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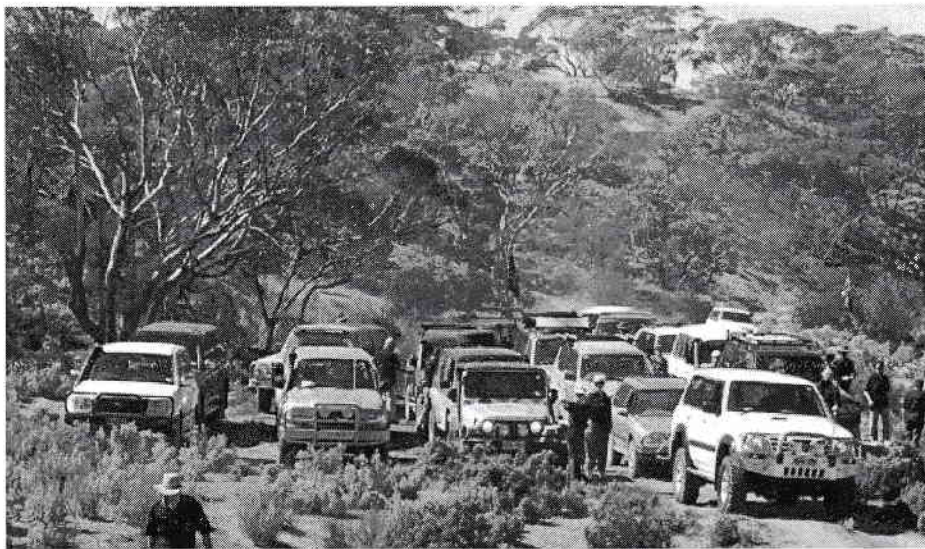
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A Great turn out at Whyalla

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"President's Report"



The past month has seen a few trips, in particular Whyalla, another great weekend put on by the Whyalla 4 wd club, MLR was represented by approximately 20 members which was great to see.

If you haven't already signed up, we are looking for members to assist at the 4WD show to be held 13 to the 15 of October, please come along to assist.

The cheese and wine night is on the 22/10 bring your best bottles of red or white and come along for a great time.

As we are getting into the warmer months now it is time to check your cooling system on the vehicle, nothing worse than an over heating car on a 40 degree day and conversely check your A/C system.

If you are not aware already but there has been a safety recall on Maasdam Jackall High Lift Jack below is the link (Details Page 3)
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The fire season is nearly upon us, the states fire ban season is being brought forward by 2 weeks to a date to be confirmed so please observe these regulations.

I hope you enjoy the sausage sizzle tonight and enjoy the evening

Pres

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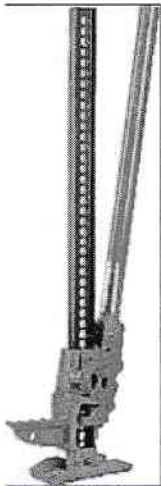
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Whyalla Weekend

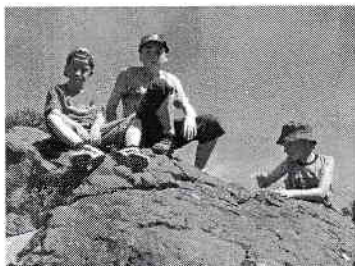
Pat O'Kane

A great weekend again at the Whyalla 4WD clubs weekend, with Mount Lofty having the largest number of members present. It was great to see so many new members there, they all seemed to be having a good time on the trips I shared with them.

Saturday morning. Corunna.

My first trip of the weekend was with part of a small convoy of just 6 vehicles including the Tavellis from our club to Corunna sheep station which was about 65kms out of Whyalla near Iron Baron. The land was very dry and there are some tough times ahead for the property owners with the drought taking hold. The station tracks were very dusty and there appeared to be little feed for the sheep and the few cattle we saw on the property. The track meanders to an old camp site used by Edward John Eyre in the 1800s, this was marked by a small plaque on a rock at the base of a prominent hill. From here we continued on a great hill climb over some reasonable sized rocks which provided some fun and led to some great views across to Lake Gairdener in the distance.

After lunch we stopped off at the Tassie dam which looked like it had been dry for a very long time. The kids in the group jumped into an old tank to look at the skeleton of a sheep only to beat a hasty retreat when a metre long snake appeared. We drove back to camp just as the AFL Grand Final began as some of the group were keen to find a TV to watch the game.



The kids at Eyre's camp site.



Mount Laura.

Saturday afternoon. Mount Laura.

I arrived back at the showgrounds just as a group was heading out for a circuit of Mount Laura, this is my favourite trip so I was easily persuaded to tag along. It was a fairly big group of about 20 cars that headed up the mountain. The majority headed up the track up the front face, a few tried a new track off to the right. This was very steep with some loose rocks on an off camber corner, it took a bit of effort to get up but those that tried all managed successfully. From there we followed some of the many tracks to the rock steps for a play. Myself and John from the Jeep club decided to tackle the steps which looked quite daunting from the bottom. After walking the track and picking a line we decided to give it a go. I didn't even attempt them last year but this time I was determined to drive up them and did so without any drama. I reckon I've gained a lot of confidence in myself and the Patrol in the last twelve months with the club. One of the reasons people join a club is for training and I've learnt a lot from all the members I've been on trips with. As we made our way back towards camp there was more interest in the footy than the driving as West Coast held off Sydney to win by a point. .

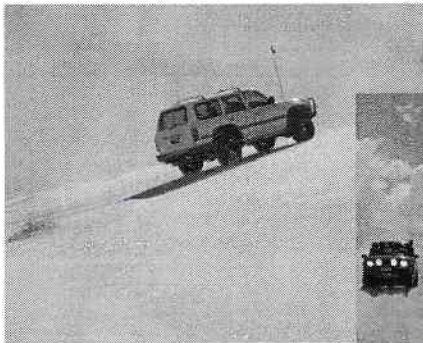
A few Eagles scarves appeared from the car in front of me along with a rousing rendition of the club song, no accounting for some peoples tastes I suppose

Saturday night. Mount Laura navigation run.

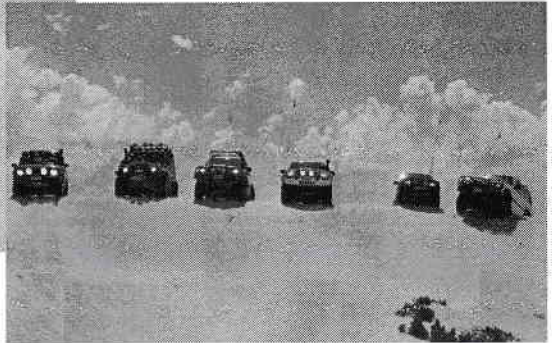
Saturday night brought another reason to head back up Mount Laura on the night navigation run. This time I was in the passenger seat of Glen Bull's Jeep Wrangler as we followed Shorty in his new Patrol to find the dozen or so waypoints along the route up to the summit. We did the trip in around two hours, I don't know if that was a good effort or not be we had fun before heading to camp for a few beers and a yarn around the camp fire.

Sunday morning. Port Gibbon sand dunes.

Another small convoy on Sunday morning of 6 cars led by Mike Hayes headed off on the trip to Port Gibbon sand dunes. This is just a great area of dunes for playing on, every bit as good as those at Robe. The sand was very soft and powdery, the dunes were steep and the sun was shining, it was just a fun day out.



Port Gibbon dunes



Monday morning. Mount Laura.

I couldn't leave without one final trip up Mount Laura, I'd forgotten the camera the first time if I needed an excuse to return. There were a few of our newer members who hadn't been up the Mount previously and they were keen to have a look and test out their vehicles. Trip leader, Andrew Hiscock, led us up the hill, through Andrew's Canyon and on to a new canyon before we loaded up the cars and headed for home.

All in all I had five trips over the weekend, sand, station tracks, hill climbs and rock hopping and all within an hour of Whyalla. Met some great new people, had a few beers with some old mates and generally had a ball. I can't wait for next time.

Trip report for 'Plank Point' trip (Weekend in Whyalla event)

Saturday 30th September **Neil Cook**

We headed out of the Whyalla Show grounds at 9am with a line up of 19 vehicles. After half an hour or so of heading south along the Port Lincoln Highway, we turned off onto the 'Murninnie Homestead' track. Stops were made at old traveler's huts and mine diggings.

Then it was down onto the sand and a steady drive along the beach. That was until our trip leader Dave (shorty) became hopelessly bogged in some very smelly and sticky goop.

Everyone looked on (and gave an opinion!) as Glen and Shorty worked together to extricate the stricken Patrol. After a couple of attempts and some extra length on the snatch strap, the Patrol was pulled out of the goop and we carried on to our lunch stop at the end of the beach track and 'Plank Point'.

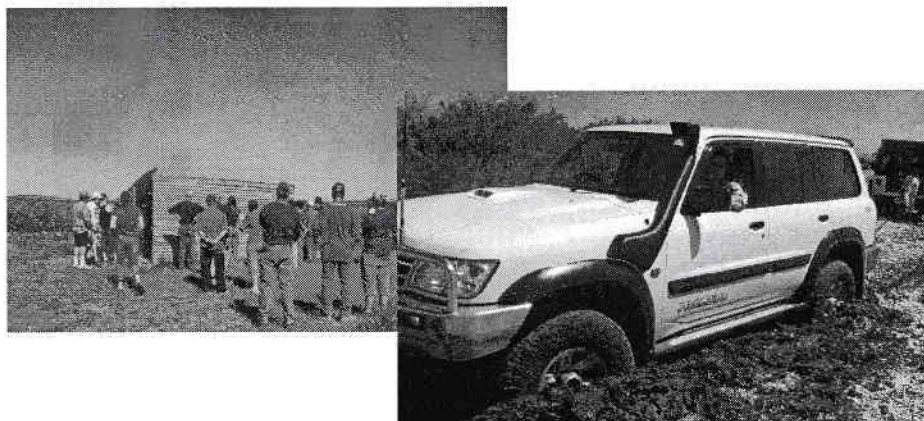
The views along the beach were awesome and were well worth the drive down. After the lunch stop, we headed back inland and followed the fence line track around the 'Munyaroo Conservation Park'.

This offered a fast and undulating track, but with some rather tight bushes in places. This gave the UHF aerial a good beating!

Unfortunately we managed to put a piece mallee through the sidewall of one of our tires! So it was all hands on deck to change the tire and many thanks to Shorty and Nick for there help in swapping the wheels.

This little mishap did let Shorty figure out which way we had to go and a quick u-turn and exit through a gate onto station tracks and then the main highway, saw us heading back to the showground's and Shorty heading for the nearest pressure washer to remove all that smelly mud!

Neil Cook



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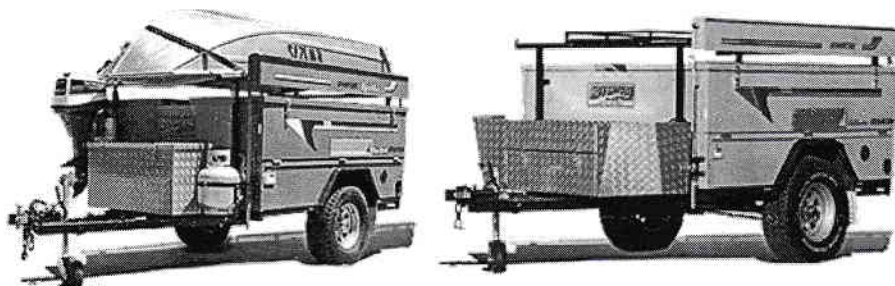
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SOCIAL SCENE

WINE & CHEESE WEEKEND – 21st & 22nd October 2006

On this weekend we are going to have a fun time trying various wines & cheeses, have a fun time playing some games (there will be games for the kids as well as the adults but all will be "G" rated). Entry will be or 1 x good bottle of wine per person, some cheese & nibbles per adult. Bring own veggies to cook in your camp oven as there will be a Lamb on the spit.

This event will be held at Wall Flat where there is plenty of room for camping in swags, tents or camper trailers. There will also be toilets available & trestles for the wine & food. Put your name on the list & come along for a great fun weekend. There will be more details at the meeting tonight & in next month's magazine of how to get to Wall Flat.

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). There will be some entertainment for the children, there is a playground and the oval for them to play on. There will be more details in next month's magazine.

Don't forget it is up to you to provide a present for your child/ren or grandchildren 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

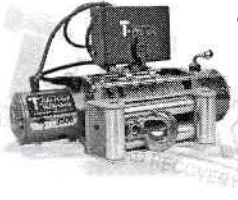
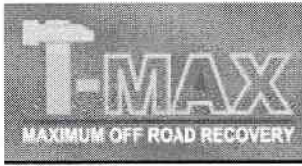
Upcoming Trips

Summary of trips:

- 1 4WD Show, Assistance to run the club stand required Fri 13 TO Sun 15.
Even a half day will be great.
2. Cheese & wine social event Wall Flat – 21 & 22 October.
3. Vic High Country – 26 Dec – 2 Jan. Trip Leader Reno.
4. Beachport 26-28 Jan 2007 - Trip leaders: Jeff Morgan & Steve Harding.
5. Pryansse Easter 6-9 April 2007 - -
6. Googs Track - 21 - 29 April 2007 – Minimum of 5 vehicles for trip to run.
7. Murray Sunset National Park **21 May is Adelaide Cup weekend** – Trip leader & dates to be confirmed.

<u>Trip</u>	<u>Wall Flat</u>
Date/s – Duration	September dates to be confirmed
Trip Leader	Anthony Tavelli
Convoy limit	Unlimited
Distance – Kms	Adelaide CBD to Wall Flat 100kms.
Departure / meeting point & time	To be confirmed
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel
Entry fee.	1 x good bottle of wine per person, some cheese & bring own veggies to cook in your camp oven as there will be a Lamb on the spit.
Special requirements	Bush camping –Camper trailers & caravans okay –
General comments	This will be a cheese and wine related social event.

<u>Trip</u>	<u>Victoria High Country</u>
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.



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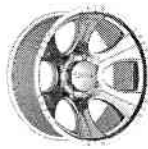
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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUBS



To: The President

26th September 2006

(Clubs that took part in CUA 2006)

Dear President,

Subject: Clean Up Australia 2007

As usual, the annual Clean Up Australia (CUA) event across the country this year was a marked success with enormous quantities of rubbish collected.

FWDSA clubs made a significant contribution. Fifteen clubs took part. Attached is the report of the event. It is through the efforts of clubs such as yours, and the members, that we are able to say that the Association has achieved something that is really worthwhile. I acknowledge the effort that goes into the

organising and the carrying out of the event. For this, the co-ordinators are especially thanked.

Following on the success of previous years, the Association intends to conduct a clean up for 2007 and I believe that the combined effort of our clubs can make another worthwhile contribution to the cause next year. The national Clean Up Australia Day for 2007 is 4th March and our event will be that day/weekend.

The FWDSA Clean up Australia Sub-Committee will again act as an overall co-ordination and advisory unit between clubs themselves and other agencies such as CUA, KESAB, DEH etc.

The clubs will organise their part as a Club Trip in the same way and under the same conditions as any other Club Trip for the weekend, the day or part day. Hence it is imperative that a trip leader/club co-ordinator be appointed so that your Club can be included in the overall scheme of things through the FWDSA CUA Sub-Committee.

March 2007 is rapidly getting closer, so I urge you to take the first step ASAP by registering your Club and Co-ordinator with John Caldecott on (08)83966817, E-mail johncald@chariot.net.au. If you require more information, he can provide it.

This year, FWDSA will be recommending that clubs use the "electronic" means of registering with KESAB, but this arrangement will not be in place until November.

A copy of the "*Report of Clean Up Australia Day 2006*" is enclosed, although you might already have it. It contains the plan used this year, which will be basically the same for next year, to give you, your co-ordinator and your members an overview/appreciation of the project.

I consider a successful outcome will again be a significant contribution to the aims and objectives of the CUA Day, which are obviously beneficial to the environment, whilst gaining valuable publicity and satisfaction for the Association, its clubs and, importantly, its members.

Accordingly, I commend the project to you and your Club for your wholehearted support again.

John Caldecott has indicated that he wants to pass on his part in FWDSA clean ups, as a going concern – and a guide for doing it is available – to someone else. So if there is a member or members in your club who will take on this important activity, please let me and/or John Caldecott know.

With Regards

(John Caldecott for)

Martin Galbreath

President

TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP



FWDSA Clean Up Plan 2007

(This is intention and not meant to be edictal!)

Clean Up Australia Day 2007 will be held on Sunday 4th March 2007. It is planned that FWDSA will

participate in the event **that weekend**. It includes:

- An Assn Sub-Committee will co-ordinate the arrangements.
- It is anticipated that most – *if not all!* – Clubs will participate.
- Each Club will have an organiser/coordinator for that Club.
- The Club will seek an area or areas either locally or further afield which could do with a good clean up. This can be done through Councils, National Parks, other groups or associations, businesses, private property owners etc. It is important to arrange for the collected rubbish to be disposed off. Most councils will oblige at no charge, but make sure beforehand.

The event will be made a Club Trip for the FWDSA clean up day or weekend of 3rd – 4th March 2007.

The Assn Sub-Committee will collect and collate information from as many sources as possible, particularly Clean Up Australia (CUA) and Keep South Australia Beautiful (KESAB), who are the coordinators in SA.

The Assn Sub-Committee will be a reference point for any questions or information sought by clubs

including documentation provided and required by KESAB and/or Clean Up Australia, eg. Site Registration Forms (SRF's).

The Assn Sub-Committee, with clubs, as appropriate, will organise publicity and media coverage including the Assn website.

Bulletins ie. *It's Rubbish*, will be circulated to clubs.

Please note that it is not intended to “interfere” with clubs that have successfully conducted their own clean up projects in the past. However, we would appreciate, for our records and for Assn consolidation, your registering and informing us of your event and, in particular, a copy of the final report to Clean Up Australia/KESAB with your comments as well as your clean up trip report. In addition, any constructive advice from your experience will be welcome.

For more information or to register your club for the 2007 event, please contact John Caldecott on 83966817 or E-mail johncald@chariot.net.au

John Caldecott
Convener
FWDSA CUA Sub-Committee
21st September 2006

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FUTURE EVENTS

TGS Update (Existing Trainers) 19th-20th August

4WD Drive Show 13th-15th October

Training Small Groups 21st-22nd October

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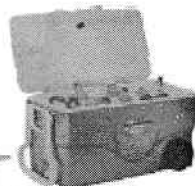
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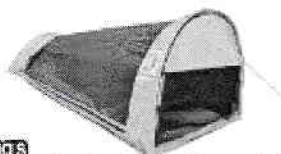


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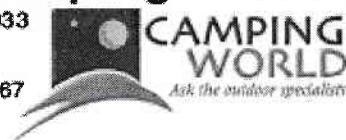
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Calling Established by law	11	To call or locate another station. Parties then switch to a conversation channel
Conversations	9, 12 to 17, 19 to 21, 24 to 30, 39	Used for conversations between stations
Highway Communica- tions	29	Mainly used by Truck 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
4WD Drivers	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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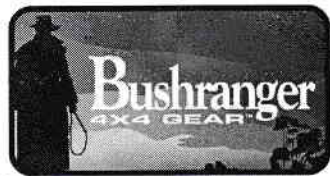
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