

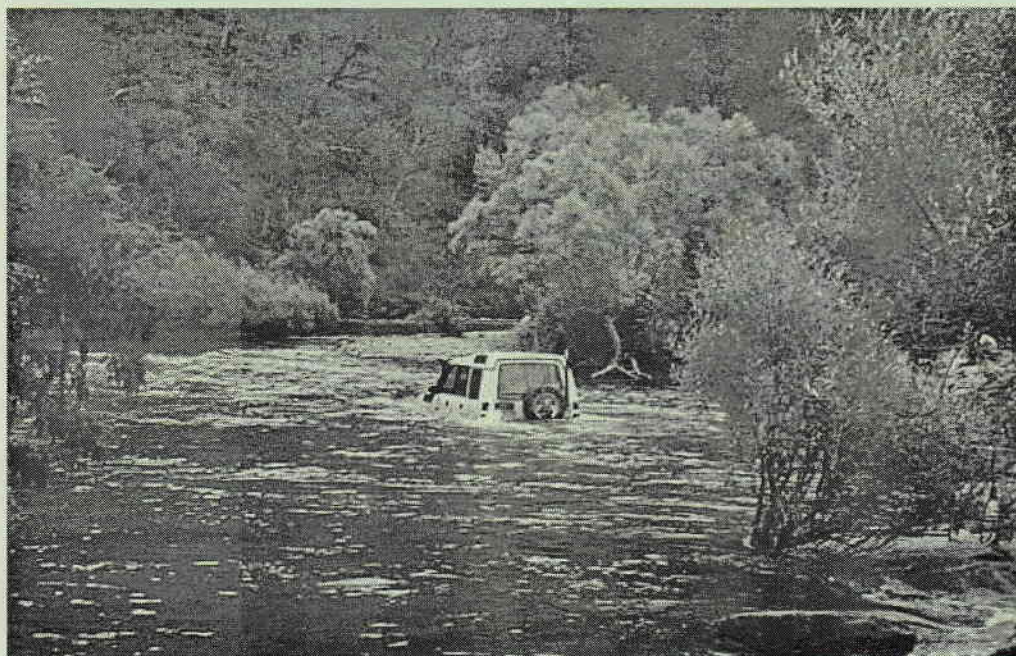


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Thanks to all those who helped make the 4WD Show such a success this year both in the set-up and during the three days. This year we had the added bonus of hot tea/coffee on hand which was much appreciated. Those who manned our stand spoke to a lot of members of the public and quite a few raffle tickets were sold as well. The raffle will be draw at the end of the November meeting. Tickets are \$1.00 each with proceeds to charity and the Mt Lofty Rangers Driver Education Program.

Acknowledgement must go to the following companies who donated goods:

- Australian Battery Company - Exide Extreme Battery to value \$150.00
- Hella Australia - Hella Spotlights to value \$150.00
(organised by Belair Road Auto - 59 Belair Rd Kingswood Ph 8271 7617)
- Walker (Exhausts) - 2 x Polo Shirts
- Monroe (Shock Absorbers) - Polo Shirt

Look out for the notice in this magazine (p11) regarding the SAUSAGE SIZZLE to be held at the DECEMBER 2001 meeting. This will be free to all members and visitors who attend and will include salad, bread, sauce etc. We will need some volunteers to cook the BBQ and serve, so please get in touch with me if you can assist on the night. There will be no speaker in December as the night will effectively be a pre-Christmas social get-together and we do not hold a meeting in January, ie first meeting of the year is February 2002.

Our hi-tech raft builders are progressing well with the support of Schofield Engineering and are planning 'sea trials' before the end of the year. Our appreciation for their efforts and I hope to see all members at the Clayton Raft 15th to 17th February 2002 - look for more details of this event in this and the December magazine.

If you have any questions about the above or any other club activities, please don't hesitate to contact me, or any of the other Committee members on the back page of this magazine.

Regards
Michael Brett, The Tourists

CLAYTON RAFT RACE

15TH - 17TH FEBRUARY 2002

Don't miss out - have we got an event for you!

All Mount Lofty Rangers are encouraged to come down to Clayton in February to join in the fun and activities of this very popular inter-club event.

This event has been held for many years now and 2002 will be the second year that the event has been hosted by the Mount Lofty Rangers after which we will pass on organisation to another 4WD club. The Clayton site is situated on the shores of the inland waterway with fresh water to a depth of approximately half to one and a half metres. (Be aware that the area is not fenced and parental supervision of children is therefore essential.)

Much in the same way as the Formula 1 race events, we start off slowly on the Friday setting up camp, Saturday sees support events and wild entertainment on Saturday night and culminating in the BIG (Raft) RACE on Sunday. Of course you are welcome to turn up anytime...

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What to bring:	Somewhere to sleep (if staying overnight)
	Chair
	Hat/Sunscreen (it can be hot)
	SunShade (club has four only)

How you can help on the weekend:	Be a Red Facer
	Be a marshal
	Be an adjudicator
	Sell some raffle tickets

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News In Brief

BEACHPORT - AUSTRALIA DAY LONG WEEKEND

- Around Saturday 26th January

(Some confusion exists with dates at this stage - if the public holiday is on Monday 28th, dates will be 26th to 28th, otherwise 25th to 27th.)

Very popular annual trip to Beachport/Robe. Staying at the Southern Ocean Tourist Park, Somerville Street, Beachport (Ph: 8735 8153). A group booking of both powered and un-powered sites has already been made by the club so just turn up and we'll fit you in. Extensive sand driving is involved and provision will be made for those new to this type of driving.

(It is recommended that you have the capability to re-inflate tyres).

Details: Shaun Lawson 8381 7865 or Denny Couprie 8383 6999

There will be magazines from other 4WD clubs available for your reading at the meetings.

Please could you let me have any photo's that you wish inserted in the magazine, my supply is getting very sparse

Peter J.



NEXT MEETING
Monday
December 10th
@ 7.30pm

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Campers: Cost \$5.00/night (adults) & \$3.00/night (children 4-15 yrs)

Day Visitors: Cost \$2.00/day

Catering: Sunday Breakfast \$2.00 - Egg & Bacon muffin.
Sunday Lunch - BBQ/Sausage Sizzle.

Highlights: Red Faces (Saturday Night)
- prize for best act/bonus prize for every act.
Hi-tech Raft Race (Sunday)
Lo-tech Raft Race (Sunday)
Mega Prize Raffle

For further details contact: Mark Moss Ph.8383 6324



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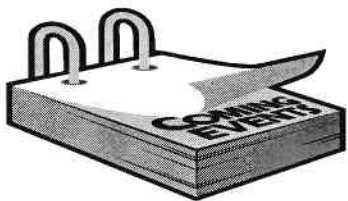
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Chandlers Hill SA 5159



SOCIAL SCENE

Brett Tucker wins Go-Kart Racing

The first of hopefully many outings to **Adelaide Fast Karts** at Cavan for Go-Kart Racing was held on Sunday. Everyone had a great time racing in 3 separate groups each consisting of 4 warm up laps, 15 qualifying laps and 16 final laps. The first group on the track were the ladies and it didn't take long for Jo and Suzanne to start to burn up the track setting some great lap times with Linda, Lynette, Kelly and Stacey bringing up the rear. The second group started their heat and Grant (New member of the Mount Lofty Rangers) Denny & Tim all qualified for the Trophy final round. In Group 3 Brett Tucker showed his dad how to drive and qualified for the Trophy round along with Steve & Christian. Then we were down to the serious end of the day, racing for the right to call yourself "The fastest person at the Mount Lofty Rangers in a Go-Kart" and the winner is: **BRETT TUCKER**. Brett came home with the Trophy winning his Qualifying race and the final race. A great effort on his behalf. Well done, he is definitely the person to beat next time.

Christmas at Loftia Park — 9th December 2001

Don't forget your gifts for your kids from Father Christmas. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the fun and games that we will be holding after lunch. See everyone there from 11am for lunch. If everyone could bring something to share and your own BBQ meat then there should be enough to go around. If people can contact myself or Karen and let us know what you are bringing that would be great, plus we will need a few BBQ's so if you don't mind sharing then please let us know so we have enough to cook on.



Contact
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whamond@chariot.net.au

Skirmish — February 2002

The preferred place at this stage is down by Deep creek conservation park. It has been suggested that we move it to later in the year due to the heat, I will keep you informed later of a more exact date.

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2002 Outback Challenge — May 2002

Held just out of Broken Hill every May, 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. I have looked at options of Caravan Parks but I think it will be a lot cheaper and more flexible on time and where we travel to if we camp in the outback stations on swags or easy tents.

Outdoor Rock Climbing — Now Indoor

Due to the high cost involved for outdoor rock climbing it has been cancelled for now. We will be looking at hiring the facilities for indoor rock climbing earlier in the new year. This will be a lot cheaper, keep looking here for more info in the future.

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

November 2001 – December 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 Nov.	12 Meeting	13	14	15	16 Coorong Fishing	17 Coorong Fishing
18 Coorong Fishing	19	20	21	22	23 Morgan	24 Morgan
25 Morgan	26	27	28	29	30	1 DEC.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 XMAS Loftia Park	10 Meeting & BBQ	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, Craighurn 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

NOVEMBER 2001

BOYS FISHING WEEKEND - Friday 16th - Sunday 18th

Annual event - Will again be based around 42-Mile Crossing near Salt Creek, Coorong. The plan is to cross over to the beach at 42-Mile Crossing, turn right (north) and then set up camp at the most promising fishing spot. Catch of the day will be Mulloway and Salmon. Justin will be going down on Friday, returning on Sunday - weather permitting, of course. Need to be self-sufficient.

Contact will be by UHF - Channel No. 27 when in general area.

(NB Sand driving is involved, possibly requiring adjustment of tyre pressures.)

Details: Justin Probert 8322 8592 / Mob. 0412 349 789

MORGAN - Friday 23rd - Sunday 25th

Something for everyone... We go a short distance out into some challenging areas suited to both beginners and the more experienced, at your own pace. We'll be at Morgan from Friday but you have the option of coming up late on Friday or come by 10.30 am Saturday or 10.30 am Sunday just for the day. Un-powered sites freely available but feel free to ring the Morgan Riverside Caravan Park (08) 8540 2207 if you require power or on-site accommodation. Expect a leisurely, family friendly weekend with lots of socialising and 'happy hours' - no limit on numbers.

Details: Mike Brett - 8387 1163 or Mob. 0404 083 203

DECEMBER 2001

LOFTIA PARK - Sunday 9th

Don't forget our Christmas Party at Loftia Park - See Social Scene for full details - Contact Christian or Karen Whamond.

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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	FREE
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 (fleece 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	Tirfor Winch
Club Flag	Puncture Repair Kit *
GPS Promotional Videos	First Aid Kit *
Maps	4 x Lightweight Shelters with sides.

* *Please replace used items*

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

Happy Birthday

Lynette Lavington	15th November	Elizabeth Curtis	19th November
Marcello Cole (8)	24th November	Tim Byrne	30th November
Stacey Moss	4th December	Laura Warbout	11th December

DECEMBER 2001 MEETING

Free Sausage Sizzle

Please note that all Mount Lofty Rangers
are cordially invited to the end of year BBQ.

- When: Monday, December 10 , 2001 (general meeting)
- Time: Approx. 7.45 pm (immediately following business)
- Cost: No charge for members
- What: Sausages - (Chicken & BBQ)
Salad
Bread
Sauce

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You spent \$50,000 on your vehicle and accessories. Some pimply faced 16-year-old kid decides to take your pride and joy for a test-drive.

Who cares? It's insured... right?

For those unfortunate souls who have experienced this, the experience is not pleasant... Stop and think for a moment.

The inconvenience of no transport for the settlement period; anything up to two weeks. Your social life, your work, and your commitments...

But wait!

It's been found, tank empty, tyres bald, dents, suspension damage, and stripped of accessories...

Hey who cares? Insurance will pay! Right Ken?

Of course your insurance company will be happy to pay for all of the obvious damage. But what about the hidden damage?

Isn't prevention of this situation better?

Car security... something that is most important for a \$50,000 HSV Commodore but why isn't it as important for your \$50,000 4wd?

Ok, so now you think that maybe it is a good idea; so what do you buy?

Well to start with, a good quality product fitted by a qualified person equates to reliability.

An old saying of mine... it is better to have a poor quality product fitted by an expert than an reasonable one installed by a monkey.

I don't think there is a product on the market that claims to be theft proof.

The term most widely used by the trade is "theft deterrent".

So things that deter thieves...

- good installation is paramount
- difficulty to identify wiring (black wiring)
- dual immobiliser circuits
- automatic, passive arming (Insurance)
- led light on dash (status indication)

So what type of immobiliser/alarm is best suited to your needs?

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The choices that I know of are...

remote, transponder,
touch key, jack plug,
magnetic trigger,
kill switch and relay latching trigger.

The first two being the premium side of the market and the rest progressively cheaper. Personally the first two are my favourites based on ease of use and long term reliability. Remote controlled versions are only recommended for, alarms and central locking.

The transponder immobiliser uses a sophisticated microchip, embedded into a key ring, which communicates via an antenna, mounted behind the key ignition switch, to the immobiliser. Sounds confusing doesn't it?

But the best part is that it all happens automatically. This state of the art technology is now factory fitted to late model Fords, Nissan's and Mitsubishi's, integrated with the vehicle's engine control computer, virtually makes them theft proof.

An after market fitment theft deterrent is still the description.

A true transponder immobiliser is fully programmable which means multi vehicle coding is possible. The ease of use and long term reliability makes transponder technology a popular choice

Tim's Tech Corner

Four Wheel Drive
Courses

SAAFWDC Driver Training Unit

Unit 2

9 Cardiff Court

Cavan

Contact: Greg Goding – 8387 3118 AH

Mobile: 0418 807 437

Those interested in the Basic training course, could you please add your name to the list. When there are enough interested, then I will schedule the course.

Trading Post

Wanted - Drive shaft for PTO winch to suit FJ/HJ 60 series Land Cruiser.
Contact Rodney Curtis 8278 6280.

Sell - 5 white spoke ROH rims 16 by 7 only 1 year old suit either Patrol or Landcruiser \$300 the lot. Plus set of tyres 235/85/16 BFG All Terrain 10 To 15% tread left free to purchaser of rims.
Contact George Vlahos 0419040407 or 82789229

Sell - 2 Berth Camper Trailer. 15" Sunrasia wheels, 5x4 Box Trailer with high sides, 2 Jerry can holders, 55 litre water tank. Tent attachment can be adapted to fit on a roof rack as a roof top tent , (PENTHOUSE) it started out its life as a roof topper, Bed is about 6'6" long. \$600.00 ono
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