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PRESIDENTS REPORT



I can't believe how quickly February has passed. The Clayton Raft Race was the biggest club event last month and this edition of Rangers Review features all the action and excitement of the day.

The other big outing was a very pleasant social cruise on the MV Barungal from Murray Bridge. This was preceded by an interesting drive down, led by Merv, avoiding the freeway. The timing was spot on, the only notable incident being a local 9 year old boy whose dismount from his bike was both spectacular and shocking. As Andrew had witnessed this accident, we could appreciate his predicament, a quick mobile phone call saw his Dad come and pick him up, luckily with no injuries other than a bruised ego, our thanks to the Captain of the boat for waiting.

I managed to catch up with quite a few Rangers at the 4WD and Camping Show held at Wayville this month. This show is a good opportunity to see what new camping gear, portable fridges etc is around for future club trips. Speaking of upcoming trips, keep them coming, there are lots of new members to lead into the wilderness for a day, weekend or a week.

To date the magazine does not have a sponsor and I will send out a letter to a few of the companies that have been suggested to see if they would like to volunteer.

As we have so many members it might be timely to run a member survey which will give the committee some useful feedback. Watch out for this one.

Regards

Michael Brett
The Tourists

Clayton Raft Race

10th—11th February 2001

Hosted by Mt Lofty Rangers Inc.

This years raft race saw our club hosting what to out to be a fabulous fun-filled weekend. Mark Moss and his team of fantastic helpers had the weekend well organised and running like clock work.

The weekend was well attended with people from the Barossa, Subaru, Suzuki, Holden, Central Hills, Adventurers, Wanderers, Nissan and Mt Lofty Rangers attending.

The fun started on Saturday afternoon with the Tub and Tube Race. This involved trying to get old bath tubs to float with the aid of empty plastic milk bottles. From all accounts most people got very wet!!!

Saturday evening was when the night entertainment began. There was a Red Faces competition with participants from Barossa, Subaru, Suzuki, Holden, Adventurers and Mt Lofty Rangers. A very funny event.

Mr Murray Cooper was our resident Magician on the night. He thrilled and entertained the children with his magic but also had the adults enthralled as well. He was followed by Bob Maygor—a well known bush poet to finish off the evenings organised entertainment.

Sunday started well with Egg and Bacon McRangers available to all interested. What a way to wake up to the smell of bacon and eggs—yummy.

The Raft Race started promptly at 10am with Mens, Womens and Childrens races in the Hi-Tech and Low-Tech events. There were a few early race incidents with interferences by rafts losing their direction—but all disputes were put to rest early.

The finals were preceded by the yummy sausage sizzle lunch, the proceeds of which went to the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Operation Flinders.

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News In Brief

George Vlahos is looking at taking a trip to the Central Flinders over Easter. Speak to him or Tim if you are interested in find out more.

If you have been asked to do a trip report for trips either past or in the future—could you please give them to Angie within a month of the trips completion. Photos would also help to show everyone what a good time was had. We will return any photos used.

Our AGM is coming up in May. There will be lots of positions available on the committee so you might want to have a think about what you want for your club and how you might be able to help. See any committee member if you have any questions.

The DEADLINE for the April Magazine will be SATURDAY 31st MARCH. Please have anything you want published to Angie or Peter by that date. Thanks.



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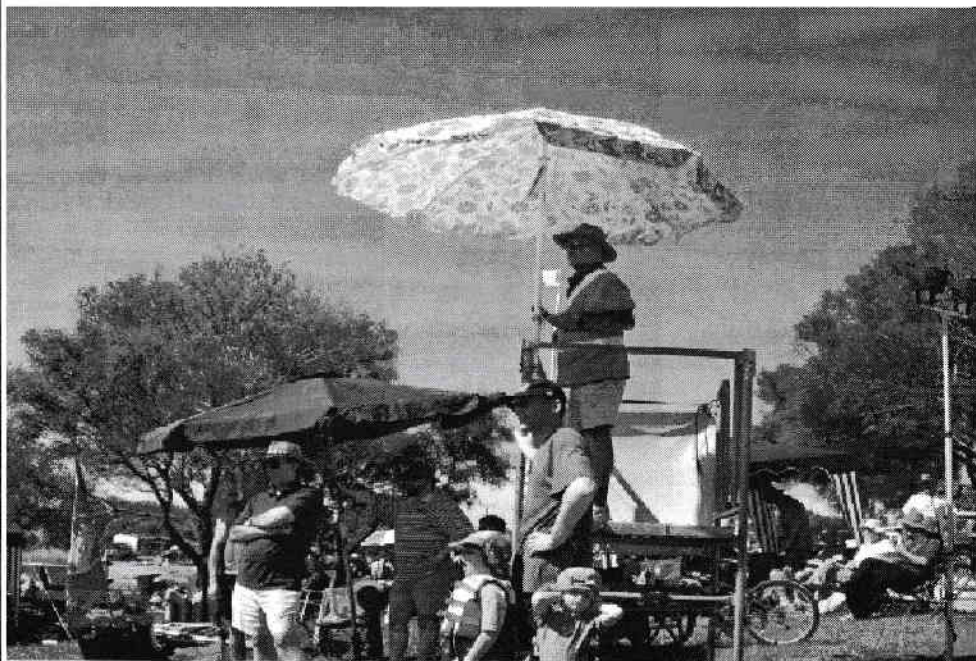
The final results were not available at time of publications but the Suzuki and Subaru Clubs were overall winners. Congratulations to them!

The day concluded with a Mega Raffle Draw. There were 37 prizes on offer and it was shown that the more tickets you buy the higher your chance of winning a prize. One couple purchased \$20 worth of tickets and won 4 prizes!!!!

After the Mega Raffle everyone started packing up and in no time at all, the Clayton Caravan Park was back to normal thanks to many hands making light work of the mess.

Congratulations again to Mark Moss and his team of statistic takers, photographers, marshalls, team leaders, cooks, money collectors, and anyone else I might have forgotten for their tireless efforts in making the Raft Race such a success. Also thanks to everyone who participated in an event. Without you Clayton would be a disaster.

Angela Lawson—River Rats



Thank You

Mt Lofty Rangers Clayton Organising Committee would like to give a big Thank You to everyone who donated prizes. The prizes were:

1. Weekend for 2 including breakfast at the **Hahndorf Holiday Resort**
2. Heavy-duty car battery—**Belair Road Auto Electrical**
3. Dinner for 2 at the **Weinstadt Restaurant**
4. Raster 250k Geodata Maps of Australia on disc
5. 4 pack of **Jim Barry Wines**
6. 4 pack of **Jim Barry Wines**
7. Bulk supply of car care products—**Auto Clean Products**
8. Black and Decker Electric Wok
9. 12v SeeEzy light
10. Snatch strap
11. Snatch strap
12. 2 bottles premium red wine
13. 2 bottles premium red wine
14. 2 bottles premium red wine
15. 2 bottles premium red wine
16. Goodie basket of specially made biscuits—**Tiers of Joy**
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18. Carry case with 2 bottles wine and 4 glasses
19. Hand made Teddy Bear
20. Reebok shorts and cap
21. Popcorn maker
22. Chest of Twinings tea bags
23. Seven day electric timer
24. Shaslick maker and sauces
25. Ladies gift basket
26. Body care products
27. Wheatbag heatbag

28. Soaps and bath cubes pack
29. Electric can opener gift basket
30. Salsa gift basket
31. Sketch pad with pencils and sunblock
32. Assorted blends of Twinings teas pack
33. Serviette holders and tea bags
34. Assorted jams and tea bag set
35. Assorted Beerenberg jams
36. Target board and sun block
37. 25cm vase

Thank you again to everyone who contributed to this fantastic Mega Raffle draw but especially:

Hahndorf Holiday Resort

Tiers of Joy

Jim Barry Wines

Belair Road Auto Electrical

Alltrac 4wd Accessories

Mt Lofty

members

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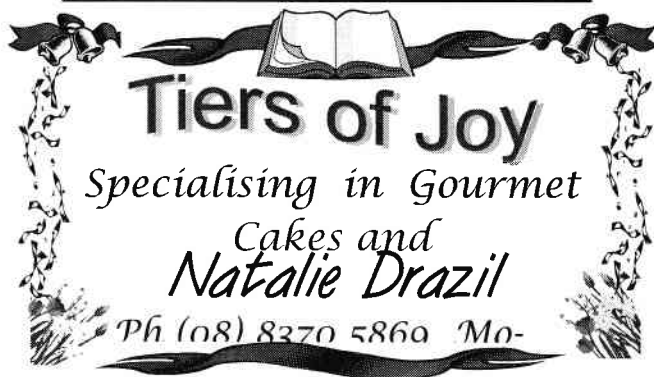
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Calendar of Events

March 2001 – April 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 MARCH.	12 Meeting	13	14	15	16	17 AGM @ Burra
18 AGM @	19	20	21	22	23	24 Geranium
25 Geranium	26	27	28	29	30	31
1 APRIL	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Meeting	10	11	12	13 Good Friday	14 Easter Saturday



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

MARCH 2001

SAAFWDA AGM – 17th—18th

The AGM is only a very small part of this fun-filled weekend being held this year at Burra. Camping on the lawn at the Burra School there will be tag-a-long tours and entertainment all weekend. There is a bush dance and a sit down served meal provided on Saturday evening too. The more the merrier!!!

Details: Max Almond 8278 3848

GERANIUM – 24th – 25th

If you didn't get to Peake, then go to Geranium. There's a shower there ladies!

Details: Greg Goding 8387 3118

APRIL 2001

EASTER – 13th – 16th

MALLEE 4WD EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA—MURRAYVILLE

This well-organised and fun weekend is being held by the Murrayville & District Local Government Liaison Committee. Camping will be at the caravan park or recreation reserve and they are conducting tag-a-long tours of tracks which will utilize local knowledge with some of the history of the area. You have a choice of one of 5 tours to suit your interest. Tim will have required registration form and all the other details such as costs and dates for deposits to be sent at the March meeting.

Details: Tim Byrne 8322 1324

EASTER—13th—16th ARKAROO LA—FLINDERS RANGES

Trip Full. Register interest for late cancellations.

Details: Peter Jones 8358 3040 or Hubert Orbons 8278 8142

EASTER—13th—16th CHOWILLA

Camping on private property near the Murray River, you will need to be self-sufficient to enjoy this weekend of skiing and 4wding. Trip full but register interest for late cancellations.

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Upcoming Trips

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APRIL 2001

ANZAC DAY – Wednesday 25th – NO TRIP HERE!!!!

MAY 2001

ADELAIDE CUP – 19th – 21st

NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK—BORDER TRACK WORKING BEE

Make plans with your family and friends to come bushing camping in the Park. Whilst enjoying the break from routine you will be able to assist with the ongoing SAAFWDC involvement with the Border Track and also the Centre Track which forms the south to north route.

Enjoy the company and the camp. Bring strong gloves, a bow or pruning saw and an axe if you have one. You are only expected to do as much as you feel able to do. We will be setting up camp at Pine Hut Soak, which is spacious and how as toilets. The campsite is just inside the park entrance when approached from Pinnaroo. If you have a trailer PLEASE come. There will be 90 tonnes of hardcore waiting for us. A local farmer is providing a fond-end loader to load the trailers. The material will be used to level off the swale on the track at Nanam Soak. 15—20 trailers is our target. The working bee will include cutting back overgrowth and completing the track diversion started last October.

Details: Kevin 8264 1656, Sue 8269 2883 or Lloyd 8569 1889

JUNE 2001

QUEENS BIRTHDAY LONGWEEKEND—9th—11th MT GAMBIER

Mud and fun!!!! Camping in the caravan park, cabins possibly available.

Details: Tim Byrne 8322 1324

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



*The winning Hi-Tech Suzuki Raft (left) and our new Hi-Tech Raft
Preparing for the Tub and Tube Race on Saturday*





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)	\$40.00
<i>(includes name and logo embroidered on & GST)</i>	
Rugby Tops	\$52.00
<i>(includes name and logo embroidered on & GST)</i>	
Polo Shirts (short sleeve)	\$29.00
<i>(includes name and logo embroidered on & GST)</i>	
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	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

Monique Munn (11)	12th March	Jane Raphael	17th March
Rodney Curtis	22nd March	Danni Munn	25th March
Kim Rawsthorn	26th March	Brayden Curtis (2)	2nd April

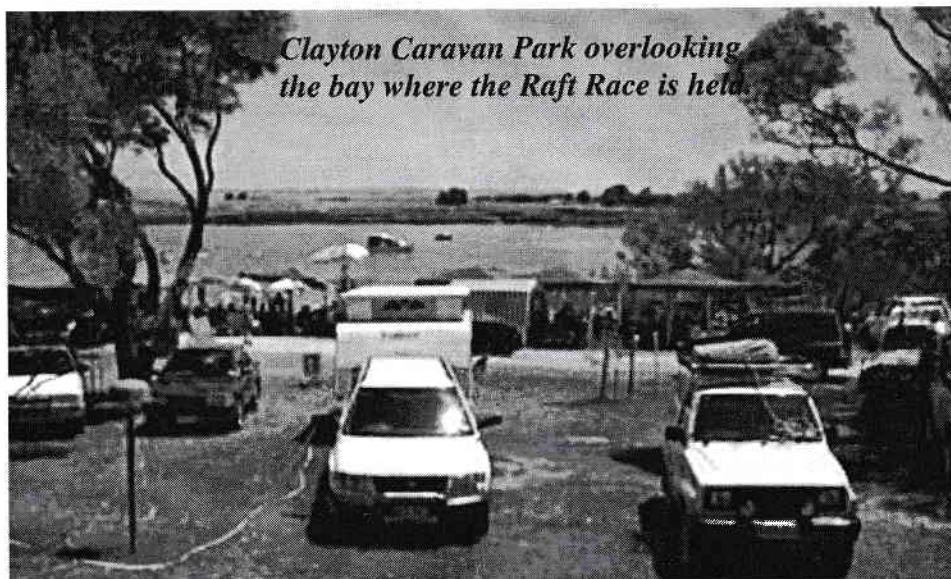
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Thank You

A big thank you to the following people for contributing the following items to help make the Clayton Raft Race 2001 successful.

Steve Reich Huge thanks for **BUILDING THE HI-TECH RAFT**

Raft transport

Vests

Car Tubes

Ian Mangelsdorf 10 dozen eggs, 10 kgs bacon, 200 sausages,

10 dozen muffins, 12 loaves bread

Starters gun

2 litres tomato sauce, napkins

Darrell Burr Official photographer

Mini Scaffold

Stop watches

Lighting and power cables

Whiteboards

Mark & Linda Moss

Whiteboard and pens

BBQ transport

Bath tubs, ropes, plastic bottles, outriggers, tubes

Rope, rope and more rope

3 x 20 litre drums, weights for buoys

Doug Laird PA System

Hubert Orbons Suit for MC

Dinghy

Michael & Isobelle Brett

Club shelters, banner and flag

3 x drums, buoys

BBQ

Blackboard and chalk

Rodney Curtis Lo-tech raft

Paddles

Tim Byrne Paddles

Vests

Shaun Lawson Vests



*Isobelle Brett and Kerry Laird where our statistics officers
Suzuki Club receives their 1st Prize Trophy in the Hi-Tech Division*



**SPECIAL PEOPLE ON THE
CLAYTON RAFT RACE 2001 ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

Isobelle and Michael Brett
Lynette and Tim Byrne
Darrell Burr
Sam and Richard Curtis
Natalie and Alan Drazil
Jackie and Greg Goding
Natashu Graham
Kerry and Doug Laird
Angie and Shaun Lawson
June and Ian Mangelsdorf
Linda and Mark Moss
Lynn and Hubert Orbons
Cheryl O'Toole and Paul West
Jane and Charlie Raphael
Steve Reich

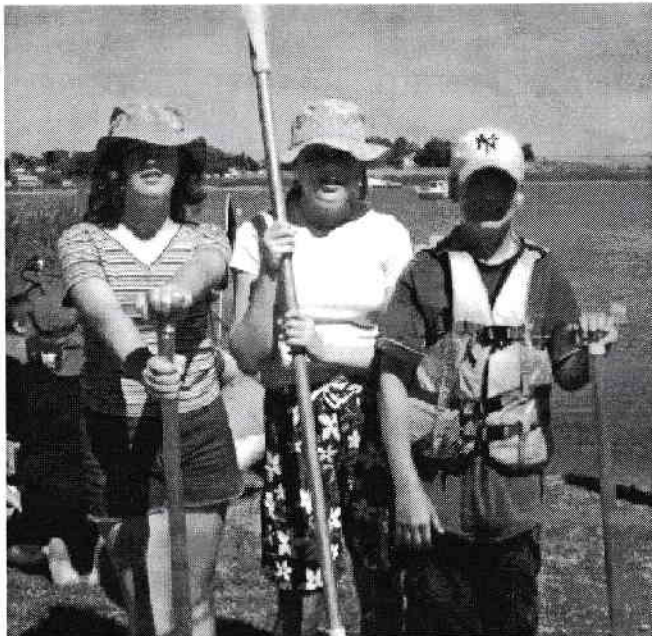


**Proceeds of the Clayton Raft Race 2001
are being donated to**

**OPERATION FLINDERS
and
THE ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE**



Emma Brett receives 1st Prize in the Mega Raffle Draw



*Stacey Moss,
Chelsea Moss and
Andrew Brett
were our
Kids Team
Members*



SAAFWDC Driver Training Unit
Unit 2
9 Cardiff Court
Cavan
Contact: Greg Goding – 8387 3118 AH
Mobile: 0418 807 437

ADVISORS COURSE—28th—29th APRIL

Prerequisite is to have completed your Basic 4WD Certificate to be on your way to becoming an instructor, This course is being held at the above address. Cost is \$70.

TRAIN SMALL GROUPS –26th—27th MAY

Formerly known as the Workplace Training Certificate this is the final step in becoming an instructor. Training held at Cavan. Cost \$100.

Details on either of the above courses Max Almond 8278 3848.

THE NEW FOUR WHEEL DRIVING DRIVER CERTIFICATE

Replacing the old basic and separate advanced certificates this course is held in two parts.

Theory nights—20th-22nd March at Blackwood Football Club

Practical weekend—7th-8th April at Hackham.

Cost is \$55 for the manual + an additional fee for course being held at BFC.

Details for the new certificate Greg Goding 8387 3118



TRADING MART

Sell, Buy or Exchange

Sell - Nissan Patrol 91 SWB tow bar, bull bar, window shields, air con, dual fuel, auto, excellent condition. 139000 kms, 4 new tyres @ 133,000 kms + new transmission (still under warranty @ 122,000). \$23,499.
Contact Andrew Threadgold 8391 5776

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) \$80 ono
4x4 Heavy duty trailer (enclosed) includes 4 jerry can holders,
2 gas bottle holders, spare wheel carrier. Landcruiser rims.
7 months old \$1200.00 ono
Phone Mark McLean 0407 180 313

Sell - Steps to fit on rear of slide-on or pick-up camper. \$50.
Contact Dean Barton 8296 8771 or see Bill Markey at meeting.

Sell - Yamaha portable generator - 1000 watt. Current model. \$600. Phone
Charlie or Jane Raphael on 8358 2552.

Please Note:

All items advertised will only be published for 3 months.

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