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*Clayton Raft Racing*

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



With our desire to make it an event to remember, February was effectively Clayton Raft Race month and a very successful weekend it was, no surprises there.

Question: What's half of 8? - Answer : 3. That's what you might call a Clayton's answer in more ways than one but that's the sort of logic that Count Dazzle used to keep everyone 'rolling in the aisles' at the 2002 Clayton Raft Race entertainment night.

Of course, there was a lot more to the weekend of the 16th and 17th February than that and I would like to extend our club's gratitude and appreciation to chief organisers Mark and Linda Moss for a job well done.

As the organising club for these past two years the effort put in by individuals of the Mount Lofty Rangers working as a team to pull this off has been excellent. Tasks included organising the site, making a raffle happen, constructing and testing a hi-tech raft, marshalling events, entertainment, catering, lighting, sound system, scaffolding, marquees for viewing, life jackets etc, etc, etc. I won't mention names as I'm bound to leave one out so thank you to everyone involved - you know who you are. A significant amount was raised from the raffle and full details will be published in the magazine, as will a pictorial record of the weekend.

Just a word about the magazine, with so many club members being available on email, including the Editor, it should be easy to get articles into the magazine - however, what about the email gremlins and the dreaded cyberspace - don't assume that just because you sent the email it got there. Could everyone who sends an email with a trip report please confirm with the Ed that it got through. If you are not on email and want your report keyed in, contact me and I will organise it for you.

The magazine is a key contact point for club members - so keep up the reports, more than one per trip is great as you get different perspectives on the same trip - if we don't read about it, we don't know about it! If you know of any forthcoming events or trips please make sure that the information is in the magazine at least one edition prior to the event.

Just a reminder the AGM is in May (two meetings away) - all positions will become vacant - so start thinking about whether any of the positions on the back page of the magazine interest you. At this AGM it is planned to have a Pizza Night (free to club members) - so the meeting will start earlier at 7.00 pm, with the pizza first, then the meeting at 7.45 pm.

Finally, my thanks to Sean, Vice President, for stepping in for me at short notice last meeting as I am currently working afternoon shift and couldn't make it.

Regards

Michael Brett, The Tourists

# Clayton Weekend Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, & 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

We arrived at Clayton about 4.30pm on the Friday and already many people had set up camp. For those that were unable to get to Clayton this year the weather was perfect, just what we would have ordered. The Clubs attending this year were Suzuki, Subaru, Nissan, Holden, Central Hills, & Overlanders with some of the Barossa Club day tripping on the Sunday.

On Saturday we started selling raffle tickets and we went from only having a few prizes on the Monday night meeting to fifty by the Friday so thank you to all those that donated. It was a fantastic effort and one that Norm from the Suzuki Club would have certainly appreciated as he seemed to get picked out the most when the raffle was drawn on Sunday. Saturday afternoon we had Tub & Balloon Races which saw the Suzuki Club taking out first place followed by Mt Lofty Rangers 2<sup>nd</sup> & Nissan Club 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Saturday night entertainment started at 7.00pm with Count Von Dazzle a magician who proved to be popular with all ages. Red Faces was next with about 8 various acts most proving to be of a very high standard but it was hard to beat the Nissan Club with their winning act of a 'mellordrama' which was a very clever

play on words. The night concluded with the Weakest Link hosted by our own Colin Foster who could definitely give Cornelia Francis a run for her money. A special thanks goes to Colin & Lynette who drove down to Clayton that evening just to do the weakest link spot for us and made it quite a memorable event!

Sunday morning saw most of our club members up early either cooking breakfast or beginning to set up for the big races. Breakfast was a complete sellout, then it was onto marshalling briefings for some and peeling onions for others. The Races began around 10.00am with a few minor crashes for some and some extra weed making paddling hard going for others.

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# 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.*



**NEXT MEETING**  
**Monday**  
**April 8th**  
**@ 7.30pm**



## **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.



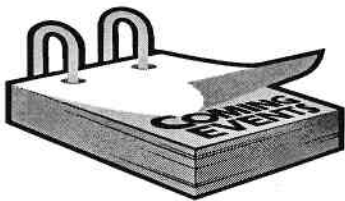
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# SOCIAL SCENE

## **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 — Late March 2002**

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

## February 2002 – March 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 MAR.	11 Meeting	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Easter	30 Easter
31 Easter	1 APR. Easter	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.  
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## Upcoming Trips

### **INNAMINKA — JULY 6TH - 14TH**

5 days at Innaminka.

Bush Camping.

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."*

## Beachport Weekend – Australia Day 2002

### SATURDAY TRIP to ROBE via the Beaches

It started off just like any other trip, with a convoy of vehicles making their way from the Caravan Park, through Beachport, to the coast, where we would take some off road tracks to Robe.

Never having done this before, it was going to be a new experience for me, and was just a little apprehensive about what I was in for. We just followed on behind the leader, along the small track that led us to the biggest sandhill I have seen that cars drive over. However, I was to find out the next day that this was not true.

All the vehicles went through the clearing and some of the people who had been there before went straight to the top. Being the greenhorn of the group (Bull Winkle) decided to park off to the side and watch to see how it was done, besides I had two screaming kids in the back seat saying 'they were not going up that hill, no way, forget it'. Just then 'Rhino' went for it with some gusto, in an attempt to make it to the top of steep section. Bouncing over a rock ledge, just before reaching the base of the sandhill, 'Rhino' made a spectacular climb of the sandhill. It was soon found that the vehicle sustained damage, requiring the engine to shut off immediately. Two others of the group towed 'Rhino' out of the sandhills, back to Beachport, to get whatever repairs were required done so that they could return to Adelaide for a wedding the next day. It was disappointing to see them go home, considering they had left Adelaide at 4am that very day, just to go driving for the day with the group, and went out in the first 30 mins.

After this excitement, we were on our way to Robe through some twisty and sometimes tight tracks. Every time there was that familiar sound of trees scraping the side of the car, I got the 'I told you so' look from the co-pilot, which I ignored, and just looked straight ahead. There was silence from the family as we tilted to her side going around some of the corners, and over some of the rocks, However, this came back to haunt me the next day. It seemed like it was my turn to lean towards the wife to stop the car from tipping, to which I was told 'see, you don't like it'.

There were a lot of other clubs doing the tracks at the Beachport this day as well as ourselves, causing some delays, however it all went smoothly from here on. There was a good decision mode the night before, to split the whole group into two groups of a dozen cars each, which assisted us getting past a lot of the other groups reasonably quickly. Who said a good decision couldn't be made after happy hour!

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The first beach driving there was another group that was bogged and caused a delay, which enabled the two that towed 'Rhino' out, to rejoin our group. The sand was very soft, and we soon letting more air out of our tyres, some as low as 10lb. This is when the 'River Rats' tried to push in, and got stuck, however Shaun said 'you are only classed as stuck, if someone else has to pull you out' – quote of the day. All I know is, when I passed, he was having four guys push him back and forth, whom he said later went walk about, and he managed to get free himself. Well done 'River Rats'.

By this time it was getting around lunchtime and we parked on Nora Creina beach for lunch. This was a great sheltered cove with lots of people enjoying the sunshine. It also enabled the kids to have a swim and just much around in the sand. What we just drove through and saw along the beach, the rocks, little coves, wild-life, and secluded places justifies the purchase of a four-wheel drive, well that's what I told my wife.

After lunch we were soon on our way through more scrub and tracks that were rough at times with protruding rocks and rolly-polly dips that I was sure this was going to get my daughter car-sick, but to my amazement, she held it all together. You would think that after 150km she would relax just a small bit.

This section was fairly sedate with some more beach driving along Stinky Beach and before you knew it, you were in the sandhills driving around rocky outcrops and through overgrown scrub up one sandhill, and down to the next, but it was great fun.

There was however one more fairly large sandhill to get up to get to Robe and although it was soft, only two or three cars had trouble, because they still had too much pressure in the tyres. (Tip of the day – have a good tyre gauge)

We all pulled over on the side of the road in Robe, and while some of us were re-inflating tyres, others drove back to Beachport via the beaches. I was one of those who drove back via the tarmac, meaning we would be back in time to get a head-start on Happy Hour.

Overall it was a very pleasant day, and a large learning curve for me to see just what you can do in a four-wheel drive. I just have to gain some experience now and try to convince the 'trouble and strife' to have a go.

Thankyou to all the organisers for a fantastic, and interesting weekend.

Bull Winkle (where's Rocky ??)



# MT LOFTY RANGERS

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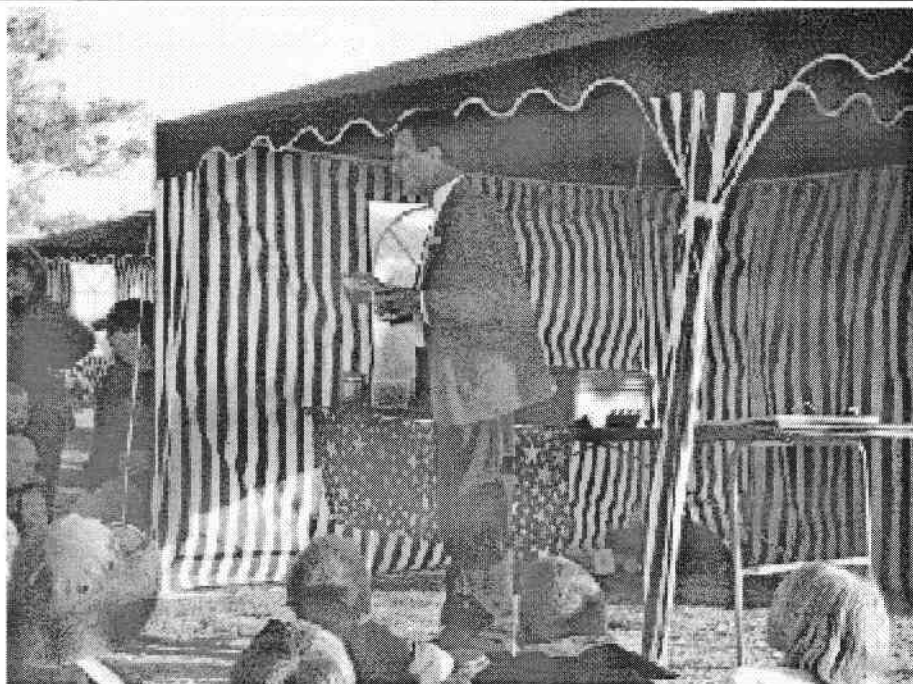
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Please see Michael Brett for any items you wish to loan 8387 1163.



# Happy Birthday

Troy Holberton (10)	9th March	Monique Munn	12th March
Jane Raphael	17th March	Rodney Curtis	22nd March
Danni Munn	25th March	Kim Rawsthorn	26th March
Braydon Curtis (3)	2nd April	Ian Mandelsdorf	15th April
Barb Couprie	21st April	Nathan Munn (4)	22nd April



*The Magic of Clayton*

## CLAYTON RAFT RACE

The weekend kicked off on Friday night with a quite a few setting up camp at Clayton Bay Caravan Park on Friday afternoon/evening. Quiet drinks were had out the front of the Moss's luxury on-site van.

Saturday morning saw many more people arrive and the park was starting to look full. The morning was fairly quiet with most people just hanging around or doing their own thing. Except for when the guys decided to give our raft a test run and found problems with the chain coming of. A quick call to Con and he was on his way to help. The raft was fixed and ready for racing.

Saturday afternoon the action got under way with the bath tub races. The general idea was that four person crews had to tie wooden planks and bottles to their bath tub, each blow up a balloon. Then one member of the team had to paddle out around a boy with all the balloons in the tub. Then once back on shore the ropes, wood and bottles had to be untied and placed back in the bath tub and all balloons popped by each team member. I not sure who the overall winner of this event was but it was very interesting to sit and watch the different techniques and needless to say many bath tubs saw a close up of the bottom of Clayton Bay and then needed to be refloated.



*Bath tub races*

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The nights entertainment started a 7pm with a great magic show that both adults and kids enjoyed greatly, but the verdict was that it could be a very interesting show if the children had all been in bed. The magic show was followed by red faces. The Nissan Club did a great effort for their first appearance. Unfortunately The Rangers performer could not go on as the children were still up and it was not deemed fit for their viewing. Rated AO. Cornelia then made his/her appearance with a very different view on the weakest link. Overall a very interest and enjoyable evening, though the heating system seemed to have broken and the audience was at risk of freezing if they were not well rugged up.

Sunday started well with Ranger styled Bacon and Egg muffins for sale, which I must say, tasted terrific. The marshals were then given a run through of what they needed to do to try and make the day run smoothly. Racing got under way soon after with a few minor mishaps of rafts running into each other, so it was decided that only two high tech rafts would race each other and this also able the lanes to be moved over to keep out of the weeds as much as possible. After the majority of the heats were run it was time to break for lunch with a well earned sausage sizzle. The last of the heats were run after lunch and then the finals were run. Well what can I say about our raft. It certainly looked the part and at least we finished each race that we entered this year (a marked improvement on last years efforts) but I think the engineers have got some new ideas to make the raft more competitive for next years event (I hope they took a close look at the Nissan raft, that thing seems to fly through the water with very little effort from those on board). We did not have a low tech raft this year, but the racing was still great to watch. The overall winner for the weekend was the Nissan club. WELL DONE.

The giant raffle was then drawn with many great prizes. Thanks to all those who donated prizes and also to those who arranged donation of prizes.

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*Preparing for the Race*



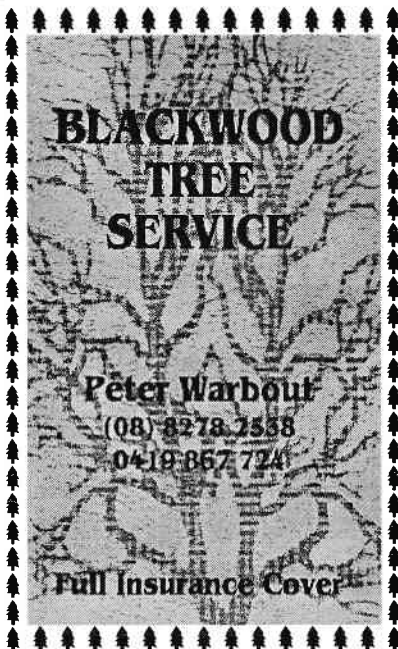
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A VERY BIG THANKYOU to Mark and Linda Moss (and the kids) for the great effort they put in again to organise a fantastic weekend. They along with everyone else from the club look forward to sitting back next year and relaxing while one of the other clubs takes over the running of the event for the next two years.

Another BIG THANKYOU must also go to Con and all the guys who helped to build the raft. A great job well done.

The overall weekend was a great success.

Sam, Richard, Brayden and Mikayla Curtis – The Biggles



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*Cooking up a Storm*

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The Nissan Club did extremely well Winning the Mens Low Tech, The Womens Low Tech & the Merry Gerry (over 50's). High Tech Womens was won by Subaru with the high Tech Mens taken out by the Suzuki Club which seemed to have imported a group of very fit young men specially for the occasion. The Nissan Club was overall winner of the Clayton weekend closely followed by Suzuki & Subaru. It was suggested that Nissan may wish to host the event next year and they are running it past their committee. Overall it was a great weekend but it would not have been possible without the help & support from all our members so we would just like to say thankyou and just think next year we can all sit back and relax!

WELL DONE MT LOFTY RANGERS!

Four Wheel Drive  
Courses

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