

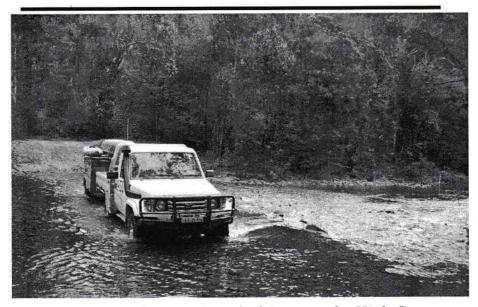
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Jeff & Lyn Crossing Crooked River in the High Country See trip report Pages 4,5,6, &7

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"President's Report



Another month has past and there has been plenty happening.

September and October have been busy months for the club. The cheese and wine night was a roaring success as well the Whyalla weekend being well run by Robin and the Whyalla 4wd club. Needless to say the 4wd show another great weekend.

As with myself there has been plenty of movements, and regrettable I will be standing down as President as Sharon, Cameron, Jessica and Myself are relocating back to Victoria. I will still be a member I hope!!

This has eventuated very quickly and I will be starting work there on the 27th of November.

May I just say that as president you need to have a great committee around you to run the club, well MLR not only have a great committee, they have a Brilliant committee. They have been a tower of support for the benefit of the club.

Thank you to my committee and I wish you ever success in the future as I believe we are on the right track

Moving on, Christmas is on its way and this year we would appreciate you bringing your families with you to celebrate the MLR Christmas party.

We really need some weekend and day trips so please get your ideas to Paul Tabone and get those trips up there. When settled in Victoria I will be discussing the option of some Victorian trips close to the border as a bit of a joint club event

Best wishes to all the members and if you are heading east please feel free to look me up

Best Regards Anthony Tavelli Fishman

South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc.



The fire ban season starts on the 15th of October, and therefore the **Border Track** (the one way northern section of the Border Track in **Ngarkat Conservation Park**) will be closed from then onwards, at this stage to be reopened on the 31st of March (although, once again, this is flexible if the drought conditions continue).

Southern Flinders 4WD Club

7th Birthday & New Clubroom Opening Saturday 16th September 2006

John and Pat Caldecott, Marianne Schmidt and Stephen Howard attended this event as invited guests on behalf of the SAAFWDC Executive. The seldom used, Road Safety Training facility, in Gertrude St., Port Pirie, has been made available to the Club under a favourable arrangement with local Council. The site includes a meeting/training room with kitchenette and toilet facilities as well as storage shedding. The Club is responsible for maintaining the site and has already erected a steel framed shade area attached to the existing building.

The afternoon kicked off at 2.00pm with welcome addresses, opening of the Clubroom and cutting of a birthday cake, followed by refreshments. Anne Beadell then gave a very enlightening account of her and her late husband Lens early times together, and in particular, her first time in the bush with Len and newborn baby Connie. Anne's presentation featured a projected slide show with some great photos. Refreshments continued as the gathering was then treated to a "boot scootin" demonstration by Club members. BBQ dinner (already served on a plate), dessert and tea/coffee was enjoyed back inside the Clubroom amongst a very relaxed and friendly group. Club membership is around the 30 mark and 10 - 12 trips/events are held per year. The Club is well supported by local business and Council. They have the added advantage of a 2 & ½ hour head start (from Adelaide) for trips around and north of Pirie and now also have a great Clubroom setup.

Congratulations to the Southern Flinders 4WD Club and we thank their Committee for the invitation and the members for making us feel very welcome.

John, Pat, Marianne & Steve.

VICTORIAN HIGH COUNTRY - OCTOBER 2006

After a great weekend at Wall Flat, and great effort from Dave Goodenough we had our last meal catered for by others for two weeks.

A big thanks to Mark Curtis, for the loan of his deep cycle battery for the two weeks its amazing how items fail at the most inappropriate time.

We headed off to Lake Fyans Sunday morning as our first stop over, a place we have been meaning to visit for a while, although a couple of years to late as the lake is suffering the same dilemma as most lakes in western Victoria area.

Up early for a paddle and inspect the fishing opportunities on the lake. The lake is renowned for its great trout fishing, the caravan park is vast and we were surprised by all the onsite accommodation and cabins.

Off to Melbourne to stay with friends overnight and catch up over a bottle of red or two and a roast dinner, and Omeo the following day.

We arrived in Omeo and visited our Melbourne friend's daughter and inspected their new home currently being built, from their bedroom they have a most spectacular view down the Omeo valley. We left and considered this is a place we could easily live in, if you don't mind knowing everyone's business.

Our plan was to camp around Anglers Rest, we ended up at Jokers Camp site about 7kms from Anglers rest just before the turn off to Falls Creek. We found the best spot set up camp along side the river, this was to be home for about six days, and no one else around – bliss!

We set out the following afternoon to cut up our fire wood for the week, as in most camps wood is scarce, but not far away there is always a fallen tree somewhere, we found plenty and cut up sufficient for the week. We had one night where it got down to -7.6°C and snowed in the morning while having breakfast (we were at 700m altitude)

The following days were spent fishing relaxing, a very easy life style, to get used to, especially as we were out of mobile phone contact.

The rivers are low and are about the same level now as they would be at the end of summer. The fishing was good with plenty of trout caught and a few meals of fillet of trout on the BBQ.

We watched a group of guys unload a eight wheel all terrain amphibious vehicle, and were starting wonder what they were up to? Apparently they were contractors for Parks Victoria and there is a huge push on destroying Blackberries, English Rose and English Broom within the Parks, all introduced flora the later not having nasty barbs.

After six days we packed up and the plan was to make our way home through Dargo to Wonangatta, well it was a plan anyway, we weren't in any hurray.

We ended up at the bottom of Harts Spur track and the park gate was locked, it was not going to be open until the Thursday before Melbourne Cup weekend. As it was late Tuesday afternoon we decided to sit it out 0.5km back from the gate at an old camp site.

The track we had come down was too steep to go back up with the camper trailer.

We left note on the gate for the ranger just in case they happened to open it earlier.

We came across two deer about 100m from us as we were about to set up camp, they hung around for a while we watched them quietly.

Thursday morning the gate was opened and we were off, down Humffray River track, a track I haven't traveled since 2001.

We stopped at the shelter for lunch, and as we were the first travelers on this track since May the fishing should be OK.

Lyn hooked 3 trout landed 1 (released) and we saw another 8 fish in 20 minutes.

We had to get going as it was starting to rain and the forecast was for some heavy rain – believe it or not!

We got out after clearing some trees (the only problem with being the first on any track after they are closed).

We had one major tree that caused us some grief which required track modifications and low tyre pressures. The tree had been cut off of the track, the track was rutted and there was a two foot step up to get over to the new track line, bit of an effort with 900kgs of trailer pulling.

We eventually got through and set up camp on the Buffalo River, just after dinner the heavens opened up, we glad we were out of the tracks.

A late start to let the camper dry out, then off to look around Lake Buffalo before heading home.

An over night stay at Dimboola caravan park and a long awaited hot shower, something we hadn't had for a while, flannel wash was the option for this trip (we did our bit for water conservation)

An easy day to get home and then the unpacking starts to remind you that it's the end of another trip, planning has already started for the next.

Footnote: We hired a camper from Paul Tabone (Adventure Off-road Campers) the trailer provide a real change, and made the trip so much more comfortable – Thanks Paul

Lyn & Jeff Morgan

PASTA A'LA HIGH COUNTRY

2 Brown or Rainbow Trout Fil-	1 Mushroom Dolmio Pasta Sauce
leted	1 Cup Pasta
1 Tablespoon of olive oil	1 Cup White Wine
1 Garlic Cloves	Salt & Pepper to taste
1 Small Capsicum Green	
1 Small Capsicum Red	
For the cheats – 250gm Canned	200
Salmon	

Preparation

Fillet Trout & skin Boil pasta until soft Chop garlic to small size Cut capsicums into strips

Boil pasta.

Heat deep pan and add olive oil brown garlic, add trout fillets (if using canned salmon do not add yet).

Once fillets are cooked, break up to smaller pieces with stirring spatula.

Add capsicums and heat for 3-5 minutes

Add Dolmio sauce.(add canned salmon if using canned fish)

Drain pasta, then add continue to heat and stir 2-3 mins.

Continue to heat, add wine and salt and pepper to taste.

Taste & serve, and enjoy

Ingredients - serves 2 people

Lyn Morgan



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SOCIAL SCENE

WINE & CHEESE WEEKEND

I am sure all who attended the Wine & Cheese Weekend had a great time.

 The wine, cheese & other food was great. Look for a more detailed article in the magazine. A big thank you to Dave Goodenough for organizing the weekend.

 weekend.

DECEMBER MEETING & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION – Monday 11TH December 2006

Christmas is fast approaching & Father Christmas will once again be coming to our December Club Meeting (as he has in previous years). The evening will begin at about 6.30pm with a BBQ and salads. There will be some entertainment to keep the children amused and there is a playground and the oval for them to play on.

There will also be a jewellery display by Joolz. (Joolz Jewellery also attended our December meeting last year) This jewellery is for sale & all purchases are cash only on the night.

The meeting will commence at about 7.45pm with a coffee & 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 present, 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 Lyn, Jo, or Julie tonight if you have any suggestions or questions regarding our events for the year. Have a great night!

Social Committee

Upcoming Trips

Summary of up coming trips:

Vic High Country – 26 Dec – 2 Jan. Trip Leader Reno.

Beachport 26-28 Jan 2007 - Trip leaders: Jeff Morgan & Steve Harding.

Pryanesse Easter 6-9 April 2007 – Trip leader Paul West.

Googs Track - 21 - 29 April 2007 -

Murray Sunset National Park – Looks like being June long weekend.

Trip leader Merv.

Yorke Peninsular – February 2007. Trip leader required.

Trip & social event suggestions from last club meeting:

Coorong trip, Golf Day, Ten Pin Bowling, Deep Creek Conservation Park day trip, Weekend at Clayton Park, Night Trip South area 4wd tracks, BBQ Lunch Barossa or Mc Laren Vale, Day trip Murray mouth, Visit Old Adelaide Jail, Visit RFDS.

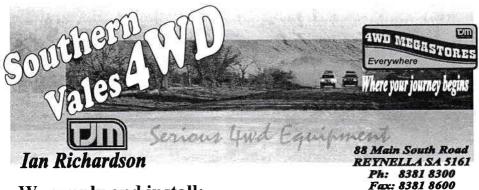
If you would like to lead any of these trips or event s please see Paul

Trip	Victoria High Country	
Date/s – Duration	26 Dec to 2 Jan.	
Trip Leader	Reno – 0418 828 372	
Convoy limit	10 Vehicles	
Distance – Kms	See Reno	
Departure / meeting point & time	To be confirmed	
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel	
RSVP – deposit	Required by end of December meeting	
Camping	Mainly bush camping	
Special requirements	See Reno	
General comments	Must have good tyres.	

Upcoming Trips

Trip	Annual Beachport Trip
Date/s – Duration	26 – 28 January
Trip Leaders	Jeff Morgan & Steve Harding
Convoy limit	More the merrier.
Distance – Kms	Approx 350 kms
Departure / meeting point & time	Southern Ocean Tourist Park. YOU will need to book your own camp site. Ph 8735 8153.
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel
RSVP – deposit	Payable to caravan park direct.
Special requirements	Sand flag, compressor & fire extinguisher in vehicle.
General comments	Some training & assessment may be available.

Trip	Googs Track via Lake Everard station.
Date/s – Duration	21st – 29th April 2007 school holidays
Trip Leader	See Paul Tabone for detailed itinerary.
Convoy limit	10 Vehicles
Distance – Kms	Approx 1300 kms
Departure / meeting point & time	Port Augusta Mc Donalds
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel
RSVP – deposit	Required by February meeting
Special requirements	Fuel & water kms to be confirmed.
General comments	Have good tyres. Bush tyres are expensive.
	Sand flag and compressor.
	Last night treat a trip out to Lake Gairdner.



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The Wall Flat Wine & Cheese Event



Good time and Good wine.

This weekend Social event was a great success and we hope to have more of these.

This type of relaxing and fun event is a good opportunity for members and families to get to know each other within the club which will hopefully encourage more people to come on Club outings.

Thanks to Dave Goodenough for organising this really fantastic trip in an ideal location.





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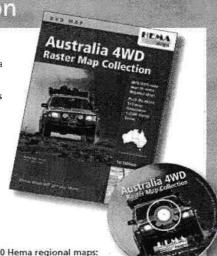
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NGARKAT TRACKS WORKING BEE - 27/28 APRIL 2007

Hi all,

Although numbers were down (18 vehicles from 5 Clubs) the October working bee achieved good results and the Maintenance Committee thank ALL those who contributed.

A special thanks to Peter H who again made his front end loader available and to 4WDSA who paid the considerable insurance premium to cover loss or damage to the loader.

Planning has commenced for the,

The next working bee to be held on the weekend of 27/28 th April 2007

Our task list is concentrated again on the Border Track. Tasks will be to delineate the "Pines & Gums" camp sites and a new site near "Hensleys Trig" and to implement the recommendations from the 4WDSA stage 2 Border Track survey at Hensley Trig and a bit more "tidying up" at the Southern end of the one way section (additional tasks available for those who want to adventure further a field).

It is also intended that the "chaining attachment" (provided by 4WDSA) be trialed on a badly corrugated section of the track. Camping will be at Pine Hut Soak.

A large part of the planning and co-ordination for this working bee will be by 4WDSA Ngarkat Tracks Maintenance Committee, enabling the DEH staff to concentrate on "other Park activities".

Several regulars have indicated they will be going up early (probably Thursday the 26th), with the intention of exploring the Victorian Parks "the other side of the fence". Anyone interested in the advance party activities, please contact me on bolto-r@picknowl.com.au and we will keep you informed as details are developed.

Regards,

Bob Bolto, For Ngarkat Tracks Maintenance Committee.



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Morgan Proposal - Overview & Update

In November 2003 the then Association president John Sandland was approached by a member of the Morgan council seeking our interest in possibly managing and having control over an area known as the Morgan Quarry. At the time the Morgan Council were considering closing the area off completely because of concerns about noisy motorbikes.

A letter was sent to the Association in **December 2003** from the Mid Murray Council. John Sandland then approached me as chairman of the DTU asking if I would look at drafting a business proposal and do some costings for fencing on behalf of the Association.

John asked that a sub committee be formed to investigate what would be required by the Association, its possible liabilities, encumbrances, etc. This committee is headed by Bill Kingston and Peter Pyman & I are its other members.

At several delegates meetings over the last couple of years I have asked if anyone else from the clubs wished to be a part of this committee or had experience in writing proposals or was familiar with council legalities, lease agreements, etc. – to date no one else has ever volunteered, however the offer still stands.

In **January 2004** an itemised budget was developed for the posts, wire, gates, etc. to cover approximately 5.5 km's of fencing. The fencing was never going to be free (as a few have been led to believe) only the labour and some machinery (hopefully) to put it in. The fence costs are \$12,000.00 and this has been budgeted for the last 2 years. In addition to this budget I had organised some Punt cable (for free) from A. Noble & Sons – to be used as strength in the fence. Nobles have since removed this from their yard, as they needed the room. We hope there is an opportunity in the future to get some more, if/when used punt cable becomes available. A detailed proposal was then written outlining things such as our Objectives, Strategies, Procedures, Timing & Cost impacts and our Organisational Status.

This was then given to the Association Executive to consider and eventually signed by John Sandland and sent in March 2004 to the Mid Murray Council.

The sub committee drove up to Morgan to meet with the council at one of their Council meetings to discuss the proposal in person, look at maps, aerial photo's etc. and talk to their environmental people.

In **July 2004** we received a letter back from the Mid Murray Council acknowledging our proposal and then advising us that we needed to fill in an attachment providing additional detailed information for it to proceed any further. They requested such information as possible building developments with detailed drawings and plans, easements, boundary fencing, site plans, vehicle access etc.

As I'm sure you'll appreciate this took some time and discussion to organise as we had to fill in council applications with the appropriate fee in order for the proposal to move forward through various departments within council.

In March 2005 this information was sent to council for consideration. Throughout this proposal there have been several council CEO's and some staff, come and go from the Mid Murray Council which proved frustrating and slowed this entire process down also.

- In June 2006 we received a letter from the Assessment Development Commission
- acknowledging that they had just received the application from the Mid Murray Council and because it's crown land it has to go through them also.
- We responded to this letter in **June 2006** and had to pay a fee \$161.00 for it to proceed through their department (Dept. of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation) and for public notifications of the application. It is currently with them and we are awaiting notification from them as to when the public notifications will be advertised.
- All of this has been documented over the years through Association minutes and both Bill and I have filed copies, so this process has been transparent from the beginning.

I have also given monthly updates at Delegates meetings and at DTU meetings when there has been something to report on.

The Morgan Quarry site has excellent potential as a training facility and offers the ability for many driver training and recovery competencies to be trained and 7 or assessed their.

It's possible to do the following:

Key stall stop/starts - forward and reverse Steep Ascent/Descent driving Winding bush track driving Drive across Sloping terrain Recovery using a snatch strap Recovery using a Winch Drive across rocky terrain

It's also possible (subject to the weather) to do some aspects of sand driving & recovery.

Norman Bee

MADIGANS TREE

Last year, on a private trip, we travelled the Hay River, crossing Madigan's path at a spot set up as a memorial - Madigan's Tree.

Peter Warbout, our resident tree expert, noted the tree was in a bad state due to ground compaction etc. and thinks it will die in a few years without help.

He believes the situation could fairly easily be rectified with better fencing to keep people back from the base of the tree and some water retention banks to trap any rain. We also have good connections within Parks to get agreement for such a project..

Perhaps this site could be adopted by the club. A couple of trips over two winters should see matters fixed. What is the general opinion on this concept?

Regards

Ken Bradey.



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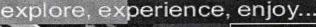
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USED FOR	CHANNEL/S	COMMENTS
Calling Established by law	11	To call or locate another station. Parties then switch to a conversation channel
Conversations	9, 12 to 17, 19 to 21, 24 to 30, 39	Used for conversations between stations
Highway Communica- tions	29	Mainly used by Truck Drivers and other Highway users on the Pacific Highway in N.S.W.
	40	Mainly used by Truck Drivers and other Highway users Australia wide but not usually on the Pacific Highway in N.S.W.
Caravanners, Campers	18	Holiday Maker's communication channel, e.g., when in convoy
4WDrivers	10	Used by 4WD enthusiasts, clubs, convoys and in national parks.
Emergency Calling Established by law	5	Can be used by anyone in an emergency situation ONLY
Repeaters Established by law	1 to 8 31 to 38	In duplex mode, repeaters need two channels to work. Receives on 1 to 8. Transmits on 31 to 38 (automatically). When within range of a repeater, it will increase the communications distance. Operation in simplex mode on these channels is not permitted when within range of a repeater.
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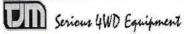
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