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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



G-day,

Well I can't believe it's November and to be honest I don't know where October went. Maybe it's because I was so flat out with the long week-end trip to the Grampians (Thanks again Mark), the Four Wheel Drive Show (which was a ripper this year – thanks to all who helped), two buck shows (mmm I think my head is water-logged) and a wedding, mmm that just about sums it up.

Ok that's enough about me, November is here and we have got lots of thing happening before Xmas is here which I believe is only seven weeks away.

Firstly congratulations to everyone who passed their 4WDriving and theory course a couple of weeks ago. I was told everyone had a great time and enjoyed the day. I would like to say well done to the Driver Training Unit. I don't think they get told very often, so well done and keep up the good work.

Now back to November, the boys High Country trip has just left last Monday so we all will be looking forward to hearing about it when they return. If you get the chance to go on the boys trip one year it is a must.

Justin's fishing trip down to Salt Creek is coming up on Friday the 15th through to the 17th. I don't think there is a number limit on that one so be there or be square.

The Blackwood Xmas Pageant is coming up on Friday the 6th December and I have taken it on my own back to enter two utes in it this year, so those members with kids please bring them along to fill up the back of the vehicles. We will meet at Edenwood Motors at 5.30pm to dress up the cars and then proceed to line up in the parade on Gulfveiw Road at 6pm, so if you are running late you can meet us there. The parade starts at 7pm. SEE YA THERE!

Our December meeting will be held on Monday the 9th at the club as usual. There will not be a guest speaker, but maybe we will have some videos eg. 2002 high country etc. We will have a party, well only a little party, since we would have had the big Xmas picnic. The committee has decided to throw us all a barbecue tea so could each member bring a salad or a desert plate please. We will start cooking at 7pm and finish the night with a very quick meeting for the year. There will be a list with the attendance book tonight for approximate numbers so don't forget to fill it in if you are going to attend the barbie, to avoid me eating barbecue leftovers for the next four weeks.

Don't forget to buy your tickets in the Christmas Raffle for your chance to win one of the lovely Christmas Hampers that Lynette Williams has kindly put together.

With all that I nearly forgot the big event of the year and I don't mean the AGM. The Christmas Party held in the Belair National Park on Sunday 1st December so put it in your diaries and don't forget. Christian and Karen have done an excellent job organising it, so make so you're there to enjoy the day. I heard a rumour there would even be a visit from a man in a red suit... (Did you bring the presents for your kids tonight?)

One last thing, there have been some terrible things going on with the Bali bombing and the dreadful bus/train crash at Salisbury, and on behalf of the Mount Lofty Rangers we give our deepest sympathy to the families and friends affected by these tragedies.

See ya tonight.

Happy trails
Shaun Lawson



The Grampians — Day 1

This was our first expedition 4 wheel driving as a family since buying a Hyundai Terracan only 6 weeks before. We were not sure what to expect but were looking forward to it.

Saturday morning we awoke to a fabulous, sunny day apparently most unlike normal Grampians weather. Although at some point during the day the clouds darkened and tried to spoil it, the weather stayed fine all day. Although we were primed for a 9:30 start there was a bit of a delay and we didn't start our trek until 9:40. Not bad going really.

Our first stop was Zummsteins, a pretty place with a special kangaroo viewing area. Unfortunately the only kangaroo to be seen was very dead and flyblown. Not only that, but the toilets were also locked – a critical point for some of us.

On the way to Zumsteins we passed a road which Angie informed us all had been named for Mark – “Asses Ears Road”. Not knowing people in the club well enough we will refrain from commenting on this.

Then onto McKenzie Falls. This tourist attraction was very busy. Everyone started on a fairly steep descent to the bottom. The last half of the walk is stairs but this leads to a spectacular view of the falls and a place to sit for a while. The steep descent then became a steeper climb back up (or so it seemed). Sam was very impressive being the first to return up

the arduous climb while carry Michaela in a backpack. It certainly made my effort seem very feeble.

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Next – our first 4-wheel drive track. It was quite exciting to finally engage 4wd and go through our first water crossing.

Our next stop was The Balconies. Truly spectacular views in every direction. It was so beautiful we decided to eat lunch here. The walk to the lookout was quite easy compared to the McKenzie Falls torture test.

Our next destination was Halls Gap. After driving through the town we had to make what we are informed is the obligatory “U Turn” to head along another more difficult – to us, track. This one stands out in my mind for a couple of reasons. First, Graham tried very hard to take some wood home (being a

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News In Brief

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

Next month should be a bumper issue, in time for the Xmas break ...
... Parachilna Long Weekend, and others ...

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

Nick.



**NEXT MEETING
Monday
December 9th
@ 7.30pm**

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National Park this is forbidden) by smuggling it under the vehicle. When this became too noisy and started impeding progress he decided to give it back. (Our first stop to dislodge an object).

Second, we went through a particularly wet and boggy part which it appears all of the club members thought would prove challenging to say the least. In fact as we drove through this section the people from the vehicles in from had stopped and alighted and were ready to take photos of us getting bogged. Only thing is we made it through even with road tyres. Good driving Graham. The Terracan got a bagging but all things considered it did OK.

One more track with fantastic views of the sheer rock face and at last we arrived safe and sound back at camp in time for Happy Hour where most of us enjoyed a drink and a sit around the communal camp fire with the children toasting marshmallows.

Today was quite an adventure, very enjoyable but I think a few beers will calm Graham's frazzled nerves ready for tomorrow's exploit.

By Barb & Graham West



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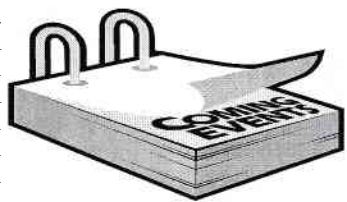
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SOCIAL SCENE

Christmas Picnic, 1st December 2002

This years Christmas party will be held at Belair National Park on the 1st of December.

We will be having a lunch there so if you are intending to cook up on a BBQ you will need to bring your own, or make arrangements to borrow someone's.

Father Xmas will be making an appearance after lunch, so if you want your kids to have a present then you will need to give them to me at the November meeting.

We have made a booking at the Government Farm One and tennis court 58, so just follow the signs once you have paid your \$6.50 per car to get in.



Social Secretary.

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I have enjoyed this position for the past couple of years but with the extra commitments I have taken on with the Driver Training Unit and SAAFWDC, I would like to pass the position of Social club secretary on to someone else. Please think about it as I

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will not be accepting the position after next year's AGM and if no one puts their hand up we will be without a social scene which will be a real shame.

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

November 2002 – December 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 10	11 Meeting	12	13	14	15 Coorong	16 Coorong
17 Coorong	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
December 1 Xmas Picnic	2	3	4	5	6 Blackwood Pageant	7
8	9 Meeting BBQ	10	11	12	13	14



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

NOVEMBER 2002

COORONG FISHING WEEKEND — NOVEMBER 15TH—17TH

Details — refer to Trips board.

DECEMBER 2002

BELAIR NP — X-MAS SHOW — DECEMBER 1ST

Please refer to page 6. Don't forget to deliver Father Xmas' requests as early as possible, so that they can be resolved without drama.

HIGH COUNTRY — DECEMBER 27TH—JANUARY 4TH

Bush camping at a single location. Driving, relaxing, bush walking & fishing.

Guaranteed: great driving, walks, and scenery !! Fish **NOT** guaranteed.

Semi Formal dressup New Years Eve

Contact Hubert Orbons (8278 8142), or Peter Jones (8358 3040)

OTHER HIGH COUNTRY — LATE DECEMBER

NOTE: there are several of these being organised.

Refer to the Trips board for details regard when, if full etc.

JANUARY 2003

BEACHPORT — JANUARY 25TH-27TH

YEP. Its on again. Only this time there shouldn't be any blackened Dunes.

Further details on the Trips board.

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MT LOFTY RANGERS

ITEMS FOR SALE

Lets Promote Our Club!!!

Cloth Badges	\$6.00
Car Stickers	\$2.50
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Additional	\$6.00
Replacement	\$6.00
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<i>(includes name and logo embroidered on & GST)</i>	
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Caps <i>(including logo embroidered on)</i>	\$15.00

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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

Peter Warbout	9th November	Allan Drazil	11th November
Klyde Goding (7)	12th November	Sharon Harding (8)	14th November
Lynette Lavington	15th November	Elizabeth Curtis	19th November
Marcello Cole (9)	24th November	Tim Byrne	30th November
Stacey Moss (14)	4th December	Laura Warbout (16)	11th December

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The Grampians — Day 2

It was a late start at 9:45 and we were now 2 cars short. Sam and Ricko were heading back to Adelaide with a sick child, and Darren and Susan were headed to Horsham to fix a leaky transmission.

Today we were heading to the Southern Grampians and were to find that Victorian maps were not very reliable as many tracks were either not open, impassable or were dead ends. Thus the compulsory U-turn of the day was only 10 minutes into the trip, followed by a second, 10 minutes later. The third track that we attempted was steep and narrow. The cars with low clearance, or who were worried about their paint work took the low road, and headed down the road to Wallaby Rocks. The road to Wallaby Rocks turned out to be a rough and long one and just when we thought we had missed 'The Rocks' we came across a small clearing with some spectacular views. We stopped for morning tea, and were soon joined by the group who headed up the steep track, having been forced to turn around .

The group, now altogether, set off again around 12 and headed to the valley below. On the way, we stopped to look at an Echidna walking across the road, and were stopped by a Kangaroo that didn't look both ways before crossing the road. The scenery from the valley was nearly as spectacular as from Wallaby Rocks. We headed towards the Aboriginal 'Fart' site and stopped in a clearing for lunch, and a game of footy.

After lunch as we headed off, it was discussed whether to have a long, or a short route back to camp. A quickie was decided on, and we headed down one last track, which ended up being closed at the other end! B..... Victorians!

The day was finished back at camp with a fire in the camping area, as we were told the group camp was for the cabin users. This was appreciated, as the wood had already been unloaded, and the fire started. Some headed off for some Yabby-ing with the kids, while others enjoyed happy hour around the new fire, where the Kookaburras enjoyed another good feed.

Darren and Alison Seal — 'FOREQUARTERS'

The Grampians — Day 3

Well today we once again woke up to a lovely sunny day. Unfortunately Angie and Shaun, Darren and Alison, and Graham and Barb had to leave, as they were working on the Tuesday.

However, the rest of us, led by Mark, set off to Roses Gap, and walked a very pleasant FLAT walk through to Beehive Falls. The Falls were not as large as McKenzie Falls, but still very pretty with a lovely rockpool effect, and a large cave to one side that, of course, the children explored. After some photos there, we all headed into Halls Gap to hit the Bakery for lunch. -

We bought our lunch, and then sat in the little park next to the stream with the mountain backdrop, and did what we all seem to do best – EAT. We then went off and looked at the various shops, as some of the children wanted to buy souvenirs to take back. Mark and Linda then left the rest of us, as they were heading back to Adelaide in the afternoon.

We then decided that we would head back to camp, and get the fire going early, as the rest of us were cooking roasts on the campfire on our last night. We stopped and picked up wood – these Victorians are very considerate – we found lots of wood cut into nice easy to handle pieces, so we soon had plenty.



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Paul did the sensible thing and went in and asked, after the rest of us had left, and was told it was open and so he had his Devonshire tea. The rest of us just made do with wine and champagne back at the campfire – *it's a hard life but someone's got to do it.*

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Later, after eating plenty, drinking plenty, (*as you do*) and swapping of tall tales around the campfire, we went off to bed ready for the packing up the next morning.

All in all it was a great trip, good weather and good company.

Thanks to Mark and Linda for organising the trip.

Charlie and Jane Raphael — 'TONKA'



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