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Training Day at Morgan Quarry

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Mount Lofty Rangers Inc.

About Us

The club's 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 3rd Monday of the month

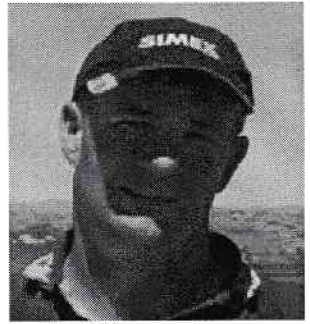
Information

For more information on the Club please check out our website at:

www.mountloftyrangers.com.au

MT LOFTY RANGERS UHF CLUB CHANNEL NO 27

"Shorty's Presidential Report"



Hi All

Another month has gone by and we are getting closer to Christmas. It seems like we just had Christmas.

We have decided to attend the 4x4 Show this year in the FWDSA Assoc tent. We will have a small display with photos to show what we do within our club. We need members to man our display and to talk to prospective members to build our membership. A roster will go up on the trips board. If you can spare an afternoon or a morning to help out can you please put your name up.

A very successful training weekend was had at Morgan with four members being trained. Lots of assessments completed. BIG THANKS to Jeff, Ricky, Layne & Tim for giving up their time & to pass on their knowledge to build our 4wd driving & recovery skills. Mud training has been booked for Kuitpo at Jamie Grundy's place on 7th & 8th October so if you require basic or advanced training in mud driving or water crossings, put your name on the trip sheet.

The first aid course currently has 10 names on the sheet. This is for a senior first aid certificate and will run over a weekend. The cost will be \$125.00. Doing a first aid course is not only important within the club because it will come compulsory for trips in the near future. It is equally important for your families sake. Hopefully you will never need it, but it is reassuring to know what to do in an emergency.

There are still vacancies on the upcoming trips on the October long weekend; to the Argadels & Waraweena .So if you are interested or want more information talk to Donald Ward for Argadels or Trevor Hill for Waraweena.

See you on a Trip.

Dave Willsmore (Shorty)

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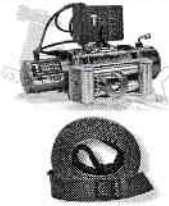
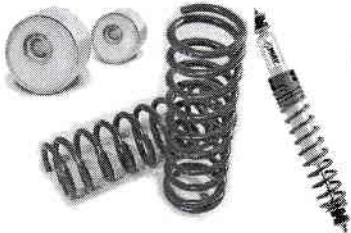
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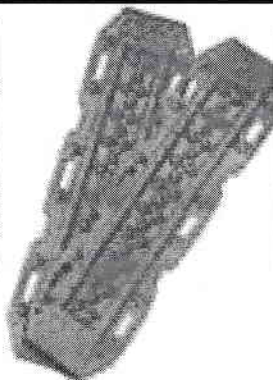


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MAKING TRACKS

Words by Neil Cook

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Track closures, it seems that we are hearing more and more about them and being greeted by them more often, whilst out enjoying this beautiful land.

So what can the 4wdrive community do, to try and help keep tracks open, for all of us to enjoy?

Well, in South Australia (and every other state/territory for that matter) there are lots of initiatives going on to help organisations such as the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and The Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH), keep tracks and parks open.

A prime example of this is the twice yearly interclub working bee at the Ngarkat Conservation Park on the SA border with Victoria. This park covers some 270,000 ha of native vegetation and is home to the 'Border Track', which follows the border fence South over the sand dunes from Pinnaroo.

The latest working bee was held on the last weekend in April and attracted some 70 volunteers, with 40 vehicles, from 12 clubs. Although the weather conditions were not favourable, a number of tasks were completed. These included the closing/fencing off of minor detours, implementing changes to the track to assist in park re-vegetation, opening sections of the original border track, as well as setting up track monitoring sites and a new camp site at Hensley's Trig Point.

The weekend gives participants a great insight into what the NPWS & DEH do on a daily bases in our national parks. It also lets these bodies know, that the majority of 4wdrivers are interested in looking after and protecting local tracks and National Park. Indeed, Senior Park Ranger for the Mallee area, Donna Nussio said that the work carried out on Saturday was equivalent to five or six of her weekend patrols and that the working bees were invaluable in keeping the tracks open.

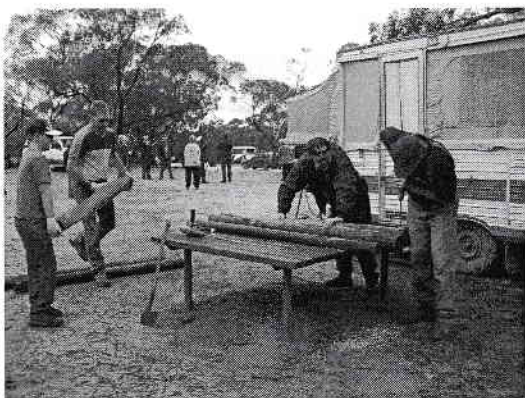
Some clubs in SA have undertaken other special projects, including the Nissan Patrol Club's long standing beach clean up and maintenance weekends at the 28-Mile Crossing Track in the Coorong National Park.

Further up the coast, the Toyota Landcruiser Club maintain the 42-mile crossing into the same park. They have also restored an isolated outstation in the Innamincka region of the states far north.

Kudriemitchie Outstation is situated over 1100 km North of Adelaide and has been slowly restored (to allow it to be used by 4wd association members and park staff) since 1995, after a group of club members discovered that the building was going to be destroyed.

Ongoing working bees over the years have resulted in the outstation obtaining a new long drop toilet, water tanks, and basic kitchen and barbeque facilities, with items such as window and door frames being replaced due to the ravages of the local white-ant colonies.

So if you are interested in the conservation of your local tracks or National Park, then contact your nearest NPWS or DEH branch and engage their help in organising a working bee. The environment (and the authorities) will love you for it.



Hard at work preparing fence posts
[Ngarkat Conservation Park]

Establishing the new camp site at
Hensley's Trig Point
[Ngarkat Conservation Park]





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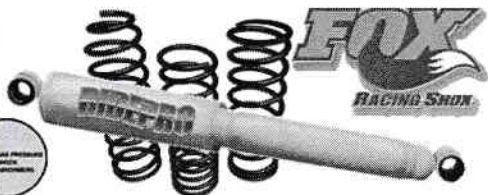
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QUIZ NIGHT

November 17th

Get a table of eight together for a good fun night

Test your general knowledge

Everyone knows the good time had at these night 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

Join the fun at the start of the festive season

A trip sheet has been started so we can get an idea of numbers
attending

Games and other activities will be arranged

See Up Coming trips for details



Member Profile

Full Name: Nick Bray

Nick Name: I get called lots of things

Call sign: N/A

Motto: 'Do it right the first time'

Occupation: Technician

Family: Just the Mrs., Sam – So far

Vehicle: 2004 Mitsubishi Challenger

Modifications: 2" OME lift, Lightforce 240 XGT, '98 ARB Steel Bullbar, Triton Snorkel, Pneumatic Lumbar Supports, GME TX3200 UHF, Navman ICN635 SatNav, Dual Battery, ARB Compressor, Extended Diff Breathers, Cooper Discoverer STT's,

First Vehicle Owned: 1974 HQ Holden

Ultimate 4WD: 6.5L GQ Patrol Cab Chassis

Favourite Holiday Spot: Calgary (Canada)

Other Interests: V8 Supercars

Favourite Food: Steak and Oysters

Favourite Drink: Bourban

Ultimate Goal: To be happy – Oh yeah! World peace.... HAHHAH!!!



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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.

Allawoona – North of Lameroo 15-16 Sept

Flinders Rangers. 29 Sept – 1 Oct. October long weekend.

Two separate trips running

Social – Kuitpo camp cook weekend 20-21 October. **TRIP FULL**

Riverland 4x4 challenge October dates to be confirmed.

Christmas at Wall Flat 1 -2 December.

Christmas 2007 Vic High Country or similar dates to be confirmed.

Beachport 26-28 January long weekend 2008 This is a great trip.

Trip	Tamarisk – Allawoona – Mallee North of Lameroo
Date/s – Duration	15-16 Sept
Trip Leader	Merv Tucker
Convoy limit	Approx 15
Distance – Kms	Not sure when Merv is TL
Departure / meeting point & time	Tailem bend 9AM SHARP.
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel
RSVP – deposit	Required by
Special requirements	Camper trailers at own risk must be capable offroad and prepared for anything.
General comments	Have good tyres. Bush tyres are expensive.

Upcoming Trips

Trip	Flinders Rangers.
Date/s – Duration	29 Sept – 1 Oct. Long weekend.
Trip Leader	Donald Ward
Convoy limit	15
Distance – Kms	750kms round trip
Departure / meeting point & time	Caltex Bolivar time TBA.
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel
RSVP – deposit	None Required.
Special requirements	Some 4wd experience.
General comments	Camping \$10 per night per Adult. Kids under 18 free. \$30 track fee for weekend.

Trip	Flinders Rangers - Warraweena
Date/s – Duration	29 Sept – 1 Oct. Long weekend.
Trip Leader	Dave Willsmore & Trevor Hill
Convoy limit	15
Distance – Kms	Approx a few?
Departure / meeting point & time	See info sheet.
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel
RSVP – deposit	Required by
Special requirements	See Trip Leaders.
General comments	Some track fees may apply.

Upcoming Trips

Trip	Riverland 4x4 event
Date/s – Duration	27-28 October.
Trip Leader	Neil Cook
Convoy limit	Unlimited
Distance – Kms	Few hours
Departure / meeting point & time	To be confirmed
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel
RSVP – deposit	
Special requirements	Spectator event. Starts 10am- admission fee \$10 per day.
General comments	See Neil re camping.

Trip	Victoria High Country
Date/s – Duration	26 Dec to 2 or 6 Jan.
Trip Leader	Reno – 0418 828 372 & Shorty
Convoy limit	10 Vehicles
Distance – Kms	See Reno or Shorty
Departure / meeting point & time	To be confirmed
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel
RSVP – deposit	
Camping	Mainly bush camping.
Special requirements	Be prepared for some tough tracks.
General comments	Must have good tyres.

Upcoming Trips

Trip	Christmas at Wall Flat.
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 and salads provided for Sat night dinner, On site toilet will be hired, Picnic races, visit from Santa. BYO drinks and a plate of sweets or nibbles.

Trip	Annual Beachport Trip
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. 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. If you have never done this trip you should.



Ngarkat Working Bee is here again!

Doesn't time fly? It seems like only yesterday when we were slipping and sliding our way into Pine Hut Soak campground to undertake the April working bee on the Border Track!

This time around we have a completely different challenge for you, literally helping a campsite "raise from the ashes".

The Box Flat Campsite, on the Western side of the Park (off the Baan Hill Track) was a favourite camping location for visitors for many years. Being a natural soak, the area was a cool oasis in the middle of "the desert", teeming with wildlife and shaded by beautiful Eucalypts. Unfortunately, the campsite was hit hard by the January 2005 fires, and hit again (even harder!) by the January 2006 fires.

Due to the public risk hazard from falling trees and limbs, the decision was made to close the campsite until it could be made safe again.

Now, this is where you come in! The staff in the Murraylands region would like some help in reopening this wonderful campsite. It's going to be a big job, and we will need assistance to lop trees and limbs, reinstate (and remake!) fencing and furniture, clearing away an old enclosure and fallen trees, installing new fire rings as well as many other smaller jobs. If conditions are right, we may even get to do some of the banksia spreading that didn't quite take off in April!

The campsite may not be as beautiful as before the fire went through, but don't let that put you off!

Box Flat is still a pleasant place to visit, and we will provide a toilet for those who don't want to "rough it" completely.

The staff of the Murraylands region would like to thank you in advance for your assistance in getting this campsite open again, as well as all the help you have provided in past years.

We look forward to seeing you.

Donna Nussio Senior Ranger, Mallee

Meet at Box Flat campsite

35° 36.592'S 140° 23.640'E

Saturday 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. or set up camp on Friday evening

Directions:: From Tailem Bend, follow the Mallee Highway; 8 km west of Lamerloo turn right on to Bews Rd (sign "Baan Hill"); at 22 km take right fork (sign "Box Flat campsite"); 10 km to camp.

Camper trailer – yes; caravan – please phone

Bring: strong gloves, handsaw, pruners, pick, crowbar, shovel, rake and other useful hand tools for furniture construction, etc.

Tree lopping: will require chainsaws and ropes. If you can help, please get in touch to discuss safety gear requirements.

Trailers: some would be useful.

Please let us know in advance

When you plan to arrive.

No. people & vehicles in party.

If you are bringing a trailer?

If you can bring a chainsaw?

Ngarkat Tracks Maintenance Committee

(a sub-committee of the NRAU of the South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc.)

Contact: Sue (08) 8269 2883

suzy@internode.on.net

SOCIAL SCENE

A great night was had by 40 odd members who attended the TAFE restaurant. Food was excellent and definitely a place to revisit next year.

CAMP COOK WEEKEND – 19th & 20th October

This popular annual event will be on again at Jack's Paddock, Kuitpo. Mark your diaries now & more information will follow.

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

Join the fun at the start of the festive season. A trip sheet has been started so we can get an idea of numbers attending. Games and other activities will be arranged.

See Up Coming trips for details

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 17th November 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! !

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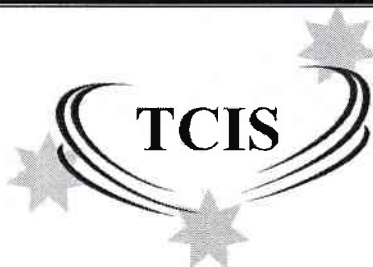
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Melrose Trip Report

Trish and I left home at 5pm we arrived in Melrose 7.30 friday night via Crystal Brook and Gladstone had a lovely steak dinner at the pub after which we headed to the show grounds to set up camp for the weekend. The other arrivals for that evening had already set up their camps and had the fire well and truly going, a few drinks and laughs later it was off to bed. Up at 7.30 am for brekky and off to Port Pirie about 9.30 that was after some running repairs on Neil's UHF radio.

We met up with members of the southern flinders club who had a drive planned for the day. We left there clubrooms at 10.30 and headed off in the direction of Laura via some dirt back roads. After a quick pitstop in Laura we headed off again to the bakery in Stone Hut where lunch was purchased and off towards Wirrabara forest for a lunch stop at Ibinichi campground. After all of the lovely bakery products had been consumed we headed off again in the direction of Germain gorge and the bridle track which was used to take cattle from the eastern to the western side of the range this is a fairly easy track and can be driven in high range. A quick photo op at the top of the Bridle Track very windy though then a gentle drive down the other side down to a dirt road which runs parallel to Highway 1 then back into Pirie to the club rooms of the southern flinders club for the association meeting. Neil, Linda, Hailey, Richard, Trish and myself decided to head back to camp to make an early start to happy hour while the rest stayed for the meeting and the BBQ afterwards.

Neil and Linda's daughter Hailey decided it would be a good joke to hide the remainder of the firewood and tell the others we had burnt it all when they returned. The joke actually worked quite well especially on ElPresidente!!! (The look was priceless). We decided to let them in on the joke once we'd had our fun though. Once a few more beverages were consumed, laughs had and stories told and the hidden firewood burnt we all slowly retired for the evening.

Sunday morning was a slow moving affair no need to rush after all. After breakfast Skippy took Neil his family and Richard on a short drive out the back of Mount Remarkable to teach them the finer points of geocaching. Once everybody had packed up camp we departed Melrose at about 11.30am and headed towards Jamestown. It was then down to Burra Gorge where the challenge of who could get the furthest up the steep hills began, I am not sure who actually won but I think they all had fun trying to out do each other. Once the boys had enough playing everybody headed back out to the road and headed south once again not too far down the road we took a right turn up a dirt track which very quickly turned into a couple of wheel tracks running through the scrub and at times through a creek bed. Throw into this some very tight turns and a 4.5 metre camper trailer on the back of my car and driving skill was starting to be tested. Towards the end of the track we came across an interesting suspension travel testing point of the track, unfortunately I was the only one who did not quite make it through due to a combination of a lack of wheel travel and 1 and half tonne of camper trailer. After a couple of more attempts it was time to get the snatch strap out for a gentle helping hand from Richards Maverick. Once out of that sticky little spot time was getting on and it was decided to make a beeline for the nearest piece of blacktop we could find and head home. From my point of view I had a great weekend and Melrose show grounds is the cheapest place I have stayed with a powered site yet and I would have no hesitations in staying there again, I would like to thank Dave Willsmore for organising a great weekend.

By Donald Ward

Four Wheel Drive Courses

MLR Club Training
Contact: Jeff Morgan
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Mobile: 0410 665 019

TRAINING DATES

TRAINING

Morgan training was attended by Dave W. Remo, Brenton and Nick (Johnny Mack) who all arrived late Friday night and a late night before hitting the sack.

Big thanks to Layne, Tim and Ricky who assisted me in providing the training and assessment over the day.

Trip Leaders Advisory Course - Date TBA based on numbers

DTU Skills Update Peake 3-4th Nov

Ozi Explorer - Intermediate Users - Date TBA subject to numbers

Advisor Course 10-11th November

Assessors Course TBA

Trip Leaders

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

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

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

<http://www.garmin.com/support/blosp.jsp>

Club Trainers

Trainer's: Ian Manglesdorf, Paul West, Tim Byrne, Paul Tabone

Assessor's: Ken Bradey, Mark Curtis, Layne Holberton, Jeff Morgan, Christian Whamond, Ricky Esser, George Haniotis.

Training Day at Morgan Quarry



TRIP REPORT – PAINTED DESERT JULY 2007

TRIP LEADER – PAT O’KANE – WITH NICK & ALEX

JOINED BY : - SHORTY, JACK & JOE, SKIP, MINI-SKIP & ANDREW, BIG BILL & LIAM, ROB, LENA, EMILY & JARROD, MARIANNE & TOM, BIG TREV, GRAHAM & CAROLINE, JOHN, GARY, KATHY & MIRANDA, FRANK & DEB.

MET HALF THE GROUP ON SATURDAY 7TH JULY AT 7.30AM AT HUNGRY JACKS, DARLINGTON. TOOK OFF AT 7.45AM WITH FIRST LENA STOP AT ROSEWORTHY (BUT THE OTHER GIRLS WERE GRATEFUL). FRUSTRATING PACE TO AUBURN AS WE WERE STUCK BEHIND A CONVOY OF 8 CARS WHO ENJOYED TRAVELLING AT 75-80KMS. MET UP WITH BILL & LIAM AT CLARE AND HAD OUR NEXT LENA STOP AT JAMESTOWN. KIDS ENJOYED THE PLAYGROUND. GOT TO HAWKER JUST AFTER LUNCH AND HIT THE DIRT ON THE MOROLANA SCENIC DRIVE. FIRST NIGHT WAS IN THE ARKAPENA BUSH CAMP IN THE FLINDERS RANGES. GREAT SITE WITH TOILETS, SHOWER & SHELTER WITH COMBUSTION STOVE. VERY WINDY NIGHT SO DIDN’T SLEEP REAL WELL.

TRAVELLED SUNDAY THROUGH THE FLINDERS RANGES VIA BUNYEROO GORGE. STOPPED BRIEFLY AT THE BRACHINA GORGE GEOLOGICAL TRAIL SO SHORTY COULD GIVE BACK TO PAT HIS TWO BATTERIES THAT FELL OFF HIS TRAILER (INTERESTINGLY THERE WERE 9 VEHICLES AND ONLY SHORTY AT THE TAIL END REALISED THEY WERE PAT’S). FANTASTIC SCENARY THROUGH THE GORGE WITH FORMATIONS DATING BACK 580 MILLION YEARS. STOPPED AT THE PRAIRIE HOTEL AT PARACHILNA FOR LUNCH. BRIEF STOP AGAIN AT THE BELTANA TELEGRAPH STATION AS PAT NEARLY LOST HIS GAS BOTTLE AND MILK CRATE OFF HIS ROOF. NOT GOOD FOR THE VEHICLE TRAVELLING BEHIND HIM! FUELLED UP AT LEIGH CREEK AND STOPPED AT THE LEIGH CREEK COALFIELDS TO SEE THE BIG “TONKA” TRUCK AND CRANE. ONTO THE NEXT CAMPSITE VIA LYNTHURST AT FARINA ON THE OODNADATTA TRACK.

WE SAID OUR FAREWELLS TO EVERYONE AND THANKED PAT HEAPS FOR A FANTASTIC TRIP. HE LEADED US TO SOME AMAZING PLACES WHICH SOME OF US HAD NEVER BEEN BEFORE AND GAVE US A VERY DIVERSE LOOK AT PARTS OF THIS AMAZING STATE. THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT PLACES WE VISITED WAS FANTASTIC. NOTHING WAS BORING AND WE THINK THE WHOLE GROUP HAD A GREAT TIME.

THANKS AGAIN PAT FOR A GREAT TRIP AND ALL THE HARD WORK YOU PUT IN TO MAKE IT THAT WAY. THANKS AGAIN EVERYONE ELSE ON THE TRIP - GREAT GROUP - GREAT TIME!

ANOTHER GREAT CAMPSITE WITH TOILETS & SHOWER. (VERY IMPORTANT TO THE GIRLS) BEAUTIFUL CLEAR NIGHT WITH NO WIND. WOKEN AT 5.30AM MONDAY BY A HUGE SEMI TRAILER FULL OF GOATS! VERY LOUD ALARM CLOCK. WALKED TO THE FARINA RUINS THEN HEADED BACK TO LYNDBURST TO VISIT "TALC ALF" – BUT HE WASN'T HOME! HAD A LOOK AROUND HIS SCULPTURES THEN HEADED OFF TO MARREE FOR MORNING TEA. AFTER LUNCH WE STOPPED AT "MOUND SPRINGS" AND SAW THE "BUBBLER" – REALLY WEIRD ERUPTIONS UNDER THE WATER THAT SENT UP LITTLE BUBBLES (LIKE A FART IN A BATH) AND ALSO SAW THE "BLANCHE CUP" (THE "BUBBLER" WAS BETTER). MONDAY AFTERNOON ARRIVED AT COWARD SPRINGS CAMPSITE. – AGAIN TOILETS & SHOWERS!! WE REFRAINED FROM WATCHING SKIPPY BATHING IN THE SPRING! BIG TREV COOKED US UP SOME GREAT STEAKS OVER THE FIRE. THEN JUST WHEN MOST DECIDED TO GO TO BED, A FEW OF US WENT SEARCHING FOR A GEO CACHE AT ABOUT 11.00PM – FOUND IT, AS WELL AS A COUPLE OF TINY LITTLE BATS (VERY CUTE). ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL STARRY NIGHT WITH NO WIND.

TUESDAY MORNING WE HEADED TOWARDS WILLIAM CREEK BUT STOPPED SHORTLY AFTER TAKING OFF TO GATHER ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD TO CREATE OUR "MLR" SIGN OUT OF OLD RAILWAY SLEEPERS AND A GROUP PHOTO. ANOTHER COUPLE OF STOPS WHICH INCLUDED THE BERESFORD BORE – GREAT CAMPING SPOT COMPLETE WITH ITS OWN GEISER (WHICH SHORTY USED TO CLEAN HIS HEADLIGHTS AND TAIL-LIGHTS) AND THEN THE STRANGWAYS BORE & RUINS. LUNCH WAS A HAMBURGER AT THE WILLIAM CREEK PUB. THEN A VERY BUMPY RIDE TO OODNADATTA WITH A QUICK STOP AT THE ALGEBUCKINA BRIDGE (APPARENTLY THE LARGEST SINGLE SPAN BRIDGE IN SA). FUEL STOP AT OODNADATTA THEN ONTO ARCKARINGA STATION IN THE PAINTED DESERT. DIDN'T MAKE IT THERE TO SEE THE SUNSET BUT DECIDED WE WOULD STAY TWO NIGHTS SO THERE WAS ALWAYS TOMORROW! A REALLY SLOW TRIP TO THE STATION AS THERE WAS NO BREEZE SO THE DUST WAS SHOCKING! VERY SLOW PACE. WE SET UP CAMP, HAD DINNER THEN DISCUSSED WAKING VERY EARLY TO GET TO SEE THE SUNRISE AT THE LOOKOUT.



WEDNESDAY MORNING – WOKE AT 5.45AM AND AFTER A COFFEE DROVE TO THE LOOKOUT BEFORE SUNRISE. DUST NOT SO MUCH A PROBLEM SO WE COULD HAVE SLEPT IN FOR ANOTHER HALF HOUR. LOOKED GREAT BUT WE WERE THINKING SUNSET WOULD BE EVEN BETTER. LAZY DAY AROUND CAMP. THEN AFTER LUNCH GROUPS WENT IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. WE HEADED TOWARDS “COPPER HILLS” BUT ONLY GOT ABOUT 15KM AWAY FROM CAMP CAUSE SHORTY AND FRANK FOUND SOME RIVER BEDS TO “PLAY IN”. WAS FUN THOUGH AND THE KIDS FOUND LOTS OF GREAT ROCKS. JARROD AND GRAHAM BOTH FILLED THEIR POCKETS AND BOTH HAD TROUBLE KEEPING THEIR PANTS UP! FOUND LOTS OF GREAT PIECES OF QUARTZ. HEADED BACK UP TO THE LOOKOUT AGAIN ABOUT 5.00PM TO TAKE PHOTOS OF THE PAINTED DESERT AT SUNSET. WEREN’T DISAPPOINTED. LOOKED GREAT. BACK TO CAMP FOR AN ASSORTMENT OF CAMP OVEN CASSEROLES MADE BY TREVOR AND BILL AROUND THE CAMPFIRE. VERY NICE THANK YOU!

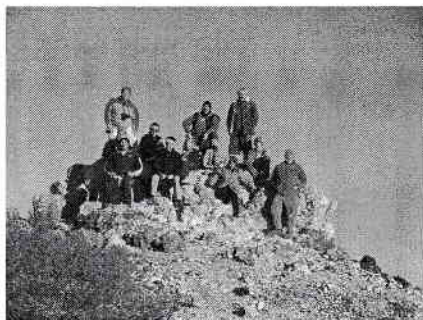
THURSDAY MORNING EVERYONE WAS READY EARLY SO HEADED TOWARDS COOBER PEDY VIA MT BARRY. WE SAID GOODBYE TO MARIANNE & TOM AS THEY WERE HEADING ON TO ALICE SPRINGS TO SEE FRIENDS. WE TRAVELLED DOWN “LOLLIPOP LANE” WHICH GOT ITS NAME BY THE TREES IN THE DISTANCE WHICH JUST LOOKED LIKE LOLLIPOPS DOTTED OVER THE LANDSCAPE. DROVE THROUGH “MOON PLAIN” WHICH WAS VERY OBVIOUS WHY IT WAS NAMED SO. ANOTHER TREAT AFTER MOON PLAIN WAS THE “BREAKAWAYS” JUST BEFORE COOBER PEDY. SIMILAR TO THE PAINTED DESERT BUT BIGGER. IMAGINE IT WOULD ALSO LOOK GREAT AT SUNRISE AND SUNSET. ONTO COOBER PEDY WHERE WE WANDERED AROUND FOR A WHILE TAKING IN THE SIGHTS AND HAD LUNCH. GRAHAM, COROLINE, FRANK & DEB CALLED INTO THE UNDERGROUND CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR A LOOK. GLAD WE DID AS IT WAS VERY UNUSUAL AND QUAIN. WE DECIDED TO THEN MAKE NEXT CAMP STOP BACK AT BERESFORDS BORE ON THE OODNADATTA TRACK JUST SOUTH OF WILLIAM CREEK AS WE THOUGHT ON THE WAY UP IT WOULD MAKE A GOOD CAMP GROUND. SET UP CAMP AND FIRE AND WAITED PATIENTLY FOR OUR ROASTS TO COOK IN THE CAMP OVENS (THANKS TO TREVOR AGAIN). GARY HAD TO CHANGE A FLAT TYRE ON HIS PATROL BEFORE HE COULD RELAX. DINNER WAS FANTASTIC – CHOICE OF ROAST LAMB, PORK OR BEEF WITH VEGIES & GRAVY. HAVE GIVEN UP ON SKIPPY SAYING HE WAS MAKING DESSERT!

NEXT MORNING AFTER SORTING OUT GARY'S BRAKE PROBLEMS ON HIS CAMPER, WE HEADED TO ROXBY DOWNS. SHORTY & CO PICKED UP SOME MORE FIREWOOD FOR TONIGHTS FIRE AND PAT HAD TO PATCH A BROKEN REAR WINDOW ON HIS PATROL. SAW SOME GREAT PATCHES OF STURT DESERT PEAS ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD – HAD TO HAVE A PHOTO STOP! LUNCH IN ROXBY AFTER A WALK AROUND THEN WE HEADED TO ANDAMOOKA. QUICK STOP THERE (BILL HAD A SLIGHT MISHAP DOWN A HILL WHILE HE WAS "NOODLING") THEN WE TOOK A TRACK THROUGH A COUPLE OF PROPERTIES ONTO FARINA WHERE WE CAMPED ON DAY TWO. HAD A COFFEE STOP ALONG THE WAY WHILE SHORTY CHANGED A FLAT TYRE ON HIS PATROL. GOT TO FARINA AT DARK, SET UP CAMP AND COOKED TEA AND SAT AROUND THE FIRE.

SATURDAY CAME AROUND TOO FAST AS THIS WAS OUR LAST DAY. WE LEFT FARINA CAMPGROUND AND HEADED INTO THE FLINDERS RANGES AGAIN. THIS TIME WE TURNED LEFT AT PARACHINA INTO THE PARACHINA GORGE ROAD. FROM THERE WE WENT THE GLASS GORGE, HAD LUNCH THEN STARTED UP THE HANNIGANS GAP TRACK. LOTS OF FUN AS WE TOOK 3 ½ HOURS TO COVER ABOUT 35KM! ONLY HAD TO SNATCH LENA OUT ONCE BUT THAT WAS ROB'S FAULT AS HE TOLD HER TO STOP. NO DRAMA THOUGH SO ONWARDS WE WENT. FRANK TOOK IT EASY AS HIS CANOPY DECIDED THE DAY BEFORE THAT IT WANTED TO LEAVE THE REST OF THE VEHICLE. DIDN'T QUITE HAPPEN BUT DIDN'T WANT TO TEMPT FATE. EARLY IN THE DAY THREE VEHICLES IN OUR GROUP TOOK OFF EARLIER THAN THE REST OF US AND WE WERE GOING TO MEET UP WITH THEM LATER TO CAMP ON SATURDAY NIGHT, BUT AS OUR TRACK DRIVE TOOK LONGER THAN EXPECTED, WE DIDN'T END UP SEEING THEM AGAIN AND WE CAMPED BACK AT ARKAPENA BUSH CAMP (WHERE WE SPENT OUR FIRST NIGHT ON THE TRIP). GRAHAM AND CAROLINE DECIDED TO DRIVE ALL THE WAY HOME SO WE SAID GOODBYE TO THEM. DRIVING THROUGH THE FLINDERS AT DUSK WAS AMAZING WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF KANGAROOS COMING OUT TO GRAZE.

WE ORGANISED OURSELVES FAIRLY EARLY SUNDAY MORNING TO HEAD HOME.

FRANK & DEB ASCHMONEIT





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Contact Dave Willsmore (Shorty) 0412 411751

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Contact Neil Cook on 0409286629 for more info

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