



# Rangers' Review

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KEEPING WARM AT MELROSE

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# PRESIDENTS REPORT



Gday,

Well winter is finally near an end and spring is only around the corner. Last month we had the camp-cooking weekend, which was planned for Geranium but because of the large numbers had to be changed to a new location, which ended up at Melbourne, which is in the Southern Flinders. The change of location put a lot of noses out of joint. Members were complaining of the extra distance they would have to travel which actually was only an extra 50 kms, which probably added half an hour to the trip. The end result was from 30 odd vehicles booked in to go we ended up with 17 vehicles and they were the members that really wanted to be there. The weekend was a bit wet but we made the most of it. The cooking turned out unbelievable everyone ate like kings. Well done to Christian and Greg. Those that couldn't make it you missed out big time.

Last week the committee got together to discuss where the club is going.

There was a little concern regarding social events planned and members putting their names down on the trip sheet and pulling out on the day of the event. The social committee had an event held at the Stonyfell winery, which had 14 names on the list. Over the week before the event the numbers started to drop off. In the end they didn't have enough to run the event so they changed the night to their own home for wine tasting. Then that got canned because no one could go. Things do come up at the last minute but please put some serious thought into the dates offered before you put your name down and if you can't make it don't leave it to the last minute to let them know - thanks.

OK - on a more pleasant note we also had a trip to Whyalla on the same weekend as the camp cooking which would have been a good trip, no doubt we will hear about it tonight.

The 4WD Outdoor Show is the 3rd weekend in October and we will have a stand there once again. We will be going ahead with the Daytona rally game with some new displays on some galv iron. A raffle will be on the go again with 4 prizes so next meeting I will be calling for people to help out over the weekend. Please think about the day and times which would suit you best.

Well the club has hit a record number of memberships. On our books of 95 members we are still waiting for everyone to pay their fees which were due in June so if you haven't rejoined please see Lynette Williams for your new membership card.

I think I have said enough, so I'm looking forward to catching up tonight.

Happy trails...

Shaun Lawson — River Rats





## CAMP COOK WEEKEND

23rd-24th August 2003, Melrose caravan park.

Saturday morning it was off to a early start, 7.30am at the service Station filling up with fuel, I wasn't sure who I would see on the road, but sure enough before I hit Darlington I had already met up with Greg Goding and family, Lane and family as well as Jeff Morgan about 10 minutes ahead of us.

Once we got to the Caltex at Waterloo corner, Danny and John caught up and we hit the road again with Greg Goding in the lead. We headed up the back way and



finally met up with Geoff who took us on some tracks showing us some of his favourite trout fishing spots. The roads were fairly wet and slippery, and on more than one occasion I am sure Jeff was wishing he had fitted his mudders.

We heard Tim on the radio and it seemed he was ahead of us, and he had left an hour after us, so we headed for the main road. Jeff found a nice puddle on the side of the road, he though he would drive through and give his car a bit of a wash, but

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# News In Brief

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## Club Magazines

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

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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 Trip Coordinator: Layne Holberton (0412 572 139)

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happened to get stuck in the puddle. Luckily Lane was there for some quick recovery.

Once we hit Melrose and headed into the Caravan park, we discovered that Tim had already set up his tent, and was wondering where we had been. We all set up camp, with the provision of many tarps, as it looked like we would be in for a wet evening, but this didn't dampen our spirits, we got the fire going with a heap of mud drenched wood, and 20 litres of unleaded, worked a treat. Cooking got on the way about 4.30pm, and we had our first taste for the evening when Angie revealed her Nachos to every one, they were great. This was followed by some fantastic soups.

The main courses came out, and I contributed with some stodgy rice, and a burnt bread. We all filled up on some very tasty meals, while trying to avoid the rain, it seemed to come down quite hard every half hour for about 10 minutes, but still the food kept coming.

Dessert was served, and most people were so full they only had a taste. Then the rain came down again about 8:30pm, we all ran for cover, but it didn't let up. Tim and Lynette's chocolate sponge puddings hadn't finished, so we put them under Tim's camper, and they finished off over night for next day's morning tea. Everyone headed to bed about 9:00pm full to the brim with some fantastic delights. A terrific night, and I will be planning another weekend very soon.

Apologies and Thanks.

I must say sorry and thanks to Greg and Jackie Goding. The Camp Cook Weekend was originally Greg's idea, and when they went to Cape York on their holiday, it was suggested that I step in and help run the camp cook. As I had difficulty contacting them while they were away, I was unsure whether they would be able to make it to the camp cook. When I designed the menu, excluded them, I am sorry for doing this, and I did not mean to offend anyone and I thank you for still coming along and supplying a trailer load of camp fire wood. Again thanks, and Sorry

TOOLMAN (Christian)

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## SECOND DAY MELROSE TRIP - SUNDAY 24/8/03

We had invited Danish work experience university student Mia to join us for this weekend. We planned to show her some of the countryside and the Southern Flinders to get a bit of a feel for SA. Unbeknown to us this was her first camping trip ever. It was interesting to note her reaction as we drove to Melrose via Gawler and Clare – “now I know what the Outback looks like” she said. She had never seen so much space between houses. Just goes to show what we take for granted is pretty special compared to some other countries.



Our roof bag had leaked water during the drive up but luckily Judy and others helped dry our mattress by the fire while we put up the tent. Not a good start to Mia's first camping trip.

The camp oven food was great and well organised but after heading off to bed the weather deteriorated somewhat. Rain & frequent strong gusts of wind flapping the tarps and tree tops kept many of us awake most of the night. Our dome tent has developed a few leaks so we had some wet sleeping bags to add to the already

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# SOCIAL SCENE

*Hello darlings,*

*Well a flurry of late cancellations meant that the Stonyfell Winery tour and Karaoke night had to be cancelled at very short notice. It was a bit of a shame as the facility has now closed and is now zoned for redevelopment. I will need at least **48 hours** notice of cancellation if you put your name on the lists if you intend not to come, as many of our social functions require a fair bit of planning, and in some cases expense.*

*I'll talk more about our next adventure of skiing, skating and climbing at Mount Thebarton later this evening.*

*Have a great night !*

## **WET BOTTOMS AND VERTIGO**

Daytime Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 ?

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## 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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damp foam mattresses. We were pleased when the sun (sort of) glowed through the clouds so we could get up. As it turned out there didn't seem to be any damage just a bit of drying to be done. Luckily the rain kept away until we had packed up so tents etc dried out a fair bit.

While Lynette was stirring up the coals to get the billy going she noticed David feeding grass to a pair of kangaroos. Mia quickly got up to get a closer look and then we realised there was also a joey in the pouch and it didn't mind a gentle pat on the head !! Wasn't long before a bunch of children were following the kangaroos around the campfire as they searched out and stuck their head inside our bread bag. Kangaroos may not wander down the



ARE YOU GOING TO SHARE?

main streets of our cities, as many overseas visitors imagine but they do cruise around the Melrose Caravan Park trying to nick your bread !

Things were going a bit slow around the fire as the wood was large and wet. Greg had a great solution for that – put a long shaft cast iron gas burner un-

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# Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Aug 31</u>	<u>Sept 1</u>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
14 WET BOT- TOMS AND VERTIGO	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	<u>October 1</u>	2	3	4 Burra Trip
5 Burra Trip	6 Burra Trip	7	8	9	10	11



**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.**

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12	13 Meeting	14	15	16	17 4WD & Adventure Show	18 4WD & Adventure Show AN EVENING OF PIZZA
19 4WD & Adventure Show	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Produce Trail	27	28	29	30	31	<u>Nov</u> 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Meeting	11	12	13	14	15
16 Coorong	17 Coorong	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

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# Upcoming Trips

## SEPTEMBER 2003

### **BOYS TRIP TO FLINDERS: FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

Lots of Driving around the Flinders and Bush Camping

Contact: Layne Holberton (0412 572 139)

## OCTOBER 2003

### **BURRA: - SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> - MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>**

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

Contact: Mark Moss 8383 6324

### **BORDER TRACK: - SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> - MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>**

SAAFWDC working bee—volunteer project to rehabilitate this section of the Ngarkat Conservation Park

*Further information is available from:*

Border Track Maintenance Committee

Sue (08) 8269 2883, Lloyd (08) 8569 1889

### **PRODUCE TRAIL: - SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

Sample the local produce of the Fleurieu Peninsula

Contact: Tim Byrne: 0412 527 176

## NOVEMBER 2003

### **COORONG FISHING TRIP: - SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> - SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

Boys only annual fishing trip to the Coorong.

Contact: Justin Probert:

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# Upcoming Trips

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## **ADVANCE NOTICE — 2004**

**CLAYTON RAFT RACE: - FEBRUARY, 2004**

**CLEANUP AUSTRALIA :- MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2004**

See trips board for more details

**MILDURA - SAAFWDC AGM : - MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> to 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2004**

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

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Caps (including logo embroidered on)	\$13.00

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Club Flag	Puncture Repair Kit *
GPS Promotional Videos	First Aid Kit *
Maps	4 x Lightweight Shelters with sides.
* <i>Please replace used items</i>	

Please see Merv Tucker for any items you wish to loan Ph 8278 1414.

# Happy Birthday

Kimberly Orbons	15th Sept	Karen Ward	18th Sept
Samantha Curtis	19th Sept	Madison Lawson	20th Sept
Jenny Jones	22nd Sept	Malcolm Curtis	23rd Sept
Natalie Drazil	26th Sept	Jake Reed	26th Sept
Dave Thomas	3rd Oct	Julie Brady	4th Oct
Ben Travers	5th Oct	Carolyn Rawsthorn	6th Oct
Neil Penno	6th Oct	Kerrigan Cole	8th Oct

## \*\*\* MEMBERSHIP FEES \*\*\*

Any 'unfinancial' member who has not paid their fees (for the current year) by the close of tonight's meeting will be deemed to be no longer a member of the Mount Lofty Rangers club.

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der the wood until it gets going properly. Sounds dangerous but when done carefully and watched at all times it can be very safe. It didn't take too long and out came a variety of custom made equipment to cook up the bacon, eggs, toast and a cuppa. We certainly are an ingenious lot in many different ways ! At 11:00am we all headed out of the park with a few going directly home and the rest of us heading for the Bridle Track for a bit 4wding and to check out the great views. The view across the gulf to Pt Bonython was great as the clouds thinned a bit and the countryside looked in great condition. The steep part of the track is safe enough if you take it easy, particularly those with camper trailers. Once down on the seaside of Mt Remarkable we travelled along a few muddy roads and made our way to Telowie Gorge Conservation Park for lunch. It was here we finished off the campfire cooking goodies of puddings with icecream !

Layne was trying hard to find a challenging way back over the ranges but all the roads turned into private tracks or dead ends so we headed back to the bitumen south of Warnertown. Here a few of us left the convoy and continued home while some stalwarts took minor roads and headed back towards the Clare district to take the "dirty way" home.

Thanks to Greg for the original idea of a camp oven cook out, Christian for organising it, Layne for leading us around on Sunday and to all those who helped us when we arrived in the rain on Saturday. It was great to get out with the club again and it reminded us of the value of joining a great bunch of like-minded people and heading away from the city. There was a wide range of ages and I am certain the weekend was enjoyed by all. Mia also sends her regards and thanks everyone for adding to her Oz experience.

SHERPA (Hubert & Lynette)



# 4WD and Adventure Show

## ADELAIDE 2003

Friday \* Saturday \* Sunday

October 17th, 18th & 19th

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# Recipe of the Month

## FRYPAN PIZZA — courtesy Hillbilly Cookbook

In a bowl place 1 cup of warm water, 1/2 a teaspoon of salt, 1 teaspoon of sugar, 1 sachet of dried yeast and stir. Add 2 cups of flour and 1/2 a teaspoon of oregano [dried].

Mix briskly until soft dough forms. Cover and put in a warm place to rise.

Oil medium frypan and press dough evenly to edges. Cover with tomato paste and sprinkle with herbs and garlic. Top with grated cheese and your choice of toppings. Cover pan with foil and press down around all the edges.

Place pan over low heat as not to burn the base. Keep checking. Cook for 15-20 minutes.

### COOK SLOWLY

If you use the campoven for pizza, remember you can place heat on the top of the pan as well as underneath.

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