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The Palmer River bridge near Alice Springs, April 2000

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PRESIDENTS REPORT



As Club President, this is my final report to you. After being seated in the chair for two years you get to appreciate the hard work other members have put in and the time they have sacrificed to keep our club interesting, active and harmonious. From secretary to tea boy, from trip leaders and participants to raft builders and social officers, to driver trainers, delegates and editors, I thank all of you for giving it a go. I strongly believe that until you do, you don't realise how much enjoyment you can attain just from being amongst other great folk who share a common interest. As for me, after coordinating the construction of two rafts, assisting with the outdoor four wheel drive shows and leading 13 trips I feel I've been a bit greedy enjoying myself too much. I have met the majority of our club members and numerous people from other clubs and had an absolute ball in doing so.

Everyone is hesitant at AGM's to put themselves on the line but after the shock-wave comes the role play and the benefits and I wish our new committee all the best.

As you would all know by now our club is hosting the Clayton Raft race. It is not long now and we'll be able to let the cat out of the bag and in doing so, you, as well as other clubs will know what is in store for next year. The weekend at Clayton is set aside purely to indulge in fun and sun seasoned with a little competition and a lot of support and cheer. Remember the saying the more the merrier, well this definitely applies to Clayton.

Keep your eyes on the board for up and coming trips. There is now a trip calendar on the back of the board so keep your pens ready, your eyes open and get your names down fast because last is lousy if you miss out. Our mid-year dinner is almost here and what a night it will be. This is your last chance to book a seat, so quickly off you go, see our social officer Jane before its too late.

Now my immunity from writing trip reports has been relinquished, I must remember to be more punctual on trips. So in a way I'm saddened to say farewell as Prez. But please, do say hello as you walk past, acknowledge my presence and remember me for who I am and not what I was as I blend into the crowd of those non report writing members.

See ya round,
MOSSIAH

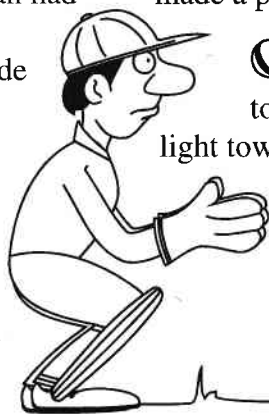
Trip Report to Adelaide Oval - 24 April 2000

By Andrew Brett

Present: Jane and Charlie Raphael, Peter and Jennifer Jones plus visitors, The Brett Family, Paul West and Cheryl O'Toole, Nick, Edward and Ben.

The Bretts arrived promptly, but somehow still got the trip report. So Mum delegated it to Andrew.

We went into the Bradman Stand and up the elevator to the 4th floor. We went out to the balcony where the radio and TV people usually sit. Then we went back down and went around the oval and they told us about how a man had made a phone tower and the government told him he could not keep it but luckily Adelaide replacement light collapsed. Their light towers go into the ground when they don't need them. We also went in behind the score-board. Inside it was narrow and we got to see how the scorers went to the changing rooms and we went up to the Committee members sit. Then we got to walk on the oval. Then we went into the museum and got to see all the Don Bradman cricket things and we got to see the uniform of a very tall cricketer - Noel Gardener. We also saw a story about how a ball killed a bird during a cricket match. We learnt that one side of oval is straight and the other is oval because they originally had a bike track there. Then we left and on the way out we saw the tennis players practising for the Davis Cup and we were lucky enough to see Pat Rafter. Then we all went home. We would like to thank Jane for organising the day and we all enjoyed it.



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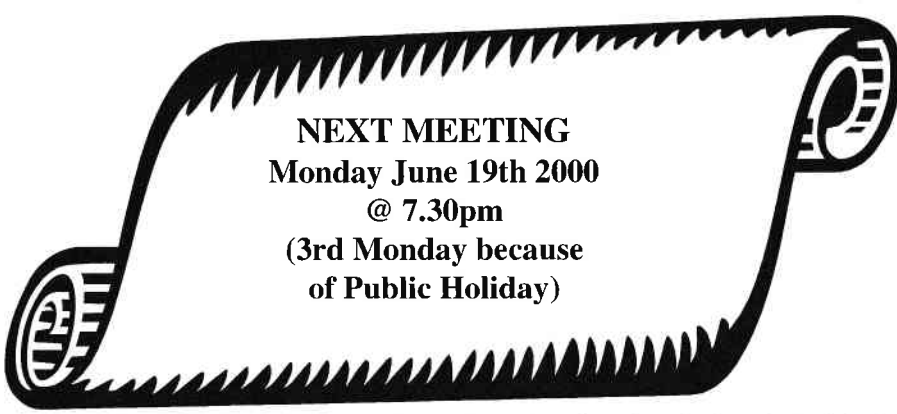
News In Brief

There is no club trip planned for the June Long weekend at this stage. If you have an idea of somewhere to go, please speak to Tim tonight and see if we can get a club trip together. There will not be a meeting on the 12th of June as it is the long weekend, so therefore tonight is the only opportunity we have to make a club trip.

The May meeting is your last chance to put your name down for the 2nd Annual Ladies Weekend at Hahndorf. For details see our Social Report on page 6.

The Clayton Raft Race 2001 and 2002 is now our responsibility. A committee is being formed and the first get together to start planning was Sunday May 7th. An update on what is required and happening will be published soon. Please speak to Mark if you are interested in attending or helping in any way.

The 4x4 Show will be held in October. The Mt Lofty Rangers will have a stand as usual and we will need volunteers for manning the stand, photos for the pin up board and any other ideas for displays would be greatly appreciated.



NEXT MEETING
Monday June 19th 2000
@ 7.30pm
(3rd Monday because
of Public Holiday)

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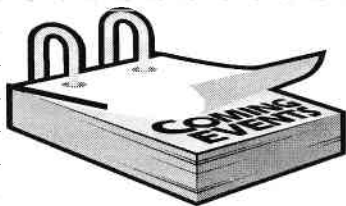
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SOCIAL REPORT

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.

Mid-Year Dinner – Weinstadt Restaurant

Friday 2nd June 2000

Cost: \$25 per person

Time: 7.30pm

3 course meal

Where: Main Road Coromandel Valley \$5 deposit April meeting

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.



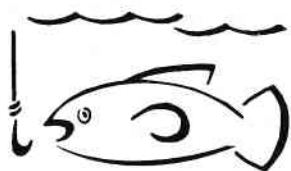
2nd Annual Ladies Only Weeked

Saturday 29 July 2000

Cost: \$135 per double

Where: Hahndorf Tourist Village

For those of you who couldn't join us last year, come and have a great weekend away without the kids, husbands or 4WD's! Price includes 3 course meal in Hans Heysen Restaurant, cooked breakfast, free use of all facilities at village. Staying in twin share European Spa Chalets. For more details speak to Jane Raphael or Isobelle Brett.



Boys Fishing Weekend at the Coorong March 31 – April 2 2000

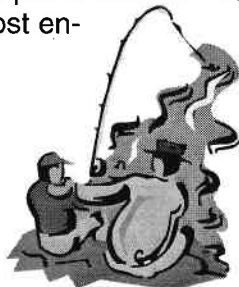
Tim, Toby, Samuel & Madison in Tim's Red Beast and Shaun & Justin in the Bugger Bus left for the Coorong on Friday afternoon. This was a fishing trip so all we needed to take with us was the basics – beer and fishing bait - oh yeah, and food for the rugrats. Shaun being "Inspector Gadget" had to take his GPS and the laptop in case we got lost. It was needed in case Tim found "Just one more track that will only take 5 minutes to get through."

We had tea at Strathalbyn and met the locals. Once finished we continued on our trek. We arrived at Tea Tree Crossing around 9.00pm. It was covered with water so Tim being a brave man, tested the depths with his big toe and said "she'll be right mate". We doubted him but crossed with no dramas. We found a protected campsite down by the beach and set up camp.

The rest of the gang (soon-to-be members, Nic & John) found us on Saturday. Then we began fishing. The first couple of hours were basic fish feeding so we decided to move further down the beach. The first fish was caught by Pommie John, and it was a Mulloway. After that the fish feeding skills were reinstated. We met up with our fearless leader and friend at the wreck crossing and continued to fish (drink beer). The serious fishing began after dinner that night.

Of course only about 6 fish were actually caught throughout the whole weekend. Not much success, but a lot of fun. The only casualties of the weekend were fisherman's pride and a flattened picnic basket. No names being mentioned – hey Mark. All in all, a most enjoyable weekend.

Justin Probert
(Bugger Bus)



Calendar of Events

May – June 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 MAY	8 Meeting	9	10	11	12 Minlaton	13 Minlaton Ngarkat
14 Minlaton Ngarkat Mothers	15 Minlaton Ngarkat	16	17	18	19	20
21 Day Trip	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 DAY TRIP ✓	29	30	31	1 JUNE	2 Mid-Year Dinner	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Public Holiday	13	14	15	16	17
18 Mt Crawford ✓	19 Meeting	20	21	22	23	24 Peake ✓



Upcoming Trips

MAY 2000

MINLATON - Adelaide Cup Long Weekend - 12th - 15th

Take the chance to explore new territory to the club - expect sand driving and camp fires. Base camp will be at Minlaton Caravan Park telephone 88532435 or www.users.bigpond.com/minpark. Powered sites - \$12.00, non-powered \$10.00. Michael Brett will make a group booking if you sign on before 17 April, or make your own arrangements with the caravan park (cabins are available). A convoy will be leaving from Globe Derby Park on Friday 12 May at 2.00 pm, otherwise arrive when you can.

Details: Michael Brett 8387-1163 or isobelbr@dm.tafe.sa.edu.au.

NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK WORKING BEE 13th – 15th


This twice yearly clean up of the border track is being held over the May and October long weekends this year. Meet in Main Street, Pinnaroo Saturday 13th at 10am. Bring strong gloves, a bow or pruning saw and an axe if you have them. You are only expected to do as much as you feel able to do.

Details: Border Track Maintenance Committee – Kevin 8264 1656 or Ian 8532 4945

KUITPO AREA DAY TRIP – 28th

Basic to medium 4WDing in this lovely area. Take a packed lunch for lunch on the Finnis River. Departs 9.00am from Woolworths car park, cnr Odessa Drive and Pimpala Road, Woodcroft.

Details: Tim Byrne 8322 1324



JUNE 2000

MT CRAWFORD – DAY TRIP – 18th

Get down, get dirty in forest mud. Food and fuel for the day. 9.00am start from clubrooms.

Details: Mark Moss 8383 6324

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JUNE 2000

PEAKE – 24th – 25th (Exclusively booked for Mt Lofty Rangers)

This is a great opportunity to do the sand driving component of your basic 4WD certificate. Bush camping but there is a toilet. \$10 per vehicle per night. Details: Ted Bal 8382 1963

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

BURRA – DAY TRIP – 23rd

Visit Burra Gorge then tracks, tracks and more tracks. Bring food and fuel for the day. 8.00am start from clubrooms. Details: Mark Moss 8383 6324

AUGUST 2000

SOUTHERN VALES WINERIES – 20th

Wineries for the passengers and tracks for the drivers. Picnic Lunch. 9.30am start from clubrooms. Details: Mark Moss 8383 6324

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SAAFWDC Driver Training Unit
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9 Cardiff Court

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Contact: Ted Bal – 8382 1963 AH

Mobile: 0409 092 252

Fully Accredited Basic 4WD Course

Theory: 22nd & 24th May at Cavan. -

Practical: Saturday & Sunday 27 – 28th May 2000

9.00am – 4.00pm at Hackham.

Cost: \$30 per manual per person \$50 Track hire per vehicle.

Advanced 4WD Course

3rd – 12th November 2000 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.

Assessor Course

17th – 18th June

For current Cat. 1 trainers..

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

Samuel Byrne	17th May	Shaun Lawson	1st June
June Mangelsdorf	1st June	Lynette Byrne	8th June
Elaine Dohne	12th June	Neville Mangelsdorf	14th June



ANNUAL FEES

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

Cost will include the raise from the SAAFWDC.
Exact costs to be confirmed once we estimate the effect
of the GST. The price rise will be kept to a minimum.

Any questions call Hubert Orbons – Treasurer on 8278 8142



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SEPTEMBER 2000

MARNE RIVER GORGE – *Date to be confirmed*

Day trip driving in behind Woodside to Marne River Gorge. There will be a walk up the Gorge and you will need to bring your lunch, a full tank of fuel and walking boots.

Details: Merv Tucker 8278 1414

OCTOBER 2000

NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK WORKING BEE 30th Sept – 2nd

Meet in Main Street, Pinnaroo Saturday 30th at 10am. Bring strong gloves, a bow or pruning saw and an axe if you have them. You are only expected to do as much as you feel able to do. These working bees include cutting back overgrowth on the Centre Track.

Details: Border Track Maintenance Committee – Kevin 8264 1656 or Ian 8532 4945

THE CURDIMURKA OUTBACK BALL – SATURDAY 7th

A gala night so you can dress to the hilt, dance and enjoy. Discount prices available if purchased before 30th April. Camping is free, and there will be showers and toilets available. Details: Shaun Lawson 8381 7865

NOVEMBER 2000

ADVANCED HIGH COUNTRY TRIP – 3rd – 12th

This course is for those who would like to get their Advanced 4WD Certificate. Vehicle must be up to the challenge as must participants.

Details: Ted Bal 8382 1963

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DECEMBER 2000

HIGH COUNTRY FAMILY TRIP – 27th – January 6th 2001.

Victorian High Country and Ottway Ranges

Designed as a family orientated trip radiating out from fixed camping sites to eliminate constant packing up of equipment. Basic training is minimal requirement. More details at later date.

Details: Mark Moss 8383 6324

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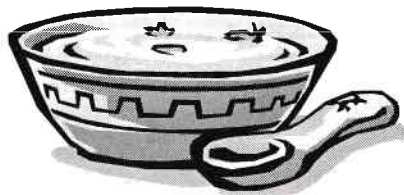
Mt Lofty Rangers meet on the second Monday of each month (the 3rd Monday if there is a public holiday) at the Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood.
All welcome.

You can e-mail us at: loftyranger@hotmail.com
or visit our Web Site: www.tcis.com.au/mlr/

A friend of ours recently made this for us... I highly recommend it. *Ed.*

CHICKEN AND CORN CHOWDER

Preparation: 15 mins
Cooking: 30 mins
Serves: 4 people



Ingredients

20 g (3/4 oz) butter
5 spring onions, finely chopped
2 rashers bacon, diced (I use bacon pieces)
1 celery stick, finely chopped
450 g (14 oz) potatoes diced
2 cups (500 ml / 16 oz chicken stock
2 cups (350 g / 11 oz cooked diced chicken meat (or from a small barbecued chicken)
1½ cups (375 ml / 12 fl oz) milk
420 g (14 oz) can creamed corn

Method

- 1 Melt the butter in a large pan. Cook the spring onion, bacon and celery over medium heat for 3 minutes, or until cooked but not browned. Add the potato and cook for 2 minutes. Add the chicken stock. Cook for 20 minutes, or until the potato is tender.
- 2 Add the diced chicken, milk and creamed corn and heat through. Season to taste with black pepper before serving.

Trina's tip

Cut the top of a small crusty bread roll and hollow out. Pour hot soup into roll, put lid back on roll and serve. Viola, a bread bowl.



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Tim's Tech Corner

May and winter's near. Well I guess I wont be needing the car air conditioner for the next 5 months. **WRONG!!!**

In fact this is the worst thing you can do. Not using the air conditioner in your car during winter can cause the compressor front shaft seal to dry up and leak. (Tech screws can have the same effect). Result – October – November next year you turn on the air conditioner switch on the dash and well, you might as well wind down the windows.

Please consult your manuals. They should explain that using your air conditioner all year round will result in a longer life for your compressor and system. Yes but wait. There's more...

Your refrigerative automotive air conditioner is also a dehumidifier, which translated means it defogs your windows damn fast. Now this doesn't mean on a 10°C winters night you turn you're a/con on having to wear a ski mask and gloves just to see where you are going. No, you use the heater as well!!! Try this, it works!!! The heater heats and the air conditioner dehumidifies all the windows in the car! Neat huh?!

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Contact George Vlahos 8278 9229 (AH) or 0419040407

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Contact Max Savage 8276 5883

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

Contact Paul Shep 0408 271 385

Sell - Cameron Camper Trailer Top. Suit 6x4 4WD trailer. New floor, mosquito screens and waterproofing. \$1,700 ono.

Contact Natalie Drazil 8370 5869

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