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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Congratulations to Nick and Edward on the high standard maintained in their first Ranger's Review magazine last month and to Peter for again making sure that it gets printed and distributed to all members.

Unfortunately, the speaker planned for last months become ill at the last moment so I hope everyone enjoyed the 4WD videos made possible by Darrel and Ken – thanks.

Our Social Scene is looking good this month with two big events coming up, the Mid-Year Dinner at the Seaford Hotel for 28 July and the 3rd Ladies Only Weekend in Adelaide for 18/19 August. These both promise to be a lot of fun and members will be made most welcome, so get your name down. If you have any queries, speak to Christian, Jenny or Lynette.

I can report that the four motions concerning 4WD training costs documented in the April 2001 Ranger's Review (page 17 & 18) were finally put to members at the June meeting and accepted by a majority of votes. The Committee now has a framework to enable further progress on this matter.

By the time you read this, I expect that some of our club members will be in the Simpson Desert experiencing four wheel driving at its most remote and I wish them a safe trip. For the rest of us, we can look forward to Deep Creek & Talisker Conservation Park and the Southern Vale Wineries – I can't wait. Don't forget to keep a close eye on the trips board as trips will appear from time to time that are not in the magazine due to missing deadlines. To our newer members, are you aware that the club has a wealth of knowledge and experience on 4WD locations in and around SA? If a location that you are interested in is taking too long to come up on the board, give Neil Penno, Trips Co-ordinator, a ring and we can organise a new trip.

For those new members who may be thinking about running a trip but are not sure how to go about it - Neil can put you in touch with an experienced trip leader to help you out. For those people who are leading trips, or who have lead trips in the past, how about submitting your trip plans to the Trips Co-ordinator so that a database of trips can be collected that are ready made and new members can cut their teeth on trips that have been really successful in the past. There are a lot of areas that can be revisited such as Ngarkat, Morgan or the Fleurieu. Our club is about trips in the main so how about some more day or weekend trips appearing on the board – Spring and the warmer weather is just around the corner so start planning now.

Regards

Michael Brett - The Tourists

Trip to Mt. Gambier June 8-11/2001

After having fairly constant rain here in Adelaide for the past two days and with a forecast of more rain on its way, we were not sure what to expect when we arrived at Mt. Gambier. Anyway, undeterred by the weather we headed off at 2.30pm on Friday 8th. An incident free trip south and we arrived at the Mount about five hours later to meet up with the others at the beautiful Blue Lakes Holiday Resort. That's right no tents. We softies all had cabins, and the fact is we did it for our wives and children. The Whamonds were not due to lob up till about 1.00am on Saturday morning, so their share cabin with Needy automatically became the happy hour cabin. Saturday morning and the skies started to clear. The air was fresh but it was not raining and everyone was keen to find some of that glorious MUD.

Tim and Ricco whom had been here nine months ago and had some inside information from the Mt. Gambier 4wd Club, led the way. Heading NW we followed railway lines and skirted the forests and soon came to our first challenge, a rutted boggy 30-metre section of track full of water. It was decided earlier that whoever got bogged first would be writing the trip report. Tim was first and did get bogged. FIGJAM dragged Tim back and after the standard bantering, Tim put his foot down and cruised on through. Everyone followed without incident except for the Range Rover, which after hitting the bog at 100mph died on its exit. I don't recall a negative word said about Land Rovers amongst all of the sincere concern. We continued on our way then heard that the Range Rover had to wait until it had sorted itself out with suspension trouble. A few kms down the road and we found ourselves at a quarry that looked like a 4wd training ground, as it was already covered with tyre tracks. A large body of water that we were all a little dubious to enter so Needy volunteered and drove through first. With thumbs up, it was only seconds before everyone



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News In Brief

Please note: Fees are now due: \$50.00 (\$35.00 for a second club)

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

Our guest speaker at the August meeting will be Bev Langley from Minton Farm Native Animal and Bird Refuge at Cherry Gardens, in the Adelaide Hills. At the moment the Refuge are looking for donations of varied items, which are listed on page 18 of this month's magazine. Bev will be talking to us about the work that the Refuge does in the way of rescues and looking after the animals.



**NEXT
MEETING**
Monday
August 13th
@ 7.30pm

Arkaroola

Arkaroola Day 4 — 16th April

Day 4 started out with yet another perfect day's weather, clear skies with the temperature forecast in the mid to high 20's.

As this was Rhino's last day the morning started with the group photo for the magazine and about 9 others for us all. We departed camp at 9.20am, on our way out a large wedge tailed eagle in a tree watched us as we drove up our first hill.

The first hour was an easy but dusty drive along one of the main tracks, relief from the dust was just around the corner with some more challenging terrain and some extremely rutted tracks. We stopped for morning tea just before Blue Mine in the shade of a gum tree.

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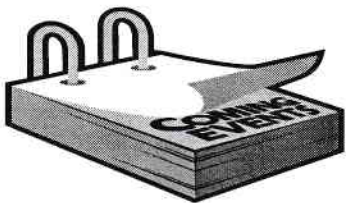
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SOCIAL SCENE

The mid year dinner will be held at the **Seaford Hotel**, Cnr. Commercial Rd and Griffiths Drive, Seaford on the 28th July 2001 at 7:30pm.

"Flirt" is the name of the band who will be playing that night. We have approximately 36 names on the list so it should be a great night.

I will definitely need deposits (\$10.00 a head) at the July meeting as we can only book for those who have paid deposits.

Christian

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for those who hadn't done something like that before. One vehicle needed the assistance of a snatch strap. We soon reached Nurrung, stopped for a coffee, and then headed home.

All in all it was a great day with some very beautiful scenery. Thanks Merv and Anne

Trip Distance 500km

Craig Need

Meningie — Merv's Day Trip

It was a bleak winter morning and an early start but we were not going to let that get in our way. We met bright and early at the club-room and headed off to Crafers and were soon onto the freeway. We faced intermittent showers on and off most of the day with a few heavier down pours at times.

From the freeway we headed through Wistow and onto the Gold Escort Route. This was very scenic country and quite a beautiful drive. There were many old ruins along the way. This route took us onto Wellington where we stopped for coffee before getting onto the ferry.

We headed towards Meningie along quite a slippery muddy track. Some people were soon displaying their ballet skills. In fact there was even a totally unintentional, perfectly performed pirouette right in front of me.

We took some quite rocky tracks through Boothby Conservation Park and then headed into Meningie for lunch. The bakery was well frequented as something hot was the order of the day with the weather as cold as it was.

After lunch we turned towards Nurrung. This was a very beautiful drive along the Coorong. There are several camping spots along this area that would make a good spot for a weekend trip. We past Mark Point Mill which was a very large water trough on the way to

Pelican Point. We saw a very large full rainbow and the Point Malcolm lighthouse. At one point we had to negotiate a steep decline headed straight at the water to be able to continue which was quite good especially

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Calendar of Events

June 2001 – July 2001

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---------------------|---------------|---------|--------------|----------|--------|----------|
| 8 JULY. | 9 Meeting | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Deep Creek | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 AUGUST. | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 Meeting | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |



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/



UPCOMING TRIPS

JULY 2001

DEEP CREEK & TALISKER CONSERVATION PARK — JULY 15th

Day trip through the Deep Creek & Talisker Conservation Park. Meeting at Hungry Jacks, Hackham at 9:00am, corner of South Rd & Pennys Hill Rd.

No shopping available en-route so **BYOE ie: all food & drink.**

There is a fee for entry — estimate of \$6.00.

Details: Shaun Lawson — 8381 7865

SOUTHERN VALES WINERIES — AUGUST 5th

Day trip through the Southern Vales Wineries.

Bring lunch — we will be stopping at one of the Wineries for lunch.

Meet at Norman's winery 10:00am

Details: Mark Moss — 8383 6324

KANGAROO ISLAND — SEPTEMBER 28TH - OCTOBER 1ST

Spend the Long weekend on KI. Sight seeing, Camping, Fishing, & RELAXING.

No 4WDing to be planned.

More information in July

Details: Alan & Natalie Drazil — 8370 5869

YORKE PENINSULA — OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

Approx. 5 days away on the Yorke Peninsula.

More information coming.

Details: Steve Wrobel — 8276 4505

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necessarily those of Mt Lofty Ranger's Inc."*

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It was then off to Yudnamutana Mines, with a drive through a rough creek bed with lots of beautiful gum trees, then onto the Yudnamutana Smelters complete with open mineshafts and Cemetery, which had been recently restored. One headstone of a young woman was of particular interest to all, cause of death "shot by husband".

We stopped for lunch near the base of a waterfall, unfortunately there was no running water. The energetic ones walked up to the base of the waterfall to discover a small water hole. During lunch the younger boys played with their Gameboys and the big boys played with their GPS's.

Then on to some more mineshafts & the remains of two fireplaces. We continued our journey on to another waterfall, still no flowing water. We all walked up to the water hole where Kimberly & Troy went for a short climb up the rocks. Layne had to out do all with his climb up the rocks, to the next level of the waterfall and discovered there was another small water hole up there. Luckily he made it back down safely, just as well, as I did not want to drive back.

Time again for some more interesting four wheel driving. Up to the top of a hill, which went nowhere, it was time for a compulsory U turn to get us back on to the right track. From here it was time to head back to camp. Along the way we had to go through a number of gates, there were treats left on the fence post for Tail-end-Charlie. After passing through 2 gates Troy thought this gate closing seemed like a good job, so requested to be Tail-end-Charlie for the remainder of the day. On the way back to camp there was just enough time to collect some more firewood for the night's campfire. We all arrived safely back at camp at around 5:00pm.

Layne, Julie & Troy Holberton

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ARKAROOOLA — The Last Day

A leisurely wakening to the usual Arkaroola chill which soon dissipated to a customary delightful sunny day – not a cloud in sight. Jane and Charlie did a bit of reading. Later Jane went to the pool, while Charlie downed a couple of beers at the bar.

Michael climbed to the lookout whilst Isobelle, Emma and Andrew went to the pool. Kerry and Doug went to the pool, but Doug ventured off to the bar and rumour has it, shouted a round or two. They also visited the geological and mining display set up by the Spriggs.

Lynette and Kimberly donned horse-riding gear and took off horse riding. Hubert told me he ended his bout of constipation and downed a few ales. Whether it was in that order or not is unknown. Jenny and Peter spent some time at the pool. Jenny then went and read in her hammock while Peter went and joined those imbibers at the pub.

Julie, Layne and Troy ventured to the pool and later drove to the Spriggina lookout. Linda, Mark, Chelsea and Stacey generally behaved themselves, swimming for most of the day and didn't go to the bar. Francie and Jack did a bit of reading, snoozing and a spot of packing up for an early departure the next day.

Lynette and Darrell were venturesome and drove the station back track, Telecom lookout and the Lookout tower.

Hubert had his usual mighty conflagration to set the scene for happy hour.



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| Name Badges | |
| Initial 2 on joining | \$2.50 |
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| 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) | \$40.00 |
| <i>(includes name and logo embroidered on & GST)</i> | |
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| <i>(includes name and logo embroidered on & GST)</i> | |
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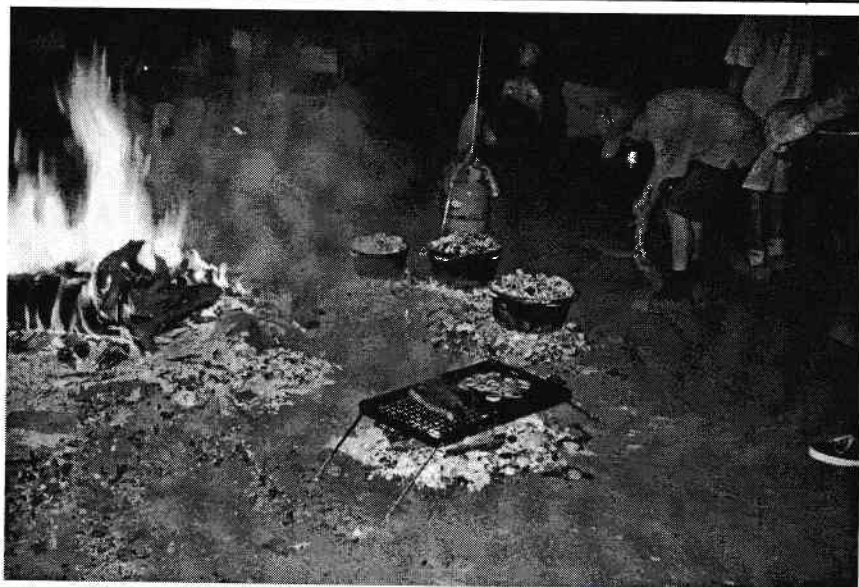
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| Club Banner | Tirfer Winch |
| Club Flag | Puncture Repair Kit * |
| GPS Promotional Videos | First Aid Kit * |
| Maps | 2 x Lightweight Shelters with |
| sides. | |

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

Happy Birthday

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|-------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| Scott Fiddick (5) | 18th July | Tess Fiddick (3) | 22nd July |
| Cheryl O'Toole | 24th July | Bryce Penno (2) | 25th July |
| Darrell Burr | 29th July | Margaret Bal | 31st July |
| Darien Penno (5) | 4th August | Denny Couprie | 6th August |
| Daniela Cole | 8th August | Zoe Couprie (6) | 16th August |
| Jordon Byrne | 19th August | Danni Warbout | 19th August |



A typical nightly scene around the campfire at Arkaroola

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was racing through the water in what looked like a who could displace the greatest volume of water with their car competition. After a short play, all the cars were clean once again and the search for more MUD. Following the perimeter of more forests we came across a large sand bowl. Here some of us were able to touch up on our sand driving techniques. After a bite for lunch we continued to drive for hours along varying track surfaces from sand to very slippery mud. None of these were rutted and Needy, at one stage, found himself sliding at around 50kph and 90 degrees to the track, still smiling from ear to ear. A voice was heard on the radio and the Wombats had arrived in town, so we gave them our location and they joined us for the rest of the day. Everyone's appetite for mud had been satisfied and it was time to head back to the Caravan Park. Oh yeah! I almost forgot to mention that whilst in the last section before our return back to the park, I got bogged in a body of muddy water. Anyway, we don't need to go on about that, but now you know why I'm doing the report. That night for tea all of the wealthy people went out for a meal at Cafe Belgiourno for pizza and other exquisite Italian dishes, we stayed back. Happy hour (why do they call it that when they go for about 5 hours?) was in our cabin because the Toolman family was in for an early night.

On Sunday, the weather was still holding up and the leaders had decided that we were heading south for the day. Another misfortune for Toolman, the air bag, which is part of the rear suspension, had split and Range Rover Assistance would not come out and repair it, as the car was deemed drivable. Left with only one ultimatum, they had to drive home at 55kph. This time there was some sincerity for them amongst the bantering. Any way, we travelled through more pine forests along firm, grassy tracks, and eventually ended up at Donovan. A quick look at Glenelg River which is always lovely at any time of year, before heading on to Piccaninnie Ponds. Here we found the entry to the beach had been cut away by the fresh water from the lakes, creating a shear drop off around 1500mm high the fresh stream that was only shallow and about 8meters wide. Being

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Rangers and having Needy's car as a guinea pig we knocked the top off the crest and he drove on down to the beach. Unfortunately the tide was up and so our trip along the beach became a no go. We followed a fence line for a while on what appeared to be quite a challenging and slippery surface with mud going in all directions. Like a lot of tracks, this one stopped within visible distance of sealed road but, it was private property so we all about-faced and headed back the way we came in with even more slipping and sliding. Once on the black top a beeline for Port MacDonnell was made, where we all enjoyed fish and chips, a sausage sizzle, and for some both. Time was getting away from us again and we wanted to get back in time to do a boardwalk and feed the possums back at the Mount. Some could not resist and had to detour via the quarry for another play. We all caught up with each other at the Umperton Sinkhole to be entertained by the possums at feeding time. Most meals were cooked in the Park and another Happy hour at Needy's.

Monday morning and it was wet and drizzly, this is when we say we are glad we don't have the tent here to pack up. Everyone except Sporty was out the gate by 10am and on their way home. I know that an excellent time was had by all with the exception of Toolman. Thanks to Toolman, Needy, River Rats, Sporty, Figjam, Psyduck and the Wombats for your companionship, with a special thanks to Sparky and Aerosmith for planning and leading this trip. Good one Fellows.

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The highlight of the evening was an exceptionally popular win by Darrell and Lynette, and Jack and Francie of the competition that netted them about \$24.00 per couple- well done. Jack and Francies win went toward paying for a new tyre to replace the staked one a few kms out of Blinman (BUGGER!) Ce La Vie.

All in all a good day to top off an excellent, accident free and interesting trip with some of the harshest driving condition many of us have encountered.

Thanks to Pete and Hubert for a well done excursion.

Jack & Francie (ROLLING STONE)

ARKARoola - Day 6

Everyone was up early as this was our final day, and the weather once again was sunny. Jack and Francie were most impressive being all packed up and saying their farewells by 8:00am with most others packed up by 8:30am Tonka had a little battery trouble, but that was soon rectified and we were on our way home by 9:00am. There had been plenty of discussion going on as to which was the best route to take home, and we couldn't all come to an agreement so Sherpa, Zulu & Wontok headed home via Copley, while Mossiah, Tonka, Nike & the Tourists headed home via Blinman.

Tonka got a puncture about 2km out of Blinman, and it was about here we picked up radio contact with Rolling Stone, and he too had punctured a tyre near Blinman, but had changed it and moved on. We stopped in Blinman for an ice cream and a look around the town. The Bretts were no strangers to Blinman, as they had been there many times with the Landrover club, playing in the mud just outside of town.

Mossiah and Nike turned off into Wilpena Pound to refuel, and were

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annoyed to find that the Pound charges you an extra \$1.50 service fee, if you are paying by a card, but they only tell you this as you get to the cash register. Judging by the long queue this would be a good money-spinner for them. It wasn't long before we all met up at Hawker with Sherpa's group arriving first (I guess they didn't stop for icecreams!).

It was decided we would all stop at Quorn for lunch, with some opting for a counter meal, and some visiting the-local takeaway. This was not the best day of the trip for Tonka, as he came from the Pub to a flat battery, but was soon given a jump-start & on his way again. Sherpa experienced some overheating, so he was taking it carefully on the way home.

Wednesday must be a 'wide load' day in the country, as we experienced a couple of trucks with huge concrete blocks, and had to pull off the road for police escorting a house, but other than that it was a hassle free trip home, and once we got back into the city we realised how dirty our cars truly were, but I guess in our Club, that's the sign of a good trip!

Thanks again to Zulu & Sherpa for all their efforts - a memorable trip!

MOSSIAH

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The following has been sent to the club in advance of the August meeting from the August guest speaker, Bev Langley, regarding donations that the Animal Refuge requires for its continued help to animals in need. Particular emphasis has been put on the materials, more than the food in this list:

Other useful goods include:

- ~ Materials — tracksuits, flannellette, towels
- ~ Vitamins, micropore tape, white king
- ~ Flowers — bottlebrush, grevilla, acacia, fuschia, gum — young leaf growth also
- ~ Fencing wire, tubing, star droppers, alsonite

A lot of these things may be lying around in our backyards, and we may not think much of them, however they may be helpful to the Animal Refuge with their animal rescues and during the recovery of their animals.



Four Wheel Drive
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Mobile: 0418 807 437

No training news for this month



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