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Beachport in the Morning

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I know I keep saying it but time flies when you're having fun....

I must be having fun because I can't believe that April is here and next month is our Annual General Meeting, which means that the executive positions on the Committee come up for re-election.

I urge anyone interested in nominating for a position to fill out a nomination form printed in this magazine, get it seconded and get it to Ken Bradey, our acting Returning Officer at the beginning of the May 2002 meeting which starts at 7.00 pm sharp with pizza (see below).

I hope that everyone had a pleasant Easter break and that those who went on the trip to Coffin Bay enjoyed themselves. We had to make the difficult decision to pull out at the last minute but would have loved to have gone for the scenery and fellowship. Early reports from those who went are that the trip was excellent under Layne and Julie's leadership and that the local oysters went down a treat. I can't wait to read all about it.

I was unable to attend the March meeting so my thanks to Max and Barbara for hosting that meeting at very short notice.

One of the distinct downsides of not getting to our meetings, or indeed to club trips, is that you lose contact with other members and current events but hopefully we will get along to a trip soon.

Don't forget that free pizza will be provided at the May 2002 meeting (7.00 pm sharp, please) and a free can of soft drink for the kids. I intend moving heaven and earth to be at that meeting so I'll see you then.

That's all from me for now.

Regards
Michael Brett, The Tourists

Beachport / Robe Trip 2002

As seen by Bumblebee

We woke on Saturday morning to what was the promise of a lovely blue skied day. The convoy gathered at 10 am, and proceeded west of Beachport through a short windy stretch until we met the dunes. After finding our first beach, it was just a short hop over a previously challenged sand-hill until we met the first red sand-hill. Here, some had a play for a while (although interrupted by the on-surge of a few over-zealous Mexicans) and took note of the evidence of our trip's first victim – a thin trail of oil in the sand that regrettably signified not such a pleasant weekend for some. From here, it took a bit of a run up and bounce onto the beach, and our journey was well under way.

Stopping for lunch as a misty cool change approached from the ocean could only make one appreciate the fact that by being so far down south that we must have been somewhere within reach of bloody Antarctica. After practicing our casting techniques, the rods were soon back on the racks and in no time at all, the flavoursome odour of the beaches surrounding Nora Crena were in our nostrils.

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From here the beaches were quite soft, and back into the more vegetated dunes, a few rocky outcrops arose. Our reconnaissance crew came in handy from time to time. It quickly became apparent from here that every other four-wheel-drive club must have had the same idea, as the traffic on the tracks increased immensely. A few more beaches, some easy undulating tracks, and we were in Robe.

Back in the camp, after dinner was finished, it was time for a social gathering. A few drinks and laughs were had, and the marquee was thick with humour. Some of

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News In Brief


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

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.

Please fill in Birthday details on the enclosed slip

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
May 13th
@ 7.00pm

AGM - May Meeting - 13 May 2002

Pizza Night

Start eating at 7.00 pm

Free pizza for all members — free soft drinks for kids (until we run out)
Choice of Meat Lovers, Hawaiian, Chicken or Supreme

This is a chance for everyone to get together before the AGM,
which will follow after the pizza.

You will be asked for numbers of people attending at the April meeting.
If you are not at the April meeting please give Michael Brett (8387-1163) a call so we can make sure everyone gets a slice of pizza.



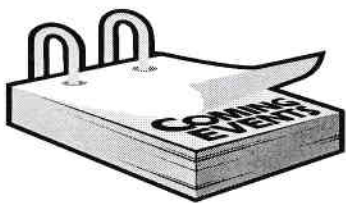
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SOCIAL SCENE

2002 Outback Challenge held at Broken Hill May 18th-24th 2002

This event has been held near Cameron Corner for the past 3 years, some of you may have been at the meeting about 6 months ago when we watched a video of the event. It is a Challenge competition with over 60 competitors from all over the world competing in 2 classes; touring class, which are similar to some of the vehicles that we have in the club, and open modified which are the real big guns of four wheeling. We will be driving to Broken Hill for the opening ceremony and then heading out to Menindee in NSW or Merty-Merty in the Strzelecki.

Anyone who is interested but not sure what it's all about, come and see me and I will look at putting on a video night to whet our appetites.

Mid Year Dinner

We are still looking for more ideas on where should we go for our annual mid-year dinner. We have had some good ideas, but it would be nice to hear from some other members who have been somewhere nice recently and think it would be a good venue for our mid year dinner. Some of the suggestions have been South Park Motor Inn and Stonyfell Winery.

Skirmish — Autumn

The preferred place at this stage is down by Deep Creek conservation park. They have had some problems with their insurance so I will have to confirm prices. The Go-Kart racing have a similar problem and a lot of venues have closed down due to high insurance costs.

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Go-Kart Racing (Again) — Later 2002

Due to the interest that we had from the last event of Go-Kart racing and the fact that some people that wanted to go couldn't on that particular day, I am looking at other venues as the cost has gone up considerably.

Cleland National Park May-June

We are planning a day at Cleland conservation park for a BBQ and a leisurely walk around the park, feeding the various animals that are roaming the park. More information will become available 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

April 2002 – May 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 APR.	8 Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 ANZAC Day	26	27
28	29	30	1 MAY.	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13 Meeting	14	15	16	17	18 Adelaide Cup W/E



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/rangers.htm



Upcoming Trips

BORDER TRACK CLEANUP — MAY 18TH - 20TH

Please see Page 11 for more details

INNAMINKA — JULY 6TH - 14TH

5 days at Innaminka, Bush Camping on the Cooper Creek.

2 days up, via Broken Hill, and Cameron Corner.

2 days back, via the Strezlecki track.

Details: Shaun Lawson — 8276 4505 & Tim Byrne — 8322 1324

CURDIMURKA OUTBACK BALL — OCTOBER 3RD - 6TH

Outback Ball at the Curdimurka Railway Station, out from Marree.

Bush Camping.

Details: Ian Mangelsdorf — 8384 5691

GERANIUM — OCTOBER 5TH - 7TH

More information on its way.

Facilities include a large Shelter shed, Hot showers, Toilet (and longdrops).

Details: Ken Bradey — 8381 7865

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

NEW MEMBERS DAY TRIP 13-1-02

What goes round, comes round I told myself after realizing we were (one of) the last to arrive and earned the privilege of recording the day. The convoy headed off around 10:15am from Normans Winery at Clarendon with Nike leading about 15 vehicles and Mossiah brushing up on Tail End Charlie duties (where are my gatepost lollies !).

We traveled past Kuitpo via Kangarilla before “heading to the hills” and some dirt tracks which would get a bit “slippery when wet”. On the way we learned about camels from Jason “Lizard” and were amazed by the number of butterflies in the scrub. Nike steered us to Coles Crossing at Cox Scrub for morning tea and a couple of shallow rocky creek crossings. Here we had a chance to catch up with Gavin and Sharon who were the only new members able to make the trip. It was great to get away from suburbia and back into the scrub for a while.

After morning tea we headed to the southern border track of Cox Scub to see if it was passable. This track can be broken into three categories ; easy, bit tricky but fun and seriously challenging. Only a few folks decided to tackle the serious section and they all got through without damage to vehicle and track – well done Denny, Christian (driving Karen’s ‘Lara Croft’ look-alike Discovery), Merv and Mark. It was interesting to see the different vehicles and technique with Mark making it look like a walk in the parklands (diff lock on, swaybar off) ! After backtracking to the bitumen a few members took an early minute and headed home.

Then it was off to the hills above Middleton for a few more dirt tracks and fantastic views of the coastline. It was interesting to watch the locals practicing clay pigeon shooting at the Pistol Club. Next stop was Goolwa beach for lunch and a chance to stretch the legs. After lunch a couple more members left while the rest of us headed on to the mouth with a few of us wetting a line (without success). Warning - those members who use the track through the dunes near the mouth need to be careful on the north bound tracks, as the river has cut away the base of the dunes and you could end up in the channel!!

Thanks to Layne (Nike) for leading and Merv (Mallee Boy) and Layne for organizing a great social outing.

Catchya, Sherpa (Hubert & Lynette Orbons)

SAAFWDC

Ngarkat Conservation Park — 2002

Border Track Interclub Working Bee — 18th-20th May

Meeting point: Comet Bore - Sat 9:30-10:00 am

Weekend Project: Work on the Mount Shaugh track, linking the Border Track, to the Pinnaroo/Bordertown Road. -

Tasks: Dune stabilisation, erosion repair, some track reforming, and repair of washouts. We also hope to trial a nurse crop to provide cover on some of the washouts.

It is a relaxing, and fun weekend. You are only expected to do as much as you feel able to do.

Whilst enjoying the break from routine, you will be able to assist with the ongoing SAAFWDC involvement with the Border Track, the Centre Track which forms the south to north route, and other tracks within the Park.

We will be camping at Comet Bore. Turn right onto the Pinnaroo-Bordertown road 6kms west of Pinnaroo, on the Mallee highway. 52km south of this junction are the council boundary signs. Turn left to Comet Bore between the two signs. RAA map "Upper South East" ref H5.

Bring strong gloves, shovels, rakes, etc.
NPWS will provide a wheelbarrow and trailer.



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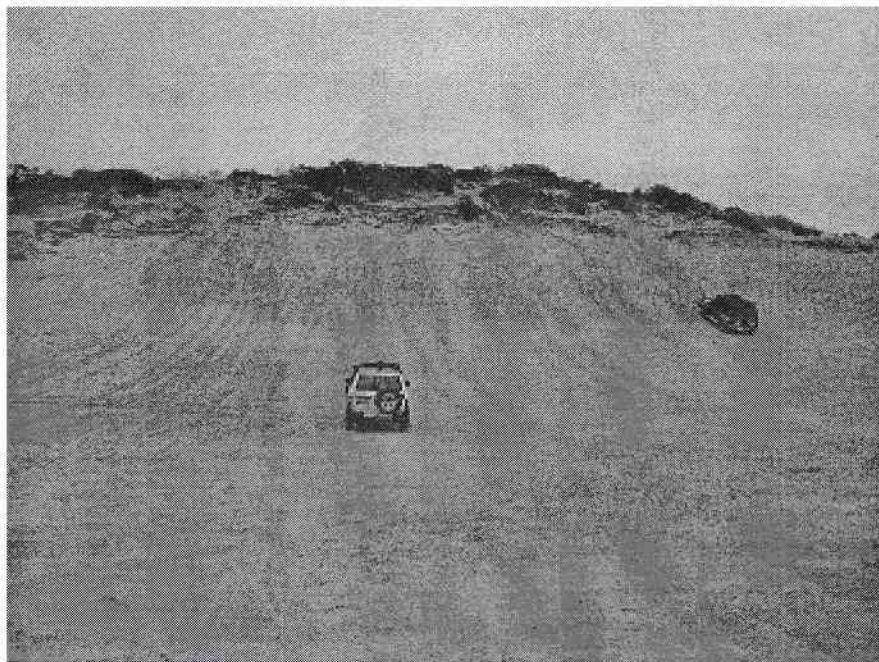
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Happy Birthday

Ian Mandelsdorf	15th April	Barb Couprie	21st April
Nathan Munn (4)	22nd April	Max Almond	25th April
Chelsea Moss	6th May	Paul West	7th May
Samuel Byrne (5)	19th May	John Munn	19th May



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Nomination Form 2002 Annual General Meeting

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Taking a break - Beachport—Robe

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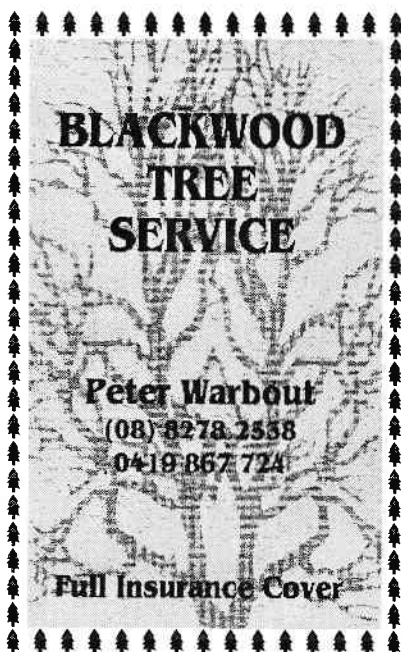
us had the unique opportunity to witness a scene similar to one that a mid-wife would have encountered all those years ago during the birth of Mark. And did any one notice that guy in the cow-pants? I think his name was Colin. Later into the night, the content of humour was something that the booking agent for the Hellfire Club in Sydney would have been proud of. Oh – It was Australia Day too!

Sunday was the day for Carpenters Rocks to Beachport. After a quick trip down the bitumen, left at the pine forest, down the gravel road, up the metal road, past the ruin on the right, and a few of the best synchronised u-turns that a fleet of 26 four-wheel-drives has ever attempted, we were at Carpenters Rocks trying to keep the drizzle out of our coffee mugs. From the Rocks, the beaches were thick and heavy. The dunes behind however were initially quite easy-going compared to those of the day before – more open and undulating.

Driving further down the beach, it was difficult to ignore the beautiful crashing waters – obviously teeming with marine life ripe for the picking. Evidence of this was later discovered. A dog shark was sunbaking on the beach, and then a little further on, a stingray. And so there we were – an army of gun-ho anglers, so pathetic in our collective ability that the fish were literally jumping out of the water but we still failed to catch anything worth writing home about!

Before we knew it, we were off the beach, up a dune, and in the playpen like kids in a sandpit. And further behind, there it was – the mother of dunes. For a few of the more spirited, the challenge beckoned. Many attempts were had to no avail. And then, out of no-where, there he was – The Lone P Plater. And lessons were learned. \$1500 can buy a lot of four-wheel-drive. Bugger the lift kit, the turbo diesel, the all-terrains, or the sat nav. Just throw out the Eski and the girlfriend, and

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drive that Sierra like a bull at a gate at the biggest dune you can find, and you'll probably make it further than the rest of them. I think there is something in that for all of us.

From Southend to Beachport was an open beach highway, which signified the near end of an excellent weekend away.

Our leaders and navigators deserved every credit for their efforts in ensuring a well-organised, enlightening and eventful trip. And with that, I guess that we can all appreciate that an opportunity to experience the dunes and ocean of the south coast as we have done is an opportunity that many others will never undertake.

Until next year!

Four Wheel Drive
Courses

SAAFWDC Driver Training Unit

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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.

Train Small Groups course — 11th-12th May + 25th-26th May — Cavan

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