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CROSSING SMALL CREEK BED—KAPUNDA DAY TRIP

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PRESIDENTS REPORT



G-day,

Well its back to the laptop for another Pres report on a Sunday night in the peace and quiet with the kids at Mums and Angie out with the girls for a night out, bliss. As you all know I wasn't at the last meeting due to work commitments but I have heard that Christian didn't bore you all to tears he actually did a great job, he is well on the way as the next Pres. I would like to thank Darren from the Used Tyre Mart as guest speaker, I heard he came up with some good stuff but for those of you that missed him on the night you will see a little bit more of him as he joined as a new member on the night and I believe there were some more people that joined so I will be looking forward to meeting them.

I might have missed the meeting but you couldn't keep me away for Merv's day trip Sunday the 22nd of June to Kapunda. It was another good day easy going a little mud - well lets say a lot of mud under the car but a trouble free day by all.

Now I know the new Committee is working very hard and I believe there is a lot of good things coming up socially and trips away so keep a good eye on the notice board and don't forget to bring your diaries to check if your free for the up coming events or you might just miss out as events are filling fast.

A reminder that membership fees are now due, and should be paid by the end of the July meeting. Please dust the cobwebs off those wallets and pay our lovely Treasurer Lynette your outstanding fees.

Now we are in a new financial year we need the help of our members to lead

trips and put new trips on the board for expression of interest to fill our calendar.

Just one more thing before I finish, I would like to thank you, the members, who have continued for another year as I feel last year was a ripper and I think this year as the club is still growing will be only better. Also a warm welcome to all the new members. Thank you.

See ya all tonight.

Happy trails...Shaun Lawson — *River Rats*



TRIP REPORT — *Kapunda Area Day Trip*

Sunday, 22nd of June 2003:

Report by: The Tourist

By way of trivia, this particular Sunday, the 22nd of June 2003, was the winter solstice, the shortest day of 2003. In my dictionary, the definition of solstice reads "(summer, winter – about 21 June, 22 December) at which sun is farthest from equator and appears to pause before returning".

This unwittingly turned out to be the theme of the day when many a son (and daughter) would be far from our equator (Mount Lofty Ranges) and we would appear to pause (for lunch) before returning, back home. But I digress.

The day for the Tourists started well at 7:40am when our Discovery made it to the top of our driveway in one go. It was then on with the UHF radio and off we drove to the meeting point of the day trip which I was sure was the Blackwood clubrooms. One thing I did have right was the starting time of

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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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8:00am and because we live in close proximity to other active club members we soon heard the angelic voice of the first lady welcoming everyone on air and announcing that they were on the Happy Valley Drive. I thought hang on, why are they going that way? I'd better check – whoops, the car park of Castle Plaza sounded a much more familiar destination so after the necessary directional adjustment, we arrived 'on time' at 7:55am.

After greeting the occupants of the other 13 vehicles we set off along South Road at 8:15 on a fine and sunny Sunday morning heading north towards Angle Vale. The occupants of a couple of vehicles in our convoy needed pit-stops along the way but in no time we were turning off to Tarlee, past Gawler. Roseworthy came and went and we then left the bitumen highway taking back-roads and backtracks to arrive at Freeling for morning tea and another pitstop.

This is McLeod's Daughters' country and I was very tempted to drop into the Gungellan Hotel to see if any stars could be spotted.

The only spotting was the odd spot of mud on our vehicles but this was to be expected in view of the widespread rain that had fallen in the past week. At least we didn't have to worry about the dust nuisance.

Our leaders had planned the day well and by the time we arrived at the Kapunda Oval for lunch we had had a very pleasant morning. After an opportunity to fill our stomachs and empty our bladders and fit some friendly conversation in-between we regrouped and headed off.

A couple of kangaroos were observed to the side of the road as we drove towards an area familiar to members who had been this way before. Terms such as kamikaze hill sprung to mind as the area has a gradient and an unusual dark surface that requires teamwork and an awareness of where you are placing

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the wheels of your vehicle. This area was negotiated with no problems other than a displaced mud flat on an example of Chrysler's finest (a Jeep), and then it was off again.

Everyone was enjoying the day and as we marvelled at the Tothill Ranges, word spread that we were about to pass an area of a previous reconnoitre by two intrepid explorers in a proud recreational vehicle that is part of the Toyota 4WD range, midway between a raving rav and a hulking hundred series. Suffice to say the area was a lot drier this time and so we were able to pass calmly through this beautiful part of the state without parking for a week or needing to flag down a farm tractor.

Shortly thereafter we reached our proverbial 'equator' and after a quick stop to stretch our legs and give those who had to depart early a chance to gain their bearings, we set off on our way home.

As often happens, it was difficult not to continue exploring so we decided to check out one last area which was of interest. The choice was available to go left or right to reach higher ground and both routes proved challenging. Several vehicles required assistance around a few tricky parts but everyone learned something about their vehicle. I was decided not to proceed due to some wood in the ground and all turned around. Hey, it's not a good trip if you don't make at least one ewe turn!

By now the light was fading fast so it was time to head back onto the bitumen and we all drove home. All in all it was half a 'dirty weekend' and a very enjoyable and well-led trip. Thanks to the trip leaders for all the work they put in and to everyone who joined in on the day. And thanks to Andrew for taking notes on the day on the facial tissues box.

The Tourist

SOCIAL SCENE

Hello darlings,

Our first function at THE HOUSE BYO RESTAURANT on Kensington Road is fast approaching. Please fill in the interest sheet tonight at the latest for this event which promises to be a lot of fun in very unusual surroundings. Interest sheets for the rest of our events planned for this, and next year, are on the notice board so please put your name down if you would like to come along to any of these. If you can suggest some locations for the Christmas Picnic that would be great. Get your singing voices ready for Karaoke in August.

Unfortunately Greg Goding will be unable to make the Geranium trip (23rd and 24th August) for the Camp Cooking Weekend. The event will still go ahead, so if you would like to be involved we need the \$5 this evening. If you can pass this on the Lynette, that would be great.

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

MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS CHRISTMAS IN JULY

7:00pm Saturday 19th July 2003

THE HOUSE BYO RESTAURANT, Kensington Rd

A wide selection of mains and desserts is on offer for \$35 per head. All beer, wine and spirits are BYO and there is no corkage. Refrigeration is available at the venue so don't worry about eskies. Just bring yourself, your drinks, some cash and an appetite and get ready for a great night in one of Adelaide more unusual restaurants. Word on the grapevine is that there will be some surprise entertainment.

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 14th September 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

MOUNT LOFTY RANGER CHRISTMAS PICNIC

Daytime Sunday 14th December 2003

We have historically used Clarendon Oval, but have put up some options for Morphet 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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Thank You

The Club would like thank our new member
"Darren Callary" for his tyre presentation at our
June meeting.



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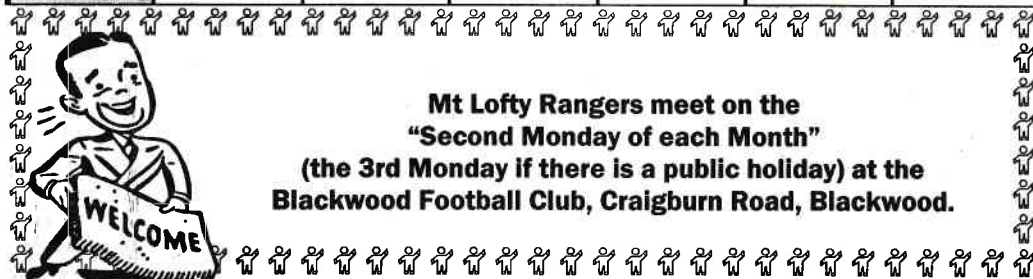
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Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 29	30	July 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Meeting	15	16	17	18	19 CHRISTMAS IN JULY 7.00pm
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	August 1	2 Martins Wash Pool SE
3 Martins Wash Pool SE	4	5	6	7	8	9



**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.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10	11 Meeting	12	13	14	15	16 WINE TAST- ING & KARA- OKE
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Geranium
24 Geranium	25	26	27	28	29	30
September 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Meeting	10	11	12	13	14 WET BOT- TOMS AND VERTIGO
15	16	17	18	19	20 Boys Trip Flinders	21 Boys Trip Flinders
22 Boys Trip Flinders	22	24	25	26	27	28

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Upcoming Trips

JULY 2003

NO TRIPS PLANNED THIS MONTH

AUGUST 2003

MARTINS WASH POOL: - SATURDAY 2ND to Sunday 3RD

Bush camping and driving (Further details later)

Contact: Merv Tucker (8278 1414)

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. Remember \$5

??????? Plus bring camp ovens

Contact: Greg Goding (8387 3118)

SEPTEMBER 2003

BOYS TRIP TO FLINDERS: FRIDAY 19TH TO SUNDAY 21ST ??????

Lots of Driving around the Flinders and Bush Camping

Those interested please see Lane, date may change to suit people wishing to attend

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.

Upcoming Trips

ADVANCED NOTICE — 2004

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

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

See trips board for more details

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<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)	\$26.00
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Caps <i>(including logo embroidered on)</i>	\$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

Angie Lawson	9th July	Scott Fiddick	18th July
Tess Fiddick (5)	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

Birthday List

The birthday list has not been updated for sometime .

Your name should not appear in the above list unless you have agreed to have your details listed. Please see attached sheet with magazine and if you would like to have your's and or any members of the families birthday details added to the list or removed. Please complete the form and pass it on to the Membership officer Time Byrne

For those interested in monitoring their fuel consumption, here's a handy conversion chart

Fuel Conversion Chart

Km/L	L/100k	MPG
3.5	28.57	9.88
4	25.00	11.2
4.5	22.22	12.70
5	20.00	14.12
5.5	18.18	15.53
6	16.67	16.94
6.5	15.38	18.35
7	14.29	19.76
7.5	13.33	21.17
8	12.50	22.58
8.5	11.76	24.00
9	11.11	25.41
9.5	10.53	26.82
10	10.00	28.23
10.5	9.52	29.64
11	9.09	31.05

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Recipe of the Month

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500g Damper Mix
250 ml water

Mix Damper pre-mix and water together well and shape into approximately 9 round pieces. Take 1 piece at a time and roll into a long sausage shape about 30 cm long and wrap / coil around a bamboo stick. Carefully covering the end of the bamboo stick, to stop the filings running out onto your hands when cooked. Press firmly into place before baking.

Slowly bake over HOT COALS for 12—15 minutes.

Place a serviette over the cooked damper and twist carefully to remove from stick.

Now add your FAVOURITE toppings.

Serving Suggestions

Top with fresh cream and home made Jam, Honey or Golden Syrup

Try with butter and Vegemite – YUM ! YUM !

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What is duplex mode ? To be continued on editors return

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Trading Mart

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