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Jeff—Checking out the Bendleby Ranges for forthcoming trip

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"President Report"



Hi all again.

Another month has passed. I hope that you all had a enjoyable Easter break. I'm not aware of any club trips that took part that long weekend, but if there was I look forward to hearing about them.

On that weekend though unfortunately the four wheel drive community again got the spot light shined on them when a person was killed while using a snatch strap for recovering a tractor that was stuck in a paddock.

This highlights the dangers that are involved with using a snatch strap. If you own a strap, or intend on purchasing one, make sure you get proper training on the correct use of this equipment. If you are wanting to learn the correct use of this equipment, either talk to myself or Jeff Morgan (MLR Training Officer) about getting some training.

The DTU provide a national training package on all aspects of safe four wheel driving, recovering a four wheel drive, and the safe use of all recovery equipment associated with four wheel drives. Some people may not want to have this training but still own a snatch strap. I encourage you to, as a minimum, get a good understanding of the equipment. Make sure you have the correct strap for your vehicle,

your recovery points are rated and secured to the correct locations on your vehicle.

It has been shown that if a shackle attached to a snatch strap breaks loose from the vehicle it will travel at 101 Metres per second (363 Km per hour) and with a strap length of 9 metres, you can see that you'll never be able to get out of its way if its coming towards you.

Please everyone be careful and be trained.

See you all soon.

Christian

(Toolman)

Traffic Information Tips

Courtesy of South Australian Police , Traffic Training and Promotion Section

IS YOUR VEHICLE PREPARED FOR WINTER? *Tip 6*

Check the tread and inflation of your tyres (if in doubt, check with a tyre dealer). Properly maintained tyres provide the added traction you will need on wet roads. Ensure that your tyres are inflated correctly to the recommended levels. Driving with bald tyres on a slippery surface is a major factor in skidding and aqua planning. This is where there is a layer of water between your tyres and the road

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Future Meeting Dates

June	13 th
July	11 th
August	8 th
September	12 th
October	10 th
November	14 th
December	12 th

Best Times NOT TO Drive

Insurer names worst regions for roo-related crashes

The south-east, Renmark and Eyre Peninsula have been identified as the worst areas in South Australia for road accidents involving kangaroos.

Insurer SGIC says its figures show kangaroos have been involved in more than 70 per cent of animal road collisions in South Australia.

State manager Ray Pederick says dawn and dusk are the most dangerous times on country roads, but motorists need to watch out for animals at all times.

"Be alert and aware at all times when driving on the road and keep a watch out for animals because... they can obviously be a distraction," he said.

"They can be very dangerous, a kangaroo in particular coming up over your bonnet into your windscreen, you're going to have a serious accident.

"[Drivers] just need to be aware that kangaroos and emus and other native animals do tend to come out on the roads early in the morning and... around dusk or dawn."

Courtesy of ABC News article



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SOCIAL SCENE

MID YEAR DINNER 2005

Each year we have a Mid Year Dinner in either July or August. If you know of a venue you would like to recommend for this occasion please let Linda, Jo, Julie or Lyn know in the near future so we can arrange this event.

To date The Flagstaff Hotel has been the only appropriate suggestion. Some venues only cater for a minimum of 50 guests our group is usually between 30 – 40 guests.

SUNDAY QUIZ AFTERNOON AT SHENANNIGANS

Shenannigans have a Sunday Quiz Afternoon, Are you interested? Tables can only be booked if you have lunch there or you can just turn up for the Quiz and hope there is a free table. There will be more information available at tonight's meeting.

LUCKY NUMBER

Tonight we will have LUCKY NUMBER cards which you can buy tickets. This will replace the Lucky Wheel. There will be two cards of numbers from which you can buy a number, \$1.00 per ticket and \$2.00 per ticket. The Luck Number from each card of numbers will win. The prize is money.

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

Social Committee

Safety Equipment Sale—Discount Prices

Jeff Morgan has negotiated with “Nobles” on supply of various equipment for bulk purchase for the club as outlined below, prices are inclusive of GST.

Purchase will only be made on an order of 10 or more of one group item, not mixed items.

Order will be placed once all monies received from members, no money, no order.

Item	Normal Price	Discount Price
Extension Strap 20m	\$82.50	\$50.00
Snatch Strap 8000kg	\$69.30	\$46.00
Tree Trunk Protector	\$67.38	\$41.00
4m Drag Chain	\$47.00	\$47.00

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surface causing you to lose all traction and steering.

Driving on tyres that are over-inflated or under-inflated is also extremely dangerous on wet roads.

Check brakes periodically. After driving through a puddle, check that brakes are working properly by applying them gently a few times.

Ensure that your heater demister is working correctly (use the air conditioner to clear the moisture quickly). This helps keep the inside of the windscreen clear of moisture. The inside of your windscreen will also have a build up of grease. Clean the inside with a good glass cleaner at least once a month.

Check all lights including the rear are working correctly. Clean the front lenses and remove any grime which would impede the lights full working potential.

Make sure windshield wiper blades are in good condition. Streaks or skipping on the vehicle's windshield are signs of worn wiper blades. Inspect wipers once a month and check washer solvent reservoir to ensure it's full.

Driving in the rain can be a safety challenge. Driving carefully on wet, slippery roads and in low visibility conditions could save lives. Most crashes are preventable if motorists pay extra attention and drive to the conditions.

Arrive alive, what can you do?

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- Slow down! Avoid driving through puddles of water at speed. Fast driving through these puddles may splash water into the engine and cause your vehicle to stall. Driving at a slower speed and to the conditions assists you in being prepared for sudden stops due to disabled cars, debris, and other hazards associated with wet weather driving
- When driving keep your distance from the car in front of you. Cars on wet bitumen need two-to-three times more stopping distance than in the dry so allow extra following distance between yourself and the car in front of you
- Where possible, use the most appropriate lanes when driving through heavy rain avoiding lanes where water collects at the curb
- Avoid all distractions where possible. Drivers are advised to minimize eating, drinking, hands free mobile phones, tuning stereo or applying makeup while driving, particularly in the rain. If these functions are necessary pull to the side of the road. Ensure that when you stop you have chosen a highly visible and safe place enabling other road users to see you. Consider using your hazard lights to increase your visibility to other road users
- If You need to Put your wipers on, visibility is reduced so turn on your headlights! It will help you see better on foggy or rainy days and it will help other road users see you!

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24 SH, AZ	25 SH, AZ	26 SH	27 SH	28 SH	29 SH	30

I) Club Meeting

SH) School Holidays

AZ) Anzac Weekend

II) DTU Training Committee Meeting – Cavan 07:30 pm

III) DTU General Meeting – Cavan 07:30pm

May 2005

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- I) Club Meeting
- II) 002 & 003 Skills Update—Warren Gorge
- III) DTU Training Committee Meeting & AGM – Cavan 07:30 pm
- IV) DTU General Meeting – Cavan 07:30pm
- V) Training Small Groups Course—DTU
- VII) Bendelby Ranges

June 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- I) Club Meeting
- II) Training Small Groups DTU
- III) DTU Training Committee Meeting & AGM – Cavan 07:30 pm
- IV) DTU General Meeting – Cavan 07:30pm
- V) Association General Meeting

July 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- I) Club Meeting
- II) 002 & 003 Skills Update—Warren Gorge
- III) DTU Training Committee Meeting & AGM – Cavan 07:30 pm
- IV) DTU General Meeting – Cavan 07:30pm
- V) 002 & 003 / Skills Update DTU—Kuipto
- VI) Association General Meeting—Cavan 07:30 pm

Upcoming Trips

May 2005 Bendelby Rangers :14th to 16th

Leaving Angle Vale by 7:00am. Bush Camping. Cost \$10.00 per night (\$5.00 per child) includes showers and drop toilets, wood supplied for camp fire.

Camper Trailers,, Tens or Swag

Environmental Levy \$40 per vehicle for the weekend.

Trip Leader: Jeff Morgan. 8381 5404, or Mobile 0410 665 019

May 2005 Dave Goodenough's & Murray Harding's Birthday Bash : 28th

Location " Wall Flat " River front property, Tent, Caravan, Campers welcome, Contact : Dave 8569 7229 or 0439 687 166

June 2004: Simpson Desert :11th to 25th

Adelaide — Rawnsley Park — Coward Springs — Oodnadatta — Mt Dare — Dalhousie Springs — Birdsville — Mungerannie — Wilpena — Adelaide
Anthony Tavan

June 2005 : Peak :25th to 26th

Basic Training, Bush Camping—Yet to be confirmed

JULY 2004: Anne Beadell Highway: 9th to 24th July

Head west from Coober Pedy along Anne Beadell Highway, returning via Nulbarbor. Remote Bush travelling, few refuelling places (1350km's without fuel or water), so vehicles must be prepared to suit conditions. Closing date fast approaching. Mark Curtis: Trip limit 8-10 vehicles

Internet Links

For those interested in remote travel, here's a site to check out road and other conditions before travel within Parks.

Desert Parks Bulletins

http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/pdfs/desert_parks_bulletin.pdf



MLR Club Training

Contact: Jeff Morgan
Home: 8381 5404
Mobile: 0410 665 019

Basic Training
Peake or Geranium
June 25th–26th
(to be confirmed)

Skills Update 002 & 003
30th & 31st June 2005
Kuipito

Skills Update 002 & 003
7th & 8th May 2005
Warren Gorge
DTU

Training Small Groups
4th & 5th June 2005
Unknown

Under Development:

- 1. GPS—Overview of use of GPS's - Date TBA**
- 2. Oziexplorer—Overview of use of Oziexplorer — Date TBA**
- 3. Sand Driving Training for the next Peake trip if required**

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Remember:

WIPERS ON..... LIGHTS ON

.....and remember to turn them off when you finish your journey.



MT LOFTY RANGERS

Lets Promote Our Club!!!

	Cloth Badges	\$7.00
	Car Stickers	\$2.50
	Name Badges	
Initial 2 on joining		FREE
Additional		\$6.00
Replacement		\$6.00
Sand Flags		\$2.50
Tyre Plugs		\$7.50

Please see a committee member for the above purchases.

Windcheaters (fleece lined)	\$40.00
<i>(includes name and logo embroidered on & GST)</i>	
Rugby Tops	\$52.00
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Polo Shirts (short sleeve)	\$26.00
<i>(includes name and logo embroidered on & GST)</i>	
Caps <i>(including logo embroidered on)</i>	\$13.00
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 *
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Maps	4 x Lightweight Shelters with sides.

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