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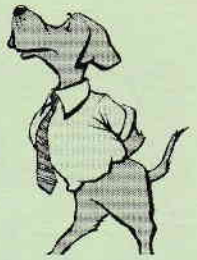
Clayton Raft Race – Red Faces Act

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# PRESIDENTS REPORT



To be or not to be, that is the question. Well it used to be, but not any longer. The inevitable has happened, the process of elimination has left our club to host the Clayton raft race for the years 2001 and 2002. It is evident with the response and enthusiasm our club has shown towards this event that we can continue to maintain the current high standard and high success rate displayed by the other clubs. Now, more than ever I am asking everybody from our club to come forward and volunteer your services and join in on the progressive unity our club is continuing to experience as we achieve things together. We will need to form sub-committees to simplify the event and keep it pleasurable for everybody. I know working as a team will give everybody involved a complete sense of satisfaction so lets all pull together as a club and make this an event of which we can be proud. Another thing to consider is the AGM in May. A new lease of life for incoming and outgoing committee members. Our Club has never had so many competent people to step into the shoes of the present committee, and to think you could be the pulse and the heartbeat of the club, the vital organs to keep it going, what a buzz! Hey? On a more serious note, why not encourage other members to consider nominations for the new committee during the April meeting.

Our induction day appears to be very popular so any fresh members (pre one annum) place your name on the list and enjoy a great day out. The pizza night was once again a total success. I believe anyone who didn't enjoy it needs to get out more, because for \$16-00 we received pizza all night, corkage for our BYO drinks and dancing into the wee hours. I personally am looking forward to the next one. To conclude the Lawson family has now increased by one, a little healthy boy named Jackson ( and no, his middle name is not Michael ). Congratulations to our club editor Angie, her husband Shaun and young Madison who now has a brother. See you round

MOSSIAH

## ***Clayton Raft Race***

**12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February 2000**

**by Allan and Natalie Drazil (and kids)**

We set off at about 8.30 in the morning so that we could get there early and make the most of the day ahead. We arrived at 9.30 and after sometime of trying to find someone that we knew we met up with Rodney. We selected our campsite and started to set up our monstrous tent. Not long after starting, Ted Bal and family arrived with the Brett's, Moss's and others finally turning up. After finishing setting up we decided to go to the local shop to get our drinking supplies and to view the local scenery. We were back about 10 minutes later. We then migrated down to the waterfront to see what was happening there.

The Barossa 4WD Club was set up so we parked our chairs and waited to see what the day's events were going to be. Mark came up to us and asked if we could tie knots. This was for the R.A.G. Race. This started about 2.30pm with 6 of us having to make a raft out of a wood frame, 1 piece of wood, 3 water containers and 3 pieces of rope. Then one of the members had to be pulled on it through the water by another member keeping an "Olympic Torch" dry. The torch consisted of a sparkler and matches contained in a plastic cup which had to be kept dry. We didn't do to well in this with the last race getting the torch wet and using the whole box of matches to light the sparkler.

Once this had concluded we decided to get some tea. Later we again went down to the waterfront in preparation for the Concert. We, unfortunately, sat in the front row. The evening started with Chris Price, a poet and songwriter. He recited some very funny poetry (he had Nat in stitches in regards to "The Garden Shed" poem as it was so true). Red Faces came next with about 6 groups (two from Mt Lofty). Our lovely Abba-daba-doo (Jane, Jenny and Isobelle) came second with an "Ode to all women 4WD's" and third was the LOVELY LADIES

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# News In Brief

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Clayton Raft Race. The weekend was a huge success – so much so we are hosting next years event! Please help out in any way you can, as well we need prize donations for a raffle, and to form a committee so we can continue its excellent tradition of a fun weekend for all!

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Congratulations to Angie, Shaun and Madison Lawson on the birth of “ Jackson “ on February 29th 2000



At the February meeting we had an excellent guest speaker telling us about “Operation Flinders”. Although the club did make a donation on our behalf, those of you who would like to make a donation of your own, the number is 1800 634 039.

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The year 2002 will be “The Year Of The Outback Loop”. Phone 1800 645 199 for a brochure and details.

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There is a new brochure available for “Great 4WD Journeys Of The Flinders Ranges” available. See Ken if you would like one or ring him on 8278 7000.

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If you are considering purchasing a brand new 4WD vehicle, you may be able to get a fleet discount through the 4WD Council. See Mark for the details and phone number.

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**REMINDER:** The 2nd Annual Ladies Weekend will be held sometime in June and this year’s getaway is to Melbourne!!! Isobelle has found a package deal for around the \$280 – \$300 price which will include flights, accommodation and, of course, the markets. So ladies, get saving!!!



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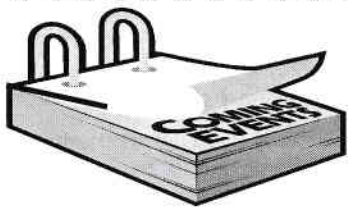
### ***SAA4WDC GREGORY BOOK OFFER***

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

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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.

## Tour of Adelaide Oval

Sunday 2nd April 2000

Cost: \$5 per adult

Time: 1.45pm for 2.00pm tour

\$2 per child

Where: South Gate of Adelaide Oval

You do not have to like cricket to enjoy this 2 ½ hour tour of the historic and beautiful Adelaide Oval. You get to go into the scoreboard and learn of the history of the oval. If interested, lunch on the banks of the Torrens about 12 noon then meet at 1.45pm for tour.

## Mid-Year Dinner – Weinstadt Restaurant

Friday 2nd June 2000

Cost: \$25 per person

Time: TBC

3 course Austrian meal

Where: Main Road Coromandel Valley

Being held in June not July because of GST and the start of school holidays, the evening is a Tyrolean Night with entertainment from Austrian National Dance Group, Bell Ringers and live music so we can dance.

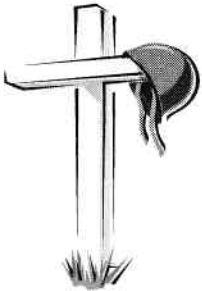


## *SOMEONE DIED*

*In this moment of great sadness, I feel it is my duty to inform you that someone passed away in tragic and sudden circumstances, and will surely be missed by all club members.*

*Someone was a tireless worker, and always helped with the club activities. Someone always put trips on the board, and was willing to lead these trips.*

*And on the eve of a trip the weather turned foul, it didn't matter if we stayed at home, because someone would always go. Someone organised social functions for all to enjoy. Someone always wrote articles for the newsletter. Someone procured prizes for the chocolate wheel, arranged guest speakers for meetings and someone did many of the unseen things that keep the club viable and functioning. Even with this workload someone still found the time to build a raft for the Clayton Raft Race and someone went along to compete and cheer the competitors on.*



*Due to the sudden death of someone, it is now up to the rest of the club members to help organise next years Clayton Raft Race. So lets all pitch in and make it an event to be remembered.*

*Steve Reich*

### **NOTE**

*This is your magazine and you have control over its contents by contacting Angie or Peter J. PLEASE PLEASE let us have some photographs or articles at any time if you wish to insert them. We have a limited supply as you may have noticed.*

*Thanks to Alan & Natalie Drazil for 3 of the photographs in this months magazine*

*Assist Ed. ( very temporary the Ed. )*

# Calendar of Events

## March – April 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 MARCH Eudunda	13 Meeting	14	15	16	17	18 Peake
19 Peake/ Induction Day - Goolwa	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 APRIL Coorong
2 Coorong/ Adelaide Oval Tour	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Meeting	11	12	13	14	15

### ***DATES TO BE CONFIRMED***

#### **MURRAY RIVER YABBIE HUNT**

To be held over a weekend early in 2000, our fearless leader thought a beer and yab-bie trip was on the cards.

Details: Mark Moss 8383 6324





# Upcoming Trips

## *MARCH 2000*

### **PEAKE – 18th – 19th**

Sand driving and bush camping on private property. \$10 per vehicle per day. Sand assessment available. Details: Ted Bal 8382 1963

### **NEW MEMBERS INDUCTION DAY – 19th**

An opportunity for our “newer” members to catch up and meet some of the “long-time” members down at Goolwa Beach and the Murray Mouth. Basic sand driving and cockling just some of the fun in store.

Details: Mark Moss 8383 6324

## *APRIL 2000*

### **COORONG FISHING WEEKEND – 1st – 2nd April**

**Boys Only** – Relaxing weekend camping at 42-Mile Crossing with fishing and relaxing the order of the day! Details: Tim Byrne 8322 1324

### **AYERS ROCK – Easter/ANZAC Weekend – 21st – 30th**

An extended long weekend has given the club the opportunity to go that bit further than usual and go straight to the red centre. Need to be self-sufficient.

Details: Peter Jones 8358 3040

## *JULY 2000*

### **INAMINKA – JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Bush camping at Cullyamurra Water Hole, this 9 day trip will be relaxing but enjoyable and a great chance to see the surrounding areas of Inaminka.

Details: Hubert Orbons 8278 8142

## *OCTOBER 2000*

### **THE CURDIMURKA OUTBACK BALL – SATURDAY 7th**

This fun-filled event doesn't fall in the school holidays this year (because of the Olympics). Kids are welcome but a great opportunity to getaway if you need it. If you are interested please register on board. Now not incorporating Simpson Desert. Details: Shaun Lawson 8381 7865

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(Michael, Hubert; Charlie; Peter Jones and Paul) with "Shania Pain".

We have to say thank you to the other lovely young girls who led the act. All these acts caused a great deal of laughter. Chris Price then returned to sing a few of his songs and the night ended about 10.00 – 10.30pm. Some of us then headed for the Moss's caravan to party on some more. A few of us managed to view the video taken of the acts and hopefully we can see this at one of the meetings. At about 11.30 we all seemed to head off to bed.

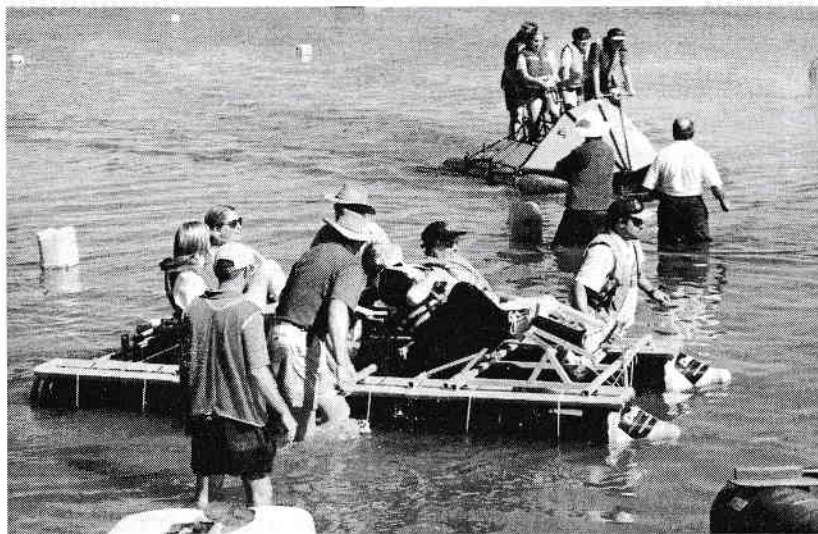
Sunday – everyone up but a bit slow. The action started at about 10.00 with the raft racing. Mt Lofty started off really well but fell apart due to some technical trouble. We basically ended up second overall for the raft races but our MASTERS (over 45's) took 1<sup>st</sup> prize in their section.

Congratulations and well done to all who made the rafts and took part in the races. All Nat can say is that it is very hard work peddling and we have to do some leg exercises for next year.

The day finished about 2.30pm with the trophy presentations and raffle draw. The event then was handed over to the 2001 Host which is the MT LOFTY RANGERS. Everybody gradually packed up and headed home tired, burnt and some of us a bit sore.

We would like to say that as this was our first trip with the club, we had a great time and are looking forward to many more.

Lets all band together and make the 2001 Clayton Raft Race the best that's ever been held.



*The new Hi-Tech Raft*



SAAFWDC Driver Training Unit  
Unit 2  
9 Cardiff Court  
Cavan  
Contact: Ted Bal – 8382 1963 AH  
Mobile: 0409 092 252

### **Fully Accredited Basic 4WD Course**

Theory: Saturday 8th April 2000 9.00am – 4.00pm at Cavan.  
Practical: Saturday & Sunday 15 – 16th April 2000 9.00am – 4.00pm at Hackham.  
Cost: \$30 per manual per person \$50 Track hire per vehicle.

### **Advanced 4WD Course**

November 2000 Date TBA with Ted Bal.  
Practical 10 days of great time in high country  
Sand driving to be conducted elsewhere.  
Cost \$25 per manual.

OR

May Long Weekend with SAAFWDC Driver Training Unit.  
Warren Gorge in the Flinders Ranges.  
Sand, water and mud driving to be conducted elsewhere.  
Cost \$25 per manual.

### **Training**

Anyone who has 4WDing experience and would like to be involved in the training area.

Adviser Course April 1st & 2nd.  
9.00am at Cavan. Cost \$55.

*Please speak to Ted Bal for more details or to enrol.*



# 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.

Windcheaters (fleecy lined)	\$29.00
<i>(includes name and logo embroidered on)</i>	
Rugby Tops	\$52.00
<i>(includes name and logo embroidered on)</i>	
Polo Shirts (short sleeve)	\$25.00
<i>(includes name and logo embroidered on)</i>	
Caps <i>(including logo embroidered on)</i>	\$15.00

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

## ITEMS FOR LOAN

Books	Recovery Kit
Club Banner	Tirfer Winch
Club Flag	Puncture Repair Kit *
GPS Promotional Videos	First Aid Kit *
Maps	2 x Lightweight Shelters with sides.

\* *Please replace used items*

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

# Happy Birthday

Belated  
Richard Curtis  
27th February

Jane Raphael	17th March	Rodney Curtis	22nd March
Sally Piggott-Young (30)	30th March	Brayden Curtis (1)	2nd April

At tonight's meeting there is available taster's of some homemade Hot Cross Buns made by Natalie and Allan Drazil – Tiers of Joy. If you would like to order any either please see them at the meeting or give Natalie a ring on 8370 5869 or 0418 802 251 by 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2000. They can either be delivered at April's meeting (which means you will have to freeze them as they contain no preservatives) or they will be delivered in the week leading up to Easter.



## ANNUAL FEES

A reminder that our annual fees will be payable  
from May 2000 meeting.

Cost will incorporate any raise from the SAAFWDC  
and will also incorporate the GST.

Exact costs to be confirmed at March or April meeting.

Any questions call Hubert Orbons – Treasurer on 8278 8142



Here`s the words to the famous Abba Dabba Doo song Which  
won 2nd Prize at Clayton

Verse 1

I've been a passenger now for too many years  
Now it's my turn to drive, so hold back the tears  
Sit and relax  
Take it easy dear  
Why do think I could ever... lose control  
There's a driver within my soul  
Just one look you know I know what to do  
The instructor said I'm competent too

**CHORUS**

Four wheel driving here I go again  
My My how can I resist it  
Four wheel driving get that gear in place  
High Low  
You know that I can shift it  
Yes, I feel broken hearted  
My man and **his** car won't be parted  
When will... I get to go off road again  
Lock my hubs in  
Now we'll really go  
Steep hill, **YES** we are in first low

**Verse 2**

**Off road - onto the sand**

No, I don't need a hand  
Yes, I'll follow the tracks cos there's no going back  
My turn to go  
There's no going slow  
Keep up the revs  
Keep the convey going strong  
We won't be on the beach that long  
Just one look you know I know what to do  
My instructor passed me competent too

**CHORUS**

Four wheel driving here I go again  
My My how can I resist it  
Four wheel driving - we're off home again

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Oh No

I know that I will miss it

Yes, I feel broken hearted

Back to driving to the supermarket

When will... I get to go off road again

Sand and mud

It's in my blood

Find me another off road track again

Four wheel driving - how I love it

My My I could never let it go

Well Done Girls !!!!!!!



The girls in action

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

You can e-mail us at: [loftyranger@hotmail.com](mailto:loftyranger@hotmail.com)

or visit our Web Site: [www.tcis.com.au/mlr/](http://www.tcis.com.au/mlr/)

## GUEST SPEAKERS

*I wish to pass the duty of arranging guest speakers to someone else who may be interested.*

*The April meeting will be the last time that I hope to organize a speaker.*

*For anyone wishing to take over, I still have several speakers in mind that will need to be contacted.*

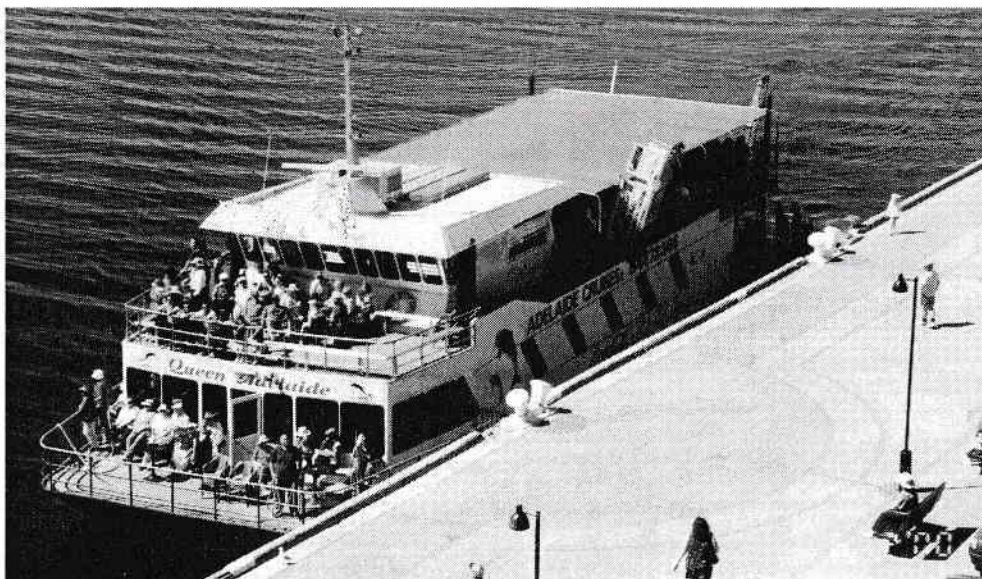
*The task of organizing speakers allows you to meet and talk to some very interesting people, but a new approach is needed.*

*The committee looks forward to hearing from any people interested in taking over.*

*Good Luck*

*Clyde Paton ( Silver Hawk )*

*The Club wishes to thank Clyde for all the effort he's put in over the years and hope he will still be involved with the club in the near future.*



The Port Adelaide Cruise vessel

Angie received this message from a friend of hers ( Ian Flottman )  
and thought we should put it in the magazine

If you have anybody in your club that has a landie or a rangie  
there is a wrecker down at lonsdale that I have only just found.  
I use to have to go out to the other side of town for parts now  
they are over here. It is call Triumph Rover Spares. Maybe the  
fella is a member of your club, who knows??????  
Chow for now.  
Ian

*Should be quite useful for a certain member !!!!!!!!!!!!! Ed.*

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**NEXT  
MEETING  
Monday  
April 10th  
@ 7.30pm**



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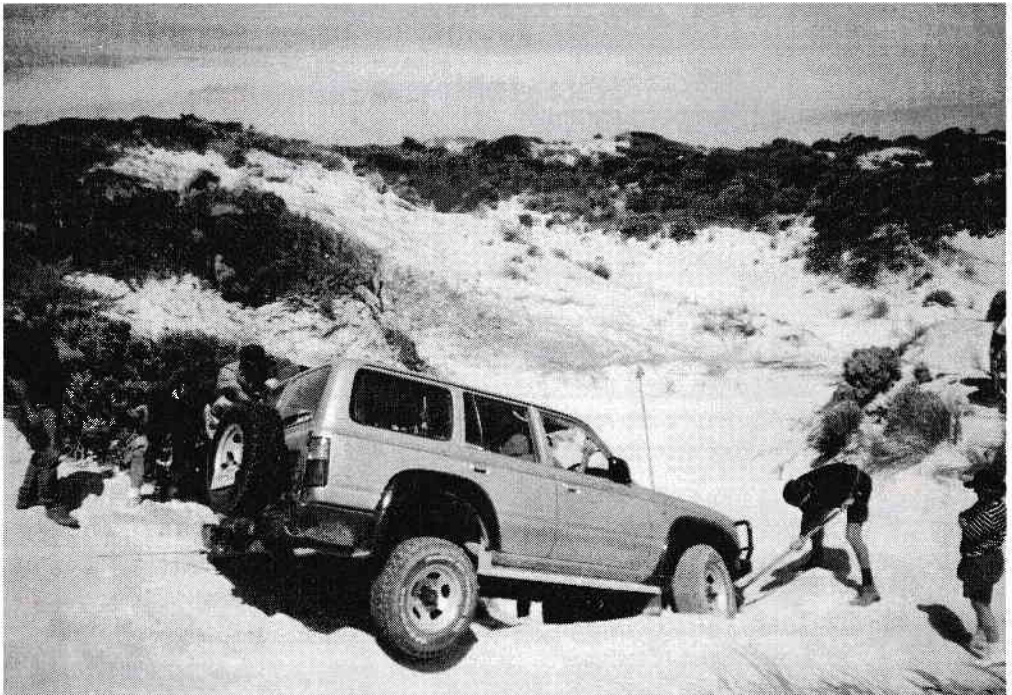
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*Sorry folks , but no Tech Corner this month  
Maybe next month*



Tonka in a bit of trouble on the Beachport trip





# TRADING MART

## Sell, Buy or Exchange

**Sell** - Toyota Landcruiser 75 Troop Carrier 1993 Diesel, fully equipped (diff locks, PTO winch, CB radios, bull bar, etc). Ready to go bush with a fully setup shelf, and draw setting. 155,000kms. One Owner.  
\$26,000 ono.

7 x 4 Trailer with fully lockable canopy, very good condition. Suitable for tradesman. \$1,100 ono.

Allen Towbar (2 Tonne towing cap.) suit Toyota Landcruiser HZJ75.  
\$100.

Set of Toyota Landcruiser Manuals/Chassis and Body Repair & 2F Engine Repair Manual \$50 the lot.

Contact Ted Bal 8382 1963 AH or 0409 092 252

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**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

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**Sell** -One fuel filter. CAV unit to suit any diesel. Complete unit not just a adapter kit. As new. \$100

Roof rack. ARB full length 2400x1250 suit Nissan GQ LWB \$450 ono.

UHF radio, Uniden sundowner plus fittings \$150.00 ono

Finer filters main plus pre-cleaner unit suit Nissan 4.2 diesel \$50.00

Contact George Vlahos 8278 9229 (AH) or 0419040407

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**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 Savage 8276 5883

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**Sell** - Barrett 550 HF Auto Tune Aerial \$2,200 ono.

Contact Paul Shep 0408 271 385

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