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Cruising down the Highway

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Welcome to 2002 and to our February meeting, which is the first for the year.

This year the club enters its 8th year of existence and already we have been very active in January with a mystery day trip down to Goolwa and Australia Day Long Weekend at Beachport. I attended both trips and my congratulations to the organisers/leaders for putting in the hard work to make sure everyone had a good time. Look for the full reports to follow shortly.

With such a good start to the new year we need to keep up the momentum after the Clayton Raft Race, to be held next weekend -15 - 17 February 2002. So think about a trip or event that you would like to lead, organise or propose. I know that it can sometimes take you out of the 'comfort zone' but I can assure you that it will be appreciated and if the first two events are anything to go by, they will be well attended.

That applies to anything that a group of friendly, family oriented people might enjoy doing including social outings (ie BBQ picnic day), day trips (it doesn't even have to be all 4WD) or weekend camping (Grampians sounds good?). Speak to our Trips Coordinator - that's what Neil, in fact any of the Committee are there for. Really, we would like you to grab one of Neil's trip forms, decide what terms and conditions (if any) will apply, fill it out and pin it up on the board - then stand back for the stampede or trickle. Let's make 2002 a year for adventure!

As mentioned above, we'd love to see you at Clayton next weekend. The event is in our hands for the second of two years and the weather should be perfect. To me the event is a great way to mix both with fellow club members and also other clubs and maybe 'pinch' a few ideas on how to make the Mount Lofty Rangers even better. As I said at the December meeting, the new high tech raft is an engineering masterpiece Donald Campbell would be proud of.

Regards Michael Brett, The Tourists

(PS: Don't tell anyone else at the Race about the turbo-charged Discovery engine driven water jet in the left float - it's our little secret!)

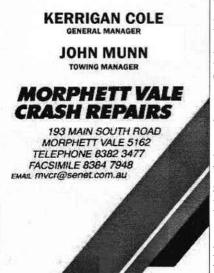
Goolwa Day Trip

It was a cooler morning that greeted about 15 vehicles at Norman's Winery, prior to taking the slower roads, and by-ways, onto what became a splendid day for travelling, and trekking.

We left Norman's Winery around 10:30am, and made our way through Kangarilla, taking various tracks, on our way to Kuitpo Forest. From there we continued through to Cox's Scrub National Park, where we stopped for a late morning tea.

Time to continue forth. After a short while we found our way to an area that is now a washaway, albeit very tractable. Some of the more adventurous (or capable) of the group showed their abilities through this region.

It then became time to continue on. Our final destination was Goolwa for lunch. Lunch time was approaching, but Goolwa wasn't. So onward to Mount Compass, through some road reserves. Nearing Goolwa, we travelled via a numbers of tracks through the ranges, giving us magnificent



views of the area, covering a wide expanse of the coastal region.

Lunch was finally organised on the Goolwa Beach, although numbers of stomach's had thought they had been forgotten.

Afterwards, we ventured onwards, along the beach, to the Murray Mouth, where some people fished, others hunted cockles.

A good day was had by one-and-all. Many thanks to Nike, for organising a wonderful day.

News In Brief

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.



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IT'S A GIRL

Mikayla Louise Curtis

Mikayla, a sister to Brayden, was born on the 18th December, to a now very tired, but still surviving Richard & Sam.

Congratulations from the Mount Lofty Rangers.

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Loftia Park Christmas Picnic

This years Christmas picnic was held at Loftia Park and was enjoyed by all who attended. Santa arrived and gave out presents for all the children. Craig's BBQ once again got a good workout with the majority of us having a BBQ lunch. A lot of the kids (and adults) got their faces painted and after ightharpoons lunch we all had some fun with the sack races and three-legged races.

Update on the Raft for the Raft race at Clayton.

Con and the boys went down to the Onkaparinga River for the first trial of the new Raft that has been built in Con's engineering workshop "Scofield Engineering" at Lonsdale. The good news is that this year it looks like we will be able to compete and even finish a race. A bit more fine tuning, a paint job and maybe a few more tests need to be done first but so far it is looking very promising.

Russell's Pizza Bar — March 2002

We will be visiting everyone's favorite pizza bar in March, if there is anyone in the club that has been there lately and can give me phone numbers and perhaps a menu for every one to see, that would be great.

Skirmish — Late March 2002

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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 of a more exact date.

Go-Kart Racing (Again) — April 2002

Contact Christian or Karen Whamond (Hm) 08 8322 1766 (Mb) 0408 322 176 (Fax) 08 8322 8895 whamond@chariot.net.au 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 have decided to hold another event earlier in the new year.

2002 Outback Challenge - May 2002

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I will keep you informed of what is going on as I find out more. If there are any people that are interested in helping out then can they please come and let me know.

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

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Mid-year dinner 2002

Anyone with any good ideas for a venue please see Christian or Karen.

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 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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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, Craigburn 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



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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(includes name and logo embroidered on & GST)	
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(includes name and logo embroidered on & GST)	
Caps (including logo embroidered on)	\$15.00

If you require clothing please speak to Charlie Raphael 8358 2552.

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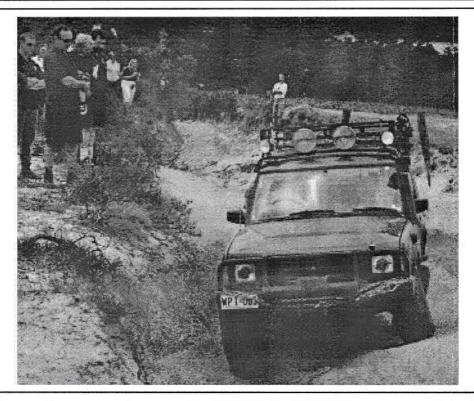
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Please see Michael Brett for any items you wish to loan 8387 1163.

Happy Birthday

Jasmine Harding	14th January	Peter Jones	15th February
Nick Travers	16th February	Shannon Orbons	26th February
Richard Curtis	27th February	Phille Dohne	29th February
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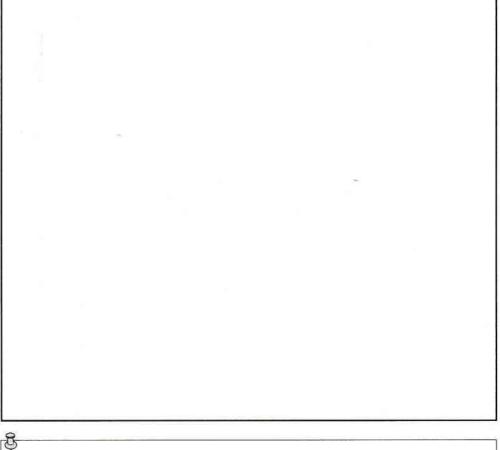
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