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Alligator Gorge in the Mount Remarkable National Park

PRESIDENTS REPORT



Its time to put pen to paper and write another report, but it is difficult not to be side tracked. I've just seen the weather report - let me explain. It is Sunday night, we are all packed and ready to leave early tomorrow morning for Paul and Cheryl's 'Whale Watch' trip to the West Coast. Guess what, the forecast for the next week looks like rain, rain and more rain. With the Bureau's proven accuracy I hope this means sun, sun and more sun. Anyway on with the report.

The 'Winter Solstice' dinner at the Belair Hotel was a great success. Approximately 30 people attended the smorgasbord which consisted of soup, entrees, curries, salads, chicken, roasts, vegies, and desserts. The Food was plentiful and the company excellent. A quiz sheet was handed around and proved to be beyond most of us but, Hubert and Lynn were on the right track and took first prize uncontested(We all let him win because it was his birthday). Many thanks to Cheryl O'Toole for organising a very pleasant evening.

Most of us have heard, or seen on the board Ted Bal is holding a training day for the ladies only. It was brought to my attention this happens to fall on the AFL Grand Final day. A suggestion was made that the gentlemen meet to watch the game, then prepare dinner for the ladies. All interested let me know so plans can be made.

A reminder that membership fees are now due, and should be paid by the end of this July meeting. Please dust the cobwebs off those wallets and pay our Treasurer Hubert your out standing debt.

We are still waiting in anticipation to be stormed with trips and Leaders to fill our calendar. Anyone with suggestions for destinations, whether they are near or far, place them with Peter Graham, our newly elected Trips Co-Ordinator, now to avoid disappointment.

Because winter is here and camping in the rain does not appeal

to a lot of us, or we just can not get away for long, we have decided to include a few social events. These will be of interest to most of us, so please show your support and put your name down with Joyce Gray(Social Functions Organiser).

To conclude, thank you to all of the members who have continued for another year, and a warm welcome to all new members

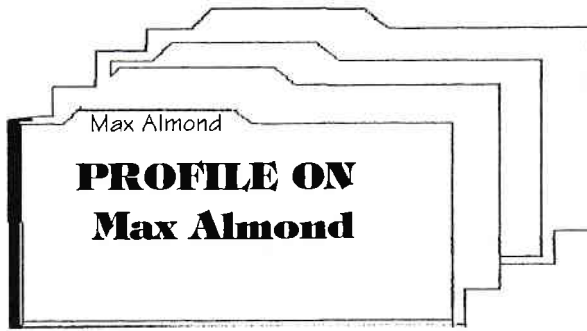
Time to sign off

See you 'round - Mossiah

COMING EVENTS

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

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



Hi! I'm Max Almond and my wife of 10 years is Barbara. Between us we've collected 5 children, 3 are married and 2 still single and we are, unfortunately, not grandparents yet but are living in hope.

I have been a 4wd owner for approximately 13 years having first owned a soft-top Daihatsu and I travelled every where in a constant dust haze within the vehicle. I then graduated to the Tojo.

I have always been keen on anything mechanical. As a child I built my own bikes and I was always tinkering in dad's shed and losing his tools.

At 15 I became apprenticed as a Fitter and Turner in a company whose and several employees were involved in Motor Sports. Our work involved building and repairing many of South Australia's racing cars, speed cars and speedway bikes. The interest in engines and cars became infectious - *result - a petrol head spending most of my spare time and all my money in making my cars go faster.* This involved coaxing 85mph from a side valve Morris Minor and in about 1960 built my own sports car based on MGTC motor with my own chassis and body obtaining 102mph from a 1200cc engine - *no bad!*

While all this mechanical stuff was happening I still found time to sing in choirs, go camping, play sports, do gym work outs, play hockey, squash, football, competitive swimming and coaching.

In 1961 I took off for England and Europe for '6 months' but stayed for 2 years on a working holiday. When I returned I began work at Both Equipment and worked on medical equipment. I then married and set up house and unfortunately, sold my sports car, had 3 kids and became a family man. As the boys grew older I had involvement in the Scout Movement, chauffeured the boys to sports and was on numerous school committees. As a

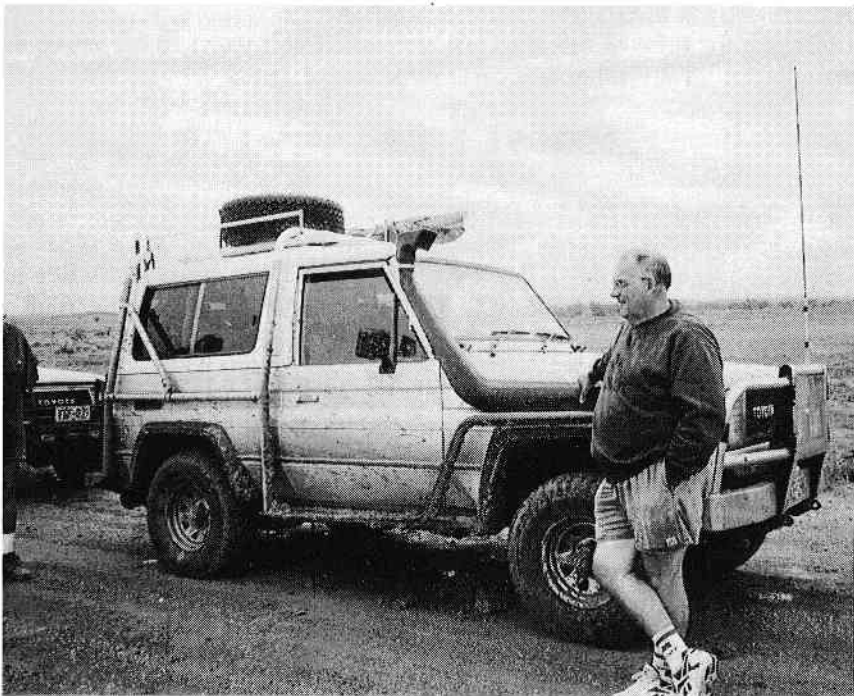
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family we went on a number of camping holidays and I also started up my own engineering business.

I then found my self on my own bringing up 3 boys. I decided to buy a 4WD to transport the boys to scout camps. In 1986 I met Barbara, the boys grew up and finally left home, and then we found - FREEDOM. I purchased a new 4WD and now we are back to the present.

Barb and I enjoy camping, 4WDing, overseas travel. I have regained my interest in cars by recently purchasing a Triumph TR4 sports car which is in need of a full restoration. The Triumph takes up all the carport, however, time and money allowing I should finish it one day. I have also become more interested and involves in 4WD training. I recently and stupidly put my hand up to be Treasurer of the Driver Awareness Unit and the Delegate to the association for M. Lofty Rangers.

Well, I think that's about it, wishing everybody Safe Driving and an enjoyable camping, and I'll close by saying "go the Crows"





JULY 1998

2nd AUSTRALIAN 4wd GATHERING Ross River Homestead ALICE SPRINGS JULY 11TH -12TH

THE FIRST GATHERING WAS HELD AT ALLANDALE STATION.
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The aim is to give the opportunity to members of 4WD Clubs and owners of 4WD's around Australia to gather in one place. Arrive at Ross River Homestead on Saturday 11th for Bunkhouse Accommodation/Cabins or camping facilities. Short trips will be organised on the Sunday FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT DEAN DAYMAN PH 82966390

SUNDAY 19TH ^{4.30} EASTERN HILLS/MURRAY FLATS

OFFROAD BUSHTRACKS Drive along some old tracks of the past as only Merv Tucker could find Promises to be a long but interesting day
MEET AT CLUB ROOMS TRIP LEADER MERV TUCKER 8278 1414

SATURDAY 25 -26TH MARRON GRASS REPLANT

A little bit of work for a lot of fun and enjoyment. If you want to try some sand driving join TRIP LEADER TED BAL 8382 1963

AUGUST 1998

SUNDAY 9th MURRAY MALLEE COUNTRY

With the local knowledge of Merv Tucker & Dean Dayman spend a pleasant but long day on some interesting back tracks around the Murray Mallee area
LEAVE CLUB ROOMS 7.30AM CONTACT TRIP LEADER MERV TUCKER
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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



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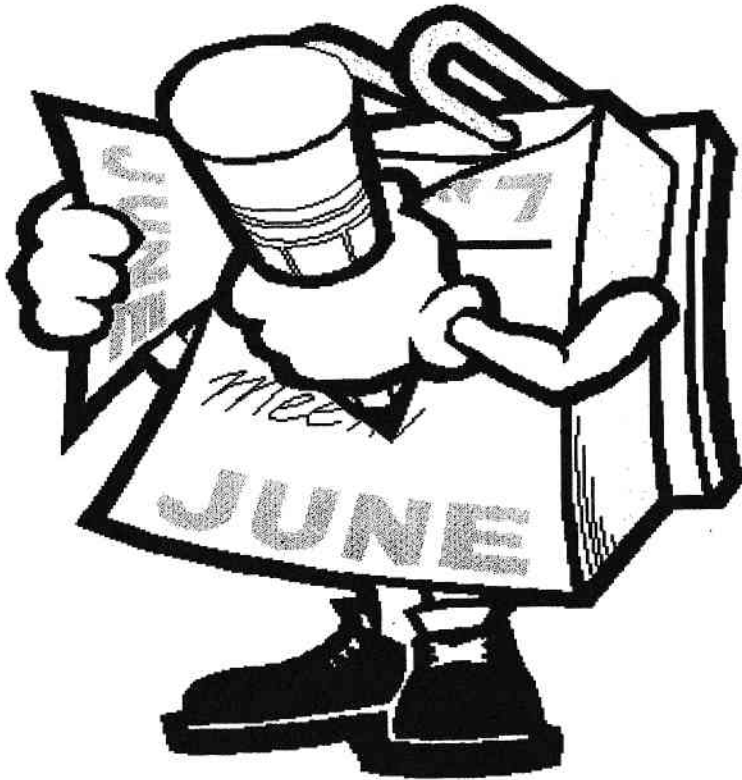
Hosted by the Friends of the Coorong and held in the Medingie Area School's Stadium. Discussions, exhibitions and tours will be held over the weekend. For further information contact PETER GRAHAM
PH 8370 6224

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
MOSS 8278 2719

TRIP LEADERS JACK & RENE

I READ IN THE PAPER THIS MORNING THAT MEMBER SOME-ONE-ELSE PASSED AWAY. THEY WILL BE SADLY MISSED BY ALL OF US. I AM SURE WE ALL REMEMBER THINKING, "IT WON'T MATTER IF I CAN'T DO IT, FOR MEMBER SOME-ONE-ELSE WILL". IT IS NO WONDER SOME-ONE-ELSE PASSED AWAY. IF THEY FILLED IN FOR ALL OF US, ALL THE TIME, I GUESS THEY DIED FROM OVERWORK. SO NOW WE MUST SAY FAREWELL TO MEMBER SOME-ONE-ELSE AND THINK ABOUT DOING OUR OWN SHARE OF THE WORK



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Trip Report for Geranium Weekend 4th/5th July

The Club had a good weekend at Derado Downs which is approx. 200kms from Blackwood and 30kms South of Geranium. The Land Holder has created tracks through the mallee scrub which gave varying degrees of difficulty, from flat to steep and bumpy. The sand was damp and firm but still some slopes proved too long and steep for most vehicles. The good thing about this area is that members only have to tackle the hills they want to as the tracks inter connect and so no one is forced to drive beyond their capabilities or that of their vehicles.

The Weather for most of the weekend was mainly fine with lots of sun, although windy at times. This made it very pleasant out in the scrub and most of Saturday was spent becoming familiar with the property as a lot of us had not been there before.

Back to camp at around 4p.m. for "Happy Hour" and dinner around a blazing campfire. Every one was feeling sociable and with a mild evening there was quite a party atmosphere.

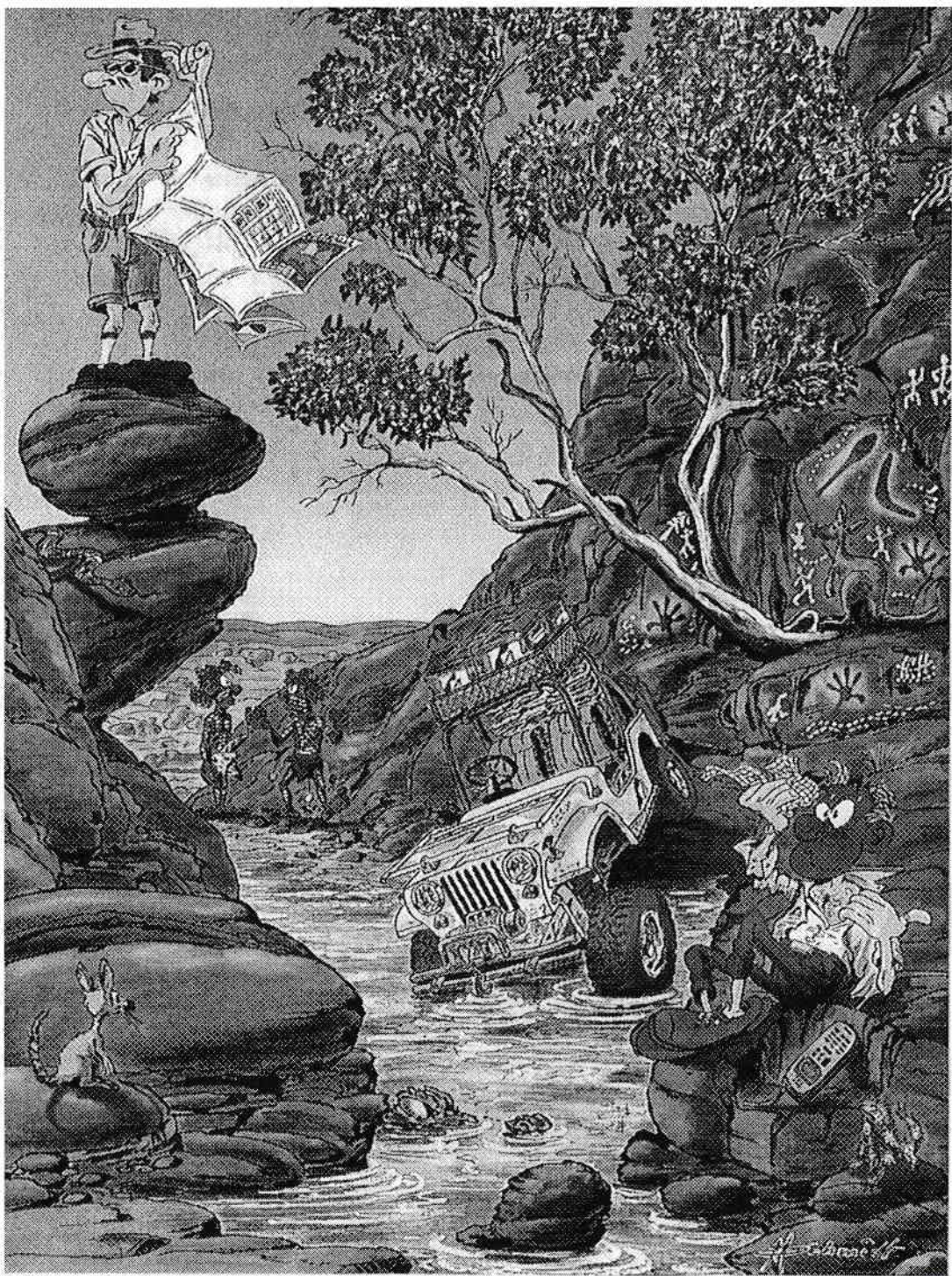
Sunday morning dawned a bit dull as did some of the members so it wasn't till about 10 o'clock that we ventured out once again in our vehicles. The Tucker families arrived soon after and Merv was keen to try the new Parado on some of the sand hills.

Those members who attended were Peter Graham, Kym Rawsthorn, Ted & Machin Bal, Darrell Burr & partner Lynette, Steve & Chris Wrobel with Merv Tucker & family and Murray Tucker & family coming on the Sunday.

The numbers were boosted by approx 10 vehicles from the Landcruiser Club of S.A.. These members, including young groups, were very friendly and good company for the weekend.

After lunch on Sunday we packed up and were just leaving as the rain started at 2p.m. It was a wet and foggy drive along the Freeway and a particularly long afternoon for the Wrobels who experienced car trouble on the way back. A little birdie told me that the same red Jackaroo got hung up on a dirt mound during the weekend.

A big thankyou to Ted Bal for the time he put into conducting sand driving assessments for the Basic Driving coursePeter Graham



Has anyone heard from our Cape York Crusader John

The 4Wheel Driver's Dictionary

- Billy** A metal container for putting black sooty marks on other items carried in the vehicle. Can also be filled with water, placed on fire and retrieved with a brittle twig
- Campsite** Any area containing no more than three square meters of level ground.
- CB Radio** Around town:- an electronic method of destroying one's faith in the intelligence of one's fellow man.
- Out of Town** A rough way of measuring the number of trees & hills between vehicles.
- Esky** Believed to be the only musical instrument constructed solely of polystyrene. The melodies produced in the back of a 4WD on the move have been found to be spiritually satisfying as fingernails on a blackboard.
- Fuel Filter** Used to test the ability of engines to run without fuel.
- Geography** A collection of natural features which seem to have changed completely since your last visit or since your map was made.
- Jack** Essential piece of equipment for making neat depressions in the ground
- Low Range** A line of hills.
- Naivety** A charming quality possessed by 4WD owners resulting in a childlike faith that nothing will go wrong on the next trip.
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- Seat** An item carefully designed to prevent the driver falling asleep at the wheel. For maximum comfort, remove it and a pine boxnailed in its place.
- Towbar** A metal protuberance designed to fracture kneecaps while coating the injury with a protective layer of grease. Some vehicles also have a towbar mounted at the front in case you dodge the one at the rear.
- Unanimous** Campfire vote of confidence in the trip leader, the navigator, the cartographer, the Pope and anyone else having views contrary to the general weary consensus.
- X** A reputedly attractive spot marked clearly on a map but impossible to find.
- Yarn** Gospel truth related round the campfire. Rarely believed by anyone sober or with a mental age greater than two.

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