

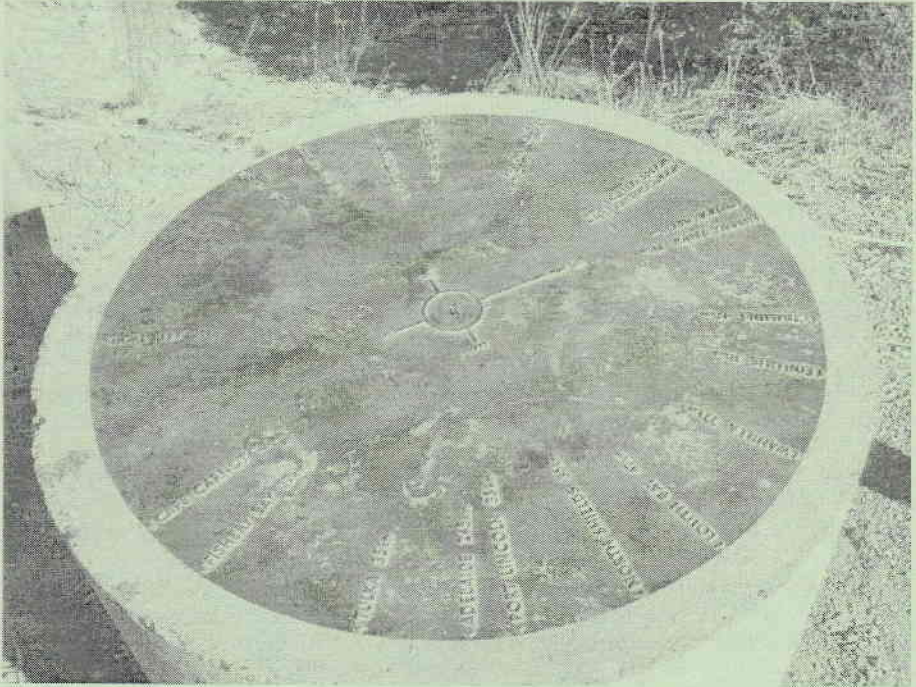


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Compass near Coffin Bay

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The big ship known as Mt Lofty Rangers has left the port and is sailing straight out to sea and I'm sure with the help of the committee, which I might add are going great guns, and the excitement of the members, we should be up to full speed in no time.

Layne, our new trips co-ordinator, has cracked the whip and has organised for the June meeting five new trips, three Day trips, and two Away trips. At the end of the meeting I went up to the trips board and all the trips were full.

Remember if you missed out on one of the new trips, and have a good place or trip to go to, tell Layne (at the August meeting or ring him) and he will put it on the board. If you are not up to running the trip, I'm sure someone on the trip would offer to lead it.

I would like to congratulate Hubert Orbons and Mark Moss for their contributions to our club. At the June meeting I was honoured to present them both with a certificate for their contributions to the Mt Lofty Rangers. Hubert as Treasurer for 5 years, and Mark as the Organiser of the Clayton Raft Race for 2 years. Thanks again Lynette Williams for organizing the certificates.

With the 4WD and Adventure Show not far away I would like every one to put there thinking caps on for a new theme for the club stand. As the 4WD Show is getting more popular and bigger each year and the competition between the clubs is getting tighter, we will have to come up with something special to take out the best club stand for 2002. Please let one of our committee members know of any ideas you may have.

As brought up at the last meeting, the committee was approached regarding club equipment to be used at non-club events by our members, if the equipment wasn't being used at an official club event/trip. As some equipment has numerous pieces and may also be easily damaged, e.g. marquees, I think from numerous discussions from members that if club equipment is to be used it would be mainly hard wearing items. From what I understand the most requested items for use from members are the Tirfer, snatch block, drag chains, and first aid kit. Snatch straps and shackles are known as basic recovery equipment and members are asked to carry these as a minimum requirement on most trips so therefore the need for those items should be limited. The Tirfer should be set up with a logbook, and be filled in by members when used and every 12 months or a number of uses (?), it should be sent to Alltrac for a pull-down, grease and inspection. As mentioned the committee is only bringing forward the request and as the club acts on majority voting, the decision on this matter is back on you as a member. As Craig Need and myself will be on a club trip to Innamincka during the July meeting Max Almond will be Acting President and will address this issue.

Remember memberships are due, so to secure your spot in the best 4WD Club in Adelaide, please see Lynette Williams to pay them at the July meeting.

I think that's enough of all that heavy stuff, hope you enjoy your July meeting without me, I will be thinking of you (not likely) whilst camped somewhere off the Highway between Cameron Corner and Innamincka.

Happy trails

Shaun Lawson



Spear Creek, 22nd & 23rd June With the Driver Training Unit

Friday afternoon after work I headed up to Spear Creek in the southern Flinders Ranges for a weekend with the Driver Training Unit (DTU) of the South Australian Association of four wheel drive clubs (SAAFWDC) to complete my advanced certificate in four wheel driving. Most people stayed in camper trailers or small tents even though there were on site caravans available. We got a big fire going and settled down for a cold night.

The next morning a few more people arrived from all different clubs around South Australia, we had a winching demonstration from Andrew "Fitsey" who is the local ARB agent in the area. We got a chance to drive the man made water crossing. A few people headed off to Warren George, which is set aside for DTU and training.

Unfortunately on the Saturday while climbing a steep hill my Discovery started to slide a little and I heard a crunch in the back of my car. I knew it wasn't good and after rolling down to the bottom of the hill I realised that I had blown my diff. (not good in the middle of the Flinders Ranges). Geoff, one of the Toyota club members towed me back to the camp and I assessed the damage further, it wasn't good.

In the morning we took out the rear axles and tail shaft and headed home driving on the front wheels only.

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Once I got home I had to find someone who could rebuild my diff, after doing this only two months ago I decided to take it to someone different. After asking around and taking a few people's advice I decided to take it to Richard Hunter at Differential & Transmission Specialist in O'Brien Street Adelaide. Richard pulled the whole thing apart and found the reason why the diff blew was that it wasn't set up properly last time. After getting some parts in from WA and ARB in Queensland it

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News In Brief

Please note: Fees are now due: \$50.00 (\$35.00 for a second club)

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

Don't forget that the annual 4wd show is coming up in October, 11th-13th.

Please could you let me have any photo's that you wish inserted in the magazine, my supply is non-existent

Nick.



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was all together and ready to be re-installed into the car.

After now having my diffs done by two different people and my Discovery been anything but standard it was comforting to find someone who knew what he was talking about and took the time to explain what had to be done prior to doing any work. I would fully recommend Richard and the Boys at Differential & Transmission Specialists in Adelaide, you can contact them on 8211 8322.

Regards all
Christian (Toolman)



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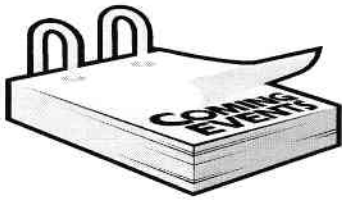
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SOCIAL SCENE

Mid Year Dinner.

This year we are going to the Hog's Breath Café at 32-36 Jetty Road, Glenelg on Saturday 27th July 2002. Please put your names on the notice board as there is limited room and first in will get the best seats. There will be a live band playing on the night, and the Ramada Grand is just down the road if you wish to party on or stay the night. If you want an idea of the menu, they have a great web site with all the food and prices, check it out at www.hogsbreath.com.au

Many thanks to Scott Young "Tax man" for his help with this years mid Year dinner

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St Kilda Play Ground and historic Tram

On the 18th August we are going to St Kilda playground for a fun day out and a look at the old tram museum. We will probably meet on the road some where (probably decide closer to date) or you can make your own way there. We will be having a picnic lunch, if you wish to have a BBQ, you will need to bring your own cooking equipment. There is an oval there as well so we may organise a game of cricket. More info to come,

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

July 2002 – August 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 JULY. Innaminka	8 Meeting Innaminka	9 Innaminka	10 Innaminka	11 Innaminka	12 Innaminka	13 Innaminka
14 Innaminka	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Strath Trip	22	23	24	25	26	27 Club Dinner
28	29	30	30	1 AUGUST.	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Meeting	13	14	15	16	17



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

LANGHORNE CREEK / STRATHALBYN — JULY 21ST

Meet at Norman's Winery at 9:00am

Details: Merv Tucker

SOUTHERN VALES — AUGUST 18TH

Day trip through the Southern Vales region. We might even see some wineries!

Meet at Norman's winery at 10:00am.

Details: Mark Moss

SWAN REACH — SEPTEMBER 8TH

Meet at Crafers at 8:00am

CURDIMURKA OUTBACK BALL — OCTOBER 3RD - 6TH

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

Bush Camping.

Details: Ian Mann — 8384 5691

CANCELLED

GRAMPIANS — OCTOBER 4TH - 8TH

More information on its way.

Details: Mark Moss — 8383 6324

GERANIUM — OCTOBER 5TH - 7TH

More information on its way.

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

Details: Ken Bradey — 0418 807 934

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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 a committee member for the above purchases.

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 a committee member.

ITEMS FOR LOAN

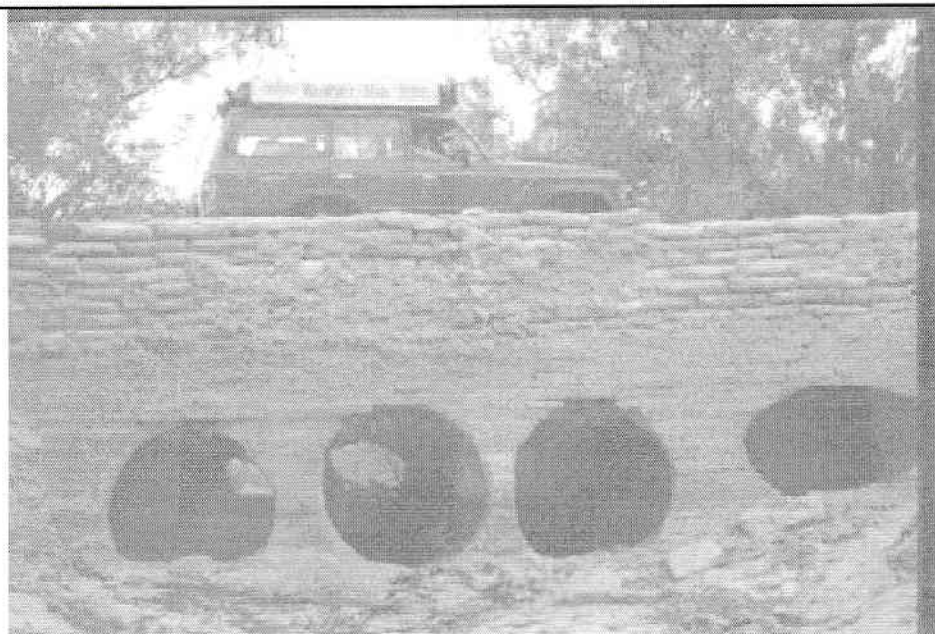
Books	Recovery Kit
Club Banner	Tirfor Winch
Club Flag	Puncture Repair Kit *
GPS Promotional Videos	First Aid Kit *
Maps	4 x Lightweight Shelters with sides.

* Please replace used items

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

Happy Birthday

Angie Lawson	9th July	Scott Fiddick	18th July
Tess Fiddick (4)	22nd July	Cheryl O'Toole	24th July
Bryce Penno	25th July	Darrell Burr	29th July
Margaret Bal	31st July	Darien Penno	4th August
Denny Couprie	6th August	Daniela Cole	8th August



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Courses

SAAFWDC Driver Training Unit
Unit 2
9 Cardiff Court
Cavan

Contact: Ian Mangelsdorf 8384 5691
Mobile: 0414 677 858

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.

Quarantine Restrictions at Western Australian Border

Travellers often enquire about quarantine restrictions for fruit and vegetables when crossing the WA border. The following information is from our own experience and additional information sourced from the Western Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service at <http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/quarantine/travel/travellingwa.htm>.

1. All fruit, vegetables, peanuts, honey, cardboard boxes, potato bags, polystyrene boxes will be confiscated at the border.
2. Beetroot, carrots, ginger, parsnips, swedes, sweet potato, taro, turnips and yams may be imported subject to inspection. Home dried fruit may be allowed after inspection.
2. A special certificate can be obtained for some fruit and vegetables purchased at Ceduna Foodland but potatoes and apples are amongst the list of things that are not allowed under any conditions. There is a cost of about \$25.00 for certification. The certifying officer at the Ceduna Checkpoint is Peter Lowe Phone 08 8625 2108. Our impression is that this is not the best option.
3. The Eucla Motel has a small shop and carries quantities of fresh fruit and vegetables for travellers. The manager said that orders could be faxed to them several days in advance and would then be held for the customer. Contact the manager of the Eucla Motel phone 08 9039 3468 fax 08 9039 3468. Eucla is within Western Australia and there are no restrictions on any produce ordered as it all comes from Perth.

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We think arranging for supplies to be made available at the Eucla Motel is the best option for travellers needing fruit for their travels into the desert areas of Western Australia.

A good supply of fresh fruit and vegetables is usually available at Warburton on the Great Central Road and also at Halls Creek and Kununurra in the Kimberley.

NOTE. Mobile inspection vehicles randomly check the Tanami Track, the Buchanan Highway and the Great Central Road.

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ELECTRO STATIC DISCHARGE

This is what that horrible zap is called when you reach to close the car door after you have just drag your bum across the car seat

I have had many customers in the past, asking for me to fix anything between, the short-circuit in their car, to performing an exorcism on it

Two easy ways to fix this...

Change the clothes you wear:

by wearing non-synthetic clothes you will remove the necessary tools for generating an electrostatic charge

Change the way you exit the car:

by clutching the top of the door, before you begin to exit the car. this will immediately dissipate the static charges before, during and after the manufacture of it.

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