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Accidental Results

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Bloody hell,

I can't believe it's that time of the month again for another Presidents report; I don't know where the last month has gone. I've been away for the long weekend and the Presidents report was supposed to be handed in to Nick last night so it's going to be a short note which will probably please everybody.

As per normal thing were busy with the October long weekend. There were four trips on; firstly the Grampians led by Mark Moss, which I might say, was like always an excellent trip, well done Mark. The second trip was to Geranium led by Ken Bradey, which I'm sure we will all hear about at the meeting. There was also a working bee at Narkat and a late trip put up on the board to the Flinders led by Hubert of which I'm sure we will hear some interesting stories come out at the meeting.

Ok the Four-Wheel Drive Show is only two days away and I have still got 100 things to do. I would like to thank everyone who put their name down to volunteer with the club stand. The Committee put a lot of thought in to the stand this year so I think we stand a good chance of taking out the best club stand for the 2nd time in three years, anyway keep your fingers crossed.

October for me is a complete right off, with my mates getting married and buck shows, by the end of it if I've got any money left I'm going to need another holiday, come on Christmas. By the way the couple getting married are members Scott Young and Nic Williamson. Congratulations and Good Luck Guys!

Before we know it November will be here and I hear a rumour there might be another fishing trip to Salt Creek so keep an eye on the board for that one.

For those of you that haven't heard our December meeting will finish with a barbecue tea be for the meeting, I'll fill you in later. Anyway I said it would be a short report so I hope to see ya at the Four Wheel Drive Show or if not catch ya at the meeting.

Happy trails

Shaun Lawson



Innaminka — 6th-14th July

Day 8 — The trip home

We all stopped at Dreary Creek for a windy lunch break. Back on the road again and the wind kept up and the clouds kept getting thicker and darker, and there was a small amount of rain about 100kms north of Lyndhurst. Sparky was trying very hard to make the distance from Innamincka to Lyndhurst (about 500km) without having to refuel, but about 50 km out he decided it was a safer option to stop and use one of his jerry cans. Once at Lyndhurst we stopped for a quick visit with Talc Alf and had a short lesson from Alf of how he thinks the English alphabet evolved. Talc Alf also has quite a few interesting carvings from talc stone on display, all of various sizes.

It was then time to fuel up and continue on our way. This is when the rain came again, not too much at this stage. We were planning to camp in one of the creeks north of Lyndhurst this night but due to the wind and rain we decided to continue on until at least Hawker. As we drove through the Northern Flinders Rangers we were kept amazed by the ever changing sky. It was quite spectacular with the sun setting, various rainbows or part there of and the hills of various colours. The closer to Adelaide we drove the more it rained. We arrived at Hawker at about 6.20pm and it was dark and wet. River Rats, Sparky and the Bindley's decided they would have dinner in the pub, the only place that was open at this time of the evening. River Rats & Sparky ended up staying the night, while the Bindley's drove home to Adelaide. Conair, Hans Solo & Nike decided we had enough food with us so we would head

back to Adelaide. It rained most of the way home, we were not use to this weather as we had not seen a cloud in the sky for the past week. Fortunately the only wildlife on the roads were numerous mice and a cow right on the edge of the road that nearly lost its head as it looked around as we drove past. The next stop was Port Wakefield for a quick coffee break, and then we were homeward bound. We ended up driving about 1100kms that day and arrived home at about midnight.

River Rats and Sparky left Hawker at about 9.30am after a late breakfast. Near Quorn they stopped to see the Pitchie Ritchie train and had fun waving to the people on board. Lunch and fuel stop was at Port Wakefield, it took about 1½ hours as the Café service was very slow. They finally arrived home at about 2.00pm.

A great time was had by all.

Nike

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News In Brief

Fees are now overdue: \$50.00 (\$35.00 for a second club)

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 non-existent

Nick.



**NEXT MEETING
Monday
November 11th
@ 7.30pm**

Swan Reach trip report

At 8:00 we met at Crafers then headed off on the freeway to Handorf, then we went on a couple of tracks with lots of mud. After that we hit the bitumen and headed to Kittacoola for morning tea. After morning tea some people went through a creek crossing for a bit of fun before we left. We went on another track then hit the bitumen again. After a few metres we found another 4wd track which headed to Black Hill. After about 10 minutes we headed to Black Hill Rocks but we couldn't find Black Hill Rocks so we had lunch between Black Hill and Big Bend. On the way to Swan Reach we went on a track that we have been on before. When we reached Swan Reach we crossed The Murray River on the Swan Reach ferry next to Browns reserve only ten cars could fit on so the first group stopped and had Ice Creams at the local store. After that we headed to a cave. When we got there, Merv listed all the things that we needed. Everybody got out the car to look at the cave, some people decided they didn't want to go down there because it was very steep so they stayed up on top and flew a kite that Mum taught Angie how to fly with help from Nick. After about an hour they returned from the cave looking a bit worst for wear. We then headed home on a few more tracks then on to the bitumen to arrive home in time for tea.

Thanks Merv for a great trip.

Written by:

Monique & Elli-jaye Munn

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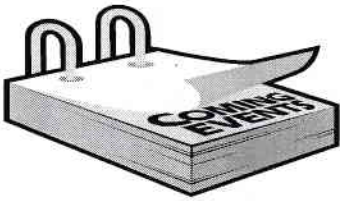
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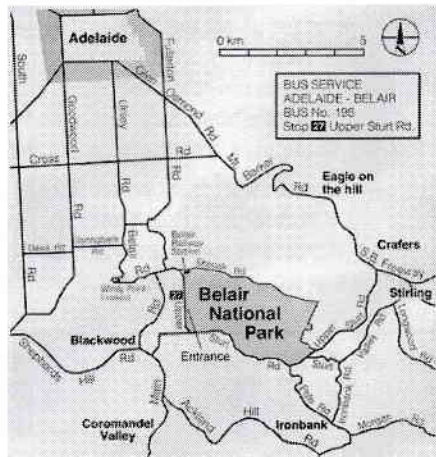
Christmas Picnic, 1st December 2002

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

October 2002 – November 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 13 4wd Show	14 Meeting	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	November 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Meeting	12	13	14	15	16



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



NOVEMBER 2002

COORONG FISHING WEEKEND

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



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
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Polo Shirts (short sleeve)	\$29.00
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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

Kerrigan Cole	8th October	Isobelle Brett	14th October
Peter Warbout	9th November	Allan Drazil	11th November
Klyde Goding (7)	12th November	Sharon Harding (8)	14th November

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Fire Restrictions

During The Fire Danger Season fire restrictions apply throughout South Australia including Adelaide Metropolitan (Inner Adelaide). During this period you must apply for a permit to use fire outdoors at any time.

There are some exceptions, notably barbecues, campfires, incinerators and some industrial processes such as gas and electric welding.

If you have any doubt about lighting any fire during the Fire Danger Season use the CFS Fire Bans Hotline 1300 362 361 to seek advice.

The penalties for illegally lighting a fire are severe. You face the possibility of incurring a fine of up to \$8,000 or imprisonment for up to two (2) years.

Total Fire Bans & Hotline

On days when extreme weather conditions (high wind and high temperature) could cause fires to become uncontrollable, Total Fire Bans may be declared in some fire ban districts or even across all South Australia. These bans will apply for 24 hours from midnight to midnight the following day. They are broadcast on radio and television from 6.00pm. If in doubt check on the CFS Fire Bans Hotline.

Be aware that if extreme weather conditions develop suddenly, a Total Fire Ban could be announced as late as 7.00 am on the morning of the ban. Total Fire Bans may also be removed at 7.00 am, where weather conditions have moderated considerably. Both situations would be broadcast on radio and the CFS Fire Bans Hotline.

Barbecues & Campfires

Throughout the Fire Danger Season if a Total Fire Ban has not been declared, you may use any barbecue or campfire for cooking or warmth (personal comfort) but there are conditions that you must follow.

The fire must be contained in a barbecue or cooker, a properly constructed fire place or a 30 centimetre deep trench, not more than 1 square metre in area. As well, you must have cleared away all flammable material for a 4 metre space around and above it.

While it is alight you must also stay with the fire and have with you sufficient water or other appropriate extinguishing agent to be able to put the fire out.

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On a Total Fire Ban Day:

The only fires you can use outside on a Total Fire Ban Day for cooking, are gas stoves or kettles, gas barbecues and electric barbecues or stoves. Even these can only be used within 15 metres of a dwelling or on coastal foreshore in a 4 metre cleared area with a responsible person in attendance at all times and water or other extinguishing agent on hand. All campfires are banned.

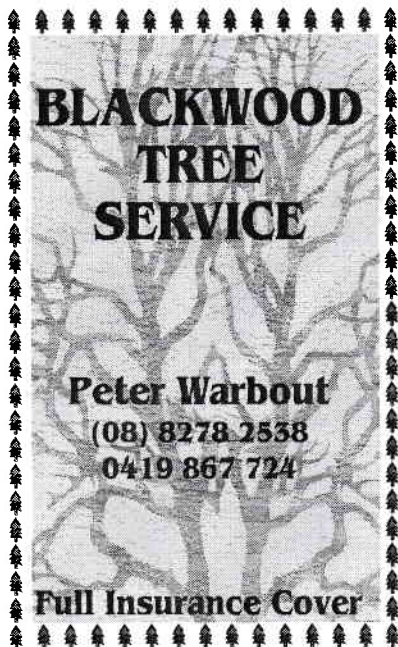
Some councils also allow gas or electric barbecues to be used in caravan parks or cleared picnic areas on Total Fire Ban Days. Look for the signs or notice boards, or contact the council office for advice.

National Park Reserves

The National Parks and Wildlife Service *have strict regulations* on the use of barbecues and all types of fires in their reserves. During the Fire Danger Season, fires are only allowed in those reserves which have signs at entrances stating *that fires are permitted*.

These fires may only be lit in designated areas especially set aside for this purpose.

No fires are permitted in National Parks or Forest Reserves when a Total Fire Ban has been imposed.



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For the more commonly used reserves.

Gas fire are permitted only on prepared fire pads in designated areas.

(For further details contact the park offices between 9am and 4.30pm).

These details are as posted on the CFS' website.

Just a note about the resolve on the discussions about the loaning of the Club Equipment.

I would like to thank members for settling the issue with club equipment which now will be able to be used by members on private trips if not being used for a club trip.

These items are:

- 1) Tirfer winch
- 2) Snatch block
- 3) Shackles
- 4) Tree trunk protector (if used member to replace)
- 5) Tyre repair kit (items used are to be replaced)
- 6) Drag chain

All items are to be returned clean and in good order.

Shaun



SAAFWDC Driver Training Unit
Unit 2
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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.

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