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Sunset National Park – Gypsum Hopper.

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# *"President Report"*



Firstly thanks to everyone for your vote of confidence in electing me as your new president for the next 12 months, I hope that I'm able to continue the good work of the past presidents.

We had our first committee meeting last night, and it looks good for the next 12 months, the new committee is eager to get cracking on many events for the future.

One of the main things that we will be introducing is a 12 month calendar, showing all the major events and annual trips. Things like the 4wd show, boys fishing weekend, mid year dinners and so on will be all listed on this annual calendar. This gives people the opportunity that if they are looking to run events in the future, to check the calendar and make sure that its not clashing with other events already organised.

Tim has a swag of speakers up his sleeve that will be offering both entertaining and informative information on a variety of topics at the club meetings.

The social team have got some great ideas, and we'll be seeing more social events over the next 12 months.

Trips and training is what we are all interested in and part of the calendar is to let people know well in advance what is coming up, so people can prepare

for them..

I look forward to the next 12 months and beyond for the Mount Lofty Rangers.

Until next month, be safe, and be good.

Regards

Christian.

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## Sunset National Park—May Long Weekend

### Saturday 15th May

There were 7 cars that met at Tailem Bend on Saturday morning, we all departed at around 9.00am. It was out the back of Tailem Bend over the train line just before the freight train came through. Then on to the road to Moorlands and past the ruin of the well and the mine deposit. We continued our way along road reserves and tracks to Marama where we had our morning tea. Some of us had cake from the local Bakers Delights. We then took the main road along through Kulkmi, Karte, Karing and then a loop around the Peebinga National Park to the very small town of Peebinga, where we had lunch. After lunch it was into the Murray Sunset National Park and along the Sunset Track on to the Underbool Track and then onto the Mt Crozier Track to find our camp site.

I am sure there were only about 4 or may be 5 U turns for the day.

We then set up camp, collected some wood for a good camp fire, it wasn't long before there were a few camp ovens around the fire. The males do cook an excellent meal when we go camping.

### Sunday 16th May

After breakfast we left for our next days drive at around 9.15am. It was off down the Underbool Track to Rocket Lakes, no water though, where we had

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# News In Brief

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## *Future Meeting Dates*

August	9 <sup>th</sup>
September	13 <sup>th</sup>
October	11 <sup>th</sup>
November	8 <sup>th</sup>
December	13 <sup>th</sup>
January	No Meeting
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# SOCIAL SCENE

**Mid Year Dinner— Saturday 19th June 2004, 7:00pm**

*Horndale Winery, Fraser Avenue, Happy Valley*

Hope all the people who attended our mid year dinner on Saturday evening had a great time. What cute babies they were!

**Greater Union Projection Room Tour. – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2004, 3.30pm**

*Greater Union MEGAPLEX Marion*

Something for the whole family to do on a Sunday Afternoon. Come visit Greater Union Megaplex Marion for a behind the scenes tour of the Worlds Largest Projection Room & Projection Museum. This will be on Sunday the 15th August 2004, commencing at 3.30pm. The tour will take about one hour and cost \$4.00 per person. There is a maximum of 30 people per group but if there are more than 30 people interested we will have two groups. This means there will be two different commencing times, final details will be advised at the September Meeting. Put your names on the list on the board if you would like to join us for an informative afternoon.

**CAMP COOK WEEKEND 28<sup>TH</sup> – 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2004**

Keep this weekend free for a fun weekend of Camp Cooking. There will be more details available tonight.

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## SOUTHERN VALES WINERY TOUR – SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> September 2004

A fun day for the whole family. We will visit some wineries and do some tasting of our local world famous wines. Bring a picnic lunch to be eaten at one of the wineries that has an area for the kids, of all ages, to play and run about. Of course there will be a track or 2 may be even 3 or more, this depends on how many tracks are still open in the area.

More details will be available tonight.

As always please come and speak with Linda, Jo, Julie or Lyn tonight if you have any suggestions or questions regarding our events for the year. Have a great night!

Social Committee.

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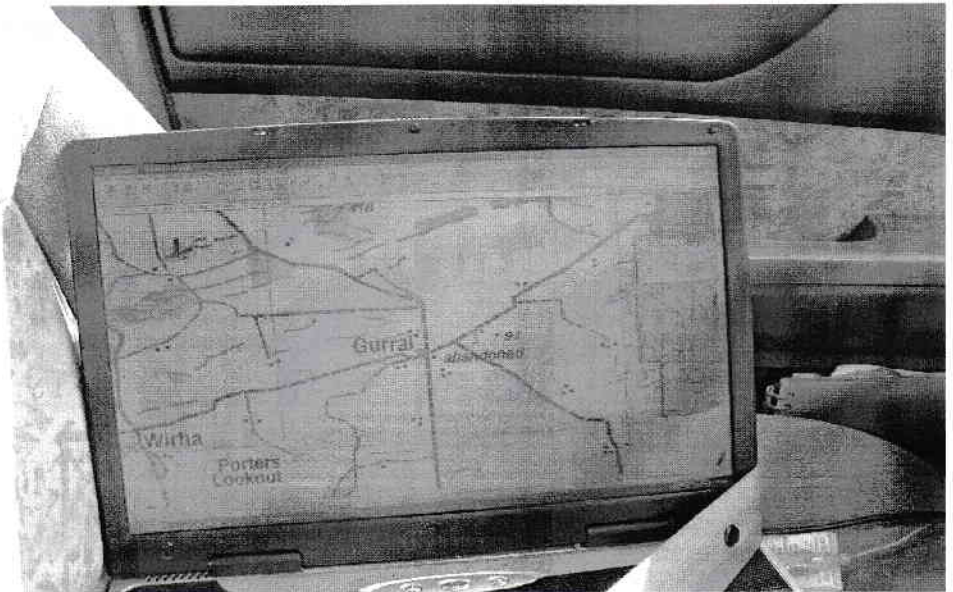
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morning tea. The kids, including Craig, kicked the footy around for a while until the footy got stuck up the tree. After many sticks being thrown at the football and the tree attempted to be shaken, Mark climbed up the tree and using Marian's sand flag pole it was knocked down. Then it was back to driving again, down the Old Nowingi Railway line where we stopped to stretch our legs and looked at the old Gypsum Hopper.

It was then down a side track across the Raak Plain. Then we followed the Last Hope Track to Hattah. Along this area there were lots of sheep with lambs, some were very young.



Keeping track of progress by tail-end charlie

We refueled at Hattah and many of us had an ice cream and some mobile phone calls were made. It was then a short drive to Lake Hattah for a lunch stop, no water in this either. We then traveled down the power line track, lots of fun was had on this track. Some nice sand hills to drive up and down. We then traveled west along some old tracks back to camp. Some of the tracks had some major holes in the of them, so some care had to be taken. Some of the tracks nearer

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camp also produced some major dust problems. We collected some mallee roots on the way back to camp which produced another great camp fire and some more delicious camp cooking was produced.

Monday 17th May

After breakfast and packing up camp we left at around 10.00am. Craig, Ryan and Ashleigh, and Mark had to make a quicker trip home so they headed straight to the bitumen. The rest of us headed off to Pink Lakes along Honeymoon Track. It was then off on a few tracks to make our way home. We travelled down the border track for a while then ended up back in Peebinga ( seems like dejavue), from here we headed to Karoonda for some fuel then off back to Adelaide in the rain.

A great time has had by all.

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# *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 Dinner
20	21 Meeting	22	23	24	25	26 PEAKE
27 PEAKE	28	29	30			

# *Calendar of Events*

## July 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Meeting	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

# Upcoming Trips

## **JUNE 2004**

### **GLENDAMBO OUTBACK:- 12<sup>TH</sup> TO 14<sup>TH</sup>**

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](mailto:thechurch@ozemail.com.au) or via telephone on 08 86721097 or 0429 02 158 or visit our website on [www.glendambooutback4x4.com.au](http://www.glendambooutback4x4.com.au)

### **FLINDERS RANGES: – JUNE LONG WEEKEND 12<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup>**

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—26<sup>TH</sup> & 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Sand driving, camping \$10 per car per night

Details: Ken Bradey 8278 7000 BH

## **JULY 2004**

### **SIMPSON DESERT: JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> TO JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

Adelaide to Birdsville, Poepel Corner, Jervois via Batton Hill / Hay River, Alice Springs, Adelaide. Limit 7 Vehicles

Details: Layne Holberton 0412 572 139

## **AUGUST**

NO TRIPS AT THIS STAGE

# Upcoming Trips

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **CONFLUENCES TRIP: - 11<sup>TH</sup>—12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2004**

Visit the co-ordinates 140°E 33°S and 141°E 33°S (Yunta area) - these sites have now been visited—will look at other sites or another trip  
Limit of 8 vehicles

Contact: David Thomas: 0417 852 820 / Mark Curtis 0408 297 065

## **OCTOBER 2004**

### **NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK: - TO BE ADVISED**

Interclub Working Bee

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

### **LONG WEEKEND IN WHYALLA: -**

### **DETAILS ON TRIP BOARD**





# MT LOFTY RANGERS

**Lets Promote Our Club!!!**

Cloth Badges	\$7.00
Car Stickers	\$2.50
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Additional	\$6.00
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Please see a committee member for the above purchases.

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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 *
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Maps	4 x Lightweight Shelters with sides.
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## *ON SUNSET WITH MERV*

By Tom Sag

Merv likes to get us up at dawn  
To wake us up he sounds the horn  
Straight after brekkie in fog and cold  
He says it's time to rock n' roll

So off we go through sticks sand rocks and dust  
We're all four wheel drivers so we know we must  
We keep on traveling with dust in our wake  
Till we get half way round Rocket Lake

We climb a hill to view the water  
But find its got a lot less than it oughta  
Then after smoko its off again and we don't stop her  
Till on a hill we see the Gypsum Hopper

Merv says if your low on fuel it doesn't matter  
You can get some more when we stop at Hattah  
At the nearby waterless lake we stop for lunch  
And then its time to gather the bunch

We retrace our steps and all is going fine  
But then we head South along the power line  
After turning West we stop to fill our boots  
With lots and lots of Mallee roots

Now it's getting late so we all head back  
And after many turns we reach the Honeymoon Track  
As the sun is setting we get to camp in such a hurry  
But to our dismay we find, that we are missing Murray

## *ON SUNSET WITH MERV     cont.*

He'd turned left which wasn't right  
And got himself into a mess  
But before 'twas to late at night  
He got it sorted with his GPS

Now we're all safe and sound at camp  
Eating and drinking by light of lamp  
Sitting round the Mallee root fire  
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Membership fees are now due. Payment can be made to Lynette (Treasure) or delegate at tonight's meeting, by personal arrangement with above officers or otherwise by posting a Cheque/Money Order to:

**Mount Lofty Rangers Inc.**  
**PO Box 1150, Blackwood SA 5051**

Payments **must** be received by close of **July's Meeting**, otherwise you'll become unfinanical and incur new membership subscription.

Remember fees are unchanged from last year

New Members

Association Fee	\$15	
Club Fee	\$50	Total \$65

Existing Members renewal \$50

if Second Club \$30

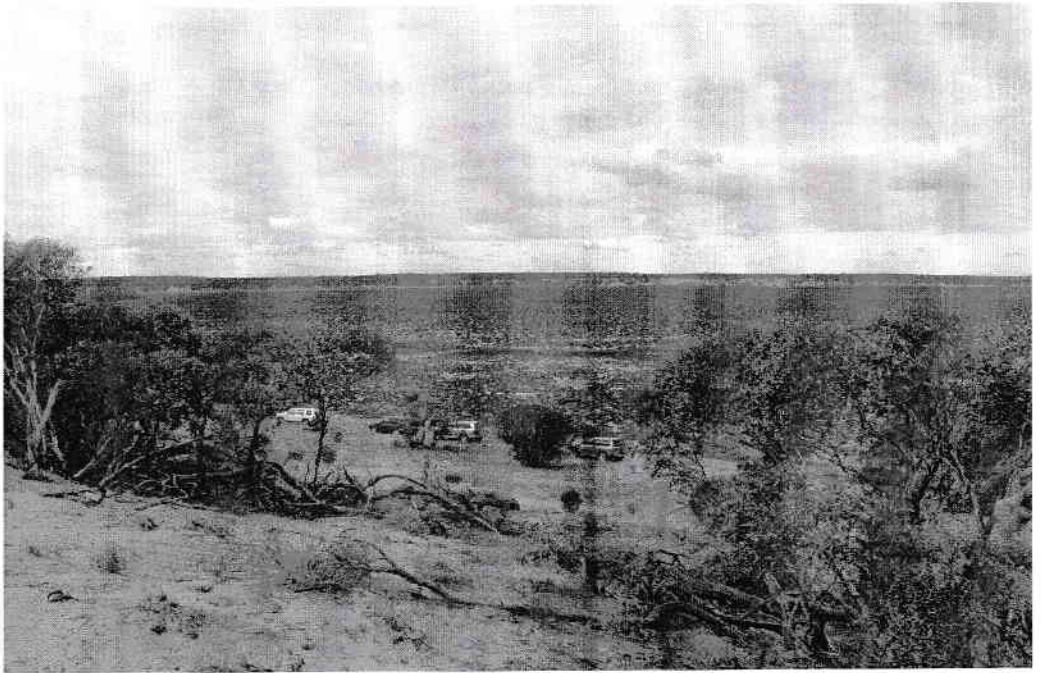
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*Interesting Tracks*

For those that surf the web interesting tacks and general details can be found at

<http://www.4wdaustralia.com.au/Splash.asp>

A black and white photograph of a wooden post with numerous directional signs pointing in various directions. The signs are made of wood and feature the names of cities and their corresponding distances. The cities listed include Singapore, Gibraltar, London, Colombo, Brussels, Jakarta, Bombay, Chicago, Belfast, Rome, Zurich, Delhi, and others. The post is situated outdoors, with trees and foliage in the background. A portion of a car is visible in the bottom right corner.



Rocket Lake (above)      Van den Broekes approaching turn (below)







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

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**Mobile: 0414 677 858**

**Training Small Groups at Cavan**  
**Part 2: Saturday/Sunday 19th-20th June**  
**Details: Christian Whamond 8322 1766**

**Assessor Course**  
**August 7-8th, 21st-22nd August, 4-5th September**  
**Final grade for training. Held at Cavan. All dates must be attended to qualify.**  
**Details: Christian Whamond 8322 1766**

**Warren Gorge**  
**18th & 19th September**  
**Assessment and Skills update.**  
**Details: Christian Whamond 8322 1766**

**Advisor Course**  
**13th & 14th November**  
**Morgan**  
**Details: Christian Whamond 8322 1766**

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***NEW TRAINING SITE***

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**Road Conditions Hotline - 1300 361 033.**

**NB - Just because a track is shown on a map does NOT mean the public can access that track** - tracks shown on the RAA Map No 13 "Outback" are open to the public - NRAU Newsletter



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