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GRAHAM 'THE GRADER' AT MINLATON

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PRESIDENTS REPORT



G-day,

Well winter is here and no matter how cold and wet it gets, one person is always out there to brave it (the die hard four wheel driver) hey Christian. Most four wheel drives are decked out with heaters to keep warm and a few home comforts from home to get them through so if you're not leading the trip or tail end Charlie you should be right.

The only way to get through the colder months is to keep busy and get a few more weekend trips and day trips on the board. July was a quiet month but August is already shaping up to be a active one with Merv's Martin Wash Pool trip on the 2nd and 3th which I'm sure would have had all the bells and whistles with it and I'm looking forward to hearing all about it tonight. The camp cooking weekend on the 23rd and 24th will be an action packed trip with lots of people sharing different cooking ideas. Christian has gone to a lot of hard work with this one so I will shut up and let him tell you all about it. Welcome back to Greg, Denny and Steve and families from Cape York - we are all looking forward to hearing about the trip tonight.

There are a lot of other good events coming up so keep an eye on the board.

The mid year dinner was, I believe, another good night which sadly I was unable to attend but I heard the food was good and the company was delightful and I hear Colin is now into shaving and waxing his legs (I won't go there, I'll let him tell the story).

For all you singers (not swingers) out there don't forget the wine tasting and karaoke night on the 16th at the Arkaba, woops sorry, I meant the Stonyfell Winery so be there or be square.

Now on a serious note for the members, which missed the last meeting the Cox Scrub and Camp-ing Ground at Coles Crossing is now closed from all vehicles due to track damage. If caught in either areas you will be hit with a \$1000.00 fine! Please spread the word about this one because the National Parks need to rejuvenate the area and we need to support them.

So far this year we have had plenty of good trips and we want to keep them coming as winter turns to spring so lets all of us get out there and do the one thing that keeps us together, going away camping, the challenge of 4wding and mixing with people of all ages with the same interests.

See ya all tonight.

Happy trails
Shaun Lawson
River Rats





MID YEAR DINNER



News In Brief

Club Magazines

Various magazines from other 4WD clubs are available for your reading at the meetings. See Notice Board.

TRIP LEADERS WANTED

We need more day trips & weekend trips for 2003. Anyone interested in leading a trip or requiring assistance with leading a trip please contact Trip Coordinator: Layne Holberton (0412 572 139)

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TRIP REPORT — A Weekend at Martins Wash Pool and adjoining areas.

Saturday 2nd of Aug and Sun 3rd of Aug

It was Saturday Morning the forecast was a sunny 16 degrees and Sunday was going to be 18 degrees this had all the right makings for a perfect weekend. We set off about 8.00am our first stop was Tailem Bend where we met Layne and then Merv arrived about 9.30am with the rest of the party. There was a total of ten vehicles which was a good group. Our convoy headed off along the Gold Escort Route and the Hawke's nest the tracks were well defined and the scenery was ever changing with wild flowers plenty of wild life. Towards 90 mile dessert we started to see mud in patches, (this is what Peter was waiting for) .90 mile dessert was opened up in the fiftys by AMP, we saw some of the fibro huts that they used to live in. Then we headed off towards Mount Ellen most of the group headed to the top as it was a one car only track the view was good all round. We stop for lunch shortly after with some opting to go into Salt Creek for fuel and supplies. After lunch we headed off to the Messent Conservation Park and then on to Martins Wash Pool Conservation Park the Wash Pool originated from the farmers as this is where they would wash the fleece. The tracks were getting muddier Merv took us down one track which had changed dramatically as there was now a lake at the end. (Even with Mike walking it in jocks no one wanted to attempt the crossing). It took a while to get the bearings as there were new fences erected where old tracks used to cross and gates padlocked. It was getting on in the afternoon and we were starting to think about setting up for the night. Then we came across an inviting muddy water crossing (Well a couple of people thought so!!). Mike in the mighty Discovery (well he thinks it is) decided to plough on through making it look quite easy. The rest of us decided to take the easy route on the

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other side of the fence. We then drove to another dead end and had to retreat yet again. On the back past the muddy water crossing Peter decided that we would give it a try and with the encouragement from the kids in the back, in we went slightly to the right but unfortunately the Nissan was having a bad day and decided to stop in the middle, we weren't going anywhere. Mike in the (MIGHTY) defender came in to offer his assistance but alas not to be. It was all up to Layne who had to pull us out one at a time. This took a while as the afternoon crept on we still had to find camp, but still what's a 4WD trip without a bit of action!!!. Found a good spot just a few KMs down the track with plenty of wood and room to set up. After some TALL stories around the campfire a good time was had by all. Merv's Departure time Sunday morning was 10.00am so we all plenty of time to pack up. The morning was quite different as we dove along the top of the drainage curb which was quite amazing when you think of all the work that had been put into it. Then we headed off on more tracks, there was even a gate that had to be opened in the middle of the dam (Peter volunteered for that one, it was the least he could do after the previous days effort!). Then after following the fence line along a bit further we came to a 150 metres of mud and water with no way around. After the first car went through safely we all followed without any drama. By then it was lunch time and we stopped at Tintinara, after lunch we started to head off but the Nissan had a problem with the oil light slightly glowing so we decided to take a slow trip home thinking the worse and counting the dollars. About twenty minutes of slow driving the light went out and we put it down to a dirty connection. We had a great weekend with good company and the best weather. Thanks Merv!

The Reeds

SOCIAL SCENE

Hello darlings,

Well, we had a great turnout to the first social event of the year at the House Restaurant – thanks to all those who came (more than we initially thought would come) and for making it a great. As you can see from the photograph below some unusual applications were found for the Christmas gifts distrib-



uted during the evening – more about that, and the aftermath later tonight. The photograph's on *Page 3* show some of the team enjoying the buffalo, kangaroo, venison and the rest of the wide selection of unusual meals provided that night.

Our next event, for the evening of Saturday 16th August will find us meeting at my place at 153 Penfold Rd, Stonyfell (telephone details are on the back of this newsletter if you get lost) at 1900hrs and walking across to the Stony-

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fell Winery for some wine tasting and what will be the final chance to see this historic winery before it closes later this year. Whilst wine tasting is free, there will be wines from the cellar for sale if you wish to purchase any. Then, back to my place (you will need to BYO your supper and drinks) for some Karaoki singing and general debauchery). I'll fire up the BBQ, so feel free to bring meats and other compatible foods. Microwave and oven facilities will also be available to heat any other dishes up. Please pop your names on the list tonight and get practicing with your best singing voices.

Remember that it is only through our involvement and contribution that the social scene can keep improving.

WINE TASTING AND KARAOKI – GOD HELP US !

Evening Saturday 16th August 2003

Pretty self-explanatory, and to be held at the Stonyfell Winery. This will be a BYO supper. Lets just hope we can hold it down when the singing starts.

WET BOTTOMS AND VERTIGO

Daytime Sunday 16th August 2003

A day for all of us (including the kids) at Mount Thebarton. Ice Skating, skiing and tobogganing feature for some of us, whilst behind the facility, indoor rock climbing may tempt the daring few.

AN EVENING OF PIZZA

Evening Saturday 18th October 2003

A night at the infamous Russell's Pizza "Shed" at Willunga. An evening not to be missed, unless you are on a diet, in which case just come along and shove the thick, luscious pizza down your pants – it has the same effect on you waistline – but tastes yummo ! \$25 Head - BYO Drinks

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MOUNT LOFTY RANGER CHRISTMAS PICNIC

Daytime Sunday 14th December 2003

We have historically used Clarendon Oval, but have put up some options for Morphett Vale, Scotts Creek, Macclesfield and Hazelwood Park this year. Tell us what you think ?

SPOOK'S & GHOULS NIGHT

Evening March 2004

A guided tour through the Port Adelaide haunted precinct. Bring the kids for a guaranteed sleepless night. Specific date to be decided at this stage.

As always please come and grab myself, Jo, Julie or Linda tonight if you have any suggestions or questions regarding our events for the year. Have a great night !

Colin

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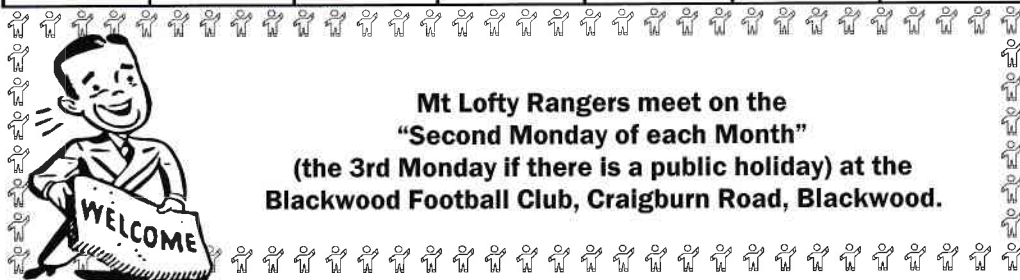
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Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 27	28	29	30	31	August 1	2 Martins Wash Pool SE
3 Martins Wash Pool SE	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Meeting	12	13	14	15	16 WINE TAST- ING AND KARAOKI
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Geranium
24 Geranium	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Sept 1	2	3	4	5	6



**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, Craighurn Road, Blackwood.**

Calendar of Events

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

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Upcoming Trips

AUGUST 2003

GERANIUM: - SATURDAY 23RD TO SUNDAY 24TH

Bush camping at Darado Downs. Main emphasis is on a **big group camp cooking meal** on Saturday night, Sand driving available. Cost \$5 plus \$10 per night camping fee. Bring camp ovens

Contact: Christian Whamond (8322 1766) or Greg Goding (8387 3118)

ALAWOONA: - SAT 30TH TO SUN 31ST AUG. OR SAT 6TH TO SUN 7TH SEPT. (DATE TO BE CONFIRMED AT TONIGHT'S MEETING)

Bush camping and Sandy tracks

Contact: Layne Holberton (0412 572 139)

SEPTEMBER 2003

BOYS TRIP TO FLINDERS: FRIDAY 26TH TO SUNDAY 28TH

Lots of Driving around the Flinders and Bush Camping

Contact: Layne Holberton (0412 572 139)

OCTOBER 2003

BURRA: - SATURDAY 4TH - MONDAY 6TH

Based at Burra, or nearby, with day trips around the surrounding areas

Contact: Mark Moss 8383 6324

WEEKEND AWAY TO ???: - SATURDAY 25TH TO SUNDAY 26TH

This will be you last chance for camp fires / camp cooking before the Fire Bans start. Who's prepared to organise this one ???

Contact: Need Leader and somewhere to go.

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Upcoming Trips

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ADVANCE NOTICE — 2004

CLAYTON RAFT RACE: - FEBRUARY, 2004

CLEANUP AUSTRALIA :- MARCH 7TH, 2004

See trips board for more details

MILDURA - SAAFWDC AGM : - MARCH 12TH to 14TH, 2004

Staying at the River Beach Camp Ground, APEX Park, Mildura

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Windcheaters (fleece lined)	\$40.00
<i>(includes name and logo embroidered on & GST)</i>	
Rugby Tops	\$52.00
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Polo Shirts (short sleeve)	\$26.00
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Caps (including logo embroidered on)	\$13.00

If you require clothing please speak to a committee member.

ITEMS FOR LOAN

Books (hopefully in the future)	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 Merv Tucker for any items you wish to loan Ph 8278 1414.

Happy Birthday

Jo Reed	13th August	Zoe Couprie	16th August
Jordan Byrne	19th August	Danni Warbout	19th August
Scott Young	20th August	Michael Brett	21st August
Nicole Young	22nd August	Kylie Phillips	24th August
Nathan Harding	26th August	Kerry Laird	26th August
Lyn Orbon	2nd September	Emma Brett	4th September

MEMBERSHIP FEES REMINDER

2003-2004

Membership fees are now overdue

—please see Lynnette

A TRUE STORY FROM CAPE YORK – JUNE 2003

Apparently, Phil and Sharon with two little boys (3 & 5) went to the top along the old Telegraph Track in their Mitsubishi Pajero. They travelled with friends and two more littlies in their Landcruiser. As it sounds, the Telegraph Track is exactly that, a two wheel track that heads straight line (as telegraph poles do) right up the centre of the Cape, over creeks and ridges, along tracks that have been washed away, around detours that have replaced wash-aways, through rainforest sections and high savannah.

We met them in Weipa when I took the eldest lad and Sharon to hospital to get stitches in a gash on his head (Phil was at the shops) – when they returned to the camping ground they came over to thank us and we heard THE STORY first hand. Seems the stitches were number 3 in their run of bad luck.

Number 2 was earlier that day when they had to get the extinguisher to put out a fire in their dashboard – Phil, a QANTAS electronics engineer and trainer of new recruits, decided that he would trick up the Pajero before he left home. He fitted a drop-down screen in the roof of the car so the boys could watch DVD's and play their Playstation games. He set up head-set sockets and installed his UHF and CD player in the dash but obviously didn't insulate or secure his toys very well because the fire emanated from his wiring.

Number 1 was even sadder. Seems his mate wanted to savour the whole experience so when they got to the top of the Telegraph Track they came to the edge of the Jardine River as you do – years ago you would carefully drive onto a raft of timber and 44 gallon drums, balance precariously, and the rest of your crew would push you over to the other side OR you would carefully test the river bottom, work out the best route and then provided you had a snorkel fitted on your diesel you would drive it...

When they pulled up on the river's edge there was a Hilux in the water, bogged, so Phil was towing him out again, when the fellow in the Landcruiser and his family onboard decided to enter the water. Now something you need to keep in mind is that just down the river a kilometre or two is a perfectly good ferry running across the Jardine 24/7 and the Jardine is a bit like the Murray in width but only about 1m to 1.5m deep in places. The ferry charges \$88

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(incl GST) for transport, camping and access privileges on the Cape (Aboriginal Lands).

Needless to say Phil's mate went in nearly up to his windows, the motor stops, the family is considering getting out and swimming for it and the Jardine is flowing around the 'Cruiser.

Phil shackles two snatch straps together after he has towed the Hilux to safety and hitches up to the Landcruiser. The driver has left it in 'P' for PANIC so when the Pajero roared up the bank the strap broke and the shackle flew through the rear window of the Pajero smashing it into a million pieces and embedding itself in the end of the Engel fridge.

They got the Landcruiser out eventually and towed it to Seisa where after three days it was booked on the barge and shipped back to Brisbane. The turbo and motor were shot as water must have penetrated while they were camped out in the river.

But that's not all – the fellow that owned the unfortunate Landcruiser had bought a new Landcruiser and traded this one in. He was taking it back to Brisbane to pick up his new one and delivering a slightly broken one to the Dealer.....

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Recipe of the Month

NACHOS IN A CAMP OVEN —courtesy Hillbilly Cookbook

1 packet of corn chips

2 Rashers bacon finely chopped

1 small onion finely chopped

1 1/2 cups of grated cheese

chilli sauce

sour cream

Into the camp oven sprinkle a small amount of bacon. Pour in ½ of the corn-chips, sprinkle some chopped onion and bacon over the top and add ½ of the grated cheese. Repeat the process with the remaining corn-chips, bacon, onion and cheese. Drizzle some chilli sauce over the top and place the lid on the camp oven. Shovel hot coals on the top of the lid. Cook over a medium heat for 5 minutes or until all the cheese has melted.

Serve with sour cream.

UHF RADIO HINTS

What is duplex mode ? To be continued on editors return

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These discounts are available to anyone upon joining the nominated organisations, so tell your friends and family and save a few dollars. No joining fees.

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Contact: Ian Mangelsdorf

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Mobile: 0414 677 858

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Trading Mart

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