



# Rangers' Review

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Phil Simes getting to know his Patrol at Rockleigh

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# **Mount Lofty Rangers Inc.**

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month

## **Information**

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

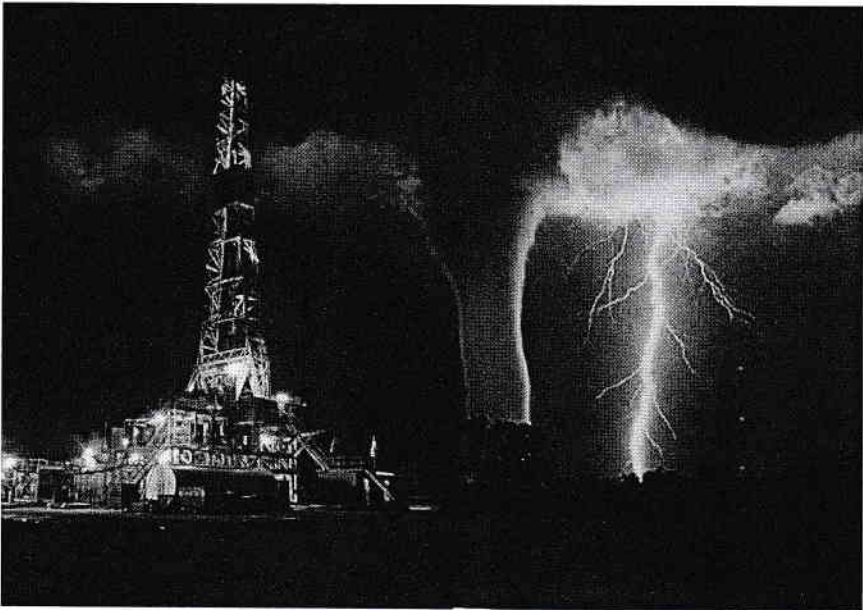
Welcome all, to the July edition of your club magazine, all 68 pages of it !  
What a bumper edition !

I must firstly thank all the contributors for sending in their trip reports for the trips held over the last month and I'm sure you will enjoy their perspectives on the varied destinations. Keep the material coming !

If you are looking to catch up on your training, then check out the training section on page 46. Please support the DTU and put your names down for the various training trips on offer..

In the coming months you will also be able to have a fresh look at current issues through Steve Brown's cartoon's. This months sketch depicts a rather modified 4wd and ponders the question of its legality !

Through my work in the oil and gas industry, I get to see some very remote parts of central Australia. As some of you will know, this is a fairly unforgiving part of the world, however this months pic is of a drill rig in Texas. Im sure glad we don't get tornado's in central Australia !



Cheers

*Neil Cook*

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## PRESIDENTIAL REPORT JULY 2009

Well, another month has yet rolled around for 2009 as we now approach the quieter time of year with the amount of trips we usually run. This is primarily due to the weather as I expect few people generally enjoy going away in the cold & rain along with getting their vehicle muddy & dirty. So I encourage trip leaders to step forward to run day trips between now & the next long weekend due in October. Speaking of which it was good to see we had 2 trips run over the course of the June Long weekend to Bendleby Ranges & Peake. I look forward to reading the trip reports & see the photos throughout this month's magazine.

So when reading through this magazine please refer to the upcoming trips section & also consult the trip board & get your name down on a trip or consider leading a trip. Also please consider to getting your name down for the mid year dinner coming up at the Bierhaus in Lobethal as we need large numbers to make this worthwhile for the restaurant. I am sure it will be a great night as a social gathering & is being organized by Shorty & Matt.

Also there is the first aid course coming up in September this year. I am sure this will be of great benefit to you personally just not in your 4wd life when out on trips but at home, work & in everyday life so once again lets all look at seeing if we can get the maximum number of applicant we can to make it worth while for the club/

There are a couple of new initiatives, which are being introduced at the moment to make things easier for members & designated trip leaders when you're out on club trip if you could please co-operate with both of these from now on that would be greatly appreciated.

### **ICE Forms** (In Case of Emergency)

In front of you on the table is a blank form sheet if you could please take 1 per vehicle & fill out all the details as requested upon it. Once the details have been filled out cut the sheet in half & seal each half into a separate envelope, then write on the front of the envelope your name with the words "ICE" & then keep somewhere safe. What you need to do with these forms when you go on all club trips or activities is bring both these envelopes with you. At the start of the trip hand both copies to the designated trip leader who in turn will hand 1 copy to tail end Charlie, just in case if anything was to happen to the trip leader. At the conclusion of the trip these forms will be handed back to you un-opened for use next time. These envelopes would be only opened in case of an emergency if there were no one else with you on a trip or anyone else able to provide any medical details to a hospital or other medical practitioner for use.

This would also allow a trip leader to contact anyone you have designated as your emergency contact person about you & your current situation.

### **Trip Intention Forms**

These are a new form for participants to fill out every time they nominate for a club trip with the yellow cards on the trip notice board. So when you write your name down on one of these sheets please grab 1 of these blank forms & fill it out on the night the please hand over to the designated trip leader for this trip. The idea behind this form is to provide as much detailed information as possible to the trip leader to about who is going on their trip, the type of vehicle & modifications it has as to the suitability for their chosen trip. There will also be information like a hone number & email address to make the contacting people easier for them too. Hopefully it will make the process a whole easy for the trip leaders thus encouraging more club members to run & organise club trips as trip leaders. So please co-operate by filling these forms out every time you nominate for a club trip, event or activity.

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***





Official Information Release from Four Wheel Drive SA

# 4WD Matters

South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Incorporated ABN 24 036 898 553 trading as Four Wheel Drive South Australia

Caravan, Camping and Off-Road Sale - 05/06/2009

## Back to Wayville for the 2009 Caravan, Camping and Off-Road Sale

For the first time since 2003 FWDSA will have a presence at a Caravan and Camping Industry Association SA (CCIASA) show - given that FWDSA individuals did lecture on 4 Wheel Driving for some years after this.

FWDSA and Clubs will participate in the Caravan, Camping & Off-Road Sale in August 2009 and the 2010 Adelaide Caravan and Camping Show

We are being allocated a large indoor site to accommodate 14 clubs and the Association - fitting out of the site with display walls, name fascias etc is being provided free of charge.

### CCIASA is making a fuss

CCIASA will be issuing a number of printed statements praising the "new alliance" between our organisations.



".....there is a natural synergy for both associations to educate consumers at Caravan and Camping Shows....."

FWDSA's presence at the show ".....will see the inclusion of further off road orientated exhibits.....as the majority of four wheel drivers use their vehicles to get to particular holiday and recreational destinations, sometimes quite remote".

### What do 4WD Clubs do?

We need to get it right!

The CCIASA are granting an expensive privilege which is a great opportunity for us. But be sure they will be looking at our performance. We need to get it right.

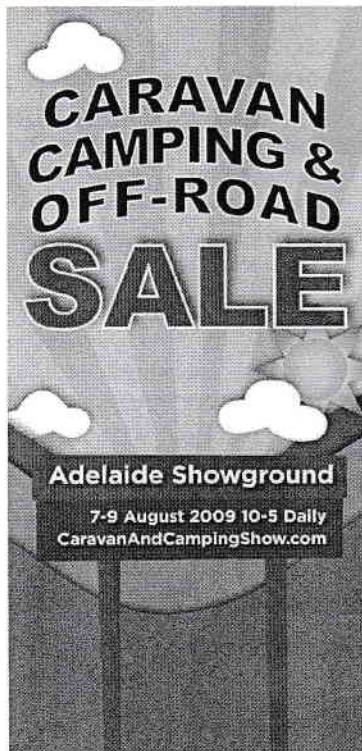
At the very least promote the show in your club by printing FWDSA promotional material.

If you get in quick enough you can have a club area on the FWDSA stand, or you can volunteer to help staff the area.

### What do 4WD Clubs members do?

Show support by attending the show (in club uniform if possible).

You can take advantage of the half-price ticket offer which will be announced later.



### What has happened to the 4WD & Adventure Show?

We've been told it's not going to be on this year!

We are fortunate that FWDSA Vice-President Ken Bradey's recent ground work, and the good will of the (CCIASA) has resulted in a replacement venue for us to promote ourselves to the public.

Detail - FWDSA Vice-President Ken Bradey (MtLofty Rangers 4WD Club) - Caravan and Camping Industries Association of SA  
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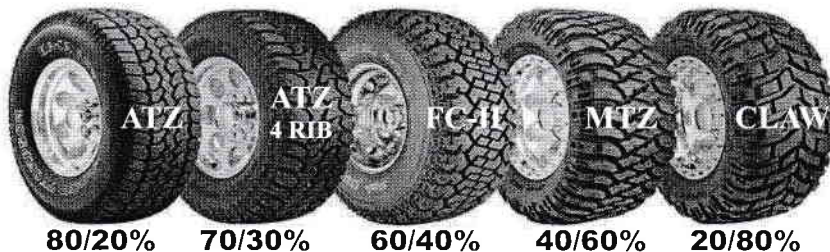
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Rockleigh 27-28 June

It all started at a very civilised time, taking a leisurely trip up the SE Freeway to Callington and out to the north of the town to the private property shortly meeting Pat and Shorty at the campsite a little after 10am. Graham, Nick and Dave arrived soon after. We boiled the billy and chatted for a while as introductions were made, a bit of air was let out of the tyres and possible improvements to the area were discussed.

It was a relaxing start to the weekend, standing next to the fire, sipping a cuppa, surrounded by green rolling hills with the bleating of new lambs drifting in from the neighbour's paddock. Nick, particularly, could feel the stress levels dropping. With 16mth old twin boys at home, it's been a while since he's been able to get away. Don't worry Nick, in a few more years, you'll have actually have a couple of good excuses to get away!

So off we went, to start exploring the property. Shorty lead us through to another paddock where a gentle slope took us through a small gully and up an interesting little hill, where the track went up, over smooth, football sized rocks, that were held together with clay. All of which had been nicely wetted down by rain the previous night. Shorty went up without any drama's, but most of us needed a couple of goes at picking the right line, for some sections, with the correct amount of right foot, to enable the mud filled tyres to scramble over the rocks. The next challenge was coming back up the washed out gully, with some intimidating looking washouts and jump-ups to negotiate. My first run 'customised' my sidesteps, when I gave it a bit more right foot than was really required, but managed a much more controlled run once I'd watched the others crawl up with more restraint.

The day continued with the arrival of a few more members, and a few more obstacles. Nick found himself loosing traction on a slippery hillside, despite running a fairly aggressive tyre, and tried again with a bit more speed, slithered off to the side of the track, but managed to reverse down safely. My attempt saw me stop forward motion a bit further up the hill, but it was decided to winch me up, rather than risk a slippery slide type reversing attempt. Shorty's winch was used, with his vehicle secured by strap to Pat's vehicle a little further up the hill. With each cars attempt the hill became more slippery. It was certainly entertaining watching Luke attempt the hill, with the wheels still turning forwards as the vehicle slid backwards!

While some took the opportunity to have some training marked off, others followed Shorty to another gully where I again realised the benefits of decent tyres, lift and locker, (maybe some driver skill...?) (..naaaah!) and found myself needing winching out after attempting to follow in Shorty's wheel tracks and further customising my side steps. Luke followed once I was clear, with some interesting sounds coming from under his vehicle as he applied plenty of right foot and bounced out the other end. Graham followed with his sidesteps also acquiring a few more battle scars as he crawled out of the gully.

Another, hill side track, that became gradually steeper, provided the most exciting incident of the weekend. Once again, Shorty crawled up the track, this time announcing that it was "a little slippery near the top". Nick followed in the Challenger, and seemed to be doing OK until running out of traction and the engine stalling. Being an auto transmission, Nick had little option other than to plant his foot on the brake. This is about the time that gravity took over, as the car slid with wheels locked, down the hillside, fortunately following the wheel tracks, for a distance of 10-15 metres. After a short pause, Nick's voice crackled over the UHF, "Well....., that was interesting!" I then erred on the side of caution, given that I had AT tyres, and waved Graham through. He made it a little further up the hill, but the combination of making it higher up the hill and being in a heavier Patrol, resulted in an even more "interesting" backwards slide, when gravity again won out, and the Patrol could be seen accelerating down the hill with the wheels locked, stopping 15+ metres down the hill, just before the track became steeper again.

As most headed home, Graham, Nick and myself rolled out our swags and kicked back next to fire. After a call from Dave, Nathan and I did a quick run back to the gate, to guide a heard of cows back into the property after they somehow managed to open the chained gate. Fortunately they were quite co-operative, once I managed to turn them around, and they happily ran back down the 400m of road and through the gate, freaking out Nathan as they charged towards him holding the gate open!

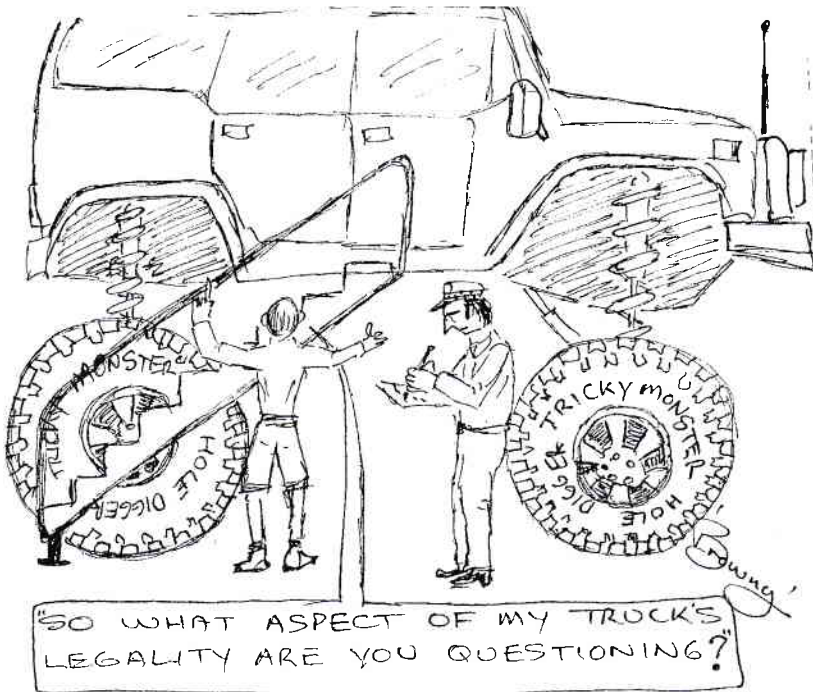
As usual, the days events were revisited and a number of important issues discussed, (including the vitally important question of how WheatBix should be prepared), next to the fire, before turning in.

The Sunday started in a similar relaxing way, with Dave finding us next the camp fire a little before 10am, in much the same positions as we were when he left the night before. (except we were drinking coffee this time!) We found a new rocky creek, not far from the campsite where we practiced some wheel placement and also did a couple of runs up and down our favourite

gully from the day before, before returning to the campsite, packing our gear and heading for home. I also spent a while attempting to put my Patrol's tail light back in it's place, but I was told that it was always just going to be a matter of time, 'till they fell out!

Thanks to Dave and Shorty for organising the trip and the others for their company. Each time out with the club, I've learnt more about my vehicle and what it can and can't do. (and solved a few of the worlds problems around the campfire!) I'm looking forward to heading back to Rockleigh and hopefully helping with a few improvements. It's a nice spot with a variety of tracks to practice and test a vehicle, and it's driver. It's nice and close too, so let's hope that we can build a good working relationship with the owner, so we can retain access for years to come!

Phil Simes

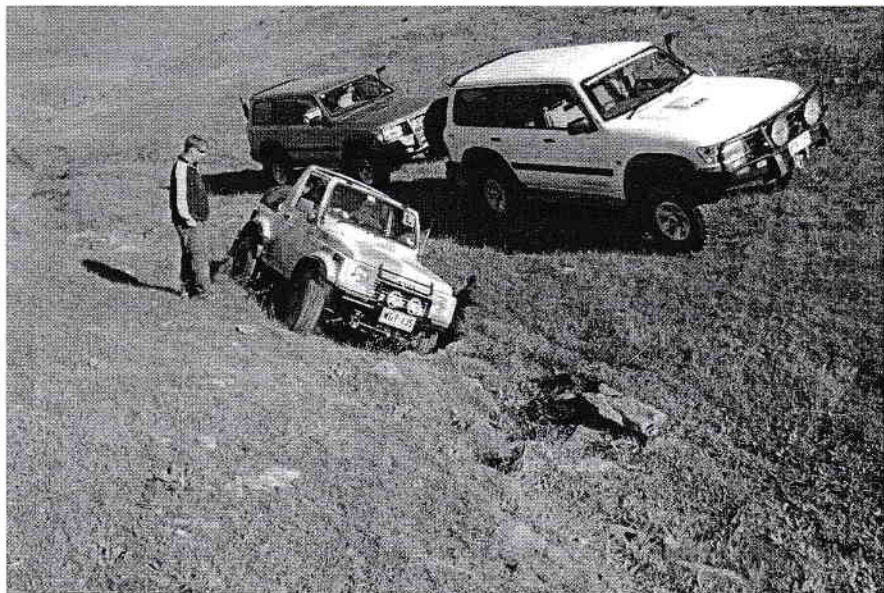




Some of the terrain you will find at Rockleigh







Some of the terrain you will find at Rockleigh





## Somali Eggs.....Peake style

Hi all, being a more recent club member this is my first attempt at writing a MLR newsletter article, so go easy on me!...ta.

I have been to Peake with the club three times now and I would like to start with a little memory of the second time I went there. It was a Friday night, we got to the campsite, set up tents etc and headed off to the Peake pub for a meal (as we did the first time). Only problem was that the publican wasn't advised that we were coming and this he needs to know so he has food available. Not to worry says he, "I'll fix you some Somali eggs!". Slightly puzzled we looked at each other and said to each other, "what the heck are Somali eggs?" (or something like that). Anyway being hungrier than Elvis on pizza night, we thought 'go for it' so while waiting I drank the pub dry of Coopers Vintage Ale.....errrr.... he only had one in his fridge! When he finally emerged with plates of party pies and pasties and some sauce we just had to ask "what exactly were the Somali eggs going to be?" He replied "that's them in front of you". Then after some more dialog we worked out that he was saying "some small eats" Now I can't go to a party supplying pies and pasties without thinking of 'Somali eggs', and to this day I (and others) swear he said Somali eggs. As the turn off for the property is at the opposite the pub, this time I noticed a sign saying 'Under new management', so maybe the Somali eggs weren't that popular after all! What is the new Licensee going to have in store for us next time? Maybe some 'rose buds are sure green' or translated from 'Peake-lish' might be 'roast spuds and sour cream'. I know, you will never let me do this trip report thing again!

This time a number of us met at the Shell Tailem Bend at 3.30 pm on Friday, so we made quick time to Peake and were erecting tents by about 4.15 and the bon fire was started with all the firewood everyone brought with them. After cooking up something hot and tasty it was over to the fire which had now been moved nearer to the shelter at the camp site. So while the rain drizzled away, we were sitting nice and dry with the fire crackling and the obligatory camp fire chit-chat and laughs. Wayne and Luke arrived during the evening and set up camp before joining the rest of us.

After cooking up yet another storm for breakfast and airing down the tyres, we were off to the sand hills and tracks. We hadn't been there long and we

were facing the 'heart breaker' which is a track which is quite steep, very soft and has a bend to the right that washes off some momentum not far before the crest. After a few of us made it up (not necessarily on the first attempt) we were offering plenty of advice for those poor stricken souls who just couldn't quite make it. There were comments of those 'non achievers' having to camp away from the chosen ones who made it up over the top. Without being specific or to name anyone or single any individuals out, Wayne and Luke made it over the top on Sunday so are allowed to camp with us again.....whoops....me and my big mouth!!

Seeing as Wayne is on stage at the moment, he provided us with some good video, photos and viewing as he traversed a tricky section that had a right to left slope that tended to drag the car to the left. So much so in Wayne's case that the Green movement may have something to say about the damage to trees and scrub done by said Wayne. His Port power flag was ripped off as was his radio antenna. We thought that was a sign for things to come for "the paaaaar", "carn the paaaaar!". Anyway we were wrong as they won that night!!

It is interesting seeing how different cars (and drivers) tackle the same obstacle. Do you use 2<sup>nd</sup> low, or 1<sup>st</sup> high? Another thing is that on sand a Ute with some weight in the tray appears better than an un-laden one. Otherwise more speed is required to make it up and over. Looks like that Bull bar, canopy and suspension fit-out is closer than I thought, does it never end?? .....No, I don't believe it does! And after noticing that the back end of my car goes up and down like a bride's nightie, I at least have to get some shockers as the limp-wristed jobbies that come with the Ute are, dare I say, shocking! Maxtrax proved themselves on a number of occasions too, enabling cars to be extricated without needing snatching and giving some other blighter the joy of rubbing it in after. I certainly appreciated that and Greg was able to get out of his predicament which would have been a little difficult to get another car in there to help. Being on sand made them easy to use. I can't imagine it being much fun packing away muddy Maxtrax but I'm sure they would work equally well in that situation too.

Our trip leader Ken Brady arrived Saturday morning with quad bike in tow which many of us had a go on (thanks Ken). Needless to say my daughter

now has something else on the “you should get one of those” list. At the end of the day Evo, a soon to be new MLR member and friend of Dave Tabone had taken his Hi-Lux places I’m sure he never thought it could go, except he was banished to another part of the camp too! Maybe that ‘heart breaker’ won’t beat him next time. Evo provided some 3wd action on one section that also was fairly ‘speckie’. He and Dave headed off Saturday evening leaving the rest of us to brace for the distant thunder storm which never amounted to any more than a bit of occasional drizzle. One thing to be said for having clouds is that it was decidedly warmer than the first time I went there and 3 deg. below zero was recorded. Another hot meal and night of camp fire conversation followed a great day of sand driving.

Sunday dawned as a fairly nice day, so after brekkie, we went for another play and two more club members arrived to join in. A few different tracks were tried out and some re-visited for the new arrivals and second attempts, when at about lunch time the heavens set down a light shower again. This was rather unfortunate as all our tents were well dry (until then) so it meant packing up damp and hanging everything under the pergola to dry out when we got home. Don’t you just love that! I’m sure we have all been there at some stage. The only consolation being Monday was a holiday so it could all be put away.

The late arrivals stayed on for the Sunday night as I and three other vehicles headed for home. This was not so easy as we could hear the guys playing on the sand hills, radio conversations for the next 15 minutes or so and the comment came from someone that “it makes you want to turn around and go back doesn’t it” And it did but the big smoke beckoned.

I’m sure I can speak for all in saying that we had a great time and learned more about our vehicle’s capabilities and enjoyed the friendship, camaraderie and above all laughs that you experience when you go away with good bunch of people with similar interests. I’m looking forward to much more of this.

Yours in 4wd’ing

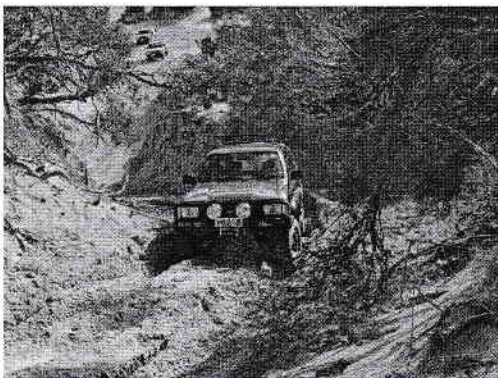
Steve Brown



King's of the Castle

Special thanks to Emma, Eric's daughter who took most of the photos.

Evo doing some 3 wheel action



'Heart breaker'



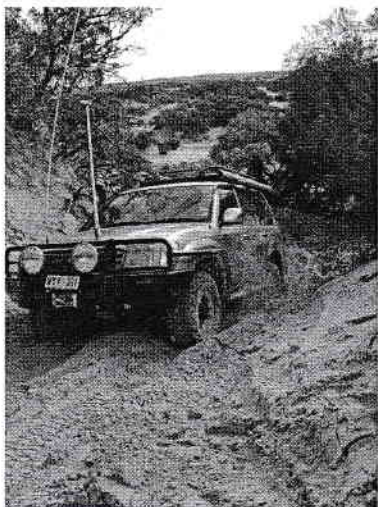
I'm only doing this  
because it's good  
for my waist line!!

Frank's been here



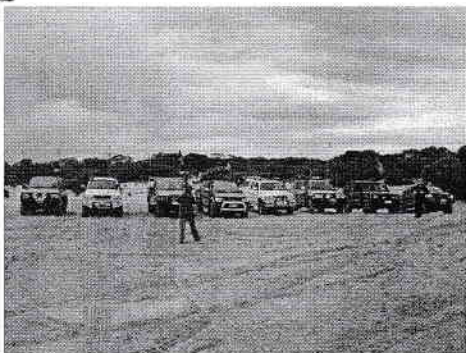
No good trying to  
hide Greg!





Dave's muddies diggin' some dirt.

Group photo

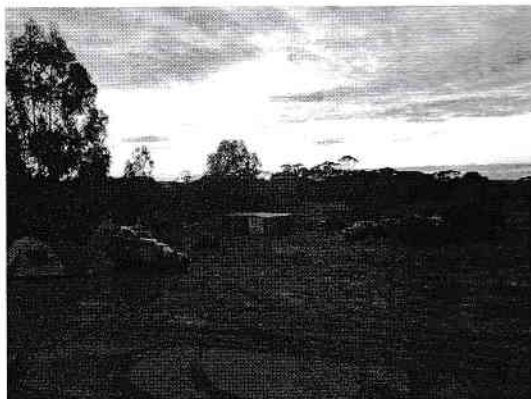


Wayne heading for the bush

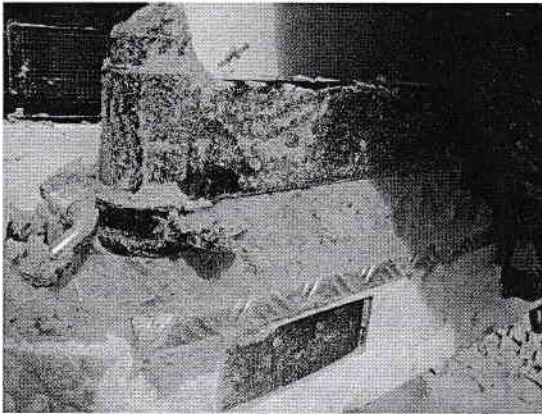


Morning Tai Chi classes

Sunrise over the camp site



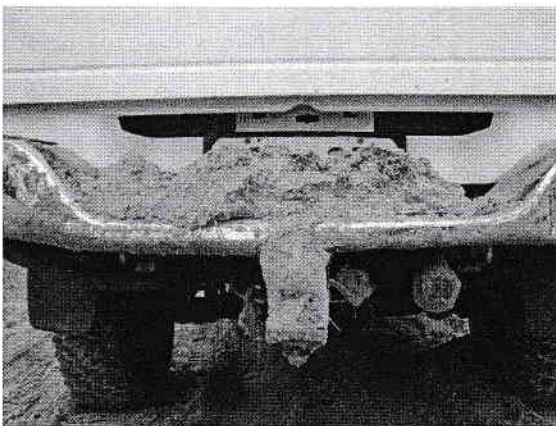
Gotta love those  
Maxtrax



Frank's Hi-Lux has the rear parking sensors too!



Fire-side drinks



Hi-Lux rear parking Sensors (I think Greg sensed the hill was there!)

# JUGS

# "JUST US GIRLS"

## JUGS

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TIME: 3-5pm  
COST: \$27.00 per person (\$10.00 deposit required)

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

Thanks

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# **Bendleby Ranges Trip Report**

June Long Weekend – June 5th – 8th  
(Queens Birthday Holiday on Monday) “God Save the Queen”

On Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> June we set out for the Bendleby Ranges which is 50 km north of Orroroo. Bendleby Ranges is a well organized private 4WD track with toilets – showers - uncluttered camp sites that have tapped water and fire wood provided.

Eight vehicles turned up for this trip with each having varying degrees of clearance and accessories. Vehicle clearance was not essential at Bendleby but having that extra inch or two made the more challenging sections a little easier with less knocks under the 4WD.

Those with Caravans set out early on the Friday morning to beat the long weekend traffic and to travel at a comfortable pace. The rest of us left from the Caltex service station at Bolivar around 2pm. By the time we arrived it was dark with a few showers were starting to fall but being happy campers we made a determined effort and had the camp set up in no time. The wet camp ground created a situation where the individual camps sites were spread out a little too far and unfortunately creating two fires and therefore two social groups

Saturday morning the weather cleared and after a hearty breakfast we set off to do the many scenic tracks on the vast property. One of the highlights and more interesting sections was the 4 km long Ridge Top track. The cars slowly made there way to the top of this rocky hillside to a clearing that provided magnificent views of the country side. The steep decent took us through an interesting and typically beautiful Australian country side.

The range was full of scenic and dynamic stretches of challenging 4WD track but none of them compared to Billy Goat Ridge track. Whilst the name suggests a steep climb, not even a Billy goat would tackle this track without a 4WD. Some of the crew decided to bypass this section of track as it was not suited for the inexperienced driver or the faint hearted. The rewards for completing the climb included great views – adrenalin rushes and a sense of achievement.

Our trip leader fortunately found a slow leak in his tyre before attempting the climb as a rescue or tyre change half way up would have made for a very interesting day on this incredibly steep and rocky section of track.

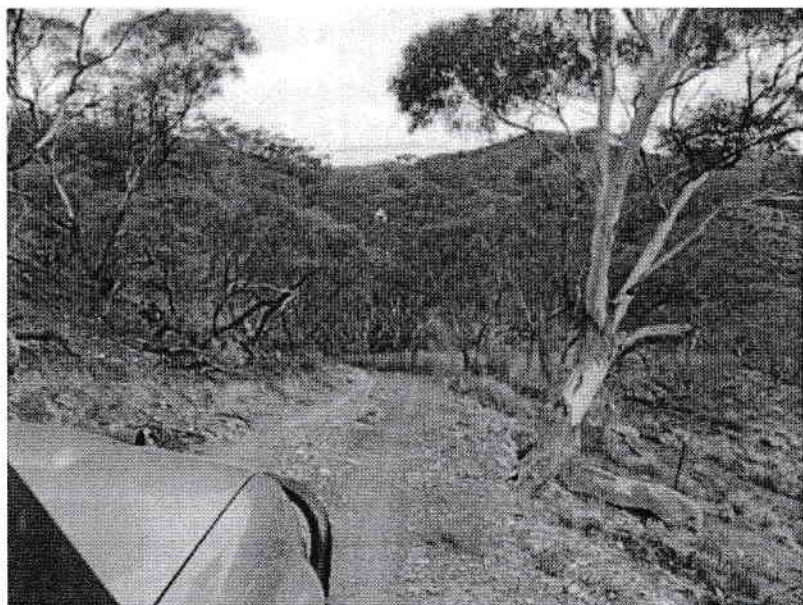
Sunday allowed us to tour the beginning of the Flinders ranges seeing beautiful places like Warren Gorge and early history in towns like - Carrieton – Quorn - Hawker and Cradock. We were fortunate to be guided by trip leader and past local, Richard Williams who has an extensive knowledge of the area and local attractions.

Monday morning was a little showery and it was time to pack up and make our way back to Adelaide to prepare for an exciting week ahead at our favorite place of work. I am sure we would all prefer to be at work rather 4WDiving.

I highly recommend Bendleby Ranges to future trip organisers despite the expense nature of the camping accommodation but the facilities and extensive range of tracks for beginners to the more experienced driver make this place a good weekend away.

David Lamb







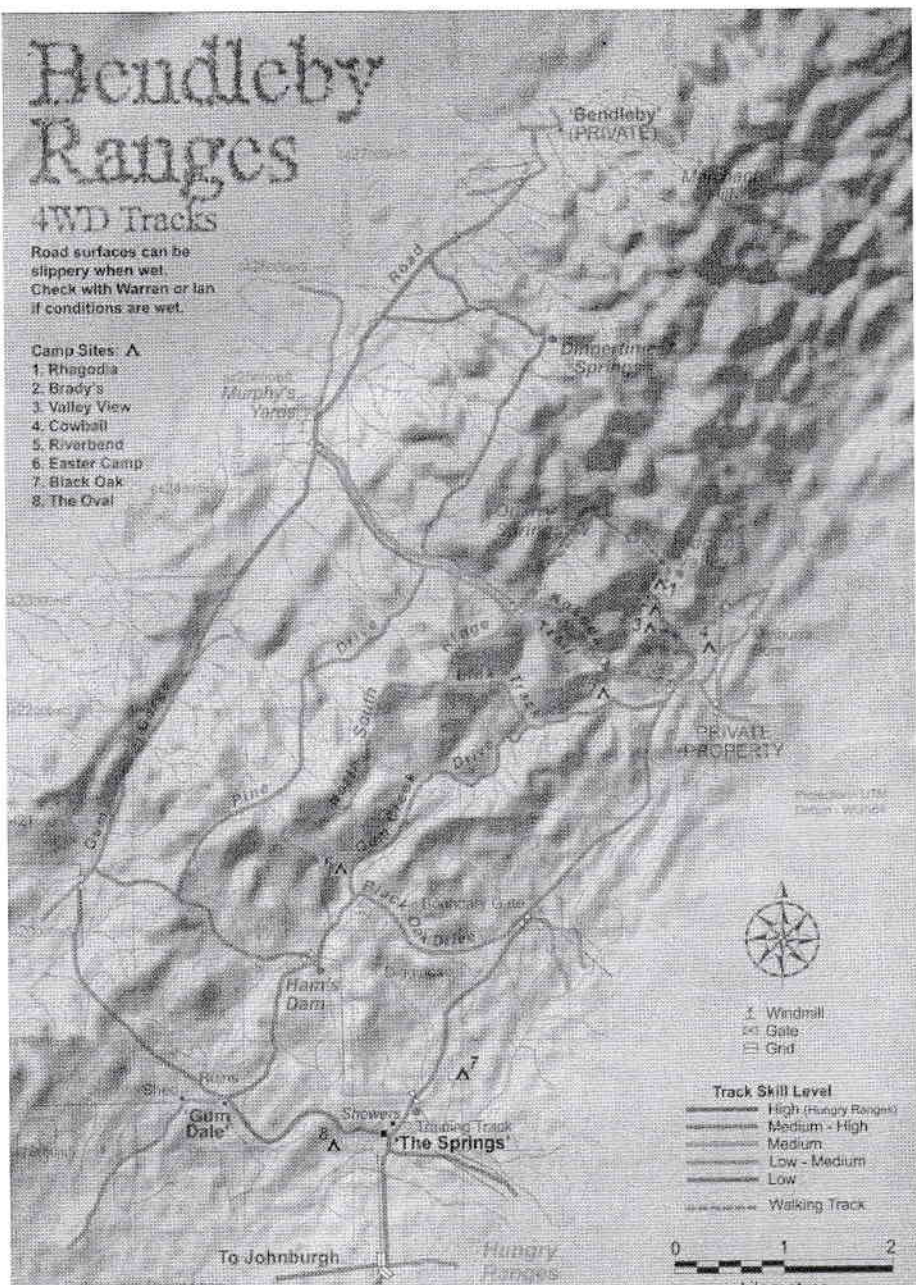


# Bendleby Ranges

## 4WD Tracks

Road surfaces can be slippery when wet.  
Check with Warren or Ian if conditions are wet.

- Camp Sites: ▲
1. Rhagodia
  2. Brady's
  3. Valley View
  4. Cowbell
  5. Riverbend
  6. Easter Camp
  7. Black Oak
  8. The Oval



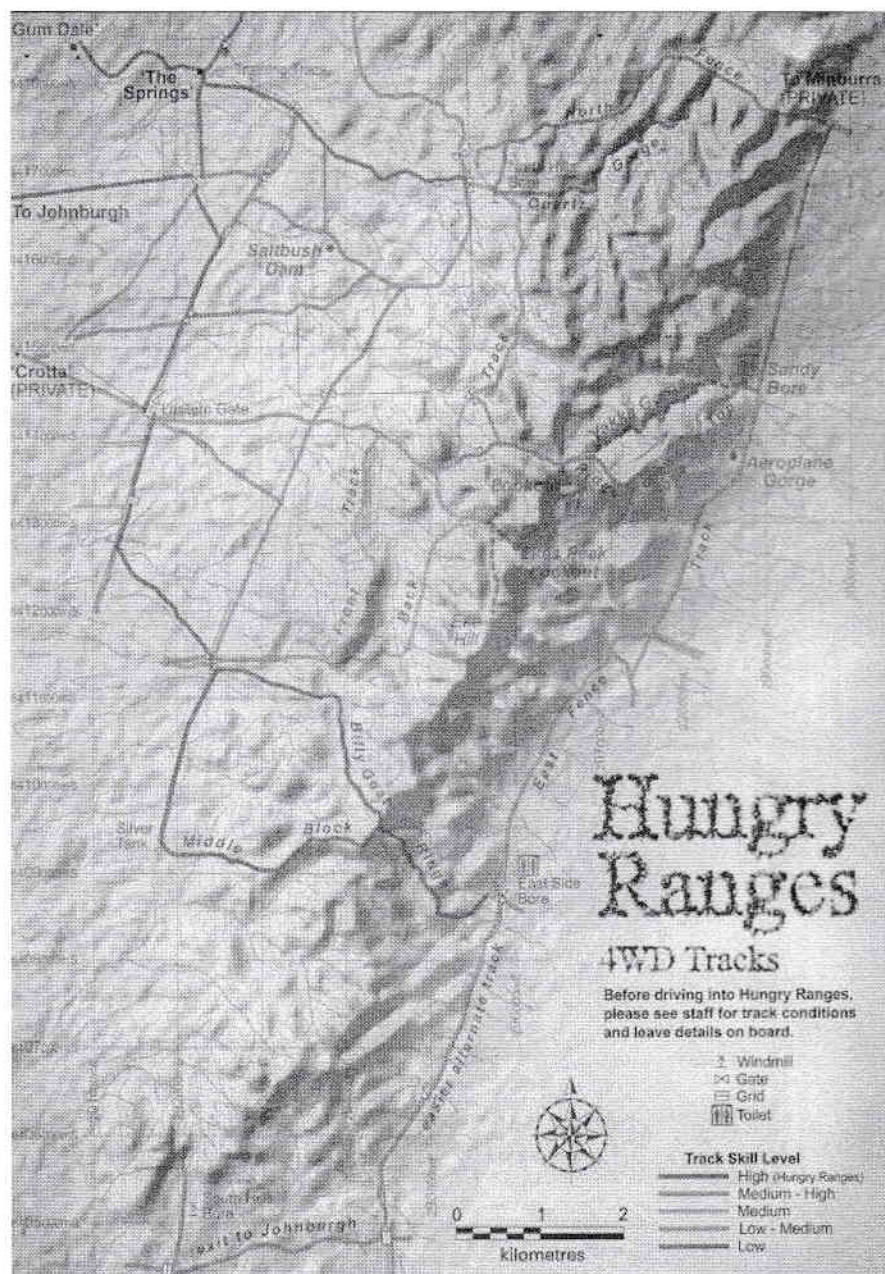


# Bendleby Ranges

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*With kind regards, safe and smart travelling from the staff of Bendleby Ranges*

TRACK	SKILL LEVEL	VEHICLE	DURATION	HIGHLIGHTS
Sally's Well Track	Low	2WD-4WD	15 mins	Glimpses of great scenery
Gum Creek Drive	Low	4WD	30 mins	Early settler ruins are situated at southern end of Gum Creek Drive at exit. Excellent scenery. China Wall (rock formation). Rock pools of water found after rain. Variety of flowering shrubs, plants and rare flora.
North-South Ridge	Low-Medium	4WD	30 mins	Spectacular scenery with 360° views. Has easily accessible vantage spots for sunset viewing and hors d'oeuvres (hors d'oeuvre Hill). South of North-South Ridge early settler ruins can be seen.
Link Track	Medium	4WD	20 mins	Steep ascent/descent. Great 4WD training track - spectacular views
Quarry Springs	Medium-High	4WD	40 mins	Pristine wilderness. Rock waterfall. Historic rock carvings. This old slate Quarry is next to a small natural spring and home to rare native orchids which grow in this area.
Dinner Time Springs Track	Medium-High	4WD	1.5 hours	Great views. Great 4WD experience. Small natural spring. Named by shepherds in the 19th century.
Kokoda Trail	Medium	4WD	40 mins	Named after the Kokoda Trail in Papua New Guinea by the late Mr. Elbery. The first vehicle pathway through the hills. Used by 3 properties in 1980's to move sheep from 1 property to another. Wonderful views to the east over Minburn Plains toward Broken Hill. Large variety of wild flowers/shrubs. Old Shepherd's hut ruins.
Pine Drive	Low	4WD	40 mins	Originally a woodcutter's track. Completely revegetated with new pine. Alpine-like aspects with hills of dense pine.
Gum Gorge Road	Low	4WD	30 mins	Pretty gum and pine lined creek. Ideal for learner drivers. Usually carries an abundance of fauna. For drivers looking for a more sedate drive. Ideal after completing more difficult 4WD tracks.
Black Oak Drive	Low	2WD-4WD	20 mins	Takes in different vegetation. Abundance of wildlife (kangaroos).
Hidden Valley	Low	4WD	30mins	Takes you deep into the ranges. Fabulous hills and gullies. Contains 3 campsites, launching pad for beginning of walking trails. Provides challenge for people towing off road vans and trailers.
<b>Bushwalking Trail</b>				
TRACK	DURATION			
Hidden Valley	3 hours		This walk will take you from the campsites through to Quarry Springs then returning via Kokoda Trail, or over the crest to Ned's Grave and return. Provides an abundance of small creatures because of some permanent water half way up the Gorge. Resident population of echidna and other small reptiles. At the western end there is a rare orchid present (spring time).	





# Hungry Ranges

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TRACK	LOCATION	SKILL LEVEL	VEHICLE	DURATION	HIGHLIGHTS
Ridge Top	Hungry Ranges	Medium - High	4WD	1.5 hours	Offers spectacular views from vantage points in excess of 800m. The country is rugged & stark. As the track progresses there is constant change in the countryside. Often likened to the high-country in Victoria. 4WD component is an adventure beckoning you.
East Track Fence	Hungry Ranges	Medium	4WD	1 hour	This connects with Billy Goat Ridge. Traverse interesting east of the ranges country with an abundance of natural vegetation. Points of interest include the crash site of the Tiger Moth Aeroplane 1927. Offers great lunch spots. A warm safe habitat for wildlife. Interesting range of flora including a multi-variety of Quandong Tree, Native Apricot and Native Orange.
North Fence and Quartz Gorge	Hungry Ranges	Medium - High	4WD	1.25 hours	Takes you deep into the ranges with many spectacular rock formations as well as interesting plant biodiversity. Usual abundance of wildlife. (Emus are found throughout the hills, very shy). Quartz Gorge connects North Hills to North Fence Track. North Fence track is one of the few remaining internal dingy fences.
Billy Goat Ridge	Hungry Ranges	High	4WD	1.5 hours	Offers the ultimate 4WD adventure. It challenges all drivers and all vehicles. It takes challenging paths along narrow rocky ridges. The views are spectacular but it's the 4WD dream. Rated as one of the best available 4WD tracks in the Finders Ranges.
Billy Goat via Middle Block	Hungry Ranges	High	4WD	Additional 15 minutes	This adds an additional 15 minutes to Billy Goat Ridge for more good quality 4WD experiences.
Eke's Peak Lookout	Hungry Ranges	Medium	4WD	1 hour	Short track which, coupled with a short walk, gives people a great driving and walking experience. Fabulous views from Eke's Peak for 360°. Approximately 850m.
Back Track & Front Track Circuit	Hungry Ranges	Medium	4WD	1.5 hours	This track is the latest addition. Can be done as a circuit. Gets through heavily wooded areas with an abundance of bird life. The Front Track offers great views of local plains.

## Bushwalking Tracks

TRACK	DURATION	
Eke's Peak	1.5 hours	This is a pleasurable 50-minute climb which can be managed by most people. (830m). Great unobstructed views in all directions.
Yakka Gorge	2.5 hours	Yakka Gorge can be completed as a one way or in a circuit using the Ridgetop Road for return. It takes you past ancient rock formations of splintered stones. Home to rare flora and fauna. Spectacular views of the Bendleby Ranges.

# Social Scene

Check out the proposed venue for this years mid year dinner. Let Shorty or Matt know if you will be attending.

Saturday 25th July



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Be at Bierhaus at 6.30pm for 7pm start. Brewery tour for those that may be interested or you sit around the nice open fire.

Menu:

Course One to share:

Our chef's selection of antipasto, to include dips, wings, etc (to be placed in the centres of tables so that your members can mingle).

Choice of Two Mains:

Coq au vin on creamy mash with steamed broccoli; (Chicken)  
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Plus side serves of Veg to share on each table and for those who might require it.

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Ed.



# 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.

- 18 - 19 July Basic Training Practical
- 25 - 26th July DTU Training - Kuitpo
- 25th July Annual Club Dinner
- 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
- 31 Oct - 1 Nov DTU Training - Peake
- 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

**Unless otherwise specified, ALL MLR trips use UHF channel 27**

# Upcoming Trips

<b>Trip</b>	<b>Basic Training Practical - Cherry Gardens</b>
Date/s – Duration	18 - 19 July
Trip Leaders	Tim Byrne 
Convoy limit	10
Distance – Kms	N/A
Departure / meeting point & time	Cherry Gardens
Difficulty	
General comments	

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<b>Trip</b>	<b>DTU Training</b>
Date/s – Duration	25 - 26 July
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

# Upcoming Trips

Trip	Annual Club Dinner
Date/s – Duration	Sat 25th July @ the Lobethal Bierhaus
Trip Leaders	Matt Eastmure Dave 'Shorty' Willsmore
Convoy limit	50
Cost	Approx \$35 per head
Departure / meeting point & time	Lobethal Oval for camping
General comments	Socialize in the beautiful Adelaide Hills, spend the day at local wineries, markets, Birdwood, Gumeraka. Take a tour through the Bierhaus and taste their home made beers, then enjoy dinner with all the MLR members.

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

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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 Hill




# Upcoming Trips

<b>Trip</b>	<b>DTU Training</b>
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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<b>Trip</b>	<b>Senior First Aid Course</b>
Date/s – Duration	5th Sept 09
Trip Leaders	Tim Byrne
Convoy limit	Unlimited
Cost	Approx \$100 depending on numbers
Departure / meeting point & time	Coromandel Valley Community Centre
Difficulty	
General comments	One day (with homework) course to obtain your senior first aid certificate.

# Upcoming Trips

<b>Trip</b>	<b>Saunders Gorge Day Trip</b>
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	

<b>Trip</b>	<b>Camp Cook Weekend</b>
Date/s – Duration	Sat & Sun 18th/19th Sept
Trip Leaders	Matt 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.

# Upcoming Trips

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

<b>Trip</b>	<b>Lindsay Island</b>
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

# Upcoming Trips

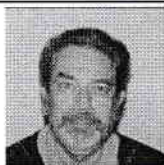
<b>Trip</b>	<b>DTU Training - Peake</b>
Date/s – Duration	31 October - 1 November
Trip Leaders	Paul Tabone
Convoy limit	N/A
Distance – Kms	300
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	All Levels
General comments	Basic 001 sand driving

<b>Trip</b>	<b>Xmas at Wall Flat</b>
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



# Upcoming Trips

<b>Trip</b>	<b>A Day on the Green</b>
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.

<b>Trip</b>	<b>Tanami/Canning/Gunbarrel</b>
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 / DTU Training\*

I would like to repeat my thoughts on training as stated at the last meeting for those who were not present.

For those of you who don't know me my name is Paul Tabone and I have been a member of this club for 6 years now and recently appointed Education Officer.

The reason I joined a club is solely for the training the great trips I have been on since and friendships made have all been a bonus.

I want to clarify my thoughts on weekend training courses and being I did one of these before joining the club I speak of this with a first hand understanding.

Firstly the courses are not cheap for only two days.

This course I feel is ideal for the person who has just bought their first 4wd and is looking to travel Australia alone and has no idea of how a 4wd works and is all they want to learn.

Chances are after doing this course if you do want to do more 4wd driving and learn more is that you will need to join a 4wd club just as I have done.

The people with in the 4wd clubs who offer the training do it as volunteers through the Driver Training Unit (DTU) which is a Registered Training Organisation.

This (being an RTO) is where the delays have been over the past couple of years and some may say is it all necessary to be an RTO and I have thought this myself. The answer though is yes 4wd driving can be dangerous if not done with some idea of what you are doing this puts the driver its passengers and bystanders all at risk.

Personally I feel for our club the Mount Lofty Rangers to continue to be a strong club getting new members who are looking for training we need DTU members to deliver the courses be it theory or practical.

I understand not everyone doing the training wants to continue to be Advisors, Trainers or Assessors but we do need some people to fill these roles.

In an effort to build the training back up the DTU has offered weekend courses for club members with books to attend.

**\*The DTU Training dates.\***

25-26 July - Basic & Advanced mud and water - Kuitpo.

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

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

20 Sept - Tyre repairs - Cavan.

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

Anyone wanting to attend any of the above dates please let me know so I can put your name down to attend.

**\*Club run training event.\***

Sat July 18 - Run by Tim.

## **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](mailto: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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## **COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILE**

**Name?** GRAHAM JONES

**Position?** VICE PRESIDENT

**Years with Club?** 2

**Your Vehicle?** NISSAN GU PATROL

**What Modifications?** 2 INCH SUSPENSION LIFT

**First 4wd?** HILUX 2.2 DIESEL

**Dream 4wd?** PATROL (NEW ONE)

**Occupation?** PROJECT ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

**Suburb?** KANGARILLA

**Family?** WIFE, 2 DAUGHTERS & 3 STEP KIDS

**Favorite place(s) to visit?** FLINDERS RANGES

**Favourite Food(s)?** STEAK, EGG & CHIPS

**Favorite Music?** ALL

**Favorite Past time?** RELAXING 'HA HA'

**Favourite Sport/Team?** 36ers

**Anything else you want to add about yourself?** LIKE TO HAVE FUN

**A quote, saying, or motto you would like to share?** SHORT, FAT & UGLY

# 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 August edition is Monday 3rd August.

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.

Definite numbers will be required for the mid year dinner at the Lobethal Bierhaus by the end of this months meeting. Dave and Matt need to confirm numbers with the restaurant as soon as possible. Make a day of it, visit the local attractions, take a tour of the brewery and enjoy a great meal with great friends.

**Next club meeting is on Monday 10th August.**





**4X4 ACCESSORIES**



**ACCESSORIES SALES AND FITTING SERVICE**

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| 1 Dual Batteries        | 1 Air Compressors        | 1 Fridges         |
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| 1 Roof Racks            | 1 Storage Systems        | 1 Cargo Barriers  |
| 1 Bullbars,             | 1 Staun                  | 1 Polyair Springs |
| 1 Warn Winches          | 1 Wheel Carriers         | 1 Fuel Tanks      |
| 1 Canopies              | 1 Recovery Equipment     |                   |
| 1 Air Locking Diffs     | 1 Old Man Emu Suspension |                   |
| 1 UHF Radios & Antennas |                          |                   |

**\*\*\*CLUB DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS\*\*\***

**\*\*\*CONTACT GLENN BULL FOR FULL DETAILS\*\*\***



**Mount Barker  
4x4 Centre**

**Shop 10/4 Dutton Road  
Mount Barker SA 5251**



**Before you read to the end, does anybody know  
what the main ingredient of WD-40 is?**

Don't lie and don't cheat.  
WD-40. Who knew?

A neighbour bought a new pickup. I got up very early one Sunday morning and saw that someone had sprayed red paint all around the sides of this beige truck (for some unknown reason). I went over, woke him up, and told him the bad news. He was very upset and was trying to figure out what to do probably nothing until Monday morning, since nothing was open.

Another neighbour came out and told him to get his WD-40 and clean it off. It removed the unwanted paint beautifully and did not harm his paint job that was on the truck. I'm impressed! WD-40 who knew? 'Water Displacement #40' The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company.

Its name comes from the project that was to find a 'water displacement' compound. They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus WD-40. The Convair Company bought it in bulk to protect their atlas missile parts.

Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you. When you read the 'shower door' part, try it. It's the first thing that has ever cleaned that spotty shower door. If yours is plastic, it works just as well as glass. It's a miracle! Then try it on your stove top ... Viola! It's now shinier than it's ever been. You'll be amazed.

**Here are some other uses:**

1. Protects silver from tarnishing.
2. Removes road tar and grime from cars.
- 3.. Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
4. Gives floors that 'just-waxed' sheen without making them slippery.
5. Keeps flies off cows.
6. Restores and cleans chalkboards.
7. Removes lipstick stains.
- 8.. Loosens stubborn zippers.
9. Untangles jewelry chains.
10. Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.

11. Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
12. Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing.
13. Removes tomato stains from clothing.
14. Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots.
15. Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
16. Keeps scissors working smoothly.
17. Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes.
18. It removes black scuff marks from the kitchen floor! Use WD-40 for those nasty tar and scuff marks on flooring. It doesn't seem to harm the finish and you won't have to scrub nearly as hard to get them off. Just remember to open some windows if you have a lot of marks.
19. Bug guts will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly! Use WD-40!
20. Gives a children's playground gym slide a shine for a super fast slide.
21. Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers.
22. Rids kids rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises.
23. Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open.
24. Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
25. Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers.
26. Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
27. Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.
28. Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.
29. Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.
30. Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.
31. Removes splattered grease on stove.
32. Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.
33. Lubricates prosthetic limbs.
34. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).
35. Removes all traces of duct tape.
36. Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.
37. Florida's favorite use is: 'cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers.'
38. The favorite use in the state of New York, WD-40 protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements.
39. WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a little on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time. Also, it's a lot cheaper than the chemical attractants that are made for just that purpose.
41. WD-40 is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray on the mark and wipe with a clean rag.
42. Also, if you've discovered that your teenage daughter has washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and rewash. Presto! The lipstick is gone!
43. If you sprayed WD-40 on the distributor cap, it would displace the moisture and allow the car to start.

P. S. The basic ingredient is **FISH OIL**.

# **MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB**



## **GENERAL MERCHANDISE RANGE**

Cloth Badges	\$7.00
Car Stickers	\$2.50
Name Badges	
Initial 2 on joining	FREE
Additional	\$6.00
Replacement	\$6.00
Sand Flags	\$2.50
Tyre Plugs	\$7.50

Please see Les Toomer (0409 285 232) for clothing or other purchases

## **ITEMS FOR LOAN**

Books	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 Mark Curtis for any items you wish to borrow Ph 8358 4776



# MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB



## MERCHANDISE APPAREL RANGE

Sizes available for the clothing range are S, M, L, XL, XXL & XXXL

So let's get out there and support & promote our club to the 4wd community

see Andrew Thomas 0408 854 694

Bulk orders placed in Feb, May, Aug & Nov or/if when minimum orders quantities are met  
All items to be paid in full when placing order. Add \$5 per item for name embroidery.

### HATS

with club logo embroidered



Baseball Cap  
\$17



Bucket Cap  
\$15



Beanie  
\$15

### SHIRTS

with club logo embroidered



Polo Shirt  
With pocket \$37  
Without pocket \$35



Chambray Shirt \$45  
Mens and Ladies  
Full, short or 3/4 sleeves



COOLER  
with club logo printed  
Stubby Holder  
\$5

### JUMPERS

with club logo embroidered



Windcheater  
Rangers Review  
\$50



Arctic Top  
1/3 or full zip \$50



Winter Jacket  
\$85

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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### **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

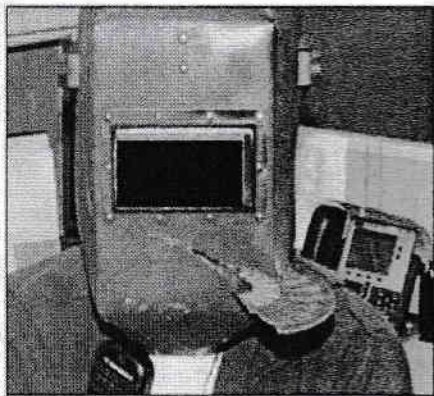
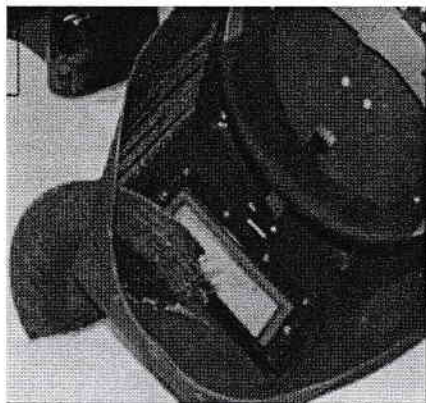
## Grinding Disk Rupture

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20 May 2009

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**Hazard Alert – Grinding Disk Rupture** – Please review the attached photos below. The welder was very lucky that he was wearing his welding face shield while grinding. If not, this would have been a very different outcome. Please look at your personal protective equipment (PPE) used in your grinding operations to ensure that they are impact resistant. We should not be using welding helmets for face protection during grinding operations unless they are resistant to high impacts. This would be an excellent item for all supervisors to look out for when making routine inspections of your operations.



The welder was cutting a 1/16" thick plate when the cutting wheel he was using broke apart. One piece of the wheel lodged in the welder's helmet he was wearing and another piece went clear through and resulted in a shallow cut on the cheek. These grinding wheels are dangerous. Please ensure grinders and cutting tools are used properly and have the proper guards in place and that the correct PPE is worn. The message here is that welding helmets are not designed to be used for grinding. This welder's hood was not adequate PPE for cutting with a disk.