agendas for the day. The Tourists decided to visit Whyalla, Casper wanted to visit the Port Augusta Botanical Gardens and we ventured through Wadlata the outback centre in Port Augusta. Our thanks to Paul & Cheryl for a great trip.

Linda Moss



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