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WANDERERS	SCRATCHED	2-15 ¹¹ 2-18 ¹¹ 2-31 ¹¹ ④		

*Results of each race at the Clayton Raft Race
We were the only team with a entry in each race*

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PRESIDENTS REPORT



As we know it's been a long dry summer and rain seemed to be the last thing to consider whilst camping almost anywhere in this great state of ours. That is unless you attended the Riverland Frolic at Chowilla Station near Renmark. The sudden reminder of winter camping and mud was soon brought to reality. If the Riverland 4WD club had control over the weather it would have been a perfect frolic. Everything was catered for in more ways than one. They did not miss a trick and a good time was had by all. The SAAFWDC Committee remains the same except for a vacant position for assistant secretary so if you're keen stand up and let them know.

Some of our members took a break and trip over to Port Lincoln for Easter. I know this trip was organised by the West/O'Tooles and the weather should have been fine for them. Hope to hear more about this at the next meeting.

Joyce Gray's efforts were rewarded with an outstanding attendance for a night walk around Warrawong Sanctuary. What foresight some people have to save our native fauna, it is definitely worth a visit. The night concluded at the Gray's house where a smorgasboard of Joyce's cooking delights filled the tables. Complimented by coffee, tea and port, what a way to end a stroll through nature.

Our May meeting is the AGM so fill out your nomination forms and remember to bring a plate of food to share. We have trips coming up but more would not hurt and remember Ted is holding a "Learn to Lead a Trip" day on Saturday 1st May at the DAU premises at Cavan. For details see page 9 or ring me.

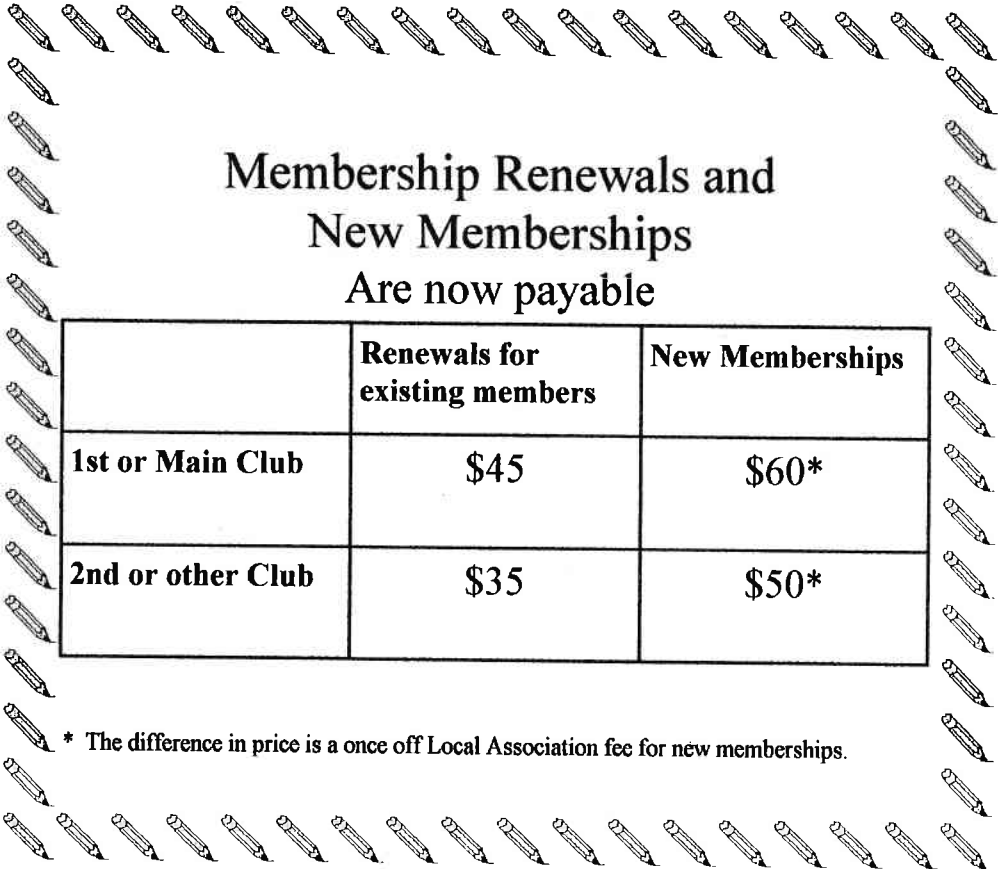
That's all for now

See ya' round

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Happy Birthday

Ian Mangelsdorf	15th April
Peter Graham	16th April
Chelsea Moss (12)	6th May



Membership Renewals and New Memberships Are now payable

	Renewals for existing members	New Memberships
1st or Main Club	\$45	\$60*
2nd or other Club	\$35	\$50*

* The difference in price is a once off Local Association fee for new memberships.

News In Brief

Don't forget about the "SUGGESTION BOX". If you have any ideas of where to go on a trip but do not want to be involved in organising it, please put your ideas in here. We are trying to share the load around to everyone so we are all actively involved in this great club.

The Mt Lofty Rangers Web Site is up and running. If you have access to the Internet the address is:

www.tcis.com.au/mlr/

Congratulations to Lynette and Tim Byrne on the news of their pregnancy. The new sibling for Samuel is due in early September.

Congratulations also to Margaret Bal on the sale of the Cake Shop. Enjoy your well deserved break and good luck with your future endeavours.

For those of you who attended the Clayton Raft Race and purchased at the Sausage Sizzle, the Subaru Club donated \$152 towards the Royal Flying Doctor Service from the money raised. A job well done!

Spies tell me a certain Presidents wife won a nationwide recipe competition with Master Foods Australia. 1 of 5 winning entries was "Linda's Mustard Chive Chicken". Congratulations Linda, but where's the recipe?

Diary Dates: **October 15 – 17 4x4 Show**
 December 5 – Xmas Picnic – Clarendon Oval

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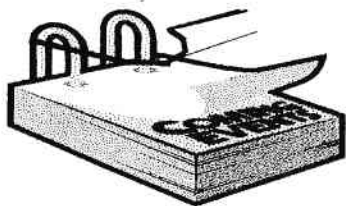
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A selection of books from UNIVERSAL PRESS have been made available to clubs within the Association at a reduced price.

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SOCIAL REPORT

If you would like to attend any of the outings suggested, please register by putting your name on the appropriate list and support your interest.
Any further questions please call Joyce Gray 8278 1576.

Visit to ALLTRAC Workshop

Friday April 30th

Time: 7.30pm Meet at Alltrac's

Cost: Free

They would like 15 – 20 in group.

Please support this visit as their sponsorship is valuable to the club.

Visit Old Adelaide Gaol

Sunday May 23rd

Cost:

Adults \$6.00

Time: 10.55 am for 11.00 am Start

Children \$3.00

Duration: 1½ hour

Family \$15.00

Conc. \$4.00

BYO Lunch after in Bonython Park and then to
Magill & Stonyfell Wineries for wine tastings.
These arrangements subject to alteration..

MID-YEAR DINNER

Saturday 26th June 1999

Cost:

\$21 per head

Time: 7.30 pm

drinks extra

Strings Bistro

Racquets SA Club
South Road

St Marys (Opposite Mitsubishi)

Numbers are limited to 50 so first in best dressed. There will be a choice of 3 main courses and 2 sweets with soup as first course. Numbers have to be confirmed in May and \$10 per head deposit is required by May meeting. Final payment by June meeting.

CONFESSIONS OF A 4WD CONVERT

I have gone over to the dark side. I have fraternised with fiends, rubbed shoulders with agents of evil and moved among the children and parents of the damned (annoying.) For we own a 4WD.

It all began when it was time to sell the station wagon. His eyes misted over and he started muttering words like "The Gibson Desert. The Gun Barrel Highway."

I blame his mate Dennis. Once, while crossing the Simpson Desert and before UHF radios, Dennis does in the back wheel bearing on his Toyota Land Cruiser. He carves a new one out of a bit of mulga. Gets out. No kidding. He's the sort of bloke, who would sleep with his head on an echidna, gut a rabbit with his teeth and change the sump oil with a straw. So we get a 4WD.

Now I'm living with New Car Man. He frisks the kids for doughnuts before they get in the car. Crumbs, apparently, can destroy a new 4WD.

I'm allowed to drive the new 4WD to the supermarket if I park 3km away and lug supplies over land. Car doors, it seems, can destroy a 4WD.

Out driving, New Car Man is tense. There's a rattle. Rattles can destroy a 4WD. The whole family, including kids' friends, spends an hour impersonating Spiderman holding things in place. New Car Man finds the rattle. It's the car keys. We momentarily consider driving him to the Simpson Desert and leaving him there.

One day I bump over a pothole with New Car Man on board. He complains. Next thing I drive under a tree. He goes ballistic. "You've scratched the duco," he gasps. I react. "You want to take this car into the Outback. I'll be damned if I'm gonna spring the length of the Gun Barrel Highway holding back branches so that you don't scratch the duco. And I'm not crossing the Simpson Desert ahead of you filling in pot holes either."

Calendar of Events

April – May 1999

APRIL 12 Meeting	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Morgan Trip	25 Morgan Trip
26 Morgan Trip	27	28	29	30 Visit Alltrac	MAY 1 How To Be A Trip Leader Course	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Mother's Day
10	11	12	13	14	15 Marion Bay Trip Long- Weekend	16 Marion Bay Trip Long- Weekend



APRIL 1999

LONG WEEKEND 24 – 26th - MORGAN

Staying at the Morgan Caravan Park on unpowered sites near the River Murray you can go fishing, swimming and your leader has organised a few guided tours. Also some 4WD practice in a disused quarry behind the caravan park sounds like a fun weekend to be had.

Details: Michael & Isobell Brett 8387 1163

MAY 1999

HOW TO BECOME A TRIP LEADER – SATURDAY 1st

Experience and knowledge of Ted Bal. Held at DAU – Unit 2 9 Cardiss Court, Cavan from 9am – 4pm. Coffee supplied but would be a good idea to bring lunch and other drinks if preferred. Cost: Free

Details: Ted Bal 8382 1963 AH

LONG WEEKEND 15th – 17th – MARION BAY

Ken has organised access to a large shed held on private property with bunk area, hot shower, flushing toilet, living area with open fire and a wood stove. You can camp here and make it your base to do your own thing such as sightseeing or fishing.

\$10 per adult per night (deposit required) Children free.

Details: Ken Bradey 8278 2787 AH

JUNE 1999

LONG WEEKEND 12th – 14th – FLINDERS RANGES

Trip in the pipe line. Put it in your diary. More information as it comes to hand.

Details: Denny or Mark Moss 8383 6324 AH

JULY 1999

GERANIUM – 3rd – 4th

Stay at “Dorado Downs” approx. 190 East of Adelaide. Mallee scrub with sand tracks, good for those needing the sand driving of their basic 4WD course.

Shower, flushing toilet, hot water and shed for inclement weather. Nice camping but be self sufficient. Details: Peter Graham 8278 2787 AH

A strained truce settles on the family as the 4WD clocks up kilometres on the bitumen. Twelve months later New Car Man bursts in the door grinning. "We're goin' off road," he enthuses, "on an organised day trip".

At the rendezvous point, there are 11 4WDs. And everyone's talkin' the talk. "We've done the Gibba. And Coopers. And Strzelecki." It was a little embarrassing. We'd only braved the supermarket car park. At last. But don't belittle car parks. They can be treacherous. Some of them have such low entrances, you could lose the sun roof.

I learnt a whole new language that day. From the itinerary. TL. Turn Left. PSA. That's the Prostate Specific Antigen. The test for cancer. In the Out-back? "This is taking self-sufficiency too far," I thought. But PSA stands for proceed straight ahead.

We did. In convoy. Once off road, it kicked up some dust too. I felt as if we were on safari in the Sahara until a Ford Festiva drove out of the dust cloud. Thew we hit the 4WD track. And New Car Man turned in a split second into Off Road Man. He, the protector of duco, became instantly willing to drive the car and the entire family off a cliff. No worries.

"Don't go down there," I gasped. I'm talking creek bed surface followed by a vertical drop. But the convoy rules. The family assumed the Spider-man position (Thank god, we'd had some practice.) and Off Road man took

With Mother's Day coming I'm sure this thought has crossed all Mother's minds at some stage.

The mother of three notoriously unruly youngsters was asked whether or not she'd have children if she had it to do over again.

"Sure," she replied,
"but not the same ones."

Joke Corner

off. We bounced. We rocked. We rolled. Rattles nothing. The whole car creaked like an old sailing ship. I learnt heaps that day. I learnt that a convoy takes eight hours to cover a distance you'd do in two hours at a brisk walk because you mostly stand around discussing the track ahead. I learnt you must have the right equipment. At the picnic, for instance, you should have a fridge the size of a small car. And I learnt that a "bit of a bog", as described by an experienced leader like Aubrey, is probably so deep you'll lose the first three cars. The rest drive over the roofs.

The bog split the convoy. There were the off-road cowboys. Overcome with mud lust, they went in skidding and came out looking like 4WD lamingtons. The rest of the convoy, including us, weren't interested in driving home with 2 tonnes of mud under the car. We did a few minor puddles later.

On the way home we felt pure. We no longer belonged to that annoying 4WD brigade that never goes off road. We had done it. We passed a pristine Nissan Patrol. Duco gleaming. I felt like winding down the window and yelling: "Wanker. Look at this. Real mud!" And I knew, if there was ever a flash flood in the supermarket car park, we would survive. No worries, mate.

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Author of "I Left My Heart in Chinkapook and My Knickers in New York".

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A friend of mine, an opal-miner, and his wife drove up to Andamooka. This was in the good old days when Woomera was still off limits and you had to go via Arcoona and Andamooka homesteads. It had been raining before and they promptly got bogged. He goes out to push and after a while they got mobile again. With the car slowly moving forward, wheels spinning madly, he takes a breather and walks next to the car. His wife poked her head out of the window and asked, "Darling (they hadn't been married long), how come I'm doing 30 miles an hour and you can just walk next to the car?"

Ralf Zeller

More Trivia (from an unknown source) - extracted from Four Told

The average human eats 8 spiders in their lifetime at night. *(I don't think I'll ever go to sleep again!!!)*

The shortest war in history was between Zanzibar and England in 1896. Zanzibar surrendered after 38 minutes. *(It's a shame not all wars are this short - I hope nobody was killed in that short time.)*

A polar bear's skin is black. Its fur is not white, but actually clear. *(Has anybody been close enough to find out?)*

Dueling is legal in Paraguay as long as both parties are registered blood donors. *(I'm a blood donor but I'm not dueling with anyone!)*

More people are killed by donkeys annually than are killed in plane crashes. *(Madison is not having that pet donkey now!)*

Stewardesses is the longest word type with only the left hand. *(It's a fact - I just did it!)*

The name of all the continents end with the same letter that they start with. *(AA!!)*

"TYPEWRITER" is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard. *(The top row.)*

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The cost is \$94 per person (twin share), or \$83 per person (3 single beds in a room). Bring along a bottle of whatever and some nibbles for pre and after dinner drinks. A 20% deposit is required to secure your room. You will need to indicate your interest and whether you require a two bed or three bed room on the trip noticeboard.

A little reminder of

The 4WD Code of Ethics

1. Keep to the laws and regulations for 4 wheel drive vehicles (they may change from State to State).
2. Keep to constructed vehicle tracks Do not drive "off-road".
3. Keep the environment clean. Carry your own and maybe other people's rubbish home.
4. Obey restrictions on use of public lands. Respect national parks and other conservation areas.
5. Obtain permission before driving on private land. Leave livestock alone and gates as found.
6. Keep your vehicle mechanically sound.
7. Take adequate water, food, fuel and spares on trips. In remote areas travel with another vehicle.
8. Respect our wildlife. Stop and look, but never disturb or chase animals.
9. Respect other recreationalists' rights to peace and solitude in the bush.
10. Obey all fire restrictions. Extinguish your fire before leaving. Don't let your exhaust emit sparks.
11. Help in bushfire emergencies, search and rescue if properly equipped and able.
12. Join a 4 wheel drive club and support 4 wheel drive touring as a responsible and legitimate recreational activity.

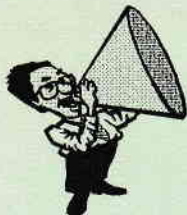
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Sell - Toyota Wheels 15X7 Sunraysia Rims with 10r15 Adventurers 4 @ \$40.00 each o.n.o - Suit Trailer or spares, 1 wheel with 10.5r15 Hankook, good tyre \$120.00 o.n.o. Contact Peter Graham 8370 6224 AH

Wanted to Buy

Nissan GQ Utility requires 16" wheels – please ring if you have anything suitable. Contact Malcolm Curtis Phone 82786813 AH



Mt Lofty Rangers meet on the second Monday of each month at the Blackwood Football Cluh, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood. All welcome.

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