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Spooks & Ghouls Night

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PRESIDENTS REPORT



G-day,

Well April is here all ready and the AGM is only one month away but I will talk about that later. Firstly I would like to thank the current committee for the great job throughout the year. Membership is now standing at 85, and it's good to see the enthusiasm of new members and their willingness to get involved with club activities and events. At the end of the day it doesn't matter how good the committee is you only get out of the club what you put in to it and in the last 12 months I strongly think everybody has put in a big effort. That's why we are the best family 4wd club around.

Now, the AGM is the next meeting on Monday May 12th and I expect all of you to be there. As a member you have the option to vote someone or nominate yourself for one of the committee positions. Nomination forms are in this months mags SO PLEASE FILL THEM IN -THANK YOU. There will not be a guest speaker but the club will be providing pizza for tea which will start at 7pm so if you will be attending please put your name down in the blue book along with family numbers also coming along. E.G. 2 adults 2 kids.

The social club had there Spooks night down at Port Adelaide on March 20 I haven't heard much about it but I'm sure we will hear about it tonight.

I know there weren't any club trips for the Easter break but I hope everyone that went away had a fun and safe break.

There are some good trips going up on the board for the rest of the year and I believe there will be a number of new trips available so don't forget to check them out.

That's about all so I will catch ya all tonight.

Happy trails...

Shaun Lawson — River Rats



Spooks and Ghouls Night

by Alan Drazil

It was a dark and Stormy night..

Sorry, no it wasn't, the evening was a lovely night, not to cold or wet. We all gathered for our tour under the old iron lighthouse at the Port around 8pm, there was 18 of us on tour, give or take the odd ghost tagging along. We were greeted by our hosts for the evening and lanterns were handed out, for some of the darker areas of our walk. We were also given small cloth bags containing quite smelly herbs or spices. Our hosts said that they were for masking some of the unpleasant smells lurking around, but we all guessed it was to ward off any spirits.

Our Captain for the evening started with some of the history of the area and the lighthouse that stands on the wharf. He was interrupted by some characters, straight out of the era, which caught most of us off guard, retelling a tale of one night on the lighthouse and dressed to suit the 19th century. The two continued their conversation as they drifted off into the dark with cart in hand.

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News In Brief

☆ Did you know Julie met Ralph over the Easter long weekend?

☆ Ask Nic & Darren how the bruises are on their butt cheeks?

☆ Magazine Editor

☆ Please note: changes to email addresses.

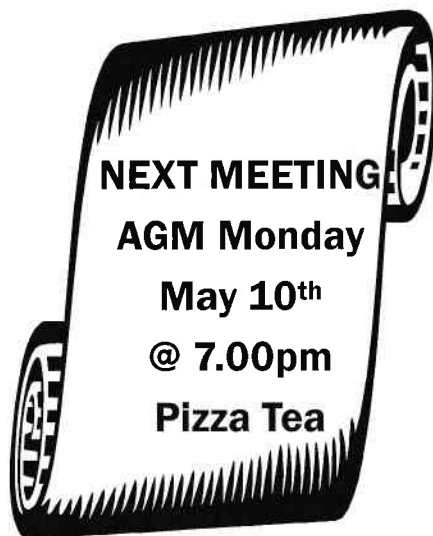
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Horndale Wines at reasonable prices to drink on the night.

Nibbles and 2 course dinner coffee & Chockys approx \$30 per head

We need \$10 deposit per head by May Meeting please.

Ten Pin Bowling—August 2004

4.00-4.30pm on a Saturday afternoon to be confirmed.

Bowland Marion. 2 games including shoe hire and optional dinner.

Fun for all the family! Maybe some might like to do drinks or a movie later?

How about a Greater Union Projection Room Tour?

Julie will let us know a little more at tonight's meeting.

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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The scene was set for us to imagine the Port back in the early days of settlement. It was surprising to learn of the dramatic change in ground level from when the Port was nothing more than a river inlet, how the ships and ketches would dock up to the original wharfs, to the current road levels we see today and the effect that this had on the buildings in the area.

We wandered around in the dark for a while visiting different places of interest. Stopping at some of the more interesting buildings, told of their dark past and of ghosts that still reside in some of the old buildings.

We were visited by strange characters from the period, during our tour, ranging from a ships captain, a couple of constables and a "lady of the night" all retelling there own story.

We paused for a drink at one of the only pubs in Adelaide that **isn't** open on a Saturday night, except for our tour, then continuing our walk to our final destination for supper.

The tour wound up at the Port Dock Brewery Hotel, with another complimentary drink and a very nice supper to finish the evening, must say the Port Dock Brewery Hotel does brew some very nice beers of their own, including a "Milk Stout" which they are very proud of.

We finished the night off being introduced to the characters who had visited us during our walk, chatting around the tables, and swapping a few ghost stories.

The tour was a fantastic way to learn about some of the history in our own back yard. The organisers of the tour must enjoy their work to be brave enough to dress up in character and act out some stories of the past.

An enjoyable evening had by all, although I think we were all hoping to see a ghost or two.

The Lizards



Photo from Spooks and Ghouls Night

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Calendar of Events

May 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Pizza @ AGM	11	12	13	14	15 Sunset Trip
16 Sunset Trip	17 Sunset Trip	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Calendar of Events

June 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Flinders Trip
13 Flinders Trip	14 Flinders Trip	15	16	17	18	19 Mid Year
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Mid Year
27	28	29	30			

Upcoming Trips

MAY 2004

SUNSET NATIONAL PARK :- MAY LONG WEEKEND 15TH, 16TH & 17TH

2 nights of bush camping and plenty of driving

Details: Merv Tucker 8278 1414

NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK: - MAY LONG WEEKEND 15TH-17TH

Interclub Working Bee—See sheet on board for further details

Contact: Sue 8269 2883 / Lloyd 8569 1889 Border Track Maintenance Committee

JUNE 2004

GLENDAMBO OUTBACK:- 12TH TO 14TH

Glendambo will be holding the Glendambo Outback 4x4 Challenge and Field Day. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Dave Boothey via email on thechurch@ozemail.com.au or via telephone on 08 86721097 or 0429 02 158 or visit our website on www.glendambooutback4x4.com.au

FLINDERS RANGES: — JUNE LONG WEEKEND 12TH, 13TH & 14TH

Maximum 10 vehicles. Meeting Friday morning at We are heading to Rawnsley Park Caravan Park to do some bush camping (non powered sites). Willow Springs 4WD Trip 10am Saturday (Sky Trek), Sunday 10am Alpina Station (Mt Samuel), Monday Home. Costs to be advised on Trip Sheet.

Details: Shaun Lawson 8270 7865 AH or 0411 702 742

PEAKE—26TH & 27TH JUNE

Sand driving, camping \$10 per car per night

Details: Ken Bradey 8278 7000 BH

ADVANCE NOTICE

CONFLUENCES TRIP: - DATE TO BE ADVISED—ARLY AUGUST

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 6 vehicles

Contact: David Thomas: 0417 852 820

OCTOBER 2004

NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK: - TO BE ADVISED

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LONG WEEKEND IN WHYALLA: -

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Please see a committee member for the above purchases.

Windcheaters (fleecy lined)	\$40.00
<i>(includes name and logo embroidered on & GST)</i>	
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NEW ITEM	
Bucket Hats <i>(including logo embroidered on & GST)</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.

Warren Gorge Training and Assessment 20-21/03/04

Peter Jones and I met at St Mary's and Merv Tucker joined us at Edwardstown early Friday afternoon for what we hoped would be a challenging weekend in the Flinders.

Rather than take the usual route, we took the "Merv deviation tracks", (all legal roads just not maintained), via Balaklava, Brinkworth and Hammond before finding a great spot to throw down the swags, light up the fire and cook a bbq tea.

Several of us had close calls with the roos and rabbits along the way. We managed to catch Paul West occasionally on the radio and telephone and after driving for a while Merv found Paul and took him back to our campsite.

We all sat around and enjoyed a much needed break from the city.

Saturday up at 06.00 to stir the coals and pack up to be at Warren Gorge by 09.00.

Arrived at Warren Gorge and found the eager DTU team and a few members from other clubs fom Adelaide, Riverland and Whyalla. We were split into 2 groups, one doing the rocky/loose shale tacks, climbing hills and rock hopping and the other group doing electrical and hand winching. Peter has an electrical winch so he elected to do winching while Paul, Merv and I headed for the hills.

Peter found the winching quite challenging as the slope was very steep and he was learning new techniques which incorporate the use of a safety line.

We did 2 laps of the property (one in each direction) and swapped assessors so we could be assessed twice. Most competencies now need 3 assessments. It was exhilarating to get out in this type of terrain again and brush up on our skills. While the tracks and obstacles certainly made you concentrate, we were not in danger unless you really stuffed up. Most of the driving is quite slow. Lots of reasonably tame roos watched us drive by quite close as they sat in the shade. To top off a great day, Saturday night was spent mixing with DTU and other club members around the camp fire.

Sunday we all swapped activities with Peter heading to the hills and Paul,

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Merv and I learning about hand winching. This turned out to be easier than expected but it still took all morning.

One of the other club members staked a tyre and blew a diff in his 100 Series!

We headed off around 2.30pm after catching up with friends and rellies in Quorn and we took the bitumen back to Adelaide.

Thanks to the DTU team members, (I cannot remember their names) who once again gave up their weekends to train and assess us. They do a great job and certainly bring along great experience to make the whole exercise an enjoyable one.

Thanks to all the club members who also add to the fun of being away on a boys weekend.

Sherpa (Hubert Orbons)

Mount Lofty Rangers Inc

Nomination Form

2004 Annual General Meeting

I nominate _____ for the position of:

President

Vice-President

Secretary/Public Officer

Treasurer

Association Delegate

Trips Co-ordinator

Membership Officer



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Training Small Groups at Cavan

Saturday 29th–30th May AND Saturday 19th-20th June

Details: Christian Whamond 8322 1766

Assessor Course

August 7-8th, 21st-22nd August, 4-5th September

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Details: Christian Whamond 8322 1766

Warren Gorge

18th & 19th September

Assessment and Skills update.

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Advisor Course

13th & 14th November

Morgan

Details: Christian Whamond 8322 1766

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See Layne Holberton 0412 572 139

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