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PRESIDENTS REPORT



Like all clubs, ours appears to have it's strengths and weaknesses. For the past year Joyce Gray had with the backing of the committee, given to us an assortment of social outings ranging from trips to jail to checking out coppers and Christmas festivities twice a year. For those who missed out on the dinner at Strings Bistro on Saturday 26th June, it was very well executed and had something fro everyone including door prizes, guess the baby photos, charades, and more. It was thoroughly enjoyable and many thanks from everybody to Joyce and her trust assistant Brian.

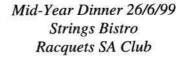
Whilst the social side of the club is cruising along quite nicely thank you very much, the lack of commitment to trips has still got me baffled. For the life of me I cannot understand why people continue to put their name down to partake on a day trip or weekend and then at the last minute withdraw resulting in a cancellation. The latest example of this was Geranium which was booked after an enthusiastic show of hands from people eager to go. Late cancellations meant a rapid decline in numbers and needless to say a phone call had to be made to apologise for our shortfall and inability to fulfill our reservation.

To save embarrassment from the club and a possible exclusion from these excellent areas provided exclusively for clubs such as ours, I urge you to really consider whether you are available before you place your name on the trip board and most of all consider it as a commitment and obligation to front up and not do a last minute cancellation unless it cannot be avoided.

On a lighter note I would like to thank all those who courageously volunteered to fill the vacancies of our sub-committees. This has now given us a chance to display a well organised presence at some of the forthcoming events through out the following year. If you have a guest speaker in mind, or a day trip in a particular vicinity or destination we have someone to assist with that as well. As a group we are trying to simplify things so that even an idea, can with a bit of work, and with the assistance of others, should transform into something beneficial to us all.

Don't just be a club member, be an active member! Reap the benefits from a little participation and involvement. Hoping to see more of you out and about in the near future.

See ya round MOSSIAH



Another successful night for Joyce to add to her repertoire! Good food, good wine and good company: what more could you ask for? We got more!

Thanks to Joyce, ably assisted by Brian, our tables were decorated in 4WD theme with centrepieces of 4WD's climbing over rocks, surrounded by greenery.

Entertainment was provided over the evening. A "Who Are The Club Members?" board provided a few laughs with its assortment of baby photo's. Elizabeth and Malcolm Curtis (with a definite family advantage) came out equal winners with Linda and Mark Moss.

The Mosses were on a winning streak, and snaffled another Lucky Envelope under the Chair prize. Yet more Lucky Door prizes were won by various people, although some managed to draw their own ticket numbers!

Later in the evening, lots were drawn for people to entertain us with Charades. Everyone joined in the fun (although Cheryl was seen to do a quick number shuffle with Paul) and Hubert was presented with an individual birthday cake for his birthday weekend.

Altogether, a good social night! Thanks Joyce.

LYN ORBONS

News In Brief

* Ted Bal is still interested in doing a "How To Be A Trip Leader" course but is also encouraging attendees of trips to come along also. Please put your name on the list if you are interested and Ted will make a date as soon as 5 – 6 names are up.

Basic 4WD course Fully accredited -

Theory 9am-4pm Saturday 16th October @ Association HQ. See Ted for the address

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

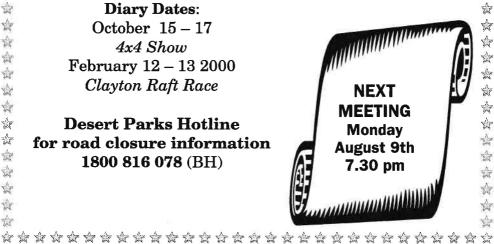
Full and Detailed First Aid Course – Cost \$155 per person

Advanced 4WD Course \$25 a manual. Members wishing to participate in the next course, contact Ted on 8382 1963 and register your name. When numbers reach 10 or more a date will be set to run the Advanced course.

Diary Dates:

October 15 - 174x4 Show February 12 – 13 2000 Clayton Raft Race

Desert Parks Hotline for road closure information 1800 816 078 (BH)



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SOCAL 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

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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.

THANK YOU

As the last social event I organised is over I would like to say thank you to all who attended and helped over the past 12 months.

I enjoyed the experience and hope you all enjoyed the outings. Special thanks to Brian for his support.

Please continue to give Jane & Charlie your support as they obviously have some good ideas. See you at them.

Joyce Gray.

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WELCOME TO

Tim's Tech Corner

As a qualified Auto Electrician I thought I could offer advice to our members on Auto Electrical queries as the need arises. Until questions are asked of me I thought just printing technical tings like trailer plug wiring, dual battery wiring, spot light wiring or just how to wire up a relay would be helpful.

This month we should start at the beginning ... The Battery

The Battery

Batteries are rated in several different ways:

- CCA Cold Cranking Amps
- Ampere hours or reserve capacity
- ① Number of plates

Most manufacturers to save confusion have chosen to rate their batteries in CCA – Cold Cranking

Amps – for starting batteries and Ampere hours for deep cycle batteries.

- Things to consider when choosing a battery for your vehicle:
- What purpose the battery is being used for?
- Starting or deep cycle use?
- ① Diesel engine or petrol engine starting?
- ① City or high vibration country driving use?

Many different batteries are available for many different purposes, so when choosing your next battery, think about the application and get some sound advice.



Calendar of Events

13	14	15	16	17	18
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20	21	22	23	24 Southern Vales Day Trip	25
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JULY 1999

NIGHT TRIP REVISITED - 18th DAY TRIP

Those of you whom attended Merv's Night Trip late last year would know that this will be a great day trip. Start 8.30am Victoria Hotel – O'Halloran Hill.

Details: Merv Tucker - 8278 1414 AH

SOUTHERN VALES - 24th DAY TRIP

Visiting some of the beautiful wineries and incorporating 4WD tracks as well.

Start 9.00am Normans Winery - Chandlers Hill/Clarendon.

Details: Mark Moss - 8383 6324 AH

PEAKE - 24-25th

Sand driving a plenty for this fun weekend! Cost is \$10 per vehicle per day.

Details: Ted Bal - 8382 1963

AUGUST 1999

MT BOOTHBY - 8th DAY TRIP

Long day trip to the Upper SE with sand and hopefully mud driving. Details: Mery 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

Start 9am BFC. Details: Mark Moss - 8383 6324 AH

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SEPTEMBER 1999

MORGAN - FRIDAY 10th - 12th

Staying at Morgan Caravan Park.

Details: Mark Moss 8383 6324 AH

MORGAN - DAY TRIP - 12th

Meet crew already at Morgan.

Details: Merv Tucker 8278 1414 AH

MARRABEL - 26th DAY TRIP

Details: Merv Tucker 8278 1414 AH

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 - BORDER TRACK 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.

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 exclosure at the Gums bush camp side to enable species regrowth and diversity after the fire to be monitored
- * Establishing a similar exclosure 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.

Details: Border Track Maintenance Committee (Ian - 8532 4945) (See Trip Board for full explanation or next months magazine.)

WJLMJNGTON Yapoona Springs



JUNE 12, 13 & 14th DAY ONE

Mt Loft Rangers set off on the morning of Friday 12th of June, for destination; Yapoona Springs. Little did Neville and Michelle know that the last person to arrive at the check point, Globe Derby Park would have to write the report on the happenings of the entire weekend. Things started all according to plan, morning tea at Crystal Brook with entertainment provided by all on the way through Snowtown. (UHFs running hot on the joke factor.) Children disappeared in Crystal Brook for the last fix of lollies before we set off to Wilmington for lunch. The local shop sold out of pies and pasties catering to the hunger of all. On to the station to set up camp, get settled and ark up the fire. The first expedition, to the top of Mt Horricks. Blowing a gail and below zero, although very picturesque, (Tourists hot on the camera already,) [Shame the editors of the mag haven't seen any photos] all agreed heat and food were the order of the day. On the way back to camp, Mark and Linda chased two poor, innocent sheep almost all the way back to camp. This is where we discovered that Mark had told all the men of the group that everyone was supposed to have brought a salad for the BBQ to be hosted by the property manager that evening. Typically, all the men had failed to tell the trust women. Women being the creative creatures that we are, came up with a couple of creations to make do, including pink unions. Everybody made their way up to the shed for heaps of meat and some salad. Rain started at this stage and certainly indicated that it wasn't going to let up, much to owner David's joy. Unfortunately Jenny (from Tonka) couldn't hack the pace and nodded off whilst everyone else was just kicking off. Relatively early night for everyone, accept Ian, June, Neville & Michelle who accepted an offer of coffee in the homestead. Ian and June discov-

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ered how small the world really is when it came out that June and David were related by marriage.

DAY TWO

Freezing cold and still raining, the group headed off with high hopes for some good driving. We were then informed by David that due to the heavy rain overnight that some tracks were off limits, and that we had to stick to the one we had done the previous day. So we just did it the other way around with a little extra over the top of Mt Horricks.

Lunchtime came soon enough and the debate was on as to who would brave the weather and have lunch at the camp site or who would succumb tot he luxuries of a warm fire and pub meal. The toughies ended up being, Mark, Linda and kids, Ian, June & Co, and Charlie & Jane.

The group then opted to go of the property to nearby "Alligator Gorge". Mark had made his command to the big guy upstairs for sunshine and his wish was granted. Everybody survived the walk and those with cameras took some great shots. Mark's wish held out, but as soon as we finished, whilst waiting for the men to collect cars, it started to rain yet again. Heading back to camp, a couple of cars got distracted picking mushrooms. The rest went back to camp to see how the tents had held up to the weather. Ian and June's had suffered with a tear to the tarp resulting in a big lean, but it was still up. They could not be reached by UHF at the time as they were out in the fields picking, so Neville & Michelle took a trip through what was now a very slippery, muddy track to retrieve and inform them of their misfortune.

The camp fire was then roaring, we thought, until we noticed not too far away a property had set a very large pile of renovating rubbish alight. This made our fire look very, very small. We were forced to make a cover for the group as the weather had not let up. Isobell found herself in a very unfortunate position, the tarp would lift with the wind and dump its contents ring on top of her! Michael being the good partner, joined in on the fun and copped a dumping himself!

Nobody was really deterred by the weather, to port drinkers still managed to get through their supply.

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Happy Birthday

Margaret Bal 31st July
Darien Penno (3) 4th August

MT LOFTY RANGERS

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DAY THREE

Neville's birthday and the final stage of the trip. Peter, Tasha & Jessica made tracks very early, leaving the rest of us still getting organised. Eventually Ian & June, Mark & Linda pack up and we set off to meet the others in Wilmington. It was agreed that we would drive home via the Bridle Track, just a turn out of Melrose. Michael and Isobell expressed some concerns about towing the trailer off road, but much to their delight, they had no problems. Neville made the most of the last dirt road (mud road), by making every attempt to get it all over the vehicle including the roof. We worked our way back through to Crystal Brook, having some difficulties staying in convoy with the long weekend traffic. Came into the outskirts of Adelaide at about 4.00pm, give or take with the same accuracy to which Mark handled the salad message. All in all no injuries, no damage to vehicles and a good time had by

Thanks to Mark for organising the trip on behalf of all who journeyed

PS Neville and Michelle will NEVER EVER be last to arrive at the check point again.



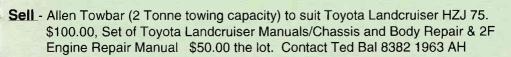
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Contact Malcolm Curtis Phone 8278 6813 AH



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