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Working hard at Morgan Quarry

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“Shorty’s Presidential Report”



Happy New Year to you all Welcome back to the first meeting for 2007 and what a great year it going to be.

Some exciting trips have happened in the last couple of months myself and 3 other member ventured down to the Otways State Forest south of Colac in Victoria on boxing day & wow what a great time we had ,rain & all as you will see by the photos at the meeting we didn’t want to go home. MUD, MUD MUD.

Then at end of January on Australia Day weekend, a lot of the club & I mean at least half of the club ventured down to Beachport .Some for a week & some for a few days R&R and some good sand driving. I had never encountered as much traffic in the dune on Aust day than I had ever seen before. We must of passed at least 10 groups of at least 10 cars during that day hence the trip was a long slow drive. I was surprised to see the lack of Sand Flags on other vehicles & that made the trip a bit slower as well .But I was very impressed with the number members that attended Beachport & I hope every one had a great time that attended.

Now it’s February its back to the normal grind of work, school & stuff .We will have a lot happening within the club. There will be a lot of trips nearly 1 every fortnight, also a lot of new social events happening as well. So when at the meetings have a look at the trip & social board for the upcoming events & put your name down so you don’t miss out as some trips are full ,some are filling fast . It’s a great opportunity to meet new & existing members

This year there will be a lot of time spent on training within the club. Jeff & his co trainers have set up a few weekends to do practical training. So members can get there assessments done to get their books completed & for the new members yet to do any training to get their basic training theory completed and then get start on practical training.

Hope to catch up with you all on the trips throughout the year.

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Dave Willsmore
(Shorty)

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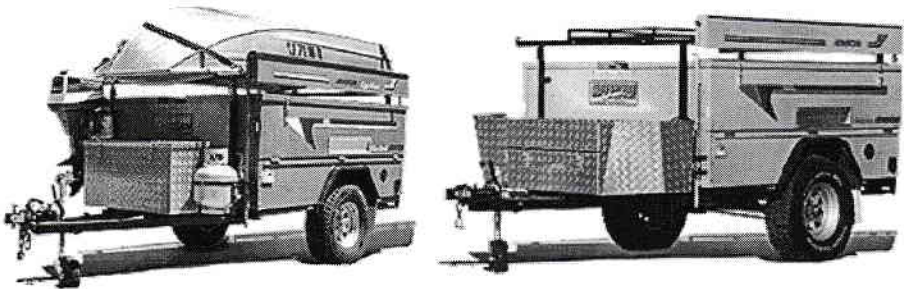
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Beachport Trip

By Sarah Allison

Beachport was my first trip with the four-wheel drive club & I had really been looking forward to it. The turnout was exceptional with forty vehicles in total. Quite a few even went a week earlier. Unfortunately I was only there for the weekend.

The weather was overcast & very windy. Quite a few of us had problems sleeping with tarps, flags & tents all flapping or threatening to take off. Apparently Shorty was attending to his tarp with just his jocks on.

On Saturday morning we split into two groups of ten & arranged to meet up later. Jeff Morgan led my group. David G's granddaughter hopped in for a ride with me. We formed a convoy Adam & Sue were in front of me. Sue was the group's photographer & got lots of great shots leaning out of the window whenever she could. Nick & Sam Bray followed me & watched in horror as my boxes bounced around the back of my Suzuki. I will secure them before my next trip, a nurse should know better! We drove along the beach where the sand was reasonably firm & the view beautiful. We entered the dunes. I guess this is where GPS comes in handy as all the sand dunes look the same to me!

Going up my first dune after three attempts I slid a little too far off the track & got bogged. Jeff came to my rescue & effortlessly snatched me out of trouble.

We all had a play on big red. Thanks Nick for being my coach & giving me the confidence to give it a go. Then it was off to the buggy club for more fun. This time it was time for Nick & Sam to get bogged. A non member in a Suzuki jumped in to help, only to get bogged himself. Another onlooker came to help and finally got them unstuck. Much discussion followed about the recovery methods used & safety or lack of it!

In the afternoon we had recovery training & were shown how it should be done. Skippy recovered me. I hadn't engaged my four-wheel drive gear properly & I was still in neutral by mistake (oops).

In the evening we had plenty of drinks, nibbles & lovely fish & chips. We watched a DVD of the Ottoways then all slept well.



Unless otherwise signed, 40km/h is the default speed limit in reserves and parks and on the beaches – but only if safe to do so – slow down and give way to wildlife and other users.

On Sunday most people headed off home early. There are always a few that put off returning to the real world. Skippy, Andrew, Matt, Pete & Jo Reed, Nick & Sam Bray, Shorty & Sheralyn & all there kids & myself went off to play again. I left Wilson (my Suzuki) behind as I didn't fancy risking a head injury with my boxes. Instead I took a ride with Skippy & Andrew. Heading back to the dunes the weather was perfect.

Doesn't the sun always come out when you're leaving. Skippy's focus was else where on the GPS or more accurately Geocashing. Time for me to escape & hop in with Matt. I'm sorry all geocashing fans out there I just don't get it. He returned with a green plastic lizard!

It was Pete & Jo's turn to get bogged next, well and truly up to their axles. They weren't quite over the top of the dune & Shorty had to do a reverse recovery on a steep slope. He used a snatch strap & a winch to give extra length and control. Easy fixed!!

Our tummies started to rumble so it was off in search of lunch, fuel & air. Still not wanting to go home we went for coffee and the girls looked at beads. The trip home was good, we stuck together and played I-spy. Thanks for making me so welcome, as well as all of your helpful advice & support. My trip was very enjoyable. I'm now looking forward to my next trip.



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BEACHPORT 07

Pat O'Kane

I was lucky enough to get to Beachport for a full week before the long weekend along with a few other club members which meant we had most of the tracks to ourselves for a few days before the masses arrived. I arrived on the Sunday afternoon and was surprised to see lots of cars being transported on trailers and tow trucks as I neared Kingston, I thought that there must have been a demolition derby on the previous night. When I arrived at the caravan park I heard about the big storm the night before and the king tide that had swamped the vehicles on the beach for the Kinston fishing competition. I believe the Koch's camper trailer took a bit of stick from the wind and was moved to a slightly more sheltered position, by the time Sunday arrived all was calm again



Steve Harding led a trip on the Monday along the inland track from Carpenters Rocks back to Millicent. A late start from me saw me catch up with them in time for a play on Millicent Hill, no one managed to drive up but Kachie was close enough for a gentle snatch to the summit. The beaches were extremely soft after the big storm on Saturday with many of the

beach access points blown out..

Tuesday saw Steve lead another trip, this time out towards the Buggy club. We found some great dunes overlooking Lake George, none of us had been to this spot before and we had a ball driving up some very steep dunes that necessitated the snatch straps getting a work out as a couple of cars bellied out on the crests. The kids in the group also had plenty of fun

leaping off a particularly high and steep dune that was impossible to drive.

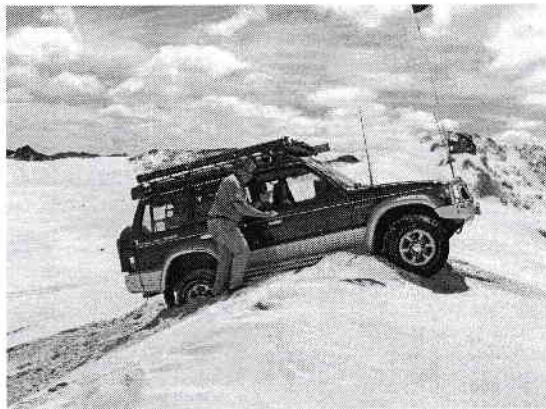
Wednesday was a day off from 4Wding, myself and the Koch family took the kids for a

tour of the Tantanoola cave, from there I went to Mount Gambier for fuel and to walk around the Mount Shank volcano, which was awesome. I drove back through some magnificent farming land that was showing no signs of the drought and was very lush and green to the Tantanoola windmill tourist drive and back to camp for a few coldies. One of the highlight of the night was watching McNaughts comet fly over, it was visible all night and was a very impressive once in a lifetime sight.

Thursday, Steve again led a trip, this time it was Beachport to Robe. As it was the day before the public holiday the track was again very quiet and we almost had the beach to ourselves. We did take a wrong turning near the buggy club which led us down a very narrow, winding track which added to the bush pin striping on most of the cars. The rest of the drive was problem free although some of the dunes were beginning to get quite rutted. We arrived in Robe just after lunch and the kids (and some adults) enjoyed ice creams on the beach and a look around the town.

By Thursday night the camp site was being to get quite full, easily the best turnout for a club trip I've seen, there must have been close to 40 vehicles. Shorty put up trip sheets for several trips on the Australia day holiday with something to cater for everyone.

Australia day. I was booked on a trip to Carpenters Rocks with a few of the new members who where on their first club trip. Steve Harding once again led the trip, and we tried to have an experienced driver either side of the new members in case anyone had a problem. Some of the new members (apologies but I can't remember all the names) had never done any 4Wding before., but we had no problems a all. The best thing was that all the new people seemed to have a ball learning what their vehicles can do and enjoying the camaraderie that a club gives you. It was mentioned to me that the friendly family atmosphere that we spoke about at the 4WD show was what attracted them to the club, and we certainly backed that up on the long weekend so well done to all who turned up.



Upcoming Trips

Summary of up coming trips:

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

Googs Track - 21 - 29 April 2007 –

Yorke Peninsular – February 2007. Trip leader required.

Murray Sunset National Park – 8 – 11 June long-weekend. Trip leader Merv.

Trip & social event suggestions :

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 Tabone.

<u>Trip</u>	<u>Pyrenees.</u>
Date/s – Duration	5-10 April.
Trip Leader	Dave Willsmore –AKA Shorty
Convoy limit	Unlimited
Distance – Kms	? kms
Departure / meeting point & time	See info sheet.
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel
RSVP – deposit	
Special requirements	See Dave.
General comments	Have good tyres.

Upcoming Trips

<u>Trip</u>	<u>Googs Track via Lake Everard station.</u>
Date/s – Duration	21 st – 29 th April 2007 school holidays
Trip Leader	Collect info from Paul re parks passes etc.
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.

<u>Trip</u>	<u>Yorke Peninsular</u>
Date/s – Duration	Fri 18 – Sun 20 May
Trip Leader	Paul Tabone 0417 080 663
Convoy limit	Unlimited
Distance – Kms	kms
Departure / meeting point & time	To be confirmed
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel
RSVP – deposit	
Special requirements	Compressor.
General comments	This is a joined trip with Yorke Peninsular 4wd club



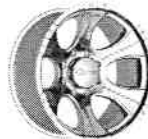
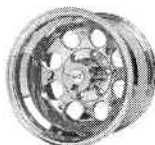
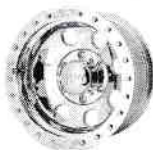
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We are in the early stages of organizing our mid year dinner. We will advise you more details in future magazines.

CAMP COOK WEEKEND – 19th & 20th October

We will once again have a Camp Cook weekend at Jack's Paddock, Kuitpo. Mark your diaries now & more information will follow.

OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

We are looking into have a day trip to the Barossa Valley, maybe a track or to, some wine tasting & having lunch at the Tanunda Hotel. We will also have another Wine & Cheese night. If you have any other suggestions for a fun day or afternoon please let Lyn, Julie or Jo know. We will advise you of more details soon.

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

OTWAYS Trip Report

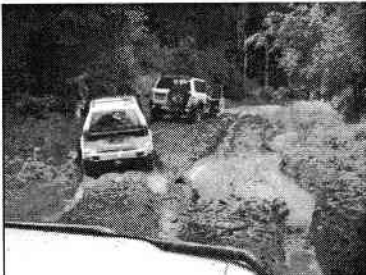
By Shorty

Boxing Day drove from Barham NSW drove thru Central Victoria & very dry & met up with Nick at Colac ,topped up with fuel & beverages. Headed down thru Gellibrand to Beech Forest & met up with Matt. Believe it or not it was raining Matt had done some early looking around for a campsite and found one at Redbanks which sits on the Aire River surrounded pine trees and tree ferns. We set up camp & got the fire going plenty of firewood around it continued to rain thru the night.



Day 2 Wednesday

Awoke to more drizzly rain, stoked up the fire had breaky and planned our day around the fire. We headed off to Beech Forrest to ring Skippy to give him a waypoint for the campsite. Drove to Deppler Creek track very muddy & huge wheel rutts we all got stuck several times a lot of snatch recovery & winching. Half of this track took 2hrs to do 2kms We then headed back to camp to have lunch & meet up with Skippy. That afternoon we headed out and completed the rest of this track a lot easier the dozer had been down this track and smoothed it all out . We then went investigating and found a few other tracks that were very overgrown & and had not been traveled on in years & some impassable but interesting we then headed back to camp and stoke up the fire and have a couple of cans.



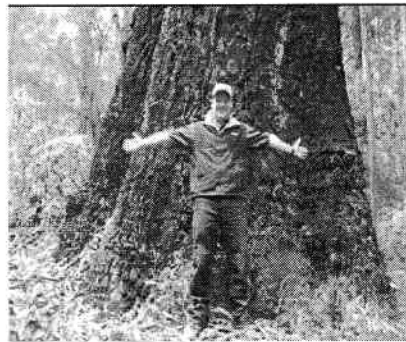
Day 3 Thursday

The rain was starting to clear and some sun started to shine we decided to go to Apollo Bay for the day. Was it crowded it I think half of Melbourne was there Yuk .We did some shopping & some got fuel .Then had to line up in and take a ticket in the local bakery to get a Pie (how strange) Drove around to a couple of lookouts & took in the views and headed back to camp.



Day 4 Friday

Skippy was trip leader and we headed to Beech Forest then down a series of tracks that were very dry & looked like they were freshly graded. The dust was so bad that you couldn't see past your bonnet at some stages .We stopped to look at the magnificent gums they were huge. We then proceed to look at other camp grounds. Dandos campground was very large could easily take 50 vehicles, then off to Lake Elizabeth for lunch. Nice place another campground that can take 50 vehicles. We went for a walk to look for the lake but after walking for about 2Km and not finding it we headed back to eat lunch. Myself (Shorty, Sheralyn & Jack) had to go Colac to make some phone calls and the other did more tracks & headed back to camp.



Day 5 Saturday

Matt, Skippy, & myself when down to play in the mud along Deppler Creek track for a couple of hrs. Nick had to go to Apollo Bay to get fuel for himself & fill up jerry cans for Skippy.

Went to have a look at the Otway Fly which a treetop walkway thru the rainforest some us went on it and some stayed back & had a coffee. We met some other South Aussie 4wders from CORE 4wd Club & they said that Robertsons track was quite good. We told them to go down Deppler Creek Track but be prepared. Then went for a drive down to Aire Crossing very nice campground. We then came across the largest gum trees I had ever seen (see photo) We then drove down a series of different track which were fairly easy going. Then on to Robertsons Track fairly easy drive one small makeshift bridge crossing and a couple of wet patches pretty easy. Matt said to me that the core 4wd Club said this track was good & we sent them down Deppler creek we were all thinking they my god they my never get out.



We then headed up Middleback track easy track all gravel for the log trucks which we came to along the way, so we stopped and had a look at these we then headed back to camp for some refreshments & dinner for the rest of the evening.

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The weekend is a great way to have a look around the Park, whilst helping in maintaining the tracks (including the Border Track) and visitor facilities.

Tasks to be completed this April include delineation of new and existing campsites, closing/fencing off minor detours on the Border Track, implementing changes to Hensley's Trig (including fencing off diversions and revegetation), trialling the "chain attachment" to reduce track corrugations. Other options open include searching for the old well site behind Dogger's Hut, clean up of the old Piggery site, collecting seed and re-opening certain sections of the original Border Track.

The base for the weekend will be the lovely Pine Hut Soak Campsite, one of the best campsites within the Ngarkat Conservation Park (and for those of you who don't like to "rough it" too much, there are basic toilet facilities!)

The Murraylands National Parks and Wildlife team look forward to seeing you there.

Donna Nussio Senior Ranger, Mallee

Meeting point-Pine Hut Soak Camp site

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Will you be bringing a trailer?

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Beachport Trip Report

By Trevor Hill

Hummm looks good was my response when Darren stepped back and wiped the sweat from his brow after fitting my new Mickey Thompson MTZ's . (Darren Callary from Total Traction Tyres, Club Sponsor that is). Can't wait to try them out at Beachport next week.

But before heading off I had some vouchers in my pocket courtesy of the Club Xmas Show. So it was off to Southern Vales 4WD to check out the range of absolutely essential items available (well that's what I told the missus anyway). After pouring over each item (drooling actually) I was forced to buy a receiver block that fits in to the tow bar of the Prado and takes a Bow Shackle (rated of course), but what to keep it in ah ha a recovery kit bag, perrrfect. After thanking the club sponsor (Ian Richardson) and hard working committee member.

There was just one voucher to go Horizon Leisure & Camping World where another bargain was had and yet another club sponsor thanked. Gee those vouchers only cost me about \$150 all up oh well could have been worse.

That's right the trip report, Friday Beachport to Robe and back again, 11 of us set of on the adventure following Shorty, with Cruiser in tail end Charlie or was it Skippy it was hard to tell as we wove our way down the beach in and out of the dunes. But a big thanks to all for looking after all of us.

Starting out we entered the first cove on to the beach greeted by the green swell of the unspoiled waters of the lime stone coast. The beaches this side of Nora Crean were firm and an easy drive. It was not long before we left the beach again entering the sand dunes briefly before returning to the beach. This continued to the whole day on and off the beach as we made our way towards Robe. We arrived at Big Red and found the Toyota Club already there trying out their vehicles on the steep short climb. They saw us and quickly regrouped and moved on. We had a short play before moving on to the first of any real challenge (apart from the challenge of keeping the group together) a short steep decent on soft sand with a drop off to the LH side leaving a narrow exit. Too much speed and the car naturally wanted to go over the edge. All 11 vehicles past without incident and it was not long before we found a dune on the beach, steep with a sharp RH turn which we took us straight back to the beach. As the third car up I did not want to carry too much momentum and so backed off to early 2nd attempt was enough to carry me over. Daryl in the rangy was trying hard to carry as much sand off this dune as he could using the sand scoop he had fashioned as bash plate between the bull bar and front axle. Everyone made it up and over eventually.

We found a good number of clubs on the trails all of who recognised the persuasive manor of our trip leader as old sliver tongue talked them in to pulling over for us. Thinking about it all the groups we came across moved over to allow us first passage. Well done Shorty.

We stopped for a short break on one of the beaches to allow all to bunch up as there were hundreds of 4WD's on the tracks that day. As we kept on the move there was some debate as to the rights to privacy on the beach. Some were heard to say that if they wanted privacy on the beach they should keep their cloths on at least their cosies. As we passed through Nora Crean slowing to keep the dust down we worked our way back to the beach along some more tracks.

The sand was much softer on the beach on the Robe side of Nora with many in the group dropping down to low range. As we came around the Bishop's Pate to the small 400 m cove we came across a Prado driver who obviously did not know about letting his tyres down. Don't figure, if he was smart enough to but a Prado you would think he would be smart enough to let his tyres down. Any way as we came around on to the cove there were 4WD's every where as some one tried to tack the tracks near the water and had to be pulled out. I'm sure the people who left the tracks the first time met with the same fate. Easter 2 years ago I saw about 20 or more vehicles bog in the same cove. The sand was coarse and very loose and you could sink into it easily. Off we went again and made it in to Robe just in time for our planned 1pm lunch break at closer to 3pm. But time fly's when your having fun.

After a short break some elected to reinflate their tyres and head back to Beachport via the black top the rest of us elected to head back via the same route. Funny it's just as fun the second time and from the other side. I'm not sure who it was (Paul I think but I will stand corrected) got an opportunity to show his commitment to his self recovery philosophy as we sailed past a bogged Toyota (he did have some one with him who it was said "looked like he knew what he was doing"). Them Datsun drivers can be nasty. Mate of mine Graham who come along for the first time (he left his Patrol home this week end something he now regrets) was amazed at the friendliness shown to him by the club members on the whole week end and asked how long I had know everyone, which I replied "many just as long as you have". His other comment was "does anyone in the club have a standard vehicle" to which I replied "why would you".

Any way before I cost the club an extra tree in paper on this report, for my first time going all the way, well from Beachport to Robe any way, it was great to do it with the confidence of a group and the enjoyment of new friends to share it with.

I would have listed everyone but I forgot to get the list of Paul, some thing learned for the next report.

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TRAINING DATES

Morgan Proposed Date: 17/18th February (happens to be a fly fishing weekend - sacrifices!)

Clean up Australia 4th March

Peake: Fixed Date 3/4th March - last couple years has been hot.
Need to bring fire wood.

Peake: Ken Bradys booking which we have access to 23/24th June.

4x4 Show 12-14th October

Camp Cook 19-20th October.

DTU Skills Update Morgan 14-15th April

DTU Skills Update Kuitpo 28-29th July

DTU Skills Update Peake 3-4th Nov

Advisor Course 24-25th March & 10-11th November

Assessors Course TBA

Trip Leaders

For those Trip Leaders planning trips this web site is good value

<http://www.toiletmap.gov.au>

For those with Garmin GPS's check for your latest updates

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Club Trainers

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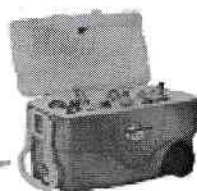
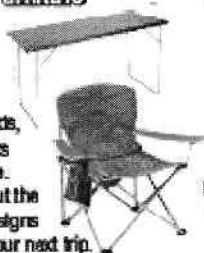
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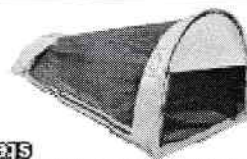


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Committee Nominations

Committee Nominations are being called for next year 2007/2008

If you know someone who is interested in becoming a Committee Member or are yourself interested please fill out the Nomination form in next months newsletter. All nominations must be in by the close of the April Meeting. No nominations will be accepted at the AGM when the vote will be taken.

You must be nominated and seconded for the positions.

A new position of Merchandise Officer will also be created. This position involves the ordering and distribution of Club Uniforms, Hats, Badges, Car Stickers etc. and will be responsible for the collection of monies for such items.

Thank you

Upcoming Trip

Painted Desert ~~June~~ 7th -15th

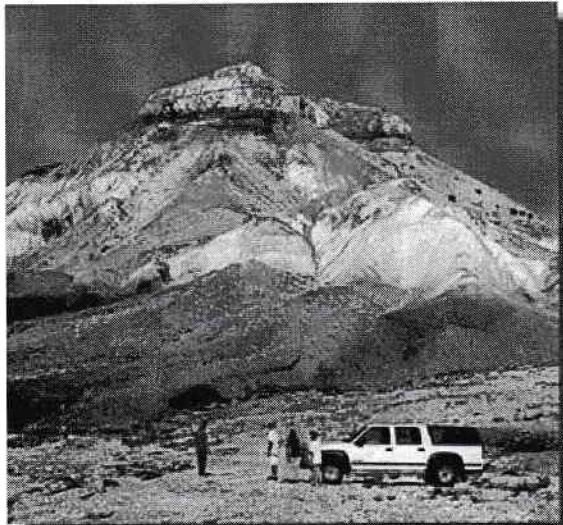
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I'm planning a trip to the Painted Desert in the ~~June~~ school holidays. The itinerary is very flexible and will depend on what the individual members want to see and do along the way. The plan is for a scenic drive through the Flinders, probably spending one night camped in Chambers Gorge, if anyone wanted to add a drive such as Sky Trek or similar we should have time to accommodate that. From there I would like to head to the Oodnadatta Track via Talc Alf's gallery at Lyndhurst probably to Coward Springs, then up the track to Oodnadatta. There is a surprising amount to see along the track from the natural springs, to Plane Henge at Alberrie Park and numerous old railway and telegraph station sites. The best of these is the Peake repeater station which is a slight detour along a fairly rutted track. We will also pass and possibly camp at Algebuckina bridge alongside the Neales river before heading to the Pink Roadhouse in downtown Oodnadatta.

The Painted Desert is by all accounts a photographers delight with a couple of possible camping options available to us for an overnight camp to catch the best of the dusk and dawn over Arckaringa Hills. I haven't been there but all those who have tell me it's well worth the effort. From here we head back towards either Cadney park or Coober Pedy. Before heading home.

I've allowed plenty of time to make it a fairly leisurely and relaxed trip which should be easy on both vehicle and driver. Whilst being in the outback and fairly remote there are fuel and facilities available along the route and the only real requirement is for good quality all terrain type tyres, preferably with a second spare. Rain can be a problem in the outback with heavy rain closing the tracks, in fact the Painted Desert road is still closed as I write this following the rain in January, so the trip going ahead will obviously be subject to the tracks being open.

Cheers Pat O'Kane





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SA 4X4 Series

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The 2007 challenge will be held at the same site on the 10th, 11th of March, we have some surprises for last year's competitors with some changes to the track.

For those who didn't see the event, we have two tracks, one wet, one dry the object to see how quickly you can get around the track. The winner is the one who gets around the track in the least amount of time



Both tracks are designed so that a standard 4x4 with some good tyres eg. Toyota Hilux can complete the course. Low 4x4's such as Ford escapes do not have enough ground clearance.

For those with the full on 4x4 we have the Henschkes Pit, which will definitely sort out the boys this year. The event is restricted to 60 competitors, so get your entries in early. Those who are interested in a three way round with Glendambo challenge and the Riverland challenge tick the box on the entry form.



So get your 4x4 ready and come down and get dirty.

For further info or entry form go to www.sa4x4series.com



4WD Tourist Maps - Limestone Coast

This **zip** file contains PDF files of maps, distance charts and driving advice for:

- Beachport Conservation Park
- Little Dip Conservation Park
- Canunda National Park.

They were developed by and are provided free of charge by the **Wattle Rangers 4WD Club Inc.** (Beachport) in conjunction with the *Department of Environment and Heritage* (National Parks) to visitors intending to travel along the Limestone Coast between Robe and Carpenter Rocks in 4 wheel drive vehicles. It is assumed that the traveller will based in Beachport and all directions are written as such.

All maps and charts are in A4 and can be printed using this size. However, because of the large amount of information on it, Canunda Map 1 should be enlarged to A3 making it easier to read once printed.

4 wheel driving along the Limestone Coast is among the best in Australia but it can be fraught with danger for the unprepared. It is therefore advisable that:

- drivers are proficient/familiar in the use of their vehicle in beach/sand conditions
 - drivers have and are proficient in the use of basic recovery equipment (rated snatch straps and 'D' shackles etc.)
 - vehicles are suitably fitted out with appropriate recovery points – NOT TIE-DOWN POINTS
 - drivers travel with at least one other vehicle for safety
- vehicles display a RED flag on a tall (2-3m) pole

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the maps, they are intended to be used as A GUIDE ONLY.

If you have any queries or suggestions, contact me on (08) 8735-8661 OR email harrdh@oepi.net.au.

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**Any one requiring this zip file please call
Ian Richardson or Dave Willsmore
And it can be forwarded to you**



P.S. Look out for vehicles displaying a triple, triangular flags of RED, BLUE, YELLOW – these flags identify members of the **Wattle Rangers 4WD Club** who are always willing to have a chat about the region.

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4WD Drivers	10	Used by 4WD enthusiasts, clubs, convoys and in national parks.
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