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This pic was taken of a Defender at Wiepa boat ramp. Not one of ours, but rumour has it someone tried something similar in a Nissan up there recently!

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"President Report"



On our recent trip to Whyalla I was caused to reflect on the benefits of being in a 4WD club when the Cruiser's gas system developed some problems.

As we were pumping up a relatively steep section of the Myola track the supply of gas suddenly stopped and I was left sitting on the hill. There were no problems restarting in petrol and getting up the hill but I had not planned for the gas to die on this trip. Consequently I only had a quarter of a tank of petrol and quite a ways to go on the trip. At the next opportunity to stop and consider, there was a great rallying around the car to diagnose the problem. The intermittent 'bzzzt bzzzzt' sound coming from the safety cut-out controller box was a bit of a give-away.

The rest of the 'off road' section of the tag-along passed without a hitch and as we made it back to the sealed road again one of our number offered to ride slowly with me back to Whyalla and tow me any part of the way we didn't make. Fortunately the oily rag I had put in the car that morning was quite smelly and we made it back to the servo, splashed in a bit of juice and headed back to camp.

Now after lunch came more pouring over the car, removing the offending controller box, re-soldering some connections and replacing the offending part. Now while this did not completely fix the problem it did allow me to go out in the afternoon and have a bit of a play in some sand down by the beach. Ultimately on Tuesday I visited Whyalla's main Gas Man and we sorted it out ... almost.

So what are the benefits of being in a club? Need I spell them out for you? I was thankful that there were people there who cared, who had some expertise with this sort of thing and people who were willing to lend a hand. And despite it being quite a minor problem with a relatively simple solution the generosity I experienced is what this club is all about.

It is with this spirit in mind that I want to draw your attention to a constitutional matter. At the last Executive meeting it was discussed, motioned and passed that:

- Firstly every member would receive a copy of the constitution;
- Secondly, everyone who has paid their fees as of October 12 2005 would be considered a member of the club;
- Finally and most importantly, the elected Directors would more diligently uphold the duties set out in the constitution and more importantly with regard to membership (clause 16).

Practically, this means that upon the payment of fees a person becomes an associate member of the club. Then, in accordance with the constitution, an associate member can be made a full member after attending two monthly meetings and one club trip. The practicalities of this are of little importance to current members, however the Directors see it as vital to follow these procedures most diligently as in the end should litigation ensue then it is they who are responsible.

As tedious as some of this constitutional stuff sounds it is vital that we get it right and the Directors know that we can trust the current members to continue in the same manner as demonstrated by my experience in Whyalla.

Langy!



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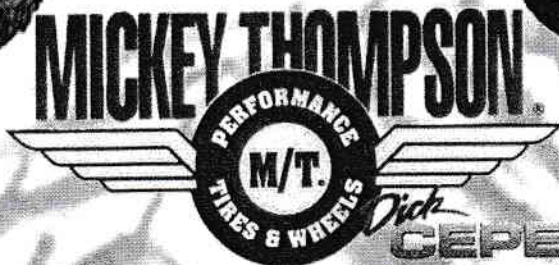
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WHYALLA 2005

The Annual Weekend In Whyalla was a huge success, with 25 vehicles from our own MLR. Excellent turn out thanks people. With 95 vehicles in all with 12 different Clubs out of 33 in S.A.

Most of our contingent traveled to Whyalla on Friday with a few arriving on Saturday morning. There were a variety of Tag-along Tours available, Places with names like Camel Hill, Myola which were scenic and in some places challenging with Terrain changing from Rock to Dirt, Steep Inclines & Declines with occasional Mud.

Saturday night was the Night Navigation GPS Challenge. Excellent fun once again. Driving to way points in pitch blackness, except for the stars and head lights. Some of us got lost but it was all in fun. Very different in the dark around Mt. Laura where the night challenge was held.

We also spent a great afternoon in Andrews Canyon which is a Rocky , Hilly, Loose Gravelly, Undulating , Challenging circuit near Mt. Laura. Then we moved on to some other challenging Hill Climbs with Loose Rock and Rock Steps.

Sunday afternoon about 12 vehicles ventured down to 8 Mile Creek just out of Whyalla near the beach to give the kids a swim and play in a lagoon that came in from the sea. Then as the tide come in we proceeded to move back inland to play in our vehicles in an area of small sand dunes.

Sunday night there was a large gathering around a very large camp fire. There was a camp cook-off Trophies and give-aways. MLR won the Trophy for the Club Participation Award with the most vehicles present. Awesome.

Monday morning most groups packed up and headed back to Adelaide. Some others did some of the other short Tours including

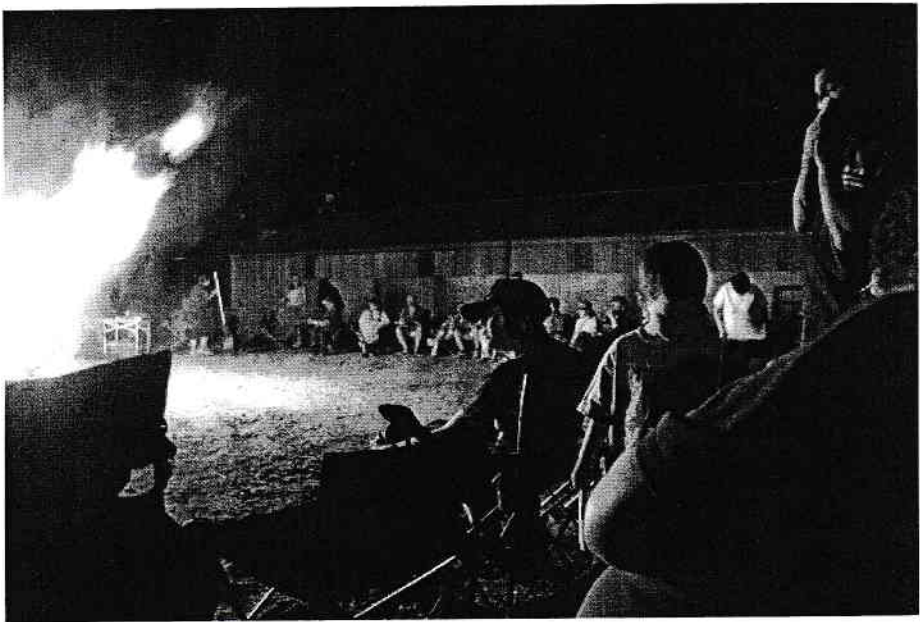
Fitzgerald Bay & the Steel Works Tour.

The event went fairly well incident free apart from a beach bogged 60 Series Landcruiser & a few punctures and few Demolished tyres.

Again thankyou to those who participated in this club trip & I will look forward to seeing all of you and more club members next year. Remember this event is put on by 4 Wheel Drivers for 4 Wheel Drivers so support this event if you can. I hope you all enjoyed the event.

Darren Callary

I was hoping to get a list of who won what as our club did quite well in a few categories, including the camp cooking. Unfortunately not received in time, so this will hopefully appear next month—Richard.



The campfire on the Sunday night was certainly roaring.



Some of the tracks up Mt Laura proved interesting.





Emma Hayes shows how to get a Zook up a hill. Below the Myola tour proved popular.



SOCIAL SCENE

CAMP COOK WEEKEND 8th and 9th October 2005

Hopefully the Camp Cook Weekend went well with lots of different dishes made, sampled by all and some helpful hints and tips learnt. Here's hoping the weather was kind to us and all had an enjoyable weekend.

DECEMBER MEETING & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION – Monday 12th December 2005

Christmas is fast approaching. Father Christmas will be coming to our December Club Meeting (as he did last year). The evening will begin at about 6.30pm with a BBQ and salads. This year we ask that each family make a gold coin donation towards the cost of the BBQ & salads.

There will also be some entertainment to keep the children amused and there is a playground and the oval for them to play on.

The meeting will commence at about 7.45pm with a coffee and sweets break in the middle. As done in previous years could each family please bring a small plate of sweets to share, there will be a table available for these to be put on.

Don't forget it is up to you to provide a present for your child/ren or grandchild/ren which Father Christmas will give them. Please wrap and name your presents, maximum cost about \$20.00. The presents can be given to Lyn, Jo or Julie at the November meeting or before 7.00pm at the December meeting and they will discreetly put them in Santa's sack.

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

Social Committee

October 2005

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

CM Club Meeting

CW Cooking Weekend at Jack's Paddock

NG Ngarkat Cleanup

RM Rocklea/Monarto camping trip

W Whyalla Weekend

4WD4WD Show—volunteers needed

November 2005

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

CM Club Meeting

MC Mt Crawford—to be confirmed

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*Some camping arrangements are more substantial than others!
President Langy gets some wheel lift up Mt Laura.*



Upcoming Trips

14-16 October—4WD Show at Victoria Park Racecourse. Volunteers needed to man the stand. Talk to Jeff Morgan if you can help.

22-23 October—Rocklea/Monarto—this is the private property where we had some pics up two months ago. If it is muddy you will definitely be able to get stuck and practice recovery. But apart from the gullies and hills, there is a great dam that will make a very nice camping area. No facilities provided, so BYO everything. This can either be a day trip or overnighter as you prefer. Contact Dave Goodenough.

13 November—Mt. Crawford. Access to some usually locked off areas with some *interesting* hill climbs available. This is still tentative pending National Parks approval. Contact Peter Ellery for more details.

January long weekend—the annual expedition to Beachport will be taking place again. Even though not a long weekend this year with Australia Day falling on the Wednesday it appears some people will be staying the full week and others a few days. More will be said at this month's meeting I am sure.

As always we need more people to lead some trips, whether 4WD weekenders or day trips that are more social. If you have an idea talk to Peter or one of the other Committee members



MLR Club Training

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

Certificate 4 Course: 22-23 October
Advisor Course: 12-13 November

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

CLUB TRAINING—Training Books: \$55

Costs associated with Basic theory, and or any training event, will be based on the number attending, venue costs and travel costs of Trainer's and Assessor's. The number of trainer's / Assessors will be determined by the club's training officer.

Club Trainers

Advisor's: Shaun Lawson, Paul Tabone.
Trainer's: Ian Manglesdorf, Paul West, Tim Byrne
Assessor's: Max Arlmond, Ken Bradey, Mark Curtis, Layne Holberton, Jeff Morgan, Christian Whamond, Ricky Esser.



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With our recent upgrade to a 2003 Jackaroo TD, our 1989 Pajero V6 Manual needs a new home. Willing worker and good pedigree - recently returned from a Coongie Lakes trip towing a Camper Trailer with no problems, and was the only vehicle not to get bogged in a recent play in the mud!. Suspension recently serviced, with new shocks and heavy duty springs, and a new CD player recently fitted for those long trips. Tyres, battery etc good, and lots of reg - to next July. It's done 260,000 Km, but it's been regularly serviced, and at \$4500 ono its a good way to start 4WD-ing without spending the big bucks. Call Jay on 0432 934 682 for a test drive (but probably not down our track till it dries out a bit more!)

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