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MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS CB & UHF CLUB CHANNEL NO 27

PRESIDENTS REPORT



No matter how cold or miserable the weather becomes, one kind of person is always there to brave it:- the diehard four wheel driver. And why not? Most vehicles are decked out with heaters, stereos and more food than some people consume in a week. So long as you are not leader or tail end Charlie, there is little need to let the winter elements deter you from getting out. Let the people at the front and rear do the opening and shutting of any gates and the removal of any obstacles, all you need to do is enjoy the ride unless of course you get yourself BOGGED.

Yes, BOGGED, is it not fantastic? We have mud once again although it is scarce at the moment and locations need to be scouted out. Winter means mud! Both our our day trips held in July have delivered what was ordered, a large serve of glorious mud! We have more trips coming up which should offer more of the good stuff, so come out and play in it! As a kid you probably could not keep out of it (mud), so relive your youth and join us and keep in mind when the rain stops so does the mud.

Some people prefer sand, and I believe some of us joined the Bals and spent the other weekend at Peake. Some brushing up on their skills and others just getting accustomed to their new vehicles. Congratulations to those who completed their basic driving assessment after having their sand driving skills checked off.

Now our social officers are back from their holidays it is time to take a couple of minutes to peruse the notice board and cast your eyes over the social outings suggested by Jane & Charlie. If you have anything to contribute to the list the Raphaels would be glad to listen to you and it could be your chance to go as a group to a place of your choice.

The concept of learning how to prepare for a trip appears to be of growing interest so get your name on the list. With the expertise and skills of Ted Bal who will be tutor for the day we may all become a little more efficient for trips to come.

Good luck to the ladies who are heading south to Wirrina Cove for the weekend. It should be relaxing and peaceful, (children and husband free). Don't forget to take something like flannelette P.J.s and bed socks to keep you from freezing at night and spare a thought for your poor lonely husbands awaiting your return home.

P.S. Fellas – is that night at the “Crazy Horse” still on?

Go Crows and see ya round.

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NIGHT TRIP REVISITED 18th JULY DAY TRIP

A convoy of eight vehicles left the Victoria Hotel at approximately 8.45am taking the Main South Road to McLaren Vale and taking dirt and muddy slippery roads/tracks. Going through picturesque scenery through the vineyards in the McLaren Flat area. Then headed over to Moana Conservation Park where we explored the sand dunes/tracks and ended up having morning tea there.

Then we drove through lots of tracks zig zagging to the top of Windy Mountain that we all named, overlooking Sellicks and Coastline. Then headed over to the Myponga Oval for lunch in the Football clubrooms. We were appreciative of the bartender letting us have lunch in the clubrooms, out of the pouring rain. Then we went through Yulte Conservation Park taking us through the Heysen Walking Trail and there were quite a few large limbs across the track and we drove on for a while ending up near Spring Mount Conservation Park. Clyde,



Susan and Grandson left the convoy to go home as we carried on to Victor Harbor to get fuel. We left Victor thinking we were all together but one, and we heard a call on the UHF where are you, we are on the main road near Port Elliot. Waiting to catch up, then taking a few side tracks to Currency Creek to stop for afternoon cuppa.

Then on to Cox's Scrub Conservation Park, a section in the track was quite slippery and one vehicle got caught in one of the wheel ruts and along the fence line rain caused it to be very undulating making it a bit difficult but we all got through OK. Taking muddy tracks through Kuitpo Forrest in the pouring rain which was like a instant car wash and the only thing was missing the detergent. From their we headed of home thanking the trip leader Merv and Anne for the excellent day we all had.

Chris and Steve Wrobel
"WOMBAT'S"

News In Brief

Congratulations to Sheryl, Neil and Darien Penno on the arrival of their new son and brother "Bryce Eli" born 25th July 1999.

Carto Graphics at Unley is laminating maps for \$5.00 each. If interested speak to Noelene at Carto Graphics 147 Unley Road, Unley 8357 1777 and mention George Vlahos sent you.

Diary Dates:

October 15 – 17

4x4 Show

February 12 – 13 2000

Clayton Raft Race

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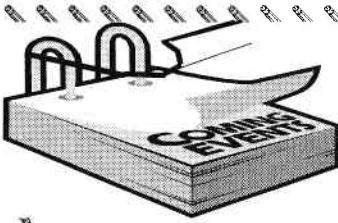
SAA4WDC GREGORY BOOK OFFER

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

MEMBERS WISHING TO PURCHASE ANY OF THE PUBLICATIONS BELOW SHOULD TAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE TO:

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|--|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| UBD Motoring Atlas of Australia 3rd Edition | \$24.95 | 45% | \$13.72 |
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| Gregory's 4WD Going Bush | \$19.95 | 45% | \$10.97 |
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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 on these or any other outings please call Jane Raphael on 8358 2552.

Christmas Picnic – Clarendon Oval

Sunday December 5th

Minimal TBA

Cost:

Time: TBA



Due to the success of last years picnic, Clarendon Oval has been rebooked for our annual Christmas picnic.

There will be plenty of activities and a visit from that special man in the red suit.. BYO Chairs, lunch and a desert to share.

See the notice board for our ideas as we have tentative bookings made.

Sheryl Penno F.G.A.A.

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WELCOME TO

Tim's Tech Corner

So for your birthday you were given a set of spot lights and you have sufficient knowledge to wire them up. This is great! But what rating fuse should you use? Well when I was at trade school they taught us a little mathematic rule to help.

It's called ohms law **$P=VI$**

ie **Power = Voltage x Current**

So using this fantastic revelation we can now determine what rating fuse to use.

For instance: 100 watt spot lights on a 12 volt vehicle.

$P=VI$

$100 = 12 \times ?$ Change this around to get $? = 100 / 12$

Answer for 100 divided by 12 equals 8.33 recurring, about 9.

That is 9 amps, so if there are two spot lights you must double this. Now remembering this is a continuous rating we should allow a buffer, I would recommend to use a 25 amp fuse for this application.

This rule can be applied to any DC application.

So next time your air compressor is plugged into your cigarette lighter socket or you are thinking of wiring up an amplifier, think of the continuous and peak rating of the fuse protecting that circuit.



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Calendar of Events

August – September 1999

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------|----|----------------|----|--|--|--|
| 9 AUGUST Meeting | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 <i>Friends of Park Forum</i> | 14 Wirrina Ladies Weekend <i>Friends of Park Forum</i> | 15 Wirrina Ladies Weekend <i>Friends of Park Forum</i> |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Mt Crawford |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | 1 SEPTEMBER | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Fathers Day |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Morgan | 11 Morgan | 12 Morgan + Morgan Day Trip |

Upcoming Trips

AUGUST 1999

MT BOOTHBY - 8th DAY TRIP

Long day trip to the Upper SE with sand and hopefully mud driving.
Details: Merv Tucker - 8278 1414 AH

FRIENDS OF PARKS INC. 15th FORUM - 13-15th

Hosted by Friends of Southern Mallee Parks at the Pinnaroo Institute.
Theme "*The Hidden Magic of the Mallee*". Tours - choice of walking,
conventional vehicle or 4WD. Organised children's' programme.
Cost: \$10 plus meals if required. Registration close 31/7/99
Details: Tim Byrne - 8322 1324 AH

LADIES WIRRINA GETAWAY 14-15th

Don't forget our weekend of no men, no kids, and no 4WDing!

MT CRAWFORD - 22nd DAY TRIP

This trip includes an observation/questionnaire sheet and goes to Mt
Crawford and the surrounding areas. Should be plenty of mud and fun.
Start 9am BFC. Details: Mark Moss - 8383 6324 AH

SEPTEMBER 1999

MORGAN - FRIDAY 10th - 12th

Touring, track work and quarries are all included in this fun weekend.
Staying at Morgan Caravan Park. Cost \$15 approx. per family per night.
Details: Mark Moss 8383 6324 AH

MORGAN - DAY TRIP - 12th

Meet crew already at Morgan for some track and quarry fun.
Details: Merv Tucker 8278 1414 AH

MARRABEL - 26th DAY TRIP

Barossa Valley region for a scenic day trip. Details: Merv Tucker 8278 1414

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OCTOBER 1999

LONG WEEKEND – 2nd – 4th – OTWAY RANGES

Come and see beautiful rainforests, glow worms and natural pools in this magnificent setting. Should be a good trip for mud driving. Details: Tim Byrne AH 8322 1324

LONG WEEKEND – 2-4th - NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK BORDER TRACK INTERCLUB WORKING BEE

Organise your friends now. You will enjoy the company whilst bush camping in the Park and help with the ongoing SAAFWDC involvement with the Border Track. Bring strong gloves, a bow or pruning saw and an axe if you have one. You are only expected to do as much as you feel able to do.

In 1991 29kms of the Border Track between SA and Victoria faced total closure following years of severe degradation by inappropriate 4WD use. SAAFWDC undertook a volunteer project to rehabilitate this section of the track. In return the track would remain open in a one way north to south direction.

By the end of 1998 twice-yearly working bees had largely achieved this objective, although continuing maintenance will be necessary.

The extensive Ngarkat fire of early 1999 created additional work. Fire breaks rolled alongside the track resulted in a serious danger of tyre staking. Burnt mallee crowded in on the track and required cutting back.

During the ANZAC 1999 working bee the access to the Border Track, via Scorpion Springs from Pine Hut Soak, and 15km of the track were cleared of tyre hazards and the overgrowth cut back.

For the October 1999 working bee we will be concentrating on:

- * cutting back the remaining overgrowth on the Border Track
- * setting up a 15m x 15m enclosure at the Gums bush camp side to enable species regrowth and diversity after the fire to be monitored
- * Establishing a similar enclosure in one of the burnt swale areas.

Future working bees will include cutting back overgrowth on the Centre Track which forms the south to north route for users of the border track.

Meeting Point: Pinnaroo Main Street – Saturday 2nd October at 10.00am
Details: Border Track Maintenance Committee: Ian - 8532 4945



Contact Ted Bal for details on any of the following Four Wheel Drive Courses run by DAU.

Phone 8382 1963 AH

Fully accredited Basic 4WD Course -

Theory 9am-4pm Saturday 16th October @ Association HQ.

Practical 23-24th of October @ Lakeside Leisure Park – Hackham

Advanced 4WD Course -

Advanced 4WD Course \$25 a manual. Members wishing to participate in the next course please contact Ted and register your name. When numbers reach 10 or more a date and location will be set to run the Advanced course .

**Full and Detailed First Aid Course
- Cost \$155 per person**

Vehicle Insurance Due?

Don't forget we have access to a full range of insurance covering four wheel drive vehicles, camper trailers and associated equipment, camping gear, etc. For a no obligation quote please call Ken on 8278 7000.

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Ken Bradey

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MT LOFTY RANGERS

ITEMS FOR SALE

Lets Promote Our Club!!!

| | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Cloth Badges | \$6.00 |
| Car Stickers | \$2.50 |
| Name Badges | |
| Initial 2 on joining | \$2.50 |
| Additional | \$6.00 |
| Replacement | \$6.00 |
| Sand Flags | \$2.50 |
| Tyre Plugs | \$7.50 |

Please see Hubert Orbons for the above purchases 8278 8142.

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| Windcheaters (fleecy lined) <i>(includes name and logo embroidered on)</i> | \$29.00 |
| Rugby Tops <i>(includes name and logo embroidered on)</i> | \$52.00 |
| Polo Shirts (short sleeve) <i>(includes name and logo embroidered on)</i> | \$25.00 |

If you require tops please speak to Max Almond 8278 3848.

ITEMS FOR LOAN

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| Books | Recovery Kit |
| Club Banner | Tirfer Winch |
| Club Flag | Puncture Repair Kit * |
| GPS Promotional Videos | First Aid Kit * |
| Maps | * <i>Please replace used items</i> |

Please see Michael Brett for any items you wish to loan 8387 1163.

Happy Birthday

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| Isabelle Brett | 14th August |
| Michael Brett | 21st August |
| Emma Brett | 4th September |
| Charlie Raphael | 5th September |
| Clyde Paton | 11th September |

**AN OPEN MESSAGE TO
ALL AFFILIATED 4WD CLUB MEMBERS
FROM THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FOUR WHEEL DRIVE COUNCIL**

GOING TO ROBE AND BEYOND?

This is an important message to those Clubs planning to run trips along the South-east coast of South Australia.

For many years this part of Australia's coastline has proven popular for extended 4WD touring, particularly out of both Melbourne and Adelaide. It provides excellent beach driving opportunities and fine camping areas within reasonably easy reach of both States. For Victorian four wheel drivers this area provides the nearest opportunity for sand driving since that State has no accessible beaches and little opportunity for practising sand driving skills.

We can no longer drive the full length of the beach between Beachport and Robe and a detour is necessary between Stinky Bay and Little Dip National Park. Fortunately a major detour is avoided by being able to access a short private track across Nora Creina property. This track is also used by several holiday makers who own shacks along the track.

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The owners of Nora Creina, the Cullen family, are supportive of recreational four wheel drivers and are pleased to allow access along the short track, which is less than a kilometre long. While Neville Cullen is always happy to have a chat with passers by, he doesn't ask that permission be sought to cross Nora Creina. He would, however, like common courtesy to be displayed by visitors. Unfortunately there have in the past been several incidents here the hospitality shown by the Cullen family has been abused. Traveling too fast and littering the property have been some of the milder discourtesies encountered. The Cullen family has been verbally abused and four wheel drivers have been found picnicking on the private property of the holiday shack owners.

Of course it is not suggested that members of affiliated 4WD Clubs have been responsible for all such behaviour, however both the Victorian and South Australian 4WD Associations have in the past had to deal with complaints of poor behaviour, by members of affiliated clubs, on Nora Creina. It is precisely this kind of behaviour that will ultimately exclude us from accessing such property. There are enough people causing us to lose access without us bringing it on ourselves.

If you are planning a trip in the area and wish to cross the Nora Creina property, please remember that, as on any private property, you are a guest of the owner.

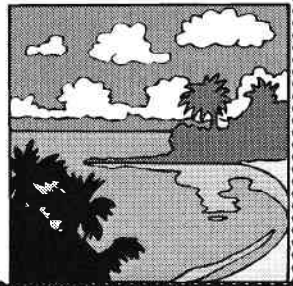
Please drive carefully and stay on the marked track. Keep your speed down and stay away from the holiday shacks. Move peacefully across the property, leaving the gates as you find them. Don't spoil it for others. Access to any private property is a privilege, not a right.

David Moon

President

Enquiries Ian Lacey (03) 97234908

February 1999





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 8382 1963 AH

Sell - Pack rack. 1200mm long . Heavy Duty steel to suit dual cab 1984 –1988 Hilux or similar with gutters. \$120. Contact Peter Graham 8370 6224 AH

Sell – One fuel filter. CAV unit to suit any diesel. Complete unit not just a adapter kit. As new. \$100.00
Engel fridge 29 litre 7 years old perfect working order. \$650.00
Contact George Vlahos 8278 9229 (AH) or 0419040407

Sell -Bull Bar as new - Landcruiser '91 80 series will fit 1990 – 98 models. Black iron, new fittings ie blinkers \$400 ono.
Heavy duty pack rack. Fixed dimensions. Gutter to gutter – height 7½” length 84½” width 54”. \$200 ono.
Tyre and rim 6 ply steel belted radial 109/10R15LT. \$50.
Contact Max Savige 8276 5883

Wanted to Buy

Nissan GQ Utility requires 16” wheels – please ring if you have anything suitable. 19” wire wheels to suit 1929 Dodge Willys Knight. Also 19” wire wheels for 1929 Hupmobile or Graham Paige. Wheel caps to suit. Front mudguards for 1929 Dodge with wheel wells and clamping attachments.
Contact Malcolm Curtis Phone 8278 6813 AH

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

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or visit our Web Site: www.tcis.com.au/mlr/*

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