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Flat out like a lizard drinking

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Big thanks to Sean for organizing a very interesting talk last month by Bev Langley of the Minton Farm Native Animal and Bird Refuge at Cherry Gardens. Bev put on an excellent slide show of the property and the various examples of fauna which they have been able to rescue and rehabilitate as well as a couple of live animals. Thanks too from Bev for the donations members made of materials for use in her work. Isobelle saw Bev at the local supermarket collecting all the left-overs in the Fruit and Veg section last Saturday so it is good to see that the local traders also support her cause.

There was a definite gender bias to the social scene during August with the now traditional Ladies Weekend being held in Adelaide at the Grosvenor Vista Hotel and venues nearby. Whilst numbers were down on last year's event, I am told that the weekend was most enjoyable – a more detailed report follows in the magazine – I am told it makes a good read.

Is everyone aware of the Mount Lofty Rangers website upgrade from 20 July 2001? Colin Forster, a club member, has volunteered to maintain and update the site at www.tcis.com.au/rangers.htm on a monthly basis. Colin can be contacted by email at colin@strategems.com.au or by telephone on 8364-0496. On behalf of all Mount Lofty Rangers, I extend my appreciation to Colin for his kind offer.

Once again, I remind you about the 4WD Show from 12 to 14 October 2001. The October meeting will on 8 October so all should be finalized by then.

Don't forget that, as President, and also the Committee, we thrive on feedback. If there are any queries you may have or any aspect of club activities you want to know more about, don't hesitate to give me, or one of the Committee members, a call.

Personally, I can't wait for the warmer weather to come to get back into a bit of outback camping and touring. With 2002 being labeled the Year of the Outback there has got to be potential for some great trips.

I'll leave you with a quote from the November 1995 edition (Vol 1 No 3) of Rangers' Review by then President – Clipper (Ken Bradey) "the best way to build our club camaraderie is to participate in the events the club runs" – I couldn't agree more.

Safe driving

Michael Brett, The Tourists.

3RD ANNUAL LADIES WEEKEND

Everyone met bright and early at 9.30am at Joan's Pantry, Hawthorndene for a leisurely Country Breakfast and a chance to catch up. Isobelle, with her usual ingenuity, provided us all with a Weekend Survival Kit which caused a few chuckles.

Then off to Carrick Hill (passed on the walk in the National Park as Joan's Pantry was just too good!) We spent half an hour experiencing the ambience of the manicured gardens: a formal English setting separated from the native bush by large hedges. A labour of love by Ursula Hayward, nee Barr-Smith. Our guide, Annette, was both interesting and informative as she discussed the history of the property and the family who had lived there. Stopped in the café there for light refreshments. Well worth a visit for \$6-50.

Then off SHOPPING at the Glen Osmond Road seconds shops for some retail therapy. Twenty items were quickly snapped up at incredible bargain prices.

Our chauffeurs, Isabelle and Kerry, drove us to our prime North Terrace location, the newly refurbished Grosvenor-Vista Hotel. The luggage in the foyer illustrated that given the opportunity, we don't travel lightly. Once in our rooms, the girls were straight into Happy Hour and raring to go. Our movie dinner deal turned into a leisurely dinner at the Grosvenor, with a decision made to hit the town and see the movies another time.

So the girls hit North Terrace: the Casino for a flutter and it's new nightclub where the 'New Romantics' were playing eighties music. Then to the Cascade Bar at the Stamford Plaza, where cocktails are served at exorbitant prices to those lucky enough to have their bank loans approved. (In joke...had to be there!) Over to the Hyatt which was buzzing. Here we had to be firm in refusing all offers but finally left with Sam Newman for the

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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.

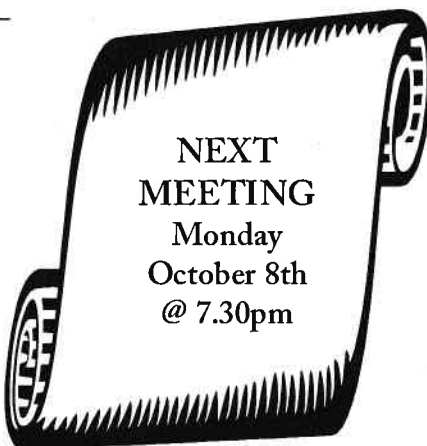
Any members who have not renewed by the end of the September meeting will incur a late fee of \$5 upon renewal.

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

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.

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
October 8th
@ 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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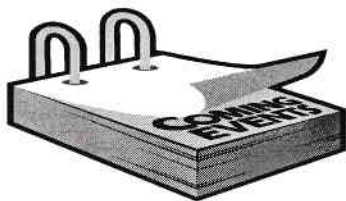
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SOCIAL SCENE

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.

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 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.

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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.

Other possible activities in the future

- Barossa Blue Bird train ride.
- Indoor pistol shooting.
- Texas riding Bull, possibly be held at the Blackwood football club.
- Russell's Pizza Bar
- Cruise abroad the M.V. Queen Adelaide from Port Adelaide.
- If anyone knows of a Rodeo happening in the future, please let me know.

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Calendar of Events

September 2001 – October 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 SEPT'R.	10 Meeting	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Geranium	29 Yorke Peninsula
30	1 OCTOBER. Public Holiday	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20



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

SEPTEMBER 2001

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	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 (fleecy lined)	\$40.00
<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

		Kimberley Orbons	15th September
Samantha Curtis	19th September	Madison Lawson	20th September
Jenny Jones	22nd September	Malcolm Curtis	23rd September
Natalie Drazil	26th September	Julie Bradey	4th October
Ben Travers	5th October	Carolyn Rawsthorn	6th October
Neil Penno	6th October	Kerrigan Cole	8th October



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Radisson. (Isobelle's little foil wrapped articles from the Survival Kit came in very handy later in the evening.)

Exhausted by now, we headed to our room for a slumber party to compare notes. Finally to bed around 1.30pm but up, showered and refreshed for a Buffet Breakfast on Sunday morning. A team effort came up with a 7/10 score for the Weekend's Quiz Questions and by then, Kerry had the energy for a run, so left about 9.30am to join her running group. The rest of us collaborated to compose this article and had great fun reliving the previous day. (Did the other diners wonder what was so hilariously funny???)

Not to be outdone in the exercise stakes, the group walked up North Tce to check on some of the Quiz answers. Yes, the marble in Parliament House was mined at Kapunda and the monument on the corner of King William St and North Tce is in memory of the South Australian's who lost their lives in the Boer War. The Jubilee 150 Commemorative Walk gave us an insight into outstanding South Australians and the SA Museum's new Indigenous Culture area and Albert Einstein display prove interesting as well.

Time out for coffee and bikkies, then chauffeured home courtesy of Isobelle again.

What a wonderful way to have a completely different break in great company. Thanks Julie, Jane, Isobelle, Kerry and Jenny.

Lyn Orbons



Night Sight

In the past I have talked about the use of high wattage globes to improve headlight quality. But this is not always a practical idea. Nearly all late model cars use plastic headlight surrounds, even poly carbonate lens. The use of poor quality, non UV cut, high wattage globes is definitely a recipe for disaster.

Next time you have the need for headlight globe replacement don't go straight to the servo. Please stop and think. Today there are many good quality choices, designed to improve headlight quality, outlast and out perform standard globes.

Phillips have recently launched their "plus 50" range of headlight globes. Still using 60/55 watt they claim 50 % extra light performance.

Bosch has a true blue tinted, xenon gas, quartz globe with superior light improvement again only 60/55 watt. The standard high wattage globes still have their place and application.

My only recommendation is to talk to an expert next time your late module car is in need for a new headlight globe.

Four Wheel Drive
Courses

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No training news for this month

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