



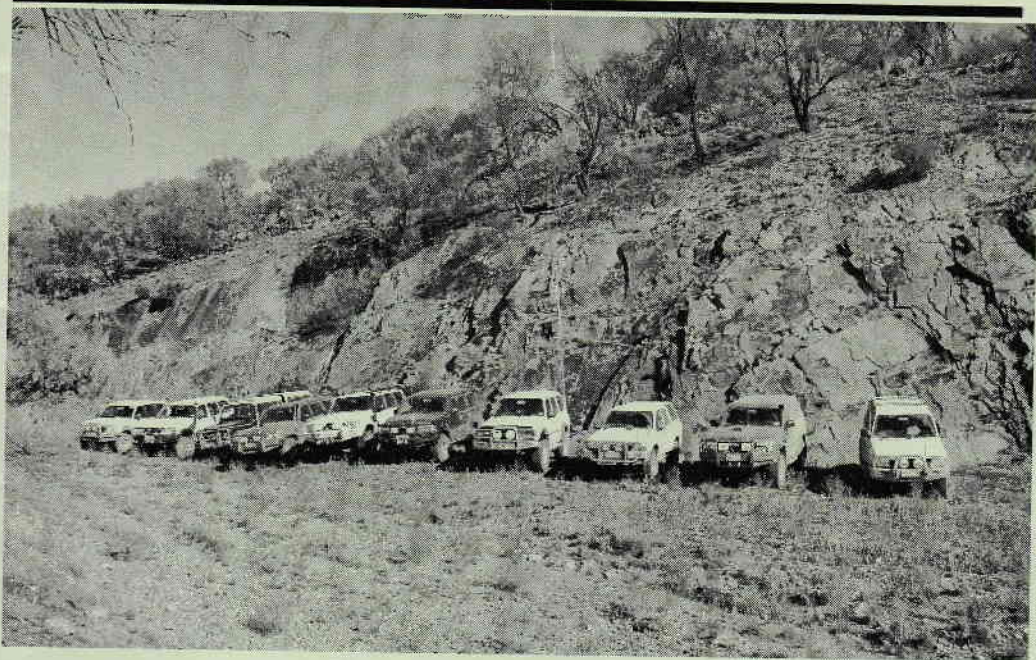
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BOYS WEEKEND—26TH TO 28ST

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PRESIDENTS REPORT



G-day,

Well I'm writing the report a week earlier than normal for I will be holidaying down at Coffin Bay the week I normally do it.

I've just got back from the boys week end away which was a very enjoyable trip but there was some thing different about it which the boys couldn't work out around the camp fire - and then it hit us all we could hear were the crickets in the bush and nothing else it was a blessing in disguise.

No all jokes aside well done to Layne, Greg and Jeff it was an excellent trip.

As you all know we have secured a site at the 4WD Show, which is on 17th to the 19th of October at Elder Park. The main objective will be to show the public the Mount Lofty Rangers do exist and we are a well organised and active 4WD club, offering driver training, trips, care for the environment, social events away from 4WDing and we are open for new memberships.

As you all know we will have a Daytona Rally Game for the public to play for a short part of their time and money. There for us to make this happen we will need volunteers to help with the stand over the 3 days. It will also get into the show for free. I will have a roster made up tonight for members to put there names and contact phone numbers down.

Keep in mind there are a couple of trips still going between now and Christmas so get your names down fast for you could miss out.

More trips are needed for next year so if you can find yourself to the Blackwood Footy Club Rooms each month for the meeting you are more than qualified to lead a trip. Don't crush Layne in a stampede getting your ideas to

him please move in an orderly manner to discuss your trips, thank you.

Well that's about it I must go and dig out my fishing gear to take away so I catch you all at the meeting when I get back

Happy trails...

Shaun Lawson — **River Rats**



Boys Trip “Trips leaders don't get to eat dust”



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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BOYS FLINDERS WEEKEND
26th to 28th September 2003

Day One

Jeff Morgan

The concept of this trip was as a recognisance to explore for tracks in the Mid North Area for future club trips.

On that basis I was expecting about five to six vehicles to take part on the trip, it was pleasing to see a roll up of ten vehicles at Angle Vale bakery always a compulsory food refuelling stop.

The plan was to head out to Burra and head North/North East.

I had spent hours over maps to plot a unknown path incorporating a lunch stop at Oodla Wirra, Yunta pub for a quick liquid top up and to Waukaringa Ruins as camp for the first night's camp.

With 23 gates to pass through in the first day, over various pastoral properties there was no guarantee we would get through as planned, this was to be expected over the next three days.

Once at Burra bakery we had a short wait for Denny to arrive who was held up due to work commitments now there were eleven vehicles.

We headed out via Mongolata Station to the first on many gates, the first was not locked this had to be a good start.

Following the Mawson Trail we went past many old ruins including the Old Mt Bryan East School, with a large group it was difficult to spent time at most ruins but a return trip to photograph some of the old building in the area would be worth while. The track took us North then back South past Collinsville Station (renown Marino sheep stud station). Travelling North East we eventually had to pass over the Broken Hill rail line this gate was unlocked which allowed us to get to Oodla Wirra for lunch.

The plan was to follow the old disused railway line after lunch, gate access to the old railway line was locked, change of plan, we would follow an alternative road reserve route. Access was through an unlocked gate but track was now fenced, change of plan again.

The pressure was on to make quick changes, with a large group it was important to keep every thing moving. As navigator using OziExplorer was invaluable, and Greg and I have found easier ways and utilising the program.

New plan follow the Broken Hill railway line East then south and exit at Paratoo Station, a quick diversion through the eight metre diameter water course under the railway line made an interesting photo opportunity.

We were on fairly well on our planned time schedule when we arrived just out Paratoo Station, when we can across a motor bike rider coming towards us from the station.

He waved us through he got off his bike took off his gloves, and walked over, as we made comment we are in trouble! He was more interested where we came from and was very friendly, also commented on our rent-a-crowd in tow.

Paratoo Station is an impressive homestead, we arrive at Yunta at 4.30pm, and in discussion with the local tour guide, the Yunta publican he gave us a good location to camp on the Arkaroola Road adjacent the Yunta Creek. Plenty of wood and a huge mallee stump provided great fire.

Getting it started was fairly easy when Richard said he would use some of his shellite. Christian advised "that this fuel wouldn't



start with a match”, well if you inspect Richards eyebrows we all know now shellite is very flammable.

It was a top first day, with fairly easy dusty driving, with only a part plan for the second day which would incorporate about a 10km creek drive, we really didn't know what to expect.

BOYS FLINDERS WEEKEND

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Day Two

Richard Williams

After a good night's sleep, we woke to find our camp situated just outside of Yunta in a creek bed just off the Arkaroola road. And there we were – day two of a three-day expedition. It was the boy's weekend away. A convoy of four-wheel drives and not a handbrake among them. And it was quite ironic to later discover that the name Yunta - our chosen location for the first night away from the fairer sex - in aboriginal dialogue translates to the meaning 'anatomy of woman'.

By mid-morning we were at Warkaringa – an old mining settlement consisting of a few old ruins, and a magnificent skeleton of what once was a grand old pub. The hills overlooking the settlement retained a lot of the original infrastructure of the mine – the old stacks, mineshafts and corroding plant. With the huge deposit of quartz and the reefs that were found inside the shafts, the collective opinion of the group was that the mine was once for gold.

We explored there for an hour or more, finding our way into a few mine-shafts, and letting the more adventurous do some of the exploring for us.

After morning smoko, the convoy progressed along the Arkaroola road until we veered off track taking some less travelled routes.

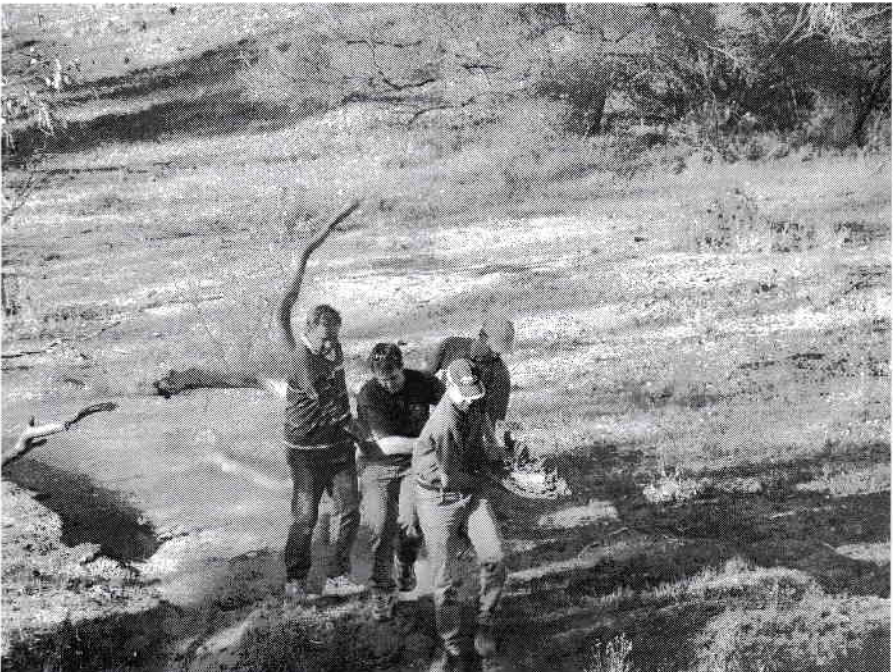
We followed some winding stock tracks and after lunch took a route along

a massive creek bed known as the Siccus River – a watercourse discovered by Frome in 1843 and named after the Latin meaning ‘dry’.

It was quite clear that the creek bed had not so long ago been a raging torrent of water, with evidence of massive red gums uprooted and tonnes of creek bed washed away at every turn. The shaly loose gravel of the creek bed and it’s undulating surface proved quite challenging for some of the vehicles. A few in the convoy sunk at times and needed a tug to continue.

We followed the creek for several kilometres halted only by some fencing. After exiting the creek bed we continued following our winding stock routes which led us to a magnificent gorge for a 4X4 family flick.

Its hard work, collecting some “ Kindling ” for the fire



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BURRA WEEKEND

October Long Weekend 2003

Report

Isabelle Brett, The Tourists

Two intrepid explorers – or two cars left the Caltex service station on Friday afternoon, all set for a great weekend in Burra Gorge. Fortified with moccachino and chicken burgers the Tourists and Solo set off. After an uneventful journey a fantastic grassy camp site was found – away from the other tourists giving good privacy for the club. -

Much thought was given to Mark Moss who unfortunately had a nasty accident the day before and was warned by the medicos to stay still for the weekend, no sneezing, coughing or other exertion. Here's hoping all goes well and his eye recovers quickly.

Camper trailers were quickly set up before the darkness descended, tea was cooked but unfortunately this did not leave any time for collecting wood, so wrapped up warm we visualized a camp fire. Shortly after dark Jack and Francie, alias Rolling Stone arrived and deftly drove his caravan down the slope into the camp site. Then Paul and Helen (Casper) arrived and set up camp. An early night was had ready for the arrival of the rest of the party on Saturday morning.

After a bacon and egg brekkie we awaited their arrival. At about 10 o'clock they arrived – Jeff and Lyn (Mad Dog), Pete and Jenn (Zulu) Julie and Layne (Nike) Anne and Merv (Red October), Karen and Phil (Louie), Jo and Peter (PJ). Mark arrived shortly after.

After setting up camp and catching up we set off for a trip into Burra for lunch. We went through Burra Creek to the town – there was some interesting driving through the creek with a couple of challenging sections.

Once in town the bakery did good business and it was off to the local park to eat lunch. The girls decided that Burra had much to offer in the way of shopping and after negotiating kid sitting and bank balances we set off to investigate the antique and craft shops of Burra.

As interesting as they were some of us decided that the call of caffeine was too great and a group descended on one of the many cafes that have sprung up in Burra for a quick cappuccino – with only five minutes before we had to be back for more 4x4 adventures the coffees came, most were room temperature and I thought mine would be too – it was boiling hot and after a phone call to say we had been delayed and some cold milk we were on our way.

On our way out of town we stopped at the miner's dugouts and the mine area just outside Burra. Needless to say we took the long way home in time for a lovely happy hour with good food and good company. The boys had done their thing and had got some huge logs to burn and some camp fire cooking was soon underway. It was a cold night but the burning logs kept us all warm. A reasonably early night was had ready for another day of 4x4 adventures.

During the day much was made of the fact that Merv had splashed out on a 4.8 L Patrol running on petrol – so some good natured teasing went on all day about the rising cost of petrol and how it was about 17 cents per kilometer for Merv.

On Sunday morning the kookaburras woke up really early and after breakfast we left camp at 9.45 and Jenni remembers that Merv said we were going east, having been north to get here, west on Saturday which only left south or east for today (we were all now thoroughly disorientated but apparently Layne has heard to say that we would be back by 3.00 after having lunch at Morgan

Well, we saw lots of saltbush, more saltbush and then for a change some more saltbush with minimal trees or bushes. By 1.00 revolt was setting in, Morgan was gone, and we were in the middle of what looked like the Nullabor – fortunately Layne found two friendly bushes within walking distance and Emma had a drive out to the friendly bush.

The highlight of the day was a creek bed which enabled Merv to test out his new car with some two wheel driving – the front right and left rear were the only two wheels on the ground.

During the day Karen and Phil consumed about 2 kg of lollies as they
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SOCIAL SCENE

Hello darlings,

Well, the annual 4WD weekend is upon us, and this time we are combining the event with an evening at Russell's famous Pizza Shed at Willunga. We have also had a few suggestions to combine a 4WD trip with a social event through the McLaren Vale Produce Trail.

More on that tonight – hope you have a great time.

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.
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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managed to be Tail end for most of the day – they were able to give back the lollies and the 5 cents on the way home.

One track was obviously the playground of the sleepy lizard population and many calls on the radio alerted drivers to their location – all were saved from a squashy end.

On arrival back at camp we were greeted by some unwelcome visitors – a hive of bees had made camp on our wood supply. There was a mass exodus back to the cars as the new bee experts decided to tow the log away from the campsite – unfortunately the bees dropped off the tree trunk and after about 30 minutes they were encouraged to move on – it is amazing how many bees there are in a small hive.

The campfire was struck again and a delayed happy hour was enjoyed. A row of camp ovens grew along the edge of a very big camp fire.

Thanks to modern technology this report was written sitting by the campfire with contributions from various members of the trip – many thanks.

Isobelle Brett, The Tourists

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Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 12	13 Meeting	14	15	16	17 4WD & Adventure Show	18 4WD & Adventure Show AN EVENING OF PIZZA
19 4WD & Adventure Show	20	21 Basic Theory Training	22 Basic Theory Training	23 Basic Theory Training	24	25
26 Produce Trail	27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1 Confluence Yunta
2 Confluence Yunta	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Meeting	11	12	13	14 Coorong	15 Coorong
16 Coorong	17	18	19	20	21	22



**Mt Lofty Rangers meet on the
“Second Monday of each Month”
(the 3rd Monday if there is a public holiday) at the**

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Dec 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
14 Christmas Picnic	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Xmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	Jan 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

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Upcoming Trips

OCTOBER 2003

PRODUCE TRAIL: - SUNDAY 26TH

Sample the local produce of the Fleurieu Peninsula

Departing from Woolworth's Shopping Centre car park on Pimpala Road Woodcroft at 9.30am

Contact: Tim Byrne: 0412 527 176

NOVEMBER 2003

CONFLUENCES TRIP: - SATURDAY 1ST - SUNDAY 2ND

Visit the co-ordinates 140°E 33°S and 141°E 33°S (Yunta area) and record presence at these sites to register under club banner at the Confluence Web site: www.confluence.org

Limit of 8 vehicles

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COORONG FISHING TRIP: - FRIDAY 14TH - SUNDAY 16TH

Boys only annual fishing trip to the Coorong. beach fishing, come prepared for the conditions, camping on the beach.

Contact: Justin Probert:

DECEMBER 2003

NO TRIPS PLANNED AT THIS STAGE

JANUARY 2004

BEACHPORT / CAPE JAFFA TRIP: - FRIDAY 23TH - MONDAY 26TH

Refer to trips board for details

Contact: Mark Moss / Denny Couprie

Upcoming Trips

FEBRUARY 2004

CLAYTON RAFT RACE: - FEBRUARY, 2004

Note: Advice received so far is, **"that the event is ON, and the Caravan park is staying Open"**. Mark and Linda Moss have managed this event for a number of years (thanks Mark and Linda), but would like a rest.

The Subaru 4wd club are holding the event, but we are looking for some one to represent and keep the club up-to-date with the organising of the event. Interested please see Shaun Lawson / or Mark Moss

Contact: Shaun Lawson / Mark Moss

MARCH 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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Maps	4 x Lightweight Shelters with sides.

* Please replace used items

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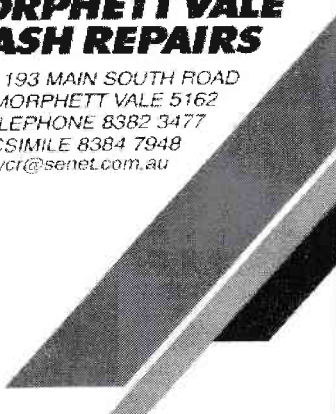
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We set up camp that night just over the range from Craddock, and settled in for the night with good fire, fodder and froth.

So ladies, there's my account of day two. As for where we blokes really went and what we really got up to on the weekend, I can't tell otherwise I won't be welcome on another trip. -

BOYS FLINDERS WEEKEND

26th to 28th September 2003

Day Three

Missing

Sorry No report for day 3 — report writing mix up — Elected speaker will fill in everyone on meeting night.





4WD and Adventure Show

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October 17th, 18th & 19th

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Recipe of the Month

“ **LEG OF LAMB** ”

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Tapenade

8 fillets of anchovy
4 cloves of garlic
20 Kalamata olives, pitted
1 cup chopped Italian parsley
Juice of 1 lemon
Ground black pepper

Lamb

1 leg of lamb
2 onions
2 sticks celery or carrots
Potatoes, pumpkin, other roasting vegetables
Flour and White Wine or water for gravy



Roughly chop anchovies and olives, and mash together with all other tapenade ingredients. This mix can be made a few days before hand kept cool. Cut three deep pockets into the leg, fill with mixture and close with a metal skewer, or sew shut with butchers string. Rub with salt and pepper.

To soften the heat of the metal oven and also to make good gravy, chop up the onions, celery or carrots and layer on the bottom of the camp oven. Place Lamb on top and surround with vegies. Add about 1 cm of water and put the lid on.

Smooth a flat place near the fire and put half a shovel of coals in the flat bed for the oven , with another shovel full on the lid.

After 1 hour brush coals off top, remove lid and check. If necessary, replace coals with fresh hot ones. When the lamb is done, remove with vegies and keep warm to rest for 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, add a tablespoon of flour to the pan and stir the lumps out. Add white wine or water and stir until you have a good gravy.

Carve the rested lamb and serve.

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