



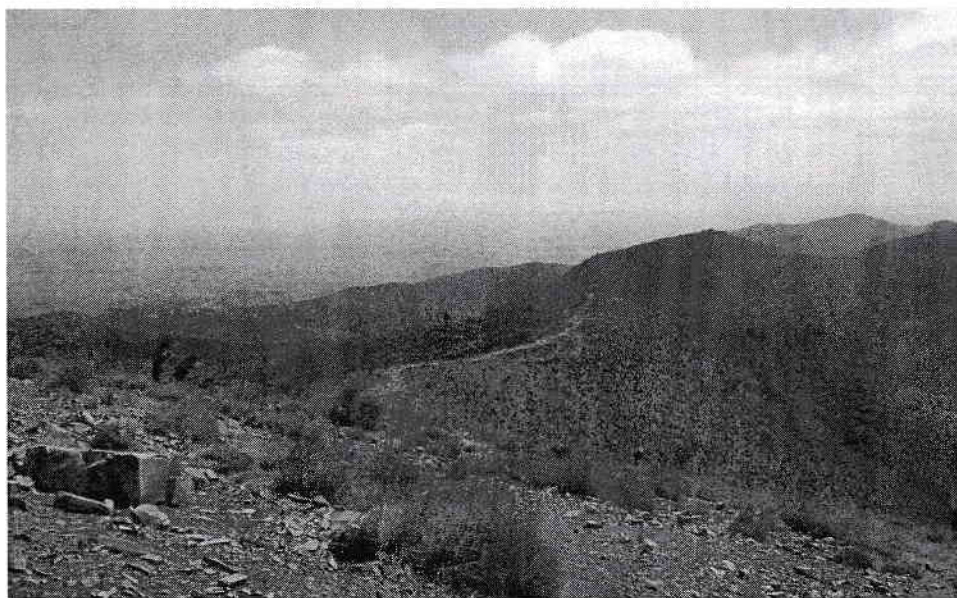
# Rangers' Review

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*Argadells Outlook from Mark & Leonora - Oct L/W/End*

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# **Mount Lofty Rangers Inc.**

## **About Us**

The clubs aim is to enjoy all aspects of owning and using our 4WD's while enjoying the diverse surroundings offered by this great country. We are a club of 4WD enthusiasts who enjoy challenging driving, regular trips, camping, camp cooks and a great social scene on and off track.

## **Membership**

Membership is open to anyone who owns a 4WD regardless of its make or model and has a passion for driving. Mount Lofty Rangers Inc is an affiliated member of the SA Association of 4WD Clubs.

## **Club Outings**

The Mount Lofty Rangers provides regular day, weekend and extended four wheel drive trips, lead by experienced trip leaders. Trips are rated on the level of difficulty and are available to all members and guests.

The club has a dedicated social committee who also organises regular events that compliment the club trips.

## **Experience and Training**

Our current members possess a wide range of skills ranging from beginner to advanced. The club has a number of accredited instructors and assessors, and is involved in regular training via the SAAFWDC Driver Training Unit.

## **Meetings**

Club meetings are the second Monday of each month\* and are held at the

**Blackwood Football Club**

**Trevor Terrace**

**Blackwood**

**Time 7:15 pm**

\*Except where this Monday falls on a long weekend then the meeting is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month

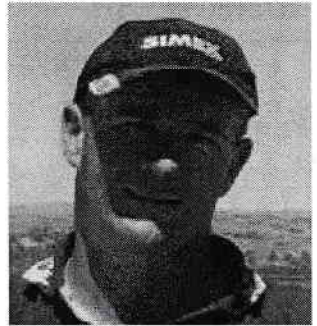
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**MT LOFTY RANGERS UHF CLUB CHANNEL NO 27**

# *"Shorty's Presidential Report"*



Hi All,

Another month has gone by and it's only 44 days till Christmas. But I'm sure you don't need to be reminded of this. Even better it's 41 days until some of us leave for the High Country trip I can't wait.

Now there will be some changes to trips sheets on the trips board these will start in the new year as soon as someone puts up a new trip (PLEASE). Several things that are changing, an email address will be required & compulsory deposits will need to be paid on every trip with a vehicle limit. These deposits will be refunded on commencement of the trip by the trip leader. Confirmation will also be required 7 days prior of trip start date. We will also be supplying more information on trip sheets to help you decide or prepare for the trip.

**First Aid Course** is now booked for Dec Sat 8 & Sun 9 at Wade Training at Morphet Vale COST \$120 this is a Full Senior First Aid Certificate.

We require 10 members on the list we currently have some members on the list but we would like to have more. Just remember you don't know when you will need it. Some of the places we travel to are remote and medical assistance may take some time to get there and you being a qualified first aider may make the difference. It may be a small cut to snake bite or come across a vehicle accident.

**YOU MAY SAVE A FAMILY MEMBER OR A FRIEND OR A COMPLETE STRANGER BUT YOU HAVE SAVED THEIR LIFE** , Just because you did a two day course.

Please don't think someone else will do it. Do it for yourself & your family & friends.

Christmas Show at Wall Flat is on Sat Dec 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a BBQ supplied. So all members that are attending can you please bring a salad for the Saturday night Anyone that would like to come up on Friday night is quite welcome to do so there will be a camp fire going on both nights. Saturday afternoon we will be having some picnic races e.g. sack race egg & spoon race. So if you haven't got your name down do it and come along. There will be a \$5.00 per head charge to cover the cost of the meat & hire toilets kids under 12 free. The charge needs to be paid tonight at the meeting so see Trevor Hill.

See you on a trip.

Dave Willsmore ( Shorty)

**Rangers Review**

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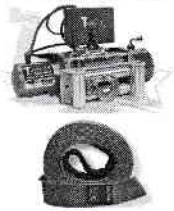
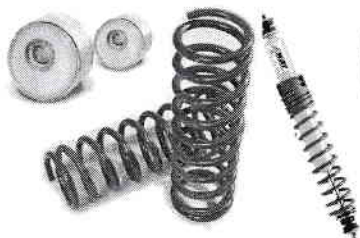
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# Caravan & Trailer Definitions

from Caravan & Camping Industry Association NSW

## ATM (Aggregate Trailer Mass)

The total laden weight of a trailer, which includes the tow ball mass and whatever you add as payload (eg. water, gas, luggage). The ATM is specified by the trailer manufacturer and must not be exceeded.

## GCM (Gross Combination Mass)

The maximum laden mass of a motor vehicle plus the maximum laden weight of any trailer(s) it can tow. The GCM is specified by the vehicle manufacturer.

## GTM (Gross Trailer Mass)

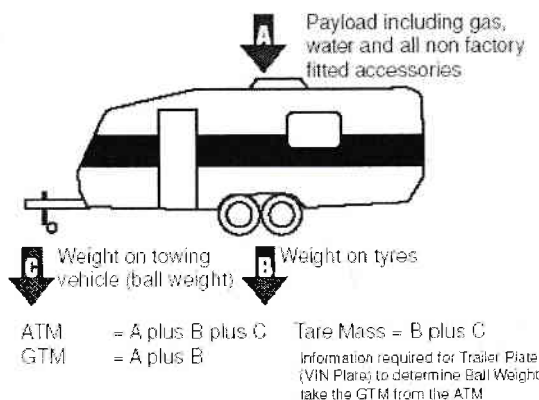
The total permissible mass which includes whatever you add as payload (eg. water, gas and luggage) that can be supported by the wheels of a trailer. This does not include the mass supported by the tow ball. The GTM is specified by the manufacturer and must not be exceeded.

## Tare Mass

The unladen weight of the trailer.

## Tow Ball Mass

The weight imposed on the rear of the tow vehicle's tow ball from the coupling of a trailer or caravan.



## Payload

Payload is specified by the manufacturer. It must not be exceeded under any circumstances. Safety, insurance & warranty may be affected if the specified payload is exceeded.



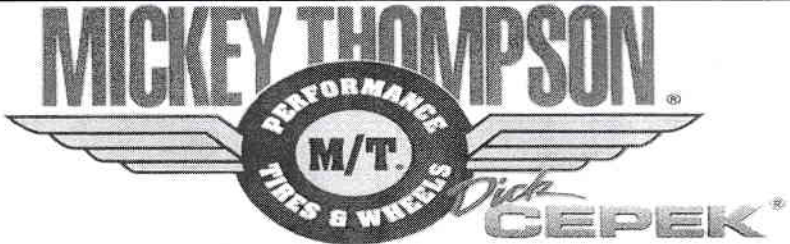
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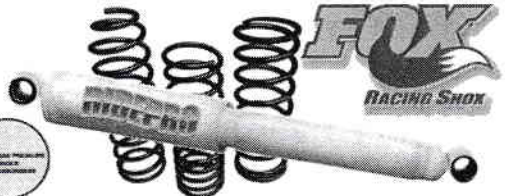
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# QUIZ NIGHT

Due to difficulty at this time of year for people to arrange a free night we have decided to change the Quiz Night to the 1st of March

Get a table of friends together for a good fun night

Test your general knowledge

Everyone knows the good time had at these nights so Mark it in your diary and let the Social Committee know of you interest.

More information available soon

# Christmas at Wall Flat

Social event at Wall flat over the 1st-2nd of December W/End

Join the fun at the start of the festive season

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Games and other activities will be arranged

See Up Coming trips for details

Cost \$5.00 per Person Children under 12 Free  
(Payable tonight)

Everyone to bring Salads for the BBQ

Cost covers BBQ Meat & Portable Toilet hire

**THE ARGADELLS**  
**OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND 2007**  
**BY GREIG LANG**

It's almost true to word I guess and I'm sure many of you would agree that these trips away with the club can not come around quick enough. Unfortunately, the time we spend away also seems to go rather quickly.

It's the October long weekend and this time around we are heading to the Argadells in the southern flinders rangers.

The trip up was rather uneventful except for some local nut case in Stirling North that was very eager to vent his road rage towards the Nissan which appeared in his rear vision mirror.

Our trip leader on this occasion is Donald Ward and most of us on this trip met at the camp site. The Argadells is very easy to find and the maps we acquired from Malcolm at the homestead were very self explanatory so finding 'Woody's place', which was our camp site, was very easy.

The weather was great for the weekend but I didn't actually get to camp until about 4pm so it was a priority to get the tent sorted, crack open the esky, join the others around the fire and begin to enjoy the few days that lay ahead.

Saturday morning was an early rise for some and not so early for others. OK, I mean not so early for me. We all got going about 9.30am and headed north towards Stevens Gorge. It was great to get onto some tracks at long last.

Just past Stevens Gorge we headed up a reasonable incline after passing through a dry creek bed. It was Andrew I think who decided not to take his Pathfinder through this section so he waited for us to return as this track was a loop and would eventually lead us back to where we began. On our return Andrew was able to take some excellent photos and video as we all made our way back through the creek bed.



It was now time to head up towards Mt Arden. Mt Arden stands at 844m and being the highest vantage point on the property we were assured some spectacular views from the top and some good tracks to get there. It was truly a breathtaking view. It was a one way track on the way down and yes we were going the right way. We traversed this track until we reached the bottom which was just west of the South Gorge. It was here that we stopped for lunch.

After a quiet stop for lunch we headed back towards camp as some were keen to catch the dying moments of the grand final on the radio. I think the phrase 'dying moments' is rather an understatement though! It was also a good opportunity to organise our fire for the evening and begin preparations for our dinner. There were at least three of us that had a new camp oven to break in and this was their maiden cook off.

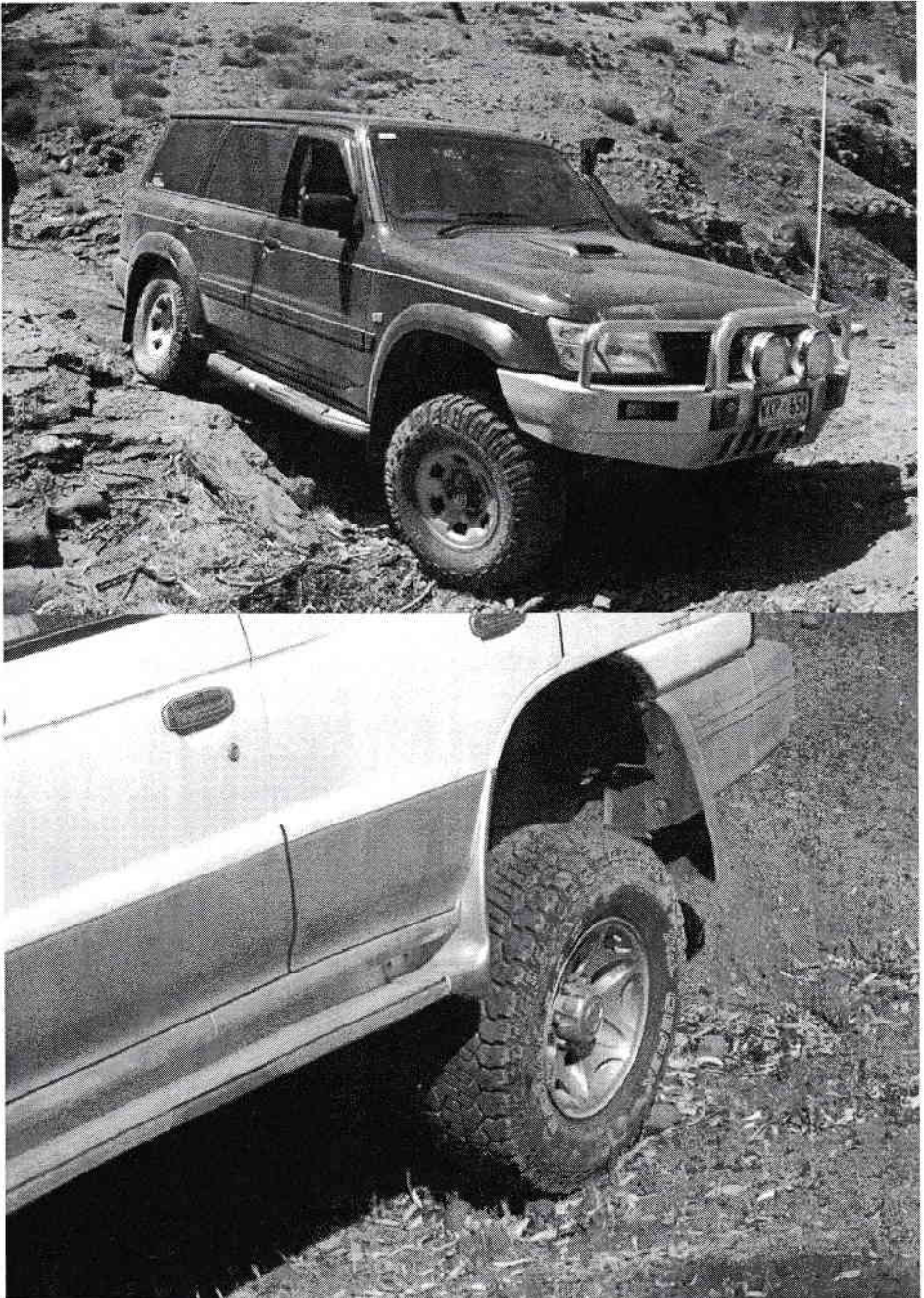
It was a good night with a magnificent meal, plenty of wine and good conversation that was had by all. Don and myself were last to hit the hay. This was evident on Sunday morning. Rob was also not a happy camper as his beloved boys in teal had let him down dismally. Go the CATS.

There were a few late arrivals Saturday arvo so don took them out to where we had been yesterday and the rest of us made our own way around the property on Sunday. It was about now that an unusually louder than normal noise began to erupt from the engine bay of my Patrol. Everything seemed ok though so we pushed on ahead.

We headed out of the property for something different and made a group decision to go take a look see down Warren Gorge. It was a pleasant trip and it was here that we stopped for lunch before returning to the Argadells.



When we arrived back we headed towards the South Gorge again for a play through the creek beds and to see how good our articulation was. We spent several hours playing around here before heading back through Cockroach Valley towards Woody's Place. It was about now that the Patrol really started to sound like a chaff cutter. There was definitely something a miss and unfortunately I was to find out later what problems lay ahead for me.



Rob and I headed out with Don towards Buckaringa Gorge where we found a rather sizable tree to drag back to camp. This was to be our last camp fire before heading back home on Monday.

It was tonight we were to head back up Mount Arden to watch the sun set. It was truly a sight not to be missed. One we all enjoyed I think.

Earlier on Sunday arvo Don came over the radio with a challenge to any one who could conquer a rock and hill he had found earlier that day. Not to be one to walk away from a challenge and after Don showing us the photos on Sunday night, we were all looking forward to Monday morning which was when all of us were to experience what we had now nick named 'DON'S ROCK'

After arriving at Dons Rock the challenge was on. It did look tricky but certainly not undoable. Gary was first up, no problems what so ever; followed by myself, Neil, Chris, Mark and Jim. Hope I didn't forget any one. Oh yeah, not one to be beaten by his own rock, Don decided that he was most definitely not going to be stuck on the wrong side of this one and after a few attempts he had finally conquered Dons Rock.

Rob and Lena decided not to attempt this challenge; I think Rob wants a suspension lift from Santa this Christmas Lena; so after climbing the hill which lay in front of us and heading back down the other side, we all met up with Rob, Lena, Emily and Jared. Time was now flying past at a rapid rate and after a short break it was time to head back to camp, pack up and start the long journey home.

I was the third to last to leave the property and it was now that I would discover what my problems under the bonnet were. About 6km down the road from Argadells heading towards Quorn my automatic belt tensioner and pulley eventually gave way shredding my fan belt and leaving me on the side of the road waiting for Don and Jim to stumble upon my unfortunate predicament.

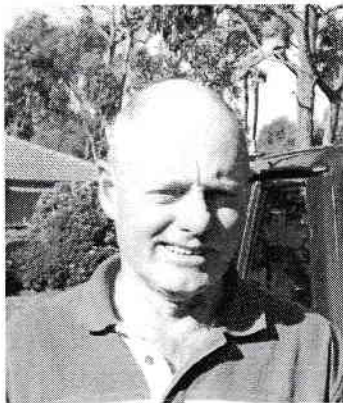
Long story short, Jim towed me into Quorn where I was to spend the next two days waiting for parts to come up from Adelaide. Cheers to Jim, Jess, Don and Trish for helping me out. Oh and just in case you are wondering there is four pubs in Quorn.

Can't wait for the next trip,

Happy 4WDing gang.



# Member Profile



**Name:** Paul West

**Nick Name:** Westy

**Call sign:** Casper

**Motto:** 'Live life to the fullest and enjoy every moment'

**Occupation:** Mortgage Broker

**Family:** Partner Bev and have 3 adult children, 2 grand daughters in Adelaide and 2 grandsons in Tucson, Arizona. Bev has 3 adult children in Adelaide.

**Vehicle:** '97 GQ Nissan LWB

**Modifications:** 50mm body lift, 50mm suspension lift, bulbar and rear storage unit.

**First Vehicle Owned:** 1974 4.2 petrol Landcruiser (brown & cream – the only colour available) bought in 1985.

**Ultimate 4WD:** No idea, I just like my Nissans! Will eventually buy another GU. Have owned Nissans since 1990 and have done over half a million km's with Nissans!

**Favourite Holiday Spot:** I'm always looking for new places and new experiences. Have been camping at Beachport nearly every year since 1986. That place is always changing!

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# Upcoming Trips

## Summary of up coming trips:

When putting your name down for a trip you

**MUST include your contact number**

If you cannot attend and your name is on the trip sheet **you**

**MUST** contact the trip leader or Trips coordinator.

- Christmas at Wall Flat 1 -2 December.
- First Aid Certificate 8-9 December Non club members welcome.
- Christmas 2007 Vic High Country or similar dates to be confirmed.
- Beachport 26-28 January long weekend 2008 This is a great trip.
- Registrations of interest for a 2008 Simpson Desert trip see Trevor Hill.
- 2008 Trips drought we need you to help.

Besides Beachport there are no other trips for 2008 planned.

I would like to see some new trip leaders coming forward it is not hard to do and I will help you if required.

Day trips, weekenders or longer trip suggestions are:

Goolwa beach run and on to Deep Creek NP.

Hog wash bend

Mungo National Park

Border Track

Salt Creek fishing trip

Any of the 4wd tracks in the Flinders Skytrek, Arkaba station to name a couple.

<b>Trip</b>	<b>Victoria High Country</b>
Date/s – Duration	26 Dec to 2 or 6 Jan.
Trip Leader	Shorty 0412 411751
Convoy limit	10 Vehicles
Distance – Kms	See Shorty
Departure / meeting point & time	To be confirmed
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel
RSVP – deposit	\$10 upon registration of interest
Camping	Mainly bush camping.
Special requirements	Be prepared for some tough tracks.
General comments	Must have good tyres.

# Upcoming Trips

<b>Trip</b>	<b>Christmas at Wall Flat.</b>
Date/s – Duration	1-2 December
Trip Leader	Committee.
Convoy limit	Unlimited
Distance – Kms	
Departure / meeting point & time	To be confirmed
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel
RSVP – deposit	Required by: November Meeting. \$5 per adult Kids under 12 free.
Special requirements	Good sense of humor.
General comments	BBQ provided for Sat night dinner, On site toilet will be hired, Picnic races, visit from Santa. BYO drinks and a plate of salads

<b>Trip</b>	<b>Annual Beachport Trip</b>
Date/s – Duration	26 – 28 January
Trip Leaders	Required.
Convoy limit	More the merrier.
Distance – Kms	Approx 350 kms
Departure / meeting point & time	Southern Ocean Tourist Park. <b>YOU will need to book your own camp site. Ph 8735 8153.</b>
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. If you have never done this trip you should.

# SOCIAL SCENE

## **Christmas at Wall Flat - 1st-2nd of December**

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## **OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

We are in the early stages of organising the following events;  
more details will follow in future magazines.

- On the evening of Saturday 1st March 2008 some fun at a Quiz Night.

If you have any other suggestions for a fun day or afternoon please let Lyn, Jo or Sheralyn know. We will advise you of more details soon.

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

**Social Committee**

# **UHF CB RADIO CHANNEL ALLOCATION**

<b>USED FOR</b>	<b>CHANNEL/S</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
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 Communications	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 <b>ONLY</b>
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.
Data Transmissions Established by law	22, 23	No voice transmissions allowed on these two channels

# **Argadells Trip Report**

## **September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **Day 0**

After leaving Adelaide at about 4pm and joining the swarm of cars heading north for the long weekend, pushing through Port Wakefield at “peak hour” we finally found ourselves at Quorn around 10:30pm. After a quick mud map check and a few laps of Quorn (intentional of course) we made our way to the Argadells homestead, a quick chat with the property caretaker and some right, right, lefts found us stumbling upon the rest of the group. Just in time to throw a tent up and enjoy a night cap.

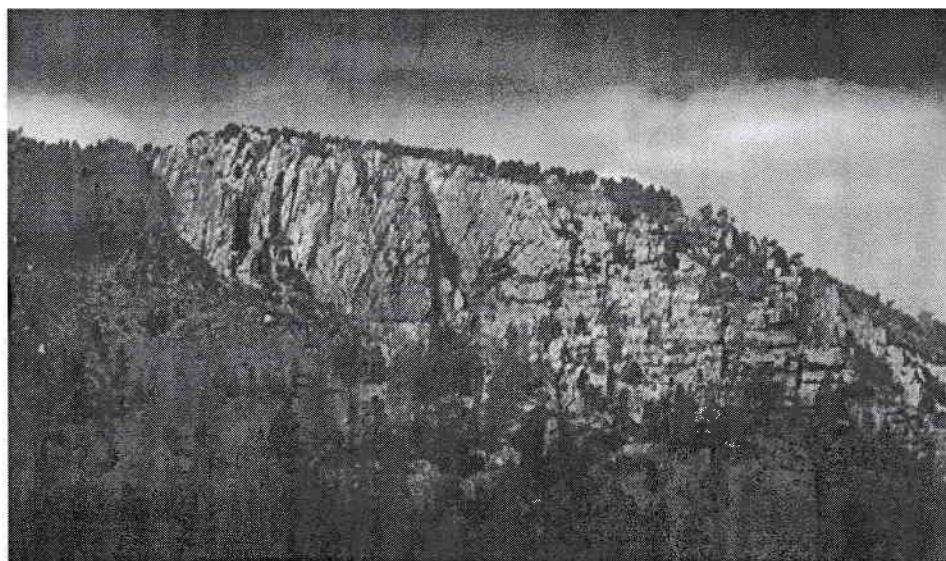
### **Day 1**

Up at the crack of dawn (probably awake well before that – where do kids get there energy?) everyone enjoyed a lazy breakfast. There were some itchy feet by around 9:30am but since we were not the only group visiting the Argadells, we allowed the LCOOL club (Land Cruiser Owners On Line) to hit the tracks first. After giving them a half hour head start we where ready... or so we thought... Donald decided erecting his shower tent was much more interesting then 4WDing.

We spent the day negotiating the properties perimeter tracks, nothing too challenging but some amazing views of the ranges. Lunch was preceded with a stop at the top of Mt Arden with 360 degree views of the neighborhood to enjoy, however too much wind and too few trees saw us back down the mountain in a dry but green riverbed for lunch.

After lunch we dawdled our way back to camp, just in time to enjoy a couple of “riveting” quarters of football... needless to say there were some Port supporters who faced a bit of ribbing.

Most of us tried to eat before the sun set with many trying to get there shinny new camp ovens to look well used before the camp cook weekend, along with plenty of red wine and some glass melting artwork.



## Day 2

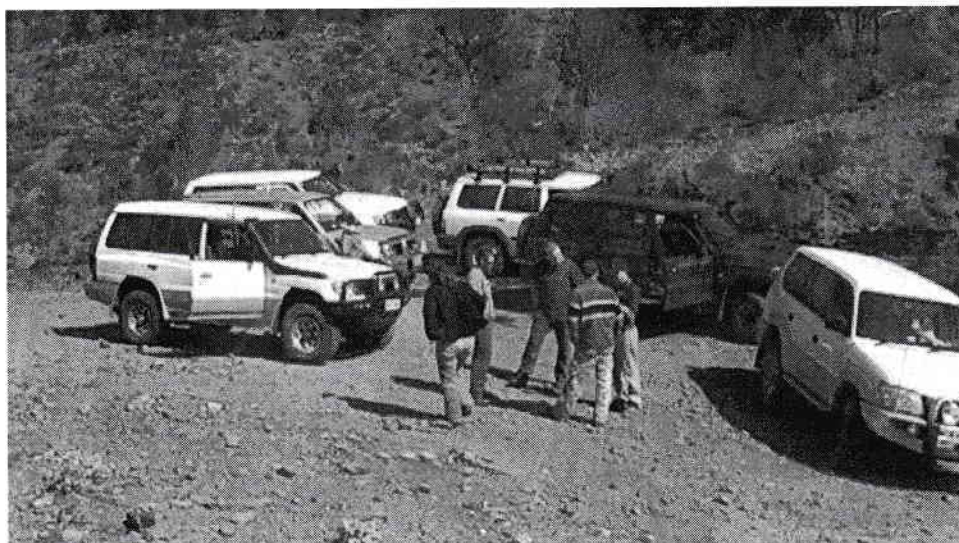
Based on yesterday we hit the tracks leaving Donald behind... he chose to lead some of the stragglers and those newcomers who arrived late yesterday. Looking for something a little more challenging we zigzagged across some of the properties inner tracks lead by Neil we kept a 'u-turn' count for comparison with Donald's.

Looking for a little challenge and some wheel spin some of us commandeered a river bed in an attempt to test our flex and suspension travel.

Before lunch we decided to leave the property and trundle down the road to Warren Gorge where we enjoyed lunch. After a quick tour of the gorge stirring up the dust for the local campers, the rest of the group headed back to camp, while we hit the bitumen back to Adelaide.

Thanks to everyone for an enjoyable trip, especially Donald for putting his name up on the trip board and making sure we all knew where Argadells was.

Mark & Leonora





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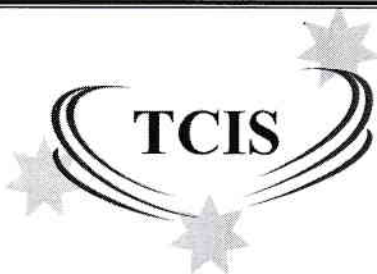
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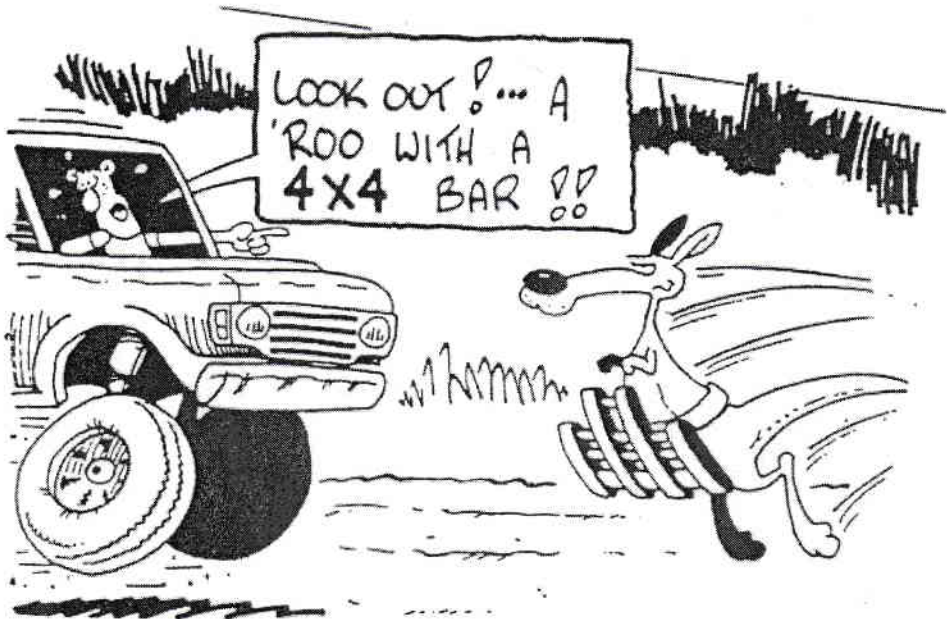
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Assessors Course TBA

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## Club Trainers

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Arctic Fleece Tops	\$45.00	
<i>(includes name and logo embroidered on &amp; GST)</i>		
Polo Shirts (short sleeve with Pocket)	\$37.00	(no Pocket \$35.00)
<i>(includes name and logo embroidered on &amp; GST)</i>		
Beenies (including logo embroidered on)	\$13.00	
<b>NEW ITEM</b>		
Baseball Caps (including logo embroidered on & GST)	\$17.00	

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 *
GPS Promotional Videos	First Aid Kit *
Maps	4 x Lightweight Shelters with sides.

\* Please replace used items

Please see Merv Tucker for any items you wish to loan Ph 8278 1414.

# *Trading Mart*

## **For Sale**

**Nissan Patrol GU Series 3 Alloy Bull Bar Good Condition \$200.00**

**DMH Outback 6 Dome Tent 6.0m x 3.0m 2 Bedroom can sleep up to 6 used 4 times also has brand new fly. New canvas carry bag \$200.00**

**2 Dunlop Grandtrek AT2 265/70/16 to Nissan Patrol 3/4 Tread \$50.00ea**

**2 Bridgestone Duelers D693 Pattern 1/2 Tread \$50.00ea**

**Contact Dave Willsmore (Shorty) 0412 411751**

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## **For Sale**

**GU ARB Large roof rack for sale, \$650 ono**

**Contact Reno 0418 828372**

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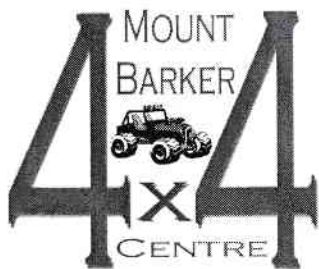
**80 litre Waeco Fridge/Freezer with cover and Mobi-tronic 240-12 volt power pack Approx \$1600 new. Sell for \$1100 ono about 12 months old used about 4 times. Good reason for sale**

**See Darren Callary Total Traction Tyres 8186 10011**

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**If want to sell any goods not only 4WD Gear**

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