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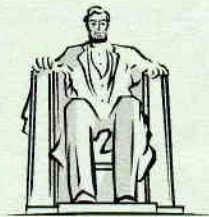


Arkaroola group photo

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PRESIDENTS REPORT



The AGM went smoothly last month with only minimal changes to the Committee. I will be continuing in the role of President for another year, which I am looking forward to. Tim Byrne has stepped down as Trips Co-ordinator with Neil Penno being his replacement. Christian Whamond replaces Jane Raphael as Social Secretary and Angie Lawson takes a well-earned rest from Magazine Editor and Insurance Officer, making way for Nick Travers and Ken Bradey respectively.

On behalf of everybody, I would like to thank Tim, Jane and Angie for their much appreciated efforts and contribution to the running of the Club and extend a welcome to our new Committee members.

The results of the 2001 Member Survey have been collated based on the returns received. The key issues to emerge were that a majority favoured starting meetings at 7.30 pm and finished by 9.00 pm, so I will try where possible to accommodate this. Guest speakers are popular and will continue to feature throughout the year. Our Membership Officer got a vote of confidence for the way new members are welcomed and this will continue to be a high priority.

In respect to how you would like to see the Club develop in the next three years, the feedback indicated strong demand for interstate trips, discount purchase offers and BBQs at meetings.

In response, an information board can now be found at the back of the meeting hall which will display all offers we receive. The board will also display other club magazines and items of general 4WD interest. The Committee has also decided to hold at least two BBQ evenings, planned for the December meeting and the AGM in May – more details will be given prior to each BBQ.

Don't forget we still need interesting photos suitable for enlarging for our photoboard for the upcoming 4WD show. Please pass them onto Hubert by the August 2001 meeting with your name on the back so that the originals can be returned to you.

Regards Michael Brett, The Tourists

Arkaroola

Arkaroola - Day 1 - The trip up (Friday 13TH April)

Trip participants: Peter & Jenny Jones (Zulu), Hubert, Lynnette & Kimberley Orbons (Sherpa), Michael, Isobelle, Andrew & Emma Brett (Tourists), Charlie & Jane Raphael (Tonka), Nick, Edward & Ben Travers (Rhino), Jack & Francie Moss (Rolling Stone), Mark, Linda, Chelsea & Stacey Moss (Mossiah), Layne, Julie & Troy Holberton (Nike), Doug & Kerry Laird (Wontok).

An early departure coincided with the sun rise at Globe Derby Park on Friday 13th for the trip to Arkaroola. The Tourists and Rolling Stones travelled up on Thursday and were commissioned with locating a camping spot, under Hubert's prior directions.

The trip north was made interesting by a team effort being formed to answer the first round of questions of the quiz so well organised by Isobelle. Anyone listening on the radio would have been well entertained, not only by our chatter about the questions but also by the smart and fast quips coming from some members of the convoy.

The country scenery varied, from ploughed fields, green patches of new growth to yellow stubble left over from harvesting. We had a coffee stop on the side of the road near Mambray Creek, then continued north for a quick breakfast at Hawker and some fuel top ups.

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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.

News of the New World...

The new magazine preparers (?not editors?) are finding progress is a little slow, as the enormity of the task shows its bared teeth.

The guest speaker at the July meeting will be Phil, from Electric Bug, speaking about the use of GPS units.

Late breaking rumours suggest that a certain driver of an otherwise unstoppable maroon TI Patrol within the club suffered the finalistic indignity of failing to proceed of his own accord — more later...



NEXT MEETING

Monday

July 9th

@ 7.30pm

New Sponsorship

We welcome the influx of sponsorship that has been realised at the last meeting.

Especially thanking **CENTRAL TOWING** (Denny Couprie & Steve Reich) who have become our major sponsor for the coming year.

Others who are contributing, are:

Blackwood Tree service — (Peter Warbout)

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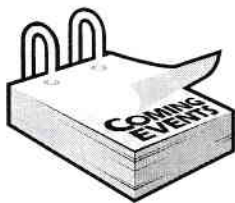
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SOCIAL SCENE

Mid-Year Dinner - Seaford Hotel. Unfortunately, due to a lack of numbers, Dirty Dicks has been cancelled as the venue, and I am now pursuing the possibility of going to the Seaford Hotel.

The Seaford Hotel has entertainment after dinner, in another room (usually a band) which is free for people dining in. Those who don't want to dance can remain in the dining room to chat, etc.

A date has not been set, although we may need to make this sometime in August.

I will be putting this to the meeting, along with further details.

Christian Whamond.



Morning tea near Illawortina Well

Be whisked away to the Exciting city of:
"Adelaide"

**For the 3rd Ladies Only Weekend
18th/19th August**

This outing will include a tour of Historic Carrick Hill.

A visit to the Factory shops on Glen Osmond Road, and an overnight stay at one of Adelaide's luxury Hotels with breakfast and dinner and use of relaxing facilities. Finish off the night with a movie, or a trip to a night club, or the Casino.

Sunday enjoy some of the exciting that Adelaide has to offer.

Approx cost \$100pp — a \$30 deposit will be required by the July meeting. (some costs yours)

**Organised by Jenny Jones 8358 3040
And Lynette Orbons 8278 8142.**



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Calendar of Events

June 2001 – July 2001

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



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

SIMPSON DESERT—JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 7th—17th

Travelling East to West and coming home via Googs Track. Must be self-sufficient and have a fuel range of 900kms.

Details: Greg Goding 8387 3118

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

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

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We knew we were really in the Flinders area as the soils turned red and saltbush could be seen everywhere. Lunch was at Copley, where most of us partook of the delicious pies, cakes etc on offer at the bakery.

Dirt roads were now the order of the day so the convoy spread out a bit. The only hiccup was a flat tyre Nick got about 50k from Arkaroola. Peter, Jenny, Doug and Kerry stayed to help while the others continued. The guys decided it was a good move to let some air out of the tyres in respect to the very sharp stones that were part of the road.

We arrived at the campsite about 4pm and everyone set up tents. Hubert got a roaring fire going in time for our first happy hour.

Doug & Kerrie Laird

ARKAROO LA - Day 2

Well it was another early start as we had a full day ahead of us with Hubert and Peter wanting us to all be ready to leave by 9 a.m. Some of us were up at 6.30 a.m. stoking up the fire ready for our cooked brekkies.

Our first stop was the Bolla Bollana smelters which was very interesting. Old disused buildings and large mounds of tailings set against the magnificent backdrop of the Northern Flinders. We were surprised at how different the Northern Flinders Ranges are to the Central and Southern Flinders.

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Channels:**5** Emergency repeaters (Allocated in Law).

- There are lists available that identify where Channel 5 repeaters exist
- For other regions, scanning **all** channels is a far more effective way of locating other UHF users in an emergency.

11 Calling channel (Allocated in Law).

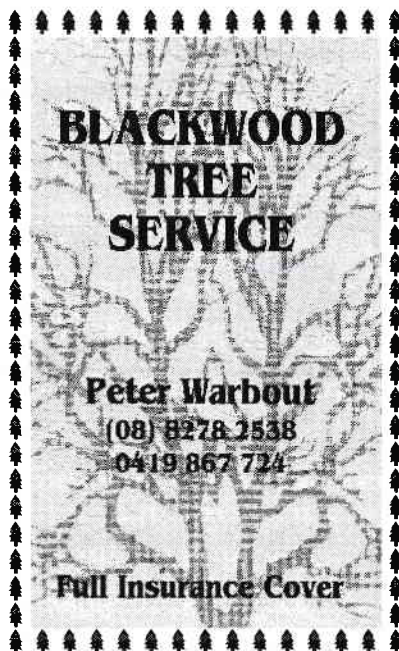
- Used to call another user who may be listening on the call channel (such as a friend). After contact you must move to another channel.
- Most country operators sit on other general use channels. Scanning is more useful to find these other operators.

22 & 23 Signalling & Telemetry (No voice allowed) (Allocated in Law).**40** Highways & Trucks (Firmly established by tradition).**10** 4WD Drivers (By courteous agreement).

- Usage is becoming popular as a general channel for 4WD drivers
- Recommended officially within National Parks

18 Caravans & Campers (By courteous agreement).

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MT LOFTY RANGERS

ITEMS FOR SALE

Lets Promote Our Club!!!

Cloth Badges	\$6.00
Car Stickers	\$2.50
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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)	\$40.00
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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
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If you require clothing please speak to Charlie Raphael 8358 2552.

ITEMS FOR LOAN

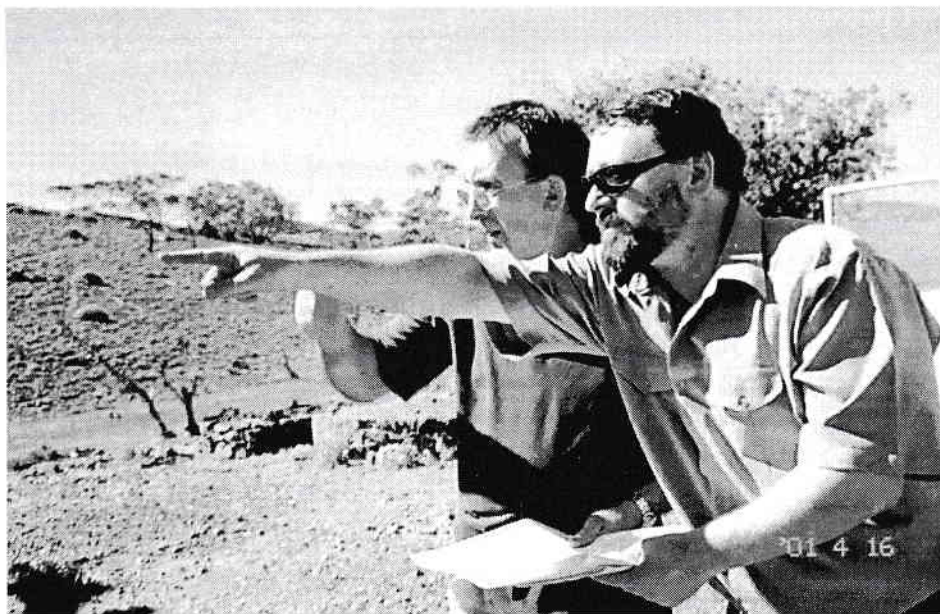
Books	Recovery Kit
Club Banner	Tirfer Winch
Club Flag	Puncture Repair Kit *
GPS Promotional Videos	First Aid Kit *
Maps	2 x Lightweight Shelters with sides.

* *Please replace used items*

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

Happy Birthday

Jason Drazil	21st June	Jayden Couprie (3)	22nd June
Liam Fiddick (4)	22nd June	Hubert Orbons	27th June
Edward Travers (19)	28th June	Angie Lawson	9th July
Scott Fiddick	18th July	Tess Fiddick	22nd July



Arkaroola trip leaders (??) — questioning the way home



Track building near Bitter Springs

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We then left the smelter and went through to the start of the Illinawortina track which would take us through to Idnina/ Illinawortina Well and Bitter Springs. We went through some very rocky creek beds which really tested the skills of the drivers (which most of the time just happened to be the men!) The size of some of the trunks of the fallen trees really brought home to us the power of the water through the creek beds when in flood.

During this drive along the creek beds there were quite a few "road" repairs which needed to be carried out. There were a lot of wash-aways which needed to be filled so it was certainly a

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get fit session for most. Jack informed us that we had travelled the momentous distance of 18 kilometres in 3 hours!!!

As the going was very tough and Happy Hour was approaching fast, the leaders decided that we should probably head home via the Needles which were 2 fairly high pointed rock formations side by side. and then on to the main drag back to camp. We got back to camp at about 5.30 p.m. after having travelled 43 kilometres. Thanks Peter and Hubert for a great day out.

After seeing the smelters and mines during this day out it really made us appreciate how hard people had it back in the "good old days". Give us technology any time!!!

Charlie and Jane Raphael (Tonka).

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ARKAROOOLA - Day 3

At 9:30 Sunday morning, after a decision to travel further than the previous day's 45 km's, we set off north through the Arkaroola Village to search out some waterholes and the Echo Camp Historic site. Earlier it had been decided that this would be an official Ladies' driving day, which would have excluded the trip reporters coming along, so an exception was made.

Not too long into the trip we found the secluded Arkaroola Waterhole with a cramped entrance full of other 4WDs enjoying the sights. For a lucky few who ventured around the muddy waterhole, we were welcomed by a number of rare yellow-footed rock wallabies bounding up the cliff face.

Then onto the Echo Camp Historic site, which we found after a short time. At the site Kimberley discovered a plaque announcing the site, removing any doubt that this may not have been the place. By this time it was getting on to morning tea break time, so after a couple of nice steep hills we reached the Echo Camp waterhole and stopped for a coffee and a nibble.

After refreshments we headed off into some more hilly country, testing who had any loose items in their cars. Stopping at the Barraranna Gorge, there was much entertainment for all, as we found some nice rocks to walk over on our way to the waterhole in the gorge. Some decided to test out their rock climbing abilities on the steep hillside that bound one side of the gorge, while Kerrie decided to test out how waterproof her shoes were, dipping one of them into the waterhole, much to

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the amusement of all.

Then came lunch.

At this point we were told of the sad news that Hubert was no longer to lead us, but we were to be passed into the masterful hands of Pete, as he showed off his new machine with much pride. At this stage there was much thanks to Hubert for leading to this stage flawlessly (yet again).

From there it was onwards and upwards as we climbed what seemed like mountains, with some good challenging steep tracks. When we finally reached the top, there were amazing views of the plains that lay before us, all the way across to Lake Frome. The plains were reminiscent of African savanna - from one of Pete's past lives. Then it was down to our afternoon tea stop at Stubb's Waterhole.

Heading off from our refreshments we were followed by an old white troopie, and as we continued it was discovered that it belonged to one of the rangers at Arkaroola, Paul.

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For the rest of the trip Paul entertained and enthralled us with his wealth of knowledge of the Sanctuary, despite having been there only 2 years. With his help we were able to discover a lot about the region and its plants and wildlife, which we would not have found out were it not for his stumbling across us on his drive to look for goats in the sanctuary. Many thanks are passed on to Paul for his outstanding help.

We then made our way 'home', where we welcomed another one of Hubert's roaring fires to provide the heat and cooking for the night.

Nick, Edward & Ben Travers (Rhino)



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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Sell - Landcruiser Cargo Barrier Suit Troopcarrier 6 months old \$150.00
Set Recovery Gear included Snatch Strap, Extension Strap,
Shackles, gold up shovel, tyre pressure gauge, carry bag.
Brand new – never used \$200.00 Highlift Jack 6 months old (used once)
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