



# Rangers' Review

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*This is what 4wd'ing is about*

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



## G-day,

Well where has the last year gone? My first year as president has just flown. The AGM is now upon us and it's time to reflect on the year the way it was. I am very pleased with the way the Rangers are going. Membership is up to 87 members; in the trip department people are keen to offer trips so there has been a good variety to choose from. New friendships have formed and the thing I like the most about the Rangers is we haven't developed the "clickiness" that is present in some other clubs. I think everyone seems to mix very well. So with all that I think we have had a very good year. Everyone give yourselves a pat on the back.

Well like all clubs there's always work to be done to make the club run. Lots of things happen every month behind the scenes to keep the club running smoothly. The people on the committee are the ones to thank for the smooth running. Thanks to you all for your efforts - I have enjoyed working with you.

A special thanks to the other members that do a lot for the club:

- Nick Travers, Edward Travers, David Thomas and Rodney Curtis for their fine efforts in providing the Rangers Review every month.
- Christian and Karen Whamond for the social events throughout the year.
- Thanks to Michael Brett for once again storing all the club equipment.
- Merv Tucker the man who enjoys spending a few hundred dollars every year in the map department many thanks.
- Thanks to Ken Bradey for handling the insurance side of the business.
- Neville Mangelsdorf for silly as a wheel for the months you were there and to Lynette Williams for the other months.
- Just a quick thank you to Mark and Linda Moss for your fine efforts with organizing the Clayton Raft Race
- and to Tim Byrne for organizing Clean-Up Australia Day and working with Natational Parks.

I'm sure there will be someone I have missed so thank you to everyone that has helped throughout the year.

Now with all that said I have enjoyed the year and I hope you all did and am looking forward to seeing you all in the club next year.

Happy trails  
Shaun Lawson — River Rats



# Ngarkat Conservation Park

Border Track Interclub Working Bee

17th-19th May

Meeting Point: Pinnaroo Main Street - Saturday 9:30-10:00am

We will be camping at Pine Hut Soak. The campsite is spacious, has a toilet, and is situated just inside the Park entrance when approached from Pinnaroo. Anyone who would like to camp on Friday night at Pine Hut Soak is most welcome to do so.

Enjoy the break from the routine and help the ongoing SAAFWDC involvement with the Border Track, and the Centre Track which forms the South—North route, and other tracks within the Park.

**KERRIGAN COLE**

GENERAL MANAGER

**JOHN MUNN**

TOWING MANAGER

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**Weekend project:  
Rehabilitation work on the  
Border Track.**

Bring strong gloves, hand saw, shovel, rake, etc.

It is a relaxing, and fun weekend. You are only expected to do as much as you feel able to do.

Many thanks to all who came to the Working Bee last October, and for the work on the Mount Shank track.

**Border Track Maintenance  
Committee**

Contact:

Sue: 8269 2883 (ph/fax)

Lloyd: 8569 1889

# News In Brief

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

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## ***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 Layne Holberton (0412572139)

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

*Nick.*



**NEXT MEETING  
Monday  
June 16th  
@ 7.30pm**



# CENTRAL TOWING

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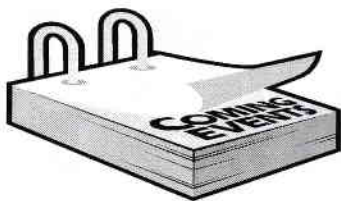
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# Social SCENE

Hopefully the next person that takes over the Social Secretary position next year will have as much support to these events as we have had.

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**Whamond**

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## **Social Secretary.**

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 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.

# **Sheryl Penno**

**F.G.A.A.**

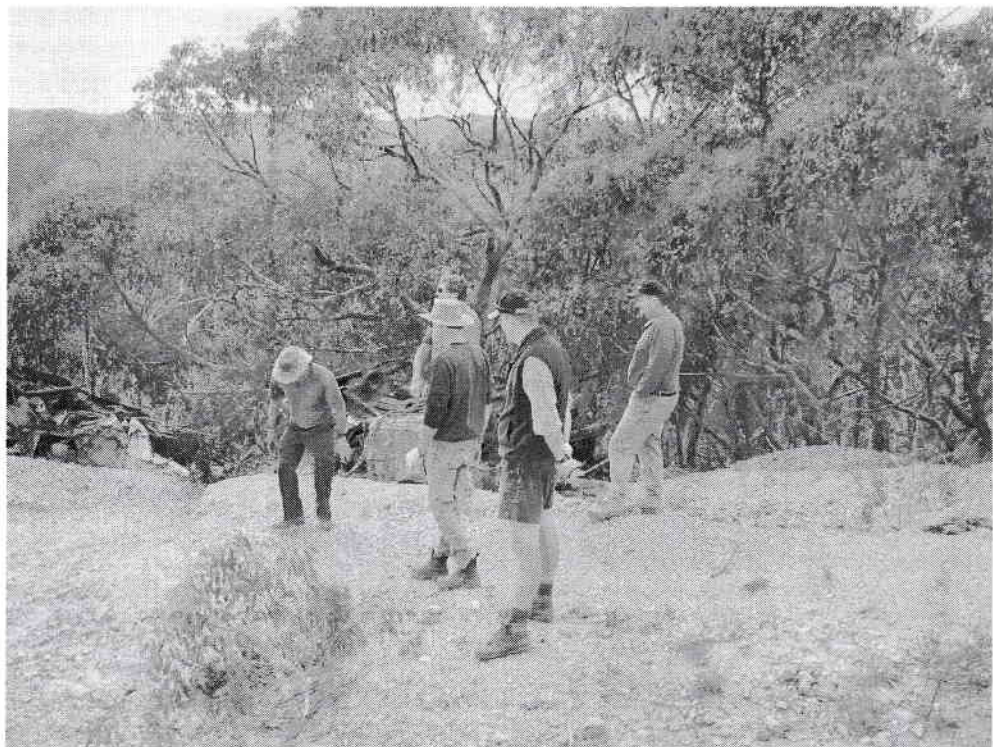
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*Was this the end of the line ??  
Taken during Cleanup Australia Day*



Congratulations to

**Neville Mangelstdorf,**

on his engagement to

**Kim Baxter,**

on the 23th April.



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# Calendar of Events

## March 2003 – April 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 11	12 Meeting	13	14	15	16	17 Minlaton Ngarkat
18 Minlaton Ngarkat	19 Adelaide Cup Day Minlaton	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
June 1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Pink Lakes
8 Pink Lakes	9 Queen's B/Day	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Meeting	17	18	19	20	21



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: [mlr4wd@yahoo.com.au](mailto:mlr4wd@yahoo.com.au)  
or visit our Web Site: [www.tcis.com.au/rangers.htm](http://www.tcis.com.au/rangers.htm)



# Upcoming Trips

## MAY 2003

MINLATON, YORKE PENINSULA — ADELAIDE CUP DAY W/END — MAY 17TH-19TH

Based at Minlaton Caravan Park, with day trips around the Yorke Peninsula

Contact: Shaun Lawson (h: 8381 7865 / m: 0411 702 742)

NGARKAT N.P. CLEANUP — ADELAIDE CUP DAY W/END — MAY 17TH-19TH

Details on the trip board

Contact: Mark Curtis (8358 4776)

## JUNE 2003

ADELAIDE HILLS DAY TRIP — JUNE 1ST

Start 10am at clubrooms, spend a couple of hours driving and then stop at a pub ?? for lunch then a couple more hours of driving.

Contact: TBA

PINK LAKES — QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY W/END — JUNE 7TH-9TH

Bush camping at 2 different spots and driving around Pink Lakes area.

Contact: TBA

KAPUNDA AREA DAY TRIP — JUNE 22ND

Details on the trip board

Contact: Merv Tucker (8278 1414)

SOUTH EAST BORDER TRACK — JUNE 20TH-25TH

Refer to the trip board for more details

Contact: Mark Curtis (8358 4776)

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# MT LOFTY RANGERS

## ITEMS FOR SALE

### Lets Promote Our Club!!!

Cloth Badges	tba
Car Stickers	tba
Name Badges	-
Initial 2 on joining	FREE
Additional	tba
Replacement	tba
Sand Flags	tba
Tyre Plugs	tba

Please see a committee member for the above purchases.

Windcheaters (fleecy lined)	tba
<i>(includes name and logo embroidered on &amp; GST)</i>	
Rugby Tops	tba
<i>(includes name and logo embroidered on &amp; GST)</i>	
Polo Shirts (short sleeve)	tba
<i>(includes name and logo embroidered on &amp; GST)</i>	
Caps <i>(including logo embroidered on)</i>	tba

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

Samuel Byrne (6)	19th May	John Munn	19th May
Shaun Lawson	1st June	June Mangelsdorf	1st June
Jacqui Goding	7th June	Lynette Byrne	8th June
Lucy Warbout	11th June	Elaine Dohne	12th June
Neville Mangelsdorf	14th June	Steven Harding	16th June

## UHF Channel Guide

### Channels:

#### **1 to 8 (31 to 38) Repeater channels.**

- Each repeater requires a pair of channels to work
- When on channel 1 repeater, then channel 31 is also in use. 2 w/- 32; 3 w/- 33, etc.
- Avoid channels 31 to 38 for general use. If you are within range of a repeater, your voice could exceed 10,000 sq km coverage, and that repeater could become unusable — without you knowing.
- For general travelling use, it is suggested that the REP/DUP function is left/set permanently **ON** at all times, on channels 1 to 8.

*Please avoid using these channels — unless you choose to access a repeater.*

#### **5 Emergency repeaters (Allocated in Law).**

- There are lists available that identify where Channel 5 repeaters exist
- For other regions, scanning **all** channels is a far more effective way of locating other UHF users in an emergency.

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## **11** Calling channel (Allocated in Law).

- Used to call another user who may be listening on the call channel (such as a friend). After contact you must move to another channel.
- Most country operators sit on other general use channels. Scanning is more useful to find these other operators.

## **22 & 23** Signalling & Telemetry (No voice allowed) (Allocated in Law).

## **40** Highways & Trucks (Firmly established by tradition).

## **10** 4WD Drivers (By courteous agreement).

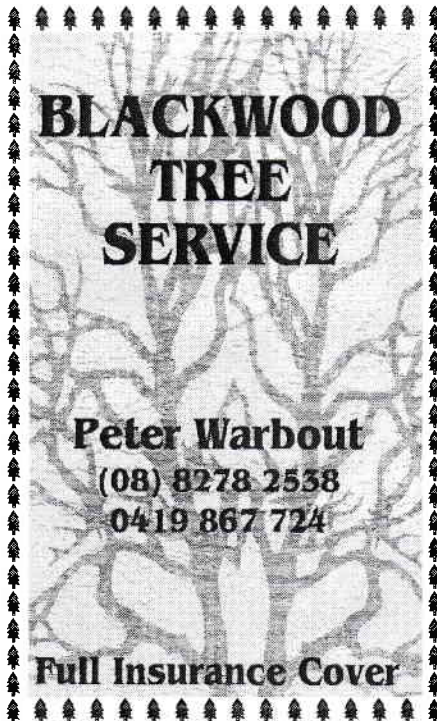
- Usage is becoming popular as a general channel for 4WD drivers
- Recommended officially within National Parks

## **18** Caravans & Campers (By courteous agreement).

General use channels are therefore:

9, 12 to 17, 19 to 21, 24 to 30, and  
39

NOTE: Major cities often have one channel that attracts rude and inconsiderate people. Do not get into arguments with these people, they are just plain idiots, and you will not win, instead move to another channel.



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# ***Upcoming Trips — continued***

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## **SIMPSON DESERT — JULY 5TH-18TH**

Adelaide to Birdsville, across the Simpson, east to west, via QAA line, French line, Knolls track, WAA line, Colson track, French line, to Dalhousie Springs, Mt Dare, Oodnadatta, Coober Pedy, then home, possibly via Googs track.

Contact: Layne Holberton (0412 572 139)

## **CAPE YORK — JULY 12TH — AUGUST 13TH**

Details on the trip board

Contact: Mark Curtis (8358 4776)

## **MARTINS WASH POOL SOUTH EAST — AUGUST 2ND-3RD**

Bush camping and driving (Further details later)

Contact: Merv Tucker (8278 1414)

## **GERANIUM CAMP COOKING W/END — AUGUST 23RD-24TH**

Bush Camping at Darado Downs. Sand driving available. Main emphasis on a big group camp cooking meal on Saturday night

Contact: Greg Goding (8387 3118)

## **WEEKEND AWAY TO ??? — SEPTEMBER 20TH-21ST**

Who's prepared to organise this one ???

Contact: You ??

## **BURRA — OCTOBER 4TH-6TH**

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

Contact: Mark Moss (8383 6324)

## **WEEKEND AWAY TO ??? — OCTOBER 25TH-26TH**

Last chance for camp fires and camp cooking before the Fire Bans start.

Who's prepared to organise this one ???

Contact: You ??

## ***ADVANCED NOTICE — 2004***

## **MILDURA - SAAFWDC AGM — MARCH 12TH-14TH, 2004**

Staying at the Riverbeach Camp Ground, APEX Park, Mildura

See trips board for more details



## Vehicle Security

You spent \$50,000 on your vehicle and accessories. Some pimply faced 16-year-old kid decides to take your pride and joy for a test-drive.

Who cares? It's insured... right?

For those unfortunate souls who have experienced this, the experience is not pleasant... Stop and think for a moment. The inconvenience of no transport for the settlement period; anything up to two weeks. Your social life, your work, and your commitments...

But wait!

It's been found, tank empty, tyres bald, dents, suspension damage, and stripped of accessories...

Hey who cares?

Insurance will pay! Right Ken?

Of course your insurance company will be happy to pay for all of the obvious damage. But what about the hidden damage? Isn't prevention of this situation better?

Car security... something that is most important for a \$50,000 HSV Commodore but why isn't it as important for your \$50,000 4wd?

Ok, so now you think that maybe it is a good idea; so what do you buy?

Well to start with, a good quality product fitted by a qualified person equates to reliability.

An old saying of mine... it is better to have a poor quality product fitted by an expert than an reasonable one installed by a monkey.

I don't think there is a product on the market that claims to be theft proof.

The term most widely used by the trade is "theft deterrent".

So things that deter thieves...

- good installation is paramount
- difficulty to identify wiring (black wiring)

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- dual immobiliser circuits
- automatic, passive arming (Insurance)
- led light on dash (status indication)

So what type of immobiliser/alarm is best suited to your needs?

The choices that I know of are...

remote, transponder,  
touch key, jack plug,  
magnetic trigger,  
kill switch and relay latching trigger.

The first two being the premium side of the market and the rest progressively cheaper. Personally the first two are my favourites based on ease of use and long term reliability. Remote controlled versions are only recommended for, alarms and central locking.

The transponder immobiliser uses a sophisticated microchip, embedded into a key ring, which communicates via an antenna, mounted behind the key ignition switch, to the immobiliser. Sounds confusing doesn't it?

But the best part is that it all happens automatically. This state of the art technology is now factory fitted to late model Fords, Nissan's and Mitsubishi's, integrated with the vehicle's engine control computer, virtually makes them theft proof.

An after market fitment theft deterrent is still the description.

A true transponder immobiliser is fully programmable which means multi vehicle coding is possible. The ease of use and long term reliability makes transponder technology a popular choice

Tim's Tech Corner

Four Wheel Drive  
Courses

**SAAFWDC Driver Training Unit**  
Unit 2  
9 Cardiff Court  
Cavan

**Contact: Ian Mangelsdorf 8384 5691**  
**Mobile: 0414 677 858**

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.

# Trading Mart

**Sell** - Sunshine executive 320 family tent, NZ brand, New \$3000 — \$800 ono  
Gas Light — medium Companion — \$15  
Gas Light — large Primus (with custom foam lined box) — \$30  
Gas Light extension pole — suit Primus — \$10  
Gas cooker stand, with shelf — \$10  
Hanging food storage cupboard — \$15  
Beige colourbond, fully insulated kennel — suit husband (or medium-large dog) — \$50 ono  
Fridge slide (Piranha) — as new — \$150  
Contact: Kim Rawsthorn 8270 3751.

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**Sell** - Hyundai Excel GXL 1996 3 door hatch. Dark green, good stereo, new tyres, power steering, 79,000 kms, excellent service history & condition. \$6500  
Contact: Scott Young 8370 4956 / 0438 318 148

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**Sell** - Warn power winch M8000, with mounting bracket to suit Landcruiser 80 series — \$700  
Brand new UHF Uniden UH089, with CD63-71-50 6.0db gain aerial — \$290  
Contact: Gant Charity m: 0417 892 803 / h: 8263 9099

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