



# Rangers' Review

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PO Box 1150, Blackwood S.A. 5051

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Now here's Presidential material - what ever you can do I can do it bigger  
President elect Mark Moss shows off his BIG aerial flag

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# PRESIDENTS REPORT



It has only been 4 weeks since the A.G.M. and time for a report already.

I'd like to start off by saying once again thanks to Ken Bradey for his supreme efforts, and to all the past committee members. This next 12 months should be a real corker.

Our new committee is so keen and enthused to get our members out & driving, we hope to soon be inundated with trips (with leaders), and members wanting to keep the club not up and walking but up and running. There will be so much activity, the next 12 months will seem like a blurr.

Along with new committee members comes new ideas and changes which we believe will be for the benefit of the club. These are made to minimize stress in the committee, and increase input, participation and feedback from every-body involved in the Mt. Lofty Rangers 4WD Club to an all new HIGH. (Remember - what you get out of something is proportional to the amount of effort you put in to it).

If you have any new ideas involving the club please see me, you never know we may be able to make it happen. All of us are in this club for the same reason, so let's surprise ourselves and make this a beauty.

'Bloody heck', I'm starting to rave on so I'd better put down the pen

See you 'round

MOSS-IAH -

*(Apology to Ted Bal for leaving out his report last month)*

## TRIP CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

At the last Committee Meeting I was asked to do a report as Trip's Co-ordinator. It's amazing how time has flown when your having fun. As a Club we had a very busy and exiting time in the past year, from Christmas Parties and dinners. We had a lot of adventurous trips and many educational driver training courses, however I enjoyed every bit of it.

In the past year I organised and helped organise 32 trips, 22 of which were run during the year. This is an overwhelming amount of trips for a Club our size. I don't think any other club could come close to this. Only 10 trips had to be cancelled which isn't too disappointing.

In doing a little maths, 114 vehicles attended trips, which is an average of 5.2 vehicles per Club trip. This was very pleasing considering people has to find time off work.

Our largest convoy in a trip was 14 vehicles, however we had a convoy of just two vehicles

Our Club had a large variety of trips that spanned all over Australia. Trips like the Red Centre, The Great Gulf Country to the northern point of Australia - Cape York. Some of us enjoyed the green, roughest, and the steepest hills in the High Country, or the challenging South East of South Australia. We had some easy going tripos like the Glenelg River, Coffin Bay Peninsula, Swan Reach Caves and the Wildflower tour.

Education Trips were run at Geranium, Peake and at Hackham.

We also had a couple of interesting mystery trips

On all of these there was a friendly atmosphere, great company and a lot of funny yarns around the camp fire.

During each trip you found out who the best cooks are, Ken's pancakes, Simon's Damper and strawberry ice-cream deserts must have been popular. For those who haven't yet been on one of our trips you don't know what your missing. Champagne and seafood breakfast in bed for some or a BBQ roast or even Chinese, You could say we ate better on trips than at home.

Really I am proud to be a member of the Mount Lofty Rangers and to have had the opportunity to be the Trips Co-ordinator.

Once again I'd like to say thanks to the Club members and to the Committee for their support.

Unfortunately I will be standing down as Trips Co-ordinator, and I'd like to say good luck to the person who fills my position, and I wish you even more success

**TED BAL**

1997/8 Trips Co-Ordinator

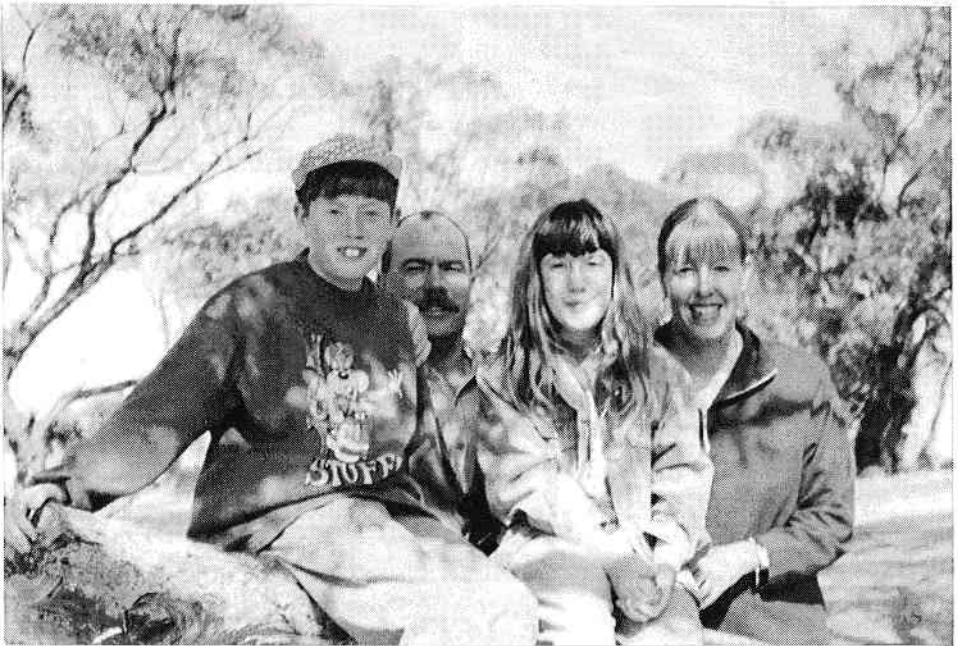
MARK MOSS

## **PROFILE ON MARK MOSS**

My name is Mark Moss. I have been married to Linda for 13 years and we have two children, Chelsea and Stacey.

For as long as I can remember, I've been an outdoors kind of guy and never liked being inside for too long. As a youth I was always camping fishing, travelling, always something to do with the Great Out Doors. I'm slowly converting Linda(an indoors type) into enjoying the benefits of being out with Mother Nature.

My first attempt at this was not very successful. As I remember it, we were heading off to Lake Eildon in Victoria for Easter in 1994. We drove through the night and I had convinced Linda we didn't need to make a booking. We arrived next morning and found the camping ground



*FROM LEFT TO RIGHT STACEY, MARK, CHELSEA, LINDA*



was absolutely chock a block full. The caretaker took pity on us and showed us a small grassed area right at the back of the park. It was not a choice spot but beggars can't be choosers, and we did not travel all this way to turn around and go back home. And so we set up camp and every thing was going dandy until it started to rain. Problem was that we were camped at the lowest point of the park and spent the next 3 days in about 30mm of water. Linda was NOT impressed.

Anyway, as the family expanded, camping was put on hold for a while. As the years moved on we bought a boat so we could all enjoy a common past-time, fishing. What a disaster, the kids hated anything larger than a ripple in the water and the slightest swell made them sick. Needless to say the boat went into storage.

A good friend of mine purchased a short wheel base Nissan G60, so in 1993, two mates and myself trekked up to Birdsville for the races. We came back through Innaminka, Cameron Corner and finally back home. We covered 4000kms and apart from the fact that:-

All we had for the middle seat was a carton of beer,  
One guy was intoxicated and used the maps to start our camp-fire,  
Ran out of spare tyres(picked up a second hand one at Cameron Corner  
for  
\$100.00),  
took a wrong turn and ended up in Queensland some where(because of no  
maps)  
and finally the motor ceased in Mitcham and Denny towed us home for  
the  
last 16kms It was still a lot of fun.

This trip stirred my interest in 4WDiving, and the added bonus - my whole family enjoys it too.

I joined up with the Mt. Lofty Rangers in 1995, What a great bunch of members (male & female).

Now 4WD's are a part of our lives and I hope to travel a lot more to see this beautiful country of ours,

Mark, Linda, Chelsea & Stacey



1917 Day Trip  
9/8 DAY TRIP

## **JULY 1998**

### **SATURDAY 4TH TO SUNDAY 5TH GERANIUM**

Great camping and great 4WD driving around sand hills. Good education weekend. Facilities include toilet block and a shower. Experience camping, campfires and camp cooking.

### **SUNDAY 5TH TO SUNDAY 12TH Fowler Bay WHALE WATCH**

Travel to Ceduna for couple of days then on to Fowler Bay to the edge of the Great Australian Bight to catch the Whales at play. Return via Highway 1 Alt to Coffin Bay, Pt. Lincoln and home

TRIP LEADER PAUL WEST PHONE 8387 1571

### **2nd AUSTRALIAN 4wd GATHERING Ross River Homestead**

**ALICE SPRINGS**

**JULY 11TH -12TH**

THE FIRST GATHERING WAS HELD AT ALLANDALE STATION. OODNADATTA

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 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

## **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 TO 10 VEHICLES



**OCTOBER 1998**

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**GERANIUM**

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

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 Bungarie Station plus local places of interest. Various charges for camping approx \$67.00 for

***TRIP CO-ORDINATORS REPORT***

I thought I would start my stint as Trip Coordinator by writing a few words by way of introduction and hopefully stir up a bit of enthusiasm. A lot of my comments have been said many times before but because trips are the basis on which clubs grow their importance can not be over emphasized.

Going away on a trip (be it a few hours or a few weeks) is a lot of fun, but to do the same trip and know that you have researched, planned and led that trip makes it all the more rewarding.

There can be a lot of effort involved in the organization of a trip but a member doesn't need to do it all themselves. They can get together with other members and share the task or approach me with an idea and I'll help get you started or we can see if another member has been to a particular place and can advise on the planning. Not all trips go to plan and people are naturally nervous about the responsibility, but by getting involved you can have those trips that you want when you want them. Also, don't be disheartened if only a few people sign up for your trip.

What this all means is that members **MUST** be prepared to do more than just come along to the monthly meetings and expect others to organize their trips for them. Being involved is the way to get to know people in the club and to gain confidence in your vehicle and yourself while seeing new sights. So let's try and do our bit to keep the Mount Lofty Rangers an active and interesting club.

PETER GRAHAM (ANKLES)

## **\*\*\* MURPHY WAS**

Never eat prunes when you are famished.  
All warranties expire upon payment of invoice.  
Friends come and go, But enemies accumulate.  
A short cut is the longest distance between two  
points.  
Leak proof seals —Will. Self starters— will not.  
Interchangeable parts—Won't.  
Don't mess with Mrs Murphy.  
If you're feeling good, don't worry, you'll get over  
it.  
The chance of a piece of bread falling with the but-  
tered side down in directly proportional to the cost  
of the carpet.  
No matter how long or hard you shop for an item,  
after you've bought it, it will be on sale somewhere  
cheaper.  
The other lane always moves faster.  
In order to get a loan, you must first prove you  
don't need it.  
If you fool around with a thing for very long you  
will screw it up.  
A \$300 Picture tube will protect a 10 cent fuse by  
blowing first.  
If it jams—force it. If it breaks, it needed replacing  
anyway.  
Any tool dropped while repairing a car will roll un-  
derneath to the exact centre.  
The repairman will never have seen a model quite  
like yours before.



# **AN OPTIMIST      \*\*\***

When a broken appliance is demonstrated for the  
repairman, it will work perfectly.

Everybody should believe in something—I believe  
I'll have another drink.

Build a system that even a fool can use, and only a  
fool will use it.

Everyone has a scheme for getting rich that will not  
work.

In any hierarchy, each individual rises to his own  
level of incompetence, and then remains there.

When in doubt, mumble. When in trouble,  
delegate.

Anything in life is either illegal, immoral or fatten-  
ing.

It is morally wrong to allow suckers to keep their  
money.

A bird in the hand is safer than one overhead.

Murphies golden rule. Whoever has the gold makes  
the rules.

The light at the end of the tunnel is the headlamp of  
an oncoming train.

Never sleep with anyone crazier than yourself.

Beauty is only skin deep, ugly goes to the bone.

A Smith and Weston beats four Aces.

If everything seems to be going well, you obviously  
don't know what the hell is going on.

Where you stand on an issue depends where you sit.

In case of doubt, make it sound convincing.

***WITH SOME HEAVY RAINS EXPERIENCED IN THE OUT-  
BACK OF LATE IT IS TIMELY TO PUBLISH THIS ARTICLE  
FROM THE ADVERTISER***

# **Bill raises fines for Outback road damage**

By Political Reporter  
PHILLIP COOREY

TRUCKIES and other motorists who churn up rain-soaked Outback roads may soon face heavy fines.

Legislation introduced to the Upper House yesterday would increase from \$100.00 to \$1250.00 the fine for driving on unsealed Outback roads closed because of rain.

The fine jumps to \$2500.00 for a second offence, with the courts also empowered to order the offending motorist to pay for the damage caused.

Regrading damaged roads cost up to \$500.00 a kilometre

Introducing the Highways(miscellaneous) Amendments Bill, the Transport

Minister, Ms Laidlaw, said apart from the fact that wet Outback roads were dangerous to drivers, vehicles left them "heavily rutted".

"These conditions can cause vehicle accidents resulting in personal injury or even death" she said.

Near the end of winter, three cars rolled on the Birdsville Track because of damage to the track caused by people who ignore closed road signs.

"When such damage is caused by deliberate flouting of road closure signs and a disregard of the possible consequences on other road users, believe it is time to act to impose penalties vehicle recognise the seriousness of the breach." Ms Laidlaw said.

The bill also empowers the Commissioner of Highways to delegate powers to local police, park rangers, local councillors and other authorities to assess the condition of a road and close it if necessary.

And it stiffens penalties for rural people who make their own access roads to the main road.

Fines for illegal access will jump from \$100.00 to \$1250.00 and the Commissioner can order a person to remove an illegal access and restore the land to its former condition.

Failure to do so would attract a further \$1250.00 fine plus \$125.00 for each day the illegal access continued to exist. and a court could order that the offender pay for the damage caused

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A rope over the top of a fence has the same length on each side and weighs one-half of a kilogram per metre. On one end hangs a monkey holding a banana, and on the other end a weight equal to the weight of the monkey. The banana weighs twenty -four grams per centimetre. The length of the rope in metres is the same as one-third of the age of the monkey, and the weight of the monkey in grams is as much as thirty times the age of the monkey's mother.

The combined ages of the monkey and its mother are 30 years. One-half the weight of the monkey plus the weight of the banana is one-fourth the sum of the weights of the rope and the weight.

The monkey's mother is one-half as old as the monkey will be when it is three times as old as its mother was when she was one-half as old as the monkey will be when it is as old as its mother will be when she is four times as old as the monkey was when it was twice as old as its mother was when she was one-third as old as the monkey was when it was as old as its mother was when she was three times as old as the monkey was when it was one-fourth as old as it is now.

**How long is the banana?**

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