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Experimenting with Beach descents

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



A big plug for our speaker at last month's meeting – Philip Pullem of Electric Bug, 4WD Specialists in the field of radio communications and GPS systems. Philip has come to our meetings several times and shared his extensive technical knowledge and product range with us in a most entertaining fashion and I want to apologise for cutting him a bit short. My thanks to Philip for staying on until after the meeting to explain the finer points of the latest GPS units.

July was a great month for club activities with two day trips down south. Look out for reports on the Deep Creek/Talisker Conservation Park and the Southern Vales Wineries trip. My personal thanks to the trip leaders and everyone who attended and enjoyed themselves.

The mid-year dinner at the Seaford Hotel on 28 July was very well attended with the company, menu and venue being excellent. Well done, Christian, keep up the good work.

I am still waiting for official details of the 4WD Show in October; and will pass on details as soon as I hear. Anyone who is interested in helping set up the stand and/or manning it, please keep the weekend of 13-14 October in mind.

So far this year we have had plenty of good trips and we want to keep them coming - as Winter turns to Spring, there is nothing better than getting out and about in our four wheel drives.

Regards

Michael Brett, The Tourists

DEEP CREEK / CAPE JERVIS DAY TRIP

A fine but cool morning greeted 18 willing day trippers as we assembled at Hungry Jacks, Hackam .

Trip leaders Shaun & Angie Lawson greeted us then relieved us of us park fees and gave all starters a questionnaire sheet for the day.

Leaving Hungry Jacks at approx. 9.15am. we followed South Rd. to Normanville then turned off to the waterfalls for morning tea. There some enjoyed the short walk to the falls.

Following the break we tackled our first dirt track for the day, a steep rocky track past the forest coming out next to Kentish Downs station, then onto Range Road heading towards Cape Jervis. A slippery side track then brought us out at the Ranger Headquarters where fees were duly paid.

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The convoy continued onto Cape Jervis. The fine day meant we were treated to spectacular views of the coast and Kangaroo Island.

We then continued around the coast in a southerly direction where we enjoyed a play in the mud and some small sharp hills.

Further along the coast we turned left up a road reserve which was to take us back to the top of the ranges This long steep climb caused some anxious moments mainly due to traction problems

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News In Brief

Please note: Fees are now overdue: \$50.00 (\$35.00 for a 2nd club)

Members who are not financial as at the end of the August meeting, will not receive a copy of the magazine in their folder, or by mail.

Any members who have not renewed by the end of the September meeting will incur a late fee of \$5 upon renewal.

There will be magazines from other 4WD clubs available for your reading as of the June meeting.

Could anyone with photo's that could be used for the 4wd Show please contact Hubert Orbons (8278 8142). Please identify your photo's on the back, so that they can be returned.

Our guest speaker at the September meeting will be a representative from Hella Australia, and will include demonstrations of their spotlights.



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

Clayton Raft Race Construction

I would like to remind members that although the Clayton Raft Race seems a long way off, the event will be on us very quickly. To avoid the poor race performance of last year, we must commence the construction of the raft much earlier, and allow for time for testing, and modification. Last year's performance reflected the fact that I was finishing construction of the raft on the Saturday morning of the race.

There is a notice on the trip board. More volunteers are required for the raft building team.

To allow time for testing, and modifications, our raft should be completed in November. To achieve this we must start soon. We need a design, the materials to build the raft, and a construction team. If you feel you can help in any of these areas, please put your name on the list, or talk to me at the next meeting.

Steve Reich



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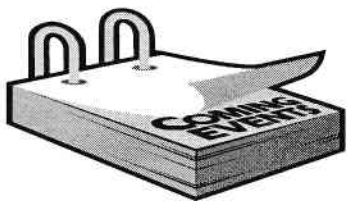
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SOCIAL SCENE

Mid-Year Dinner — Seaford Hotel

This year's mid-year dinner was held at the Seaford Hotel at Seaford. Over 30 people showed up and we enjoyed a great meal that everyone agreed was excellent value for money. Most sat around chatting and laughing, while some of the more energetic got up and had a dance to some of the classic tunes played by the band.

Some even ventured next door to where a much bigger band was playing and had the opportunity to "bump bodies" with some of the singles of Adelaide.

By the time midnight rolled in most had decided it was time to head home. Everyone had a great time and we look forward to more people at next year's mid-year dinner.

Go-Kart racing — October 2001

There has been some interest in organizing a day or evening go-kart racing. The cost is \$30 per person but we need a minimum of 10 people. I will be putting it up on the notice board soon so please register if you are interested.

Outdoor Rock Climbing — November 2001

There has been some interest in a rock climbing course that is available teaching the participants all they need to know about rock climbing and abseiling. The course is open to all ages. The cost is around \$190 per person so you will need to start saving your pennies now. We need a minimum of 6 people to make it viable. It is best done in the warmer months, I will keep you informed.

Contact
Christian or Karen
Whamond

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Christmas at Loftia Park — 9th December 2001

The Mt. Lofty Rangers Club will be having the Christmas get together at Loftia Park again. We will have a visit from Father Christmas and plenty

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of other activities will be arranged.

Parents are asked to supply a present for their kids at the meeting before the event. If anyone can help out with activities, games or BBQ's it would be much appreciated.

Skirmish — February 2001

When it starts to get a bit warmer we will be organizing a date to play Skirmish. Anyone that is interested or has played before can they please let me know so I can get an idea on numbers that would like to play.

2002 Outback Challenge — March 2002

Held just out of Broken Hill every March, this event invites the best four wheel drives and their vehicles to take part in 1 week of sand, mud and rock challenges. I will be organizing a group to travel to Broken Hill as spectators for the 1 week challenge.

To all Members

We are always looking for new and exciting events that people can participate in as a social activity in the club. If anyone has any suggestions or has recently done a activity that they found exciting and would like to share this experience with other club members, please talk to Christian or Karen and we will make a note in the club Rangers review and possibly organise a club trip.

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Calendar of Events

August 2001 – September 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 AUGUST.	13 Meeting	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 SEPT'R.
2 Father's Day	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Meeting	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22



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, Craighburn Road, Blackwood.
(off Trevor Terrace) All welcome.

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



UPCOMING TRIPS

AUGUST 2001

9
16TH

CAMBRAI / SEDAN — FATHERS DAY — SEPTEMBER 2ND

Day trip through the Cambrai / Sedan region.

More information at the meeting.

Details: Merv Tucker — 8279 1414

KANGAROO ISLAND — SEPTEMBER 28TH - OCTOBER 1ST

With apologies, the Drazil's have cancelled this trip.

YORKE PENINSULA — SEPTEMBER 29TH - OCTOBER 1ST

Approx. 5 days away on the Yorke Peninsula.

More information coming.

Details: Steve Wrobel — 8276 4505

GERANIUM — SEPTEMBER 28TH - OCTOBER 1ST

Early birds can arrive on Friday Night (28th). Controlled Pets are allowed.

There will be a number of activities, including: a Night navigation run, in teams;

Wimbledon style Petanque (Boules) knockout competition.

DVD movies will be shown on a LARGE screen.

Facilities include a large Shelter shed, Hot showers, Toilet (and longdrops).

Details: Ken Bradey — 8381 7865

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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

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

If you require clothing please speak to Charlie Raphael 8358 2552.

ITEMS FOR LOAN

Books	Recovery Kit
Club Banner	Tirfor 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

Zoe Couprie (6)	8th August	Jordon Byrne	19th August
Danni Warbout	19th August	Scott Young	20th August
Michael Brett	21st August	Nicole Williamson	22nd August
Kylie Phillips	24th August	Kerry Laird	26th August
Lyn Orbons	2nd September	Emma Brett	4th September
Charlie Raphael	5th September	Clyde Paton	11th September
Kimberly Orbons	15th September	Samantha Curtis	19th September



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on the slippery grass (see photo to left).

However all problems were soon overcome and we followed the track past the old radar tower to Talisker mines for lunch.

During lunch the winners of the observation trail were announced. After a short walk around the mines we continued on to Blowhole Creek beach.

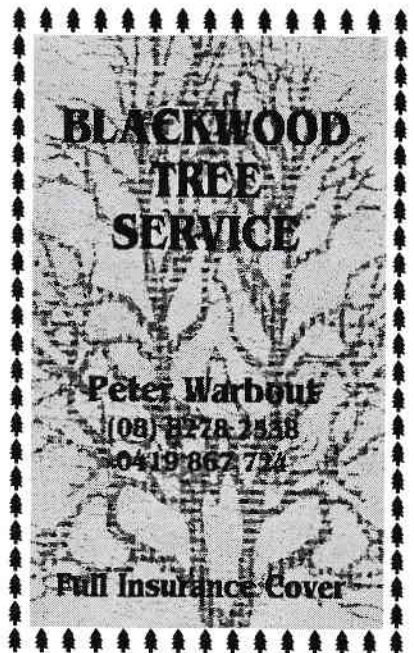
This track has been upgraded over the years however this does give people a greater opportunity to enjoy the scenery.

From here we continued back through the park, unfortunately some coastal tracks were closed for the winter. We followed back roads through to Myponga, save for one brief interlude along a very wet road reserve.

From Myponga we made our way home.

Thanks to Angie and Shaun for planning a very enjoyable and scenic excursion for members.

Merv Tucker (Badger)



ELECTRO STATIC DISCHARGE

This is what that horrible zap is called when you reach to close the car door after you have just drag your bum across the car seat

I have had many customers in the past, asking for me to fix anything between, the short-circuit in their car, to performing an exorcism on it

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Four Wheel Drive
Courses

SAAFWDC Driver Training Unit

Unit 2

9 Cardiff Court

Cavan

Contact: Greg Goding – 8387 3118 AH

Mobile: 0418 807 437

No training news for this month



TRADING MART

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\$200.00 Highlift Jack 6 months old (used once) \$80 ono 4x4 Heavy
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