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Brenton Bowley getting down and dirty at Kupto DTU training

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About Us

The Club's aim is to enjoy all aspects of owning and using our 4WDs 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 complement 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

Editorial

This months editorial, again sees me writing from the middle of the Outback - SW QLD and the Eromanga basin this time.

Did you know Eromanga's main claim to fame is that it is the town furthest away from the coast ! See below for the sign that proves it !

My task this month was to drive a new Toyota Hilux 4x4 D4D up to my works Queensland oil production facility and then drive a 78 series ute, back to Adelaide.

The route North took in Yunta, Arkaroola (overnight stop), Moomba, Innamincka, Jackson, Eromanga and finally camp at the Kenmore oil field. Fuel economy for the 1600km trip in the Hilux, ranged from 14.5 L/100 (loaded to max GVM) to 12.5 L/100 with about 150kg on board. Most of the driving was in 4wd.

The run North was generally good, but I found the standard suspension unable to cope with the demands of supporting a vehicle at it max GVM over unsealed roads.

The suspension setup is a trial, after having a number of vehicles fitted with aftermarket suspension break front shock absorbers, due to the bottom shock bushes failing prematurely ! Thankfully the vehicles are rarely loaded up, so we'll see how they go ?

The Southbound trip in the old Toyota was again uneventful, as long as I drove at 90 or 110, as the injector pump was well worn at the 100 kph cruising revs .

My route south took me through Noccundra, Tibooburra, Broken Hill (overnight), Yunta, Burra and finally back into Adelaide. Fuel consumption with over half ton of gearbox on the tray was approx 15L/100, not bad for a well worn injector pump !

Check out page 20 for some pics of my trip.

Cheers
Neil Cook

PRESIDENTIAL REPORT JULY 2009

Hello all club members

It has rolled over yet again to another month & time for our club meeting. Things have been quiet within the presidential role over this past month as I guess it is that time of year when things slow down a little due to the winter weather.

Therefore I have been mainly concentrating on my 4wd training. A good day was had by all at the recent club training day & I would like to thank the trainers & assessors who took a day out of their personal life to organise & run this day. I am sure it was greatly appreciated by all the trainee recipients & the weather was reasonably kind to us with the rain holding off for the day. It was good to see club members wishing to develop, progress & hone their four wheel driving skills which can only make all future club trips a safer event for everyone involved.

I myself will be putting a trip up to Wilpena Pound – for more details refer to the future trip section of this magazine. So between now & the next club meeting on 14th of September please consider this as there will only be 1 meeting to advertise & receive names before October.

Please consult the club web site or club magazine for any previous trip locations as a basis for ideas. If any one needs any assistance with trip leading details or questions please consult myself or the trips leader Luke Hooper.

If anyone works at a trip before September's meeting they can email me the details & therefore I can do a bulk group email to all members to advertise in advance. So there can be some pre-planning done by participants before putting their name down on the board at this meeting.

Saturday 15th August at 3pm there is a social event organised to go bowling at the Cross Road Bowls Centre please consult this magazine for more details & please let one of the social co-ordinators know if you will be attending or not. Lets see who can bowl the highest score of the day.

September is a busy month for the club with a few activities planned. Saturday 5th of September is the first aid course. For those of you who have put your name down as attending you have to complete your theory workbook before attending the course. The books are now available for collection from Tim at tonight's meeting so can those people pay their money & collect their workbook. This will give you 4 weeks to complete the book & all money must be paid on 10th of August to confirm your spot on the course.

The 18th & 19th September is our Camp Cook social event at rocky creek. Those people who will be attending can they please provide details of what they will be cooking to Shorty or Matt ASAP. This way we don't double up on the same meals & all attendees can taste a wide variety of meals. These events always prove to be a good night & fun is had by all around the camp fire.

I have included my phone number & email address at the back of this magazine so if anyone wishes to make contact with me about any matter, idea, suggestion, criticism or their general point of view about the club in general please feel free to make contact with myself & lets see what we all can do together to improve the club.

Cheers for now, *Andrew Thomas*



4WD Matters

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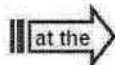
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Courtesy of the Caravan and Camping Industry Association SA (CCIASA) we will participate in the Caravan, Camping & Off-Road Sale 7-9th August 2009.

Twelve 4WD Clubs plus the Association will staff a site in the Goyder Pavilion - joining us will be the Australian National 4WD Radio Network - VKS737.

4WD Club Members 1/2 Price Tickets

You can take advantage of the CCIASA half-price ticket offer - all FWDSA affiliated clubs will be offered tickets - check with your FWDSA Delegate.

Show support by attending the show (in club uniform if possible). At the very least promote the show in your club by printing FWDSA promotional material.

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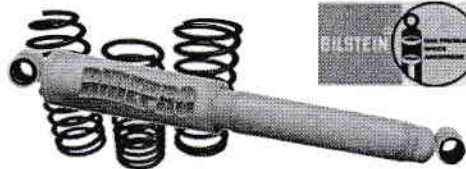
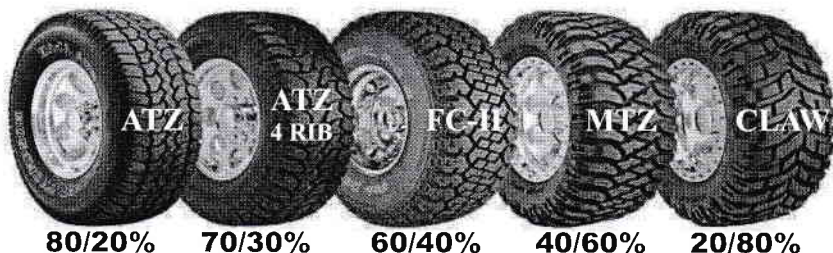
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2009 Simpson Desert Trip

Day1

Jim and I packed the last few things in the car and we were on the road by 7am. We met at the Caltex Bolivar petrol station. Paul, Jenny and James in their land cruiser lead followed by Chris and Ali in their land cruiser, Jim Jess & Corey in the Patrol and Les in his land cruiser as tail end charlie.

We stopped at Stirling North to refuel and had a minor delay with Chris and Ali's car over heating. Paul drove to Port Augusta for some coolant and we were soon back on the road with everything looking good. We stopped at Parachilna for lunch and then Copley for a toilet break where Chris and Ali got us hooked on quondong pies. Travelled onto Lyndhurst where we fueled up & had a few drinks at the Lyndhurst hotel before reaching our first camp site in Farina

Day 2

Woke up for an early start looked around the ruins at Farina then onto the dirt to Maree where we stopped for late minute supplies and a look around before heading to Mungeranie for fuel and lunch. Soon after crossing the Queensland border we where in Birdsville and set up camp in the Caravan Park. That evening we ate at the Birdsville pub for tea having roast pork and veggies.

Day 3

Today we went to Big Red where the little kids had fun running up and down the sand hills whilst the big kids had a play. Despite lots of effort from Jim and Lez, Ali and Paul were the only ones who managed to get over Big Red. Upon arriving back to the caravan park we had visitors in the form of crows eating some of Paul and Jenny's food. They had even managed to steal away with a pair of Paul's jocks presumably for their nest.

Day 4

We left Birdsville this morning for the Simpson Desert driving over little red for the start of our big adventure across the Simpson. Soon after we came over this sandhill and was confronted with an oasis, an incredible belt of green. We had to take the Eyre creek bypass as the crossing here was far too deep for us to cross. Eventually we came to a safe crossing and waited for the diffs to cool whilst having lunch. Here we proceeded across our one and only river crossing for this trip. On the other side we came to a stop with hikers and 19 camels to pass, they had started walking from Alice Springs and were headed to Birdsville. After a few more hours of driving we pulled over to our camp site and Ali cooked us all butter chicken for tea it was delicious.

Day 5

There were lots more sand hills, Ali and Chris loving all of them. Jim cooked a bbq for lunch with everyone throwing a bit of everything on the hotplate. We were still on the QAA line heading towards Poeppel corner where we were in 3 states at the same time

QLD, SA and NT. Then onto the French line where we found a camp site off the track & had nibbles for tea with cold meat pickles biscuits and dip and Champaign for us girls.

Day 6

Easy drive today over what felt like thousands of sand hills. Stopped early today to set up camp and get the fire on for hot coals for camp oven cooking. Paul, Jenny & James cooked beef, Ali and Chris and Jim and I cooked lamb whilst Lez cooked kangaroo. The roasts turned out great with plenty of veggies and gravy we shared it all.

Day 7

We woke up on the floor of the tent because our air mattress got a hole in it. Not far down the track Lez noticed what looked like an oil trail coming from one of the vehicles. Paul had a leaking fuel line and with Lez and Paul underneath the cruiser considering their options some on comers stopped and just happened to have some half inch hose needed to repair the leak. Onward we travelled to lone gum just in time to see a guy dressed as Priscilla queen of the desert. He jumped on a roofrack and his mate drove him round the lone gum tree while he sang "I love the night life" no one could stop laughing. We found a camp site round 4.30 and had a bbq and shared salads for tea.

Day 8

Woke up to a dingo wondering around not bothering us as we packed up to head to purnie bore for a hot shower. (felt good to be clean again) After lunch we drove on a very heavily corrugated track stopping 13k short of Dalhousie to camp. Trying to fix a hole in our air mattress Jim glued his fingers together so funny but it didn't fix air bed.

Day 9

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALI

Left early for Dalhousie springs for a lovely dip in the hot spring water and then on to Mt. Dare for lunch. We found a great camping spot on top of a dry creek where we cooked our dinner in camp oven and Ali cooked a sticky date pudding in her camp oven to share for her birthday. It rained for the first time that night

Day 10

On the way to Oodnadatta Lez got a crack in his windshield from an on-coming fourby who failed to slow down he wasn't at all happy. We arrived in Oodnadatta for lunch at the pink road house and then on to the pub for a couple of beers before heading for the painted desert.

Day 11

Got up early and packed up for the long trip home. Visited an opal museum in Coober Pedy and then onto Glendambo. After a few drinks it was decided to stay in the motel and have tea at Glendambo pub.

Day 12

Got up early for the final drive home, stopping at Pt. Augusta for fuel.

A great time was had by all
Did over 3000k for whole trip

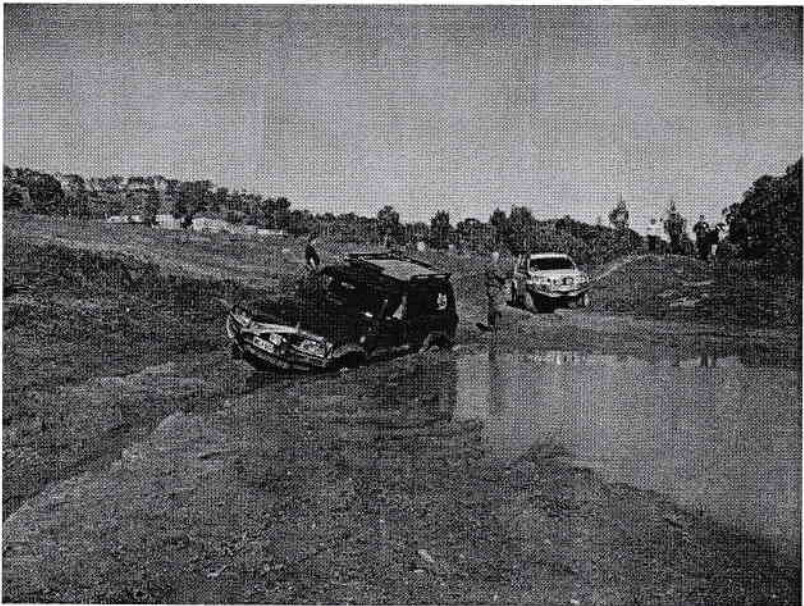
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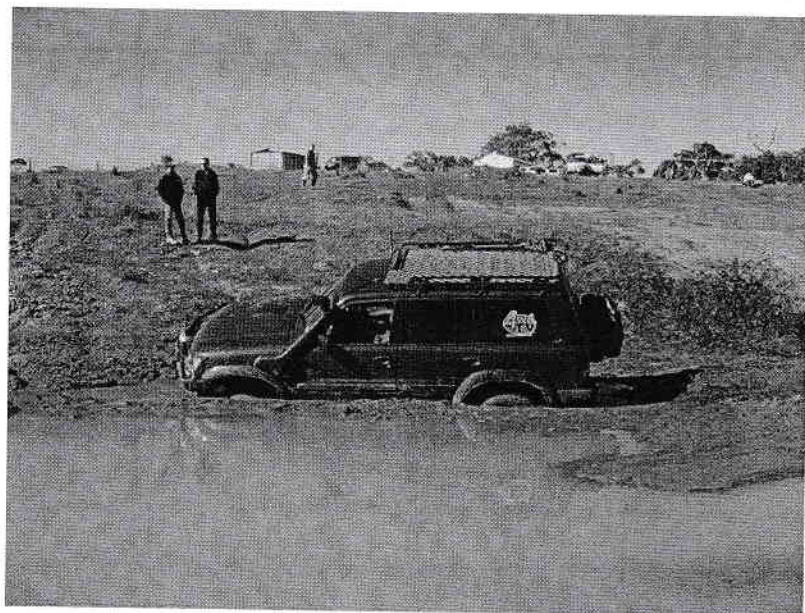


DTU mud training at Kuipto Forest.

Images courtesy of Brenton Bowley.









JUGS

"JUST US GIRLS"

JUGS HIGH TEA

WHEN: Sunday August 16th
WHERE: BOHO Bar – 27 Unley Road, Parkside
TIME: 3-5pm
COST: \$27.00 per person (\$10.00 deposit required)

Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon, playing ladies while you sip on various types of teas. (For the non tea drinkers, coffee or cold drinks can be purchased). In addition a delightful selection of finger food is also available.

If you are interested please RSVP me no later than Friday 7th August on either of the contact details listed below

Thanks

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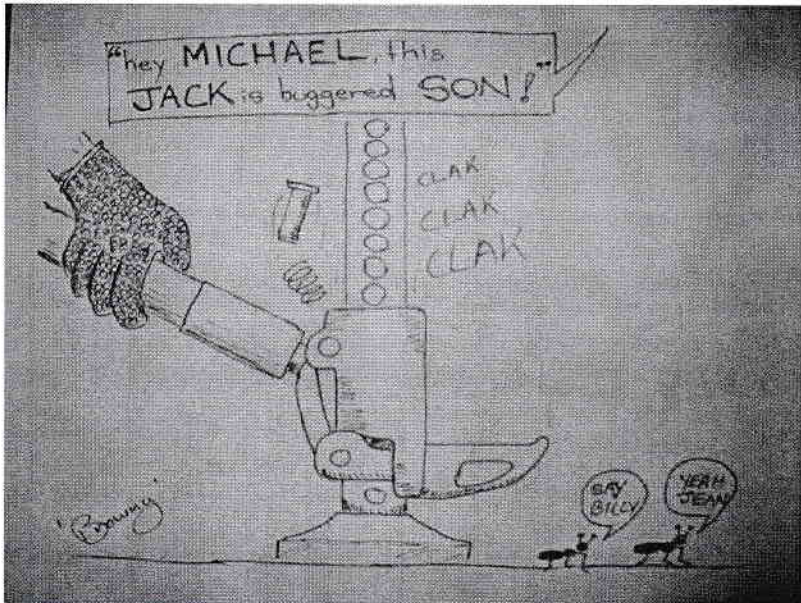
Social Scene

Please help with firewood for the annual camp cook weekend. We require plenty of good burning hardwood.

Speak with Dave or Matt if you can help.

Also let Dave & Matt know what you will be cooking over the weekend, so that a roster and cooking times can be put together.

Check out the trips board for info on the ten pin bowling afternoon this coming Saturday the 15th.



October Long Weekend Club Trip

Wilpena Pound & surrounds

"Photographic, Social & Relax Weekend"

Trip Leader is The Prez (Andrew Thomas)

Depart Friday 2nd October

Meet 10am Caltex Port Wakefield Road Bolivar. Distance Day 1 = 450 Km's

Staying Wilpena Pound Bush Campground [http://](http://www.wilpenapound.com.au/campground/)

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Saturday 3rd October

Depart 9.00am for Blinman

Drive through Bunyeroo & Brachina Gorges

Walk the Blinman old mine ruins

Drive Glass Gorge & Razorback Formation

Back through Angorichina Village

for a cold soft drink & an ice-cream

Expected return to camp 4.00pm-ish

Total Distance = ~ 150 km's

Sunday 4th October

Depart 10am for Arkapena Station

www.arkapena.com.au

Drive Arkapena Scenic Drive ~ 3.5 hours

Cost \$25 per car

Arrive back at camp about 2pm-ish

Free time for rest of afternoon

Suggestions walk into Wilpena Pound

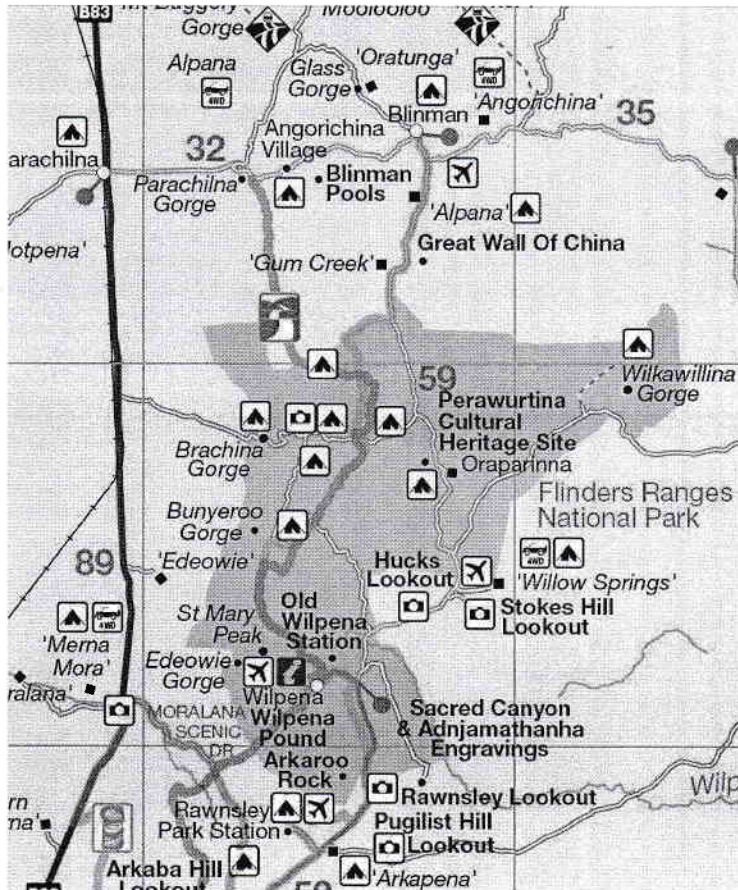
Wine & Cheese afternoon happy hour

Take a swim in the resort pool

Return Monday 5th October

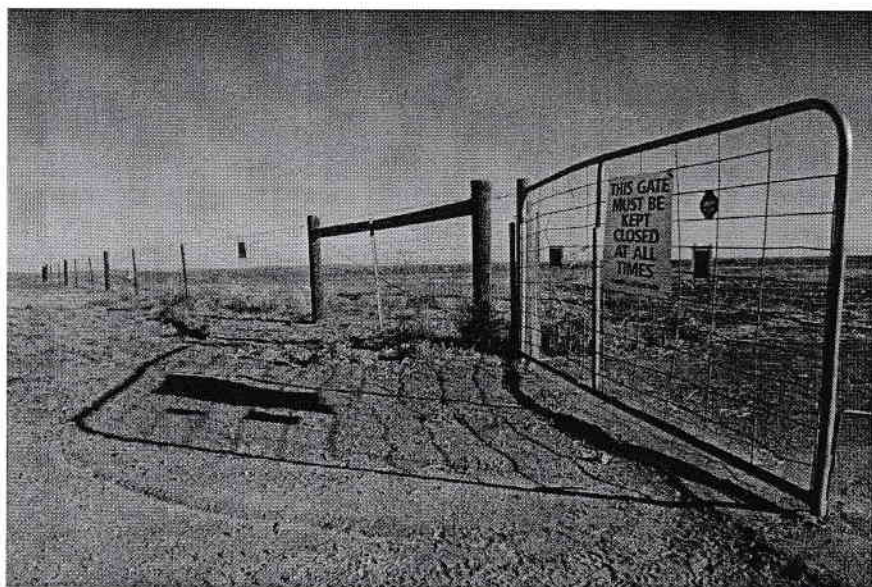
Depart 10am for home

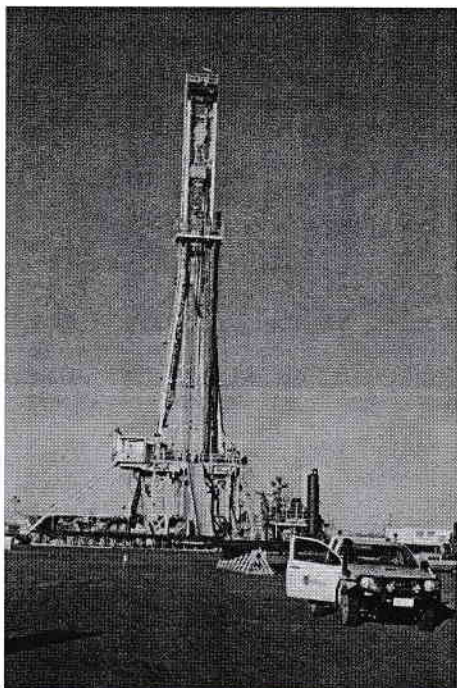
General Notes: Everyone is to supply their own meals for the trip. Saturday night tea we will do a group booking at the resort's restaurant for those who wish to participate. There are grocery food items, take-away foods, souvenirs & fuel/gas available at the resort general store.





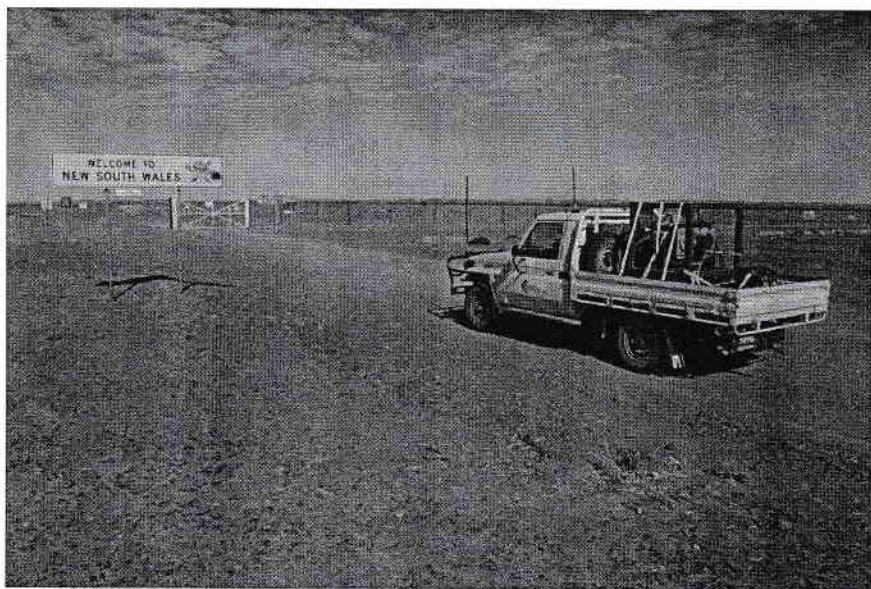
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Upcoming Trips

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.

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|--------------------|--------------------------|
| • 15 - 16 August | DTU Training - Kuitpo |
| • 26 - 30 August | Lake Eyre |
| • 29 - 30 August | DTU Training - Morgan |
| • 31 Aug—13 Sept | Birdsville Races |
| • 5th September | First Aid Course |
| • 6th September | Saunders Gorge Day Trip |
| • 18 - 19th Sept | Camp Cook |
| • 20th September | DTU Training - Cavan |
| • 3/4/5 October | Lindsay Island |
| • 3/4/5 October | Wilpena Pound |
| • 31 Oct - 1 Nov | DTU Training - Peake |
| • 8th - 9th Nov | Riesling Trail Cycle |
| • 28th November | Xmas at Wall Flat |
| • 5th December | A Day on the Green |
| • 26 Dec - 10 Jan | Victorian High Country |
| • 23 - 26 Jan 2010 | Beachport |
| • May/June 2010 | Tanami/Canning/Gunbarrel |

Club Trainers

Trainers: Ian Manglesdorf, Brenton Bowley, Tim Byrne, Paul Tabone

Assessors: Ken Bradey, Mark Curtis, Jeff Morgan, Ricky Esser,

MLR Club Training

Contact: Paul Tabone, Education Officer Mobile: 0417 080 663

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Upcoming Trips

Trip	DTU Training
Date/s – Duration	15– 16 August
Trip Leaders	Paul Tabone
Convoy limit	N/A
Distance – Kms	N/A
Departure / meeting point & time	Kuipto Forrest
General comments	Basic & Advanced mud and water

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Trip	Lake Eyre
Date/s – Duration	26 - 30 August
Trip Leaders	Jay Moffet
Convoy limit	4
Distance – Kms	TBA
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
General comments	

Upcoming Trips

Trip	DTU Training
Date/s – Duration	29 - 30 August
Trip Leaders	Paul Tabone
Convoy limit	N/A
Distance – Kms	
Departure / meeting point & time	Morgan
General comments	Basic/Advanced driving and recovery .

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Trip	Birdsville Races
Date/s – Duration	31 Aug - 13 September
Trip Leaders	Chris & Steve Wrobel
Convoy limit	6
Distance – Kms	TBA
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	Moderate
General comments	Birdsville track, Birdsville, Durrie, Innamincka, Cameron Corner, Broken

Upcoming Trips

Trip	Senior First Aid Course
Date/s – Duration	5th Sept 09
Trip Leaders	Tim Byrne
Convoy limit	Unlimited
Cost	\$110 Payment required at August meeting
Departure / meeting point & time	Coromandel Valley Community Centre
Difficulty	
General comments	One day (with homework) course to obtain your senior first aid certificate.

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Trip	Saunders Gorge Day Trip
Date/s – Duration	6th September
Trip Leaders	Pat O’Kane
Convoy limit	20
Distance – Kms	200
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	Easy
General comments	\$40 per vehicle

Upcoming Trips

Trip	Camp Cook Weekend
Date/s – Duration	Sat & Sun 18th/19th Sept
Trip Leaders	Maft Eastmure Dave ‘Shorty’ Willsmore
Convoy limit	Unlimited
Distance – Kms	N/A
Departure / meeting point & time	Rocky Creek Camp - Kuipto Forest
Difficulty	Depends on the dish you cook !
General comments	Camp oven cook off weekend. Bring your camp oven, cook a dish, share and try everybody else’s dish! Bring hardwood for fire . Saturday drive through the forest.

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Trip	DTU Training
Date/s – Duration	20th September
Trip Leaders	Paul Tabone
Convoy limit	N/A
Distance – Kms	
Departure / meeting point & time	Cavan
General comments	Tyre Repairs

Upcoming Trips

Trip	Lindsay Island
Date/s – Duration	3/4/5 October
Trip Leaders	Peter Reed
Convoy limit	TBA
Distance – Kms	800
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	TBA
General comments	From Pinaroo head North up Border Track to Lindsay Island. Return via Bore Track

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Trip	Wilpena Pound
Date/s – Duration	3/4/5 October
Trip Leaders	Andrew Thomas
Convoy limit	TBA
Cost	See flyer page 18
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
General comments	Photographic, Social & Relax Weekend

Upcoming Trips

Trip	DTU Training - Peake
Date/s – Duration	31 October - 1 November
Trip Leaders	Paul Tabone
Convoy limit	N/A
Distance – Kms	300
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	All Levels
General comments	Basic 001 sand driving

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Trip	Riesling Trail Cycle - Clair Valley
Date/s – Duration	8/9 November
Trip Leaders	Peter Reed
Convoy limit	TBA
Distance – Kms	250
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	TBA
General comments	Stop at Clair caravan park Friday & Sat night. Cycle Riesling Trail on Saturday. Sunday ride into Clair. Book own accommodation.

Upcoming Trips

Trip	Xmas at Wall Flat
Date/s – Duration	28 November
Trip Leaders	TBA
Convoy limit	No Limit
Distance – Kms	200
Departure / meeting point & time	Wall Flat near Mannum
Difficulty	N/A
General comments	Come for the annual xmas BBQ


Unless otherwise specified, ALL MLR trips use UHF channel 27

Trip	A Day on the Green
Date/s – Duration	5 December
Trip Leaders	TBA
Convoy limit	N/A
Distance – Kms	
Departure / meeting point & time	
Difficulty	
General comments	Peter Lehmann winery Tanunda. Watch the B52's, The Proclaimers and Mental as Anything.

Upcoming Trips

Trip	Victorian High Country
Date/s – Duration	26th December 09 to 10th January 2010
Trip Leaders	Jim Usher
Convoy limit	TBA
Distance – Kms	2000+
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	Medium to Hard depending on tracks
General comments	

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Trip	Tanami/Canning/Gunbarrel
Date/s – Duration	May/June 2010
Trip Leaders	Barrie Davis 
Convoy limit	7
Distance – Kms	10,000 kms
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	Moderate to very hard
General comments	Mostly bush camping, tents only, duration 5 to 6 weeks depending on conditions

TRAINING

Club training day Saturday 18 July Cherry Gardens.

Brief summary of the days training is that the day was a successful day with a good ratio of Trainers & Assessors to Trainees.

Going by the few Trainees I have spoken too since they have all said they enjoyed the day and learnt something from it which is what it is all about.

Thank you to Tim for organizing the day for everyone, also to all of the Trainers and Assessors for helping out.

Kuitpo – Mud & Water Saturday 25 July.

A couple of club members attended the training organized by the DTU for mud training at Kuitpo.

DTU organized training weekends open to ALL clubs.

15-16 August - Basic & Advanced mud and water - Kuitpo.

29-30 August - Basic/Advanced driving and recovery - Morgan.

20 Sept - Tyre repairs - Cavan.

10-11 Oct Basic Theory at Cavan. Followed up by weekend at Peake listed below if possible but not essential.

31st Oct - 1 Nov - Basic 001 driving Peake.

Advisors looking to become Trainers dates for this are. 12-13 Sept & 26-27 Sept.

Important:

Anyone wanting to attend any of the above dates please let me know so I can put your name down to attend. These weekends are open to ALL clubs so spaces are limited get in now or it will be too late.

If there is anyone looking to do the **Advisor course** on the 7th & 8th Nov at Morgan please let me know as soon as possible so I can get your names in there are two members from our club now attending.

001 needs to be completed or if not fully speak to me and we will see what allowances can be made.

Thanks
Paul Tabone.
0417 080 663

Basic Theory Papers.

Can anyone who has done basic theory training in 2008 or 2009 who has not yet received and or returned their theory papers please see Paul Tabone or call on 0417 080 663 or even email me at info@adventurecampers.com.au

Because once this is all done, the training is then FUN FUN FUN !

For those waiting to do training, the DTU is holding basic theory on the 10th & 11th of October. Two club members are already attending, see Paul if you would also like to attend.

2009 DTU CALENDAR (inc training)

APRIL

7th Training Committee Meeting Cavan 7.30pm

9th DTU general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

10th – 13th Easter

10th – 27th School holidays

16th Association general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

18th – 19th Assessor Course Cavan 9:00am

25th – 26th Anzac Weekend

MAY

2nd – 3rd Assessor Course Cavan 9:00am

9th – 10th

12th Training Committee Meeting Cavan 7.30pm

14th DTU general meeting & AGM Cavan 7.30pm

16th – 17th Assessor Course Cavan 9:00am

21st Association general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

23rd – 24th Club training

Basic Course – Driving Cherry Gdns 9:00am

31st Assessor update course (Sunday) Cavan 9:00am

JUNE

6th – 8th Queens Birthday long weekend

9th Training Committee Meeting Cavan 7.30pm

11th DTU general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

13th – 14th Club Training

Advanced Driving / Recovery Warren Gorge 9:00am

18th Association general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

20th – 21st

27th – 28th

JULY

4th – 5th

3rd – 20th School holidays

7th Training Committee Meeting Cavan 7.30pm

9th DTU general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

11th – 12th

16th Association general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

19th Assessor update course (Sunday) Cavan 9:00am

18th – 19th

25th – 26th Club Training

Basic / Advanced – mud & water Kuitpo 9:00am

AUGUST

1st – 2nd

8th – 9th

11th Training Committee Meeting Cavan 7.30pm

13th DTU general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

15th – 16th Club Training

Basic / Advanced – mud & water Kuitpo 9:00am

20th Association general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

22nd – 23rd

29th – 30th Club Training

Basic / Advanced Driving / Recovery Morgan 9:00am

SEPTEMBER

5th – 6th

8th Training Committee Meeting Cavan 7.30pm

10th DTU general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

12th – 13th Trainer Course Cavan 9:00am

17th Association general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

19th – 20th

20th Club Training

Tyre Repairs Cavan 10:00am

25th Sep – 12th October School Holidays

26th – 27th Trainer Course Cavan 9:00am

OCTOBER

25th Sep – 12th October School Holidays

3rd – 5th Labour Day Long Weekend

6th Training Committee Meeting Cavan 7.30pm

8th DTU general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

10th – 11th Club Training

Basic Course - Theory Cavan 9:00am

?? 4wd Show

15th Association general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

17th – 18th

24th – 25th

25th Assessor update course (Sunday) Cavan 9:00am

31st – 1st Nov Basic Course – Driving Peake 9.00am

NOVEMBER

31st Oct– 1st Nov Club Training

Basic Course – Driving Peake 9.00am

7th – 8th Advisor Course Morgan 9.00am

10th Training Committee Meeting Cavan 7.30pm

12th DTU general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

14th – 15th

19th Association general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

21st – 22nd

28th – 29th

DECEMBER

5th - 6th

8th Training Committee Meeting Cavan 7.30pm

10th DTU general meeting & break up Cavan 7.30pm

11th ➤ School holidays

12th – 13th

17th No Association general meeting

Anyone wanting to attend any of the above dates, please let Paul Tabone know so he can put your name down to attend.

His goal is to get those who have paid to get books and do the weekend basic theory to now get in to the practical side of training even if just up to completion of the 001 level.

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MLR MEMBER PRODUCT REVIEW

Hi all, this is the first of what we hope will be a regular segment in the MLR magazine. If members have found a product that they think is useful, works well and they think others could benefit from hearing an un-biased opinion about it, well put pen to paper (or fingers to keys) and let us know.

I purchased a C-Gear mat (ground sheet) at the caravan and camping show earlier in the year and had the opportunity to try it out at Peake recently. The C-Gear mat was originally developed as a helipad for the military with helicopters landing in sandy/dusty environments. It was then made smaller for recreational and camping use and comes in a range of sizes for all requirements.

The main rationale is that sand and dirt can fall through the mat but doesn't come back up through it from below.

Other features are:

It will not rot or mould

Liquid goes through

Easy to clean

Environmentally friendly as it doesn't kill grass like tarps do when left on the ground for even a short time. (Caravan Parks like this feature)

Can be used as a shade or wind break

It has numerous tough eyelets for pegging down/tying up etc

When we were at Peake it rained and Frank's ground sheet caught the rain nicely and directed it back towards his tent, whereas the C-Gear mat just let it through and with the double layer construction separated the dirt from the tent really well. I thought at this time that I had bought a 'dud' product when we walked all over it with sand on our shoes and it sat on top, however the more you walked on it, it just disappeared through the mat! Maybe it should be called a 'magic carpet'!!

Go and have a look at the web site at: www.cgear.com and view the demonstration video as is better than me 'rabbiting' on anymore.

I was going to write this for the magazine anyway and when I noticed in the mag. that Paul Tabone has these available at Adventure Off-road campers for a special club price that is better than I have seen at camp shows, I thought it particularly timely.

Happy camping

Steve Brown

Coopers Beer Raffle

The prize was a magnum size bottle (1.5L) of Extra Strong Vintage Ale in a wooden box. The Coopers Brewery Marketing & Advertising Manager kindly donated this prize for us. I believe these bottles of beer are very rare

And this Winner is **Jay ?????** , Congratulations

We all expect to see some photos of you enjoying the beer & a few words in the magazine of what it was like. That is if you ever decided to open it or keep it as is.

With this raffle we managed to raise \$200 dollars for the club

Notes to Remember

The last day for magazine submissions for the September edition is Monday 7th September.

Club membership fee's are now due. If payment is not received by the end of the August meeting, then a \$10 late payment fee will be applied. \$65 for renewal of a membership, \$75 for a new membership and \$57.50 for membership as a second club.

Next club meeting is on Monday 14th September.



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TRIP LEADERS CHECKLIST

PRE-PLANNING

Choose a location for the club trip

Choose a date - start & finish

Choose a route - there & back

Accommodation - caravan, camper trailer or tents only

Cost of camping, track access or other costs

Determine difficulty of the trip

Determine vehicle suitability, requirements & convoy limit

Work out an estimate of the trip distance

AT A CLUB MEETING

With all your pre-planning information at hand approach the trips coordinator

Discuss & seek feedback on your trip details & amend if necessary

Ask if anyone else within the club has done the same trip for any advice or suggestions

Fill out a trip sheet & post on the trips board

Within the club meeting, stand up & introduce yourself

Explain all the details of your proposed trip as outlined in the pre-planning stage

Answer any questions if needed

During the next subsequent meetings keep up to date with progress of names listed on your trip

IN THE MEANWHILE FINALISE DETAILS FOR YOUR TRIP

A start meeting point & time for your trip, there can be multiple places to meet when on route

Finalise any personal, camping, safety & recovery equipment required for the trip as a minimum

Determine if there is any First Aiders, club trainers or assessors on your trip

Amount of fuel stops & fill up locations whilst driving

Notify & book in your trip with any relevant landowners, caravan parks, national parks etc

Assess & check any possible weather conditions you may encounter whilst on your trip

Leave details of your trip with the trips coordinator - itinerary, route & planned return time

Determine all the water & food requirements of the trip - are there any group cooked meals ?

THE LAST CLUB MEETING BEFORE YOUR TRIP

Gather together the members of your trip into a small group & finalise any details of the trip

Confirm all names & numbers of persons attending

Gather all participants trip application forms

Determine if there are any special needs or medical requirements of the participants

Collect any money or fees if it is required

THE FIRST DAY OF YOUR TRIP

Arrive first at the chosen meeting place & time

Once all intended persons have arrived, introduce yourself & anyone travelling with you & call sign

Get everyone else to introduce themselves, people travelling with them, call sign & type of vehicle driven

Make sure everyone is aware of your mobile phone number in case of an emergency

Make everyone aware of the nominated first aider

Discuss convoy procedures, marking of corners & making sure they can see the vehicle behind them

Remind everyone of UHF radio use, etiquette & rules. No swearing / bad language etc

THINGS TO DO THROUGHOUT EACH DAY OF YOUR TRIP

At the start of each day or each individual section of the drive appoint a Tail End Charlie

Nominate a person to write the trip report for that day

Perform regular radio checks of all vehicles in your convoy

Make yourself available to everyone if there are any grievances or conflicts on the trip

CLUB BY-LAWS & RULES FOR TRIPS & ACTIVITIES

As extracted from the Club's Constitutional Document

CLUB ACTIVITIES

For the purposes of these by-laws & rules, only those activities that have been approved by the Directors or at a General Meeting & noted in the minutes shall be recognised as official Club activities. Any activity not so approved shall be considered as a member's private activity & shall only be discussed at General Meetings during general business, if time permits.

REGULATIONS

All members & visitors shall at all times abide by the Club Constitution, these by-laws, rules & regulations laid down by Government Authorities & owners/lessees of private property.

CLUB IDENTIFICATION

All club identification shall be removed from vehicles prior to sale or upon expiration of membership.

RADIOS

Members using CB, UHF & HF radios shall use them at all times in accordance with State &/or Federal Government rules & regulations governing the use of radios.

All members shall install 27 Meg (AM) or UHF radios for all club trips within 6 months of joining the club.

VEHICLE INSURANCE

All participants in Club activities are required to produce to Directors a written declaration stating that they have in force, and will have in force for the duration of the club's financial year, a current policy of Comprehensive or 3rd Party Insurance applicable to the vehicle they are driving, upon renewal of such participants' membership with the club.

CONDUCT OF ACTIVITIES

Direction of Organisers

All members & visitors participating in a club activity at all times shall abide by the directions of the activity organizer or trip leader in respect to:

- i. Compliance with Club by-laws & rules

- ii. Safety of all other members
- iii. Fire precautions & restrictions
- Care & respect of private property
- The rights of other people

Trip Leaders

On trips, the Trip Leader has absolute authority over the whole trip & they must ensure that members & visitors are aware of all relevant Club by-laws & rules & have adequate recovery equipment.

Assistant Trip Leader

Trip Leaders at their discretion may appoint separate trip leaders to lead separate convoys.

Contravention of Club by-laws & Rules

A member contravening Club by-laws or rules may be asked by the trip leader to leave the activity or trip & the incident reported to the Committee. Disregard of club by-laws & rules should be reported to the Committee members by the club members. All members must inform the Trip Leaders of their intention to go on a club trip.

National Parks & Forest Areas

All members & visitors are responsible for knowing & observing Park, Woods and Forest regulations whilst traveling in these areas, or in other areas controlled by Government Authorities.

Conclusion of Trips

Trip Leaders must ensure that all participants have clear directions to their destination at the conclusion of the club trip.

Children

Adults must be responsible at all times for the behavior of the children in their charge.

Prospective Members

Prospective members & visitors are allowed on Club activities at the discretion of the activity organiser but not to the exclusion of club members.

Non Financial Members

Persons previously on the club committee but who are currently not financial, or other persons, who are not financial, are not allowed to take part in club activities with our prior Committee approval.

Numbers of vehicles

The number of vehicles on a Club activity shall be determined by the trip leader but also may be subject to requirements of outside authorities. As a general rule the number of vehicles in a convoy shall not exceed 15 as the sight & inconvenience to other members of the public must be considered.

Dogs

On trips where dogs are permitted, they must be kept under control at all times, preferably on a lead.

Motorcycles

Motorcycles are not permitted on Club trips except with the express permission of the trip leader.

Firearm

Guns & rifles must not be visible inside vehicles & should only be removed in cases of emergency, or with the express permission of the trip leader.

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Guns & rifles must not be visible inside vehicles & should only be removed in cases of emergency, or with the express permission of the trip leader.

Intoxicating Liquor

Excessive consumption of intoxicating liquor on club activities is discouraged.

Off Tracks

Vehicles are to stay on existing roads & tracks except in areas where permission has been granted to move away from existing vehicle corridors.

Flora & Fauna

Live branches are not to be broken from trees or shrubs. No member shall use a tree as an anchor for winching without providing adequate protection around the tree from slings or cables. Trip members must not disturb birds, animals & their habitat.

Gates

All gates must be left as they were found.

Camping

Campsites must not be within 500m of any artificial constructed watering points. Campsite adjacent to large natural watering points must be sited so that stock & wildlife are not prevent from gaining access to water. Campsite must be at least 1km away from any station homestead, shearing shed, outstation or other improvement unless prior approval of the land manager. Previous campsites should be used wherever possible. Care must be taken to minimize damage to vegetation etc at campsites & making of unnecessary vehicle tracks is to be avoided.

Water

Minimal water only is to be taken from any watering point. Members are not to swim or bathe in tanks or dams without permission from the land manager. If water is required for washing it is to be bucketed out. Soaps & detergents etc are not to be introduced into tanks, dams, rivers or natural watering points.

Litter

No litter or rubbish is to be thrown from vehicles. At all stops, members shall ensure that no rubbish is left at the site. All non-burnable rubbish is to be carried out & disposed of in approved receptacles or areas. Burnable rubbish may be burnt at campsites provided all other members are considered, correct precautions are taken & there are no fire bans in place. Non-combustibles are to be removed from ashes.

Historical Sites

All sites of historical significance are to be left undisturbed & artifacts are not to be removed off site.

Toilets

When using bush toilets ensure an adequate, deep hole is dug & covered properly before leaving the campsite. Do not allow paper & tissue to blow around the area.

Mobile Generators

The use of generators must be kept to a minimum & not used after 8,00pm or before 7,00am without the permission from everyone within the vicinity. At all times other travelers must be considered when using generators. Members must ensure as far as possible that generators are permitted in NPWS areas prior to departures or obtain permission from rangers at the site.

Fires

Fire bans must be complied with at all times. Normally one campfire should be adequate and the trip leader is responsible for its location. The trip leader may approve other small cooking fires. At sites where adequate supply of dead wood on the ground is not available (especially National Parks etc) or during potential fire danger period's members are encouraged to use gas or other means for cooking. All fires must be extinguished before the site is vacated, ashes disposed of, and where practical, no signs of the fire should be left at the site.

Spares

Vehicles must carry enough spare to be reasonably self sufficient in the event of breakdown. Spares for similar type vehicles can be shared amongst those on the trip. The specific spares would depend on the type of trip & location and agreement between participants.

Grievances

Any grievance arising from any club activity must be made as soon as possible (preferably in writing) to the organisers of that activity or Directors so that any problems can be resolved promptly.

Convoy Procedure

Regulations – All drivers shall observe all regulations at all times.

Departure Warning – The trip leader shall give a 5-minute warning before departing.

Briefing – Prior to departure each day all drivers are to assemble a central point for the trip leader's briefing on the next stage of the trip.

Travel – All members of the convoy are to follow the trip leader & not stray from route

Track Widening – Drivers are not to widen existing tracks by driving around obstacles such as broken branches, large holes, rocks etc but should endeavor to do minor track maintenance to allow vehicles to remain on the track, i.e. remove branches, fill holes etc

Convoys – Vehicles should stay in convoy position unless a change is authorised

Distances – members should keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front, particularly in hilly country or if brakes are wet after a water crossing. On main roads leave adequate space between vehicles to enable other vehicles to overtake safely.

Driver Responsibility – Each driver is responsible for the vehicle behind. Keep the following vehicle in contact at all times. In conditions where visibility is poor switch on lights & check regularly that following vehicle is in sight. Contact by radio if possible.

Acknowledging Turns – Wait at every turn with indicators flashing until the following driver acknowledges with their indicators flashing.

Separated Convoy – If the convoy becomes separated & an intersection is reached where there is no other vehicle, stop and wait for instruction from the trip leader.

Leaving Convoy – If members wish to leave a convoy for any reason they must inform the trip leaders by radio or at stops. If on the move, drop back & advise your intentions to the last vehicle who will advise the trip leader as soon as possible.

Breakdown of Vehicles – If a vehicle breaks down or becomes immobile for any reason, all vehicles must stop with the affected vehicle until it is again mobile or the trip leader has checked that the vehicle is safe to be left for adequate assistance. Arrangements are to be made to renew contact as soon as possible.

Stopping Convoy – if members wish the vehicle in front to stop, call on radio if available, attract drivers attention by flashing lights on an off or stop. Care must be taken when flashing lights at night to avoid causing a hazard to oncoming vehicles.

Negotiating Hazards – At any creek crossing, steep hill, sand hill or other hazardous terrain all those not involved are to stand well clear of the activity. The trip leader, or delegate, will have complete control over activities. Vehicles are to be moved well clear of the hazard to allow sufficient room for following vehicles.

Recovery Operations – During recovery operations members should give what assistance possible but not get in the way. Stand well clear of vehicles, towropes & winching cables. Obey instructions of trip leader.

Vehicle Damage – Any damage caused to a members vehicle is the member's own responsibility. Members should not be afraid to stop to remove obstacles to avoid this

Stopping Areas – Campsites or rest areas should be chosen where practical so that all members of the trip can be accommodated comfortably in the one area. Care must be exercised so that damage to stopping areas is minimised.

Starting Times – Times for daily departures are agreed to prior to departure or at daily briefing

Lunch Stops – Meal breaks should be about an hour unless otherwise agreed beforehand. Time starts from the arrival of the last vehicle at the site.

Stops – Convoys should stop for a short period every 2 hrs to allow participants to rest.

End of day's Travel – Where possible the day's travel should end with sufficient daylight available to allow campsites to be established unless otherwise agreed beforehand.

Convoy Speed – The maximum traveling speed for any club trip shall be determined by the road conditions, all state regulations and not faster than the slowest vehicle in the convoy. The trip leader prior to departure particularly for bitumen road travel should advise

SAFETY ALERT

Sat phone – Globalstar – WARNING

We recently completed a trip to the Simpson Desert for which I decided to hire a Sat phone here in Adelaide for the whole trip.

We approached a southern firm for the hire, who deal with Globalstar networked phones. We were notified by the dealer due to some satellites being presently replaced **“we may expect occasional short periods of 20 to 30 minutes of no coverage”**. We found the phone to be completely useless for the trip and serious risk to us if required in an emergency. We had most nights with “no coverage” and with coverage being the occasional only.

When we did have coverage (about 2 nights in the whole trip) we could connect but then get disconnected numerous times during the call. We had clear skies which could be considered perfect for coverage but alas no, after speaking to the rep once home he showed no concern or care factor, I tried to point out he has a responsibility / liability to provide accurate information in regarding to the system offered.

I suggest if anyone is considering hiring a Sat phone make sure it is with a different network provider and speak to people in the club that have first hand knowledge of other networks, as I understand it will be at least another 12 months before Globalstar has more satellites available.

Cheers

Paul McGregor

I have found that the Iridium network is very reliable, with good coverage. My workplace has replaced all its Globalstar phones with Iridium units. Ed

NOTES

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 13TH JULY 2009 AT THE BLACKWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB

GUEST SPEAKER

Simon and Yvette West gave a talk on rally driving

APOLOGIES

Donald Ward.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

Change of Public Officer notice from OCBA; newsletters from Mt Gambier 4WD club, Whyalla and Districts 4WD club, Toyota Landcruiser club; Certificate of Insurance from TCIS. Replacement cheque book from CBA

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Nil.

PRESIDENT

The meeting opened with Andrew presenting a cheque to the RFDS for \$500 from the proceeds of the recent quiz night.

VICE PRESIDENT

Nothing to report.

SECRETARY

The minutes of the previous meeting have been emailed to all on the club mailing list.

TRIPS

Phil Simes gave a report on the recent trip to Rockleigh.

Ricky Esser advised of a new track being opened near Peterborough called Willangi, more details can be found at www.willangibushscapes.com.au

Luke advised anyone planning on going to Beachport for the Australia Day trip to book their spot at the caravan park ASAP

NEWSLETTER

The latest issue has been emailed to all members on the mailing list. Neil thanked all contributors for their articles and asked for more trip reports from upcoming trips.

SAAFWDC

The association will be having a display at the upcoming Caravan and Camping Show, we need volunteers to assist with our stand.

TRAINING

Paul has copies of the basic theory papers available for those who recently undertook the basic course.

MERCHANDISE

Several of the older stock items were available for sale at discounted prices to clear room for new stock.

SOCIAL

The mid year dinner is filling quickly and anyone wishing to attend needs to confirm with Shorty or Matt to reserve their place.

A Bowling night at Cross Road Bowl is planned August 15th, please see the trip board for details.

WEBSITE

Nothing to report.

PROPERTY OFFICER

The purchase of some new recovery equipment was discussed and voted on.

1 Motion that we purchase two sets of "Grate Mates" from Mount Barker 4x4 centre at \$200 per set. Proposed by Andrew Thomas, seconded by Dave Willsmore, carried.

2 Motion that we purchase an exhaust jack from Mount Barker 4x4 for \$330 with appropriate sized connection to suit most vehicles. Proposed by Andrew Thomas,

It was further agreed that members who have passed the relevant competencies as per the DTU training, and that anyone borrowing the equipment is responsible for maintaining it in a serviceable manner should only use the exhaust jack.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Steve Brown suggested that the newsletter could feature member's reviews on camping equipment, recovery equipment and the like.

It was discussed that DTU approved trainers, assessors, and advisors be encouraged to remain part of the club with free membership or other incentives. Arguments were put for and against and it was decided that further debate was needed at a future meeting.

MEETING CLOSED

9-30 p.m.