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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 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

Hi all,

I hope this month finds you all well and looking forward to some warmer weather !

Its been a busy month preparing our car for a two week trip to Alice Springs in late September.

Most time has been spent on manufacturing a drawer system for the back of the Patrol. I wanted something a lot lighter than a previous one I had built for our old Pajero, so decided to build it out of aluminium.

All up weight is approx 35 to 40 kg, which is half the weight of the old system. Just hope it all holds together over the corrugations !

Other work involved checking all coolant levels, changing drive belts and oil filters, wiring up camp light etc.

Please note, that due to this trip, all submissions for the October edition will need to be in by Tuesday 22nd September. The mag will be sent to the printers ASAP after this date.

With the October long weekend fast approaching, Its a great opportunity to get your name on one of the trips and get some good socialising/4wd driving action happening.

Cheers

Neil Cook

PRESIDENTIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2009

Hello all club members

It has rolled over to yet again to another month & time for our club meeting. It is nearly time for the next public holiday trip away as it has been along stint from the previous one in June. I am sure it won't be too long before Christmas is upon us & a very busy time of the year.

Now on to the October long weekend it is looking to be a big one with at last count 3 or 4 trips on the board. This is a pretty healthy sign for the club. There is also a dappling of trips coming through to the end of the year. Just a reminder for Beachport on Australia Day weekend in January, please ring the caravan park and book as soon as possible to ensure you get a site with the club. This weekend books out very quickly. Please note the public holiday is on the Tuesday this year so you will need to take an annual leave day or make other arrangements for the Monday.

Here we are at the September meeting and I suppose you are all getting your recipe books out for the camp cook coming up this weekend. Please put your selection up on the trip sheet so we don't all end up with the same dish. If you don't have your name down please talk with Matt or Shorty. These events always prove to be a good night & fun is had by all around the campfire.

From the reports I have heard the first aid training day it went day well & there was exceptional lunch that was served, well done Tim. For those club members who couldn't make it work to attend this time I urge you to consider obtaining a certificate the next time we put this up on the board.

Pat has run a trip to Saunders Gorge a few weekends ago which I attended myself even though we all did not realize at the time of the trip going up & us putting our names day was actually fathers day. But all in all we had 11 vehicles on this trip & the weather was reasonable even though it was blowing a gale. The scenery was very nice & there were a few steep hill climbs & one very good hill decent with large loose rocks & step-downs so the property was a nice place to visit.

October the 10th there is a 4wd open day at ARB South Road Regency Park the committee is looking for a few cub members who are able to help out on the day man a stand. Even if you can come for an hour or 2 then be able to look at all the other displays. I will put a trip sheet up on the board so if you are able to help out please put your name, phone number & a time you are to help

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*



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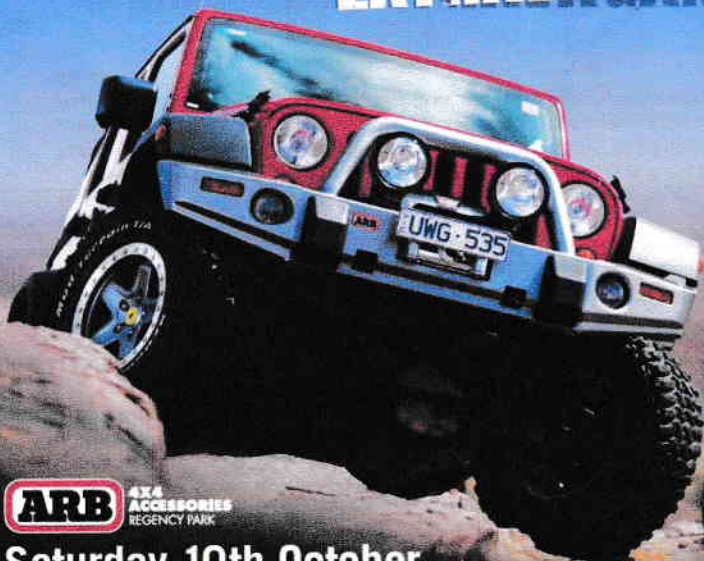
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Saturday 10th October

8:30am - 3:00pm

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Saunders Gorge

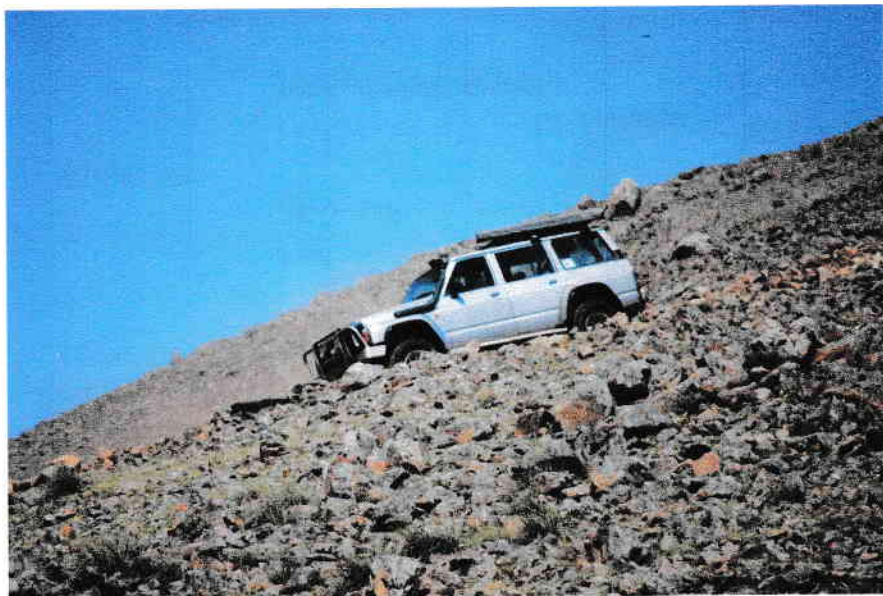
Saunders Gorge is situated 75 kms east of Adelaide and is probably the closest 4WD track accessible to the general public but you do have to pay for the privilege. Before the recent club trip I'd heard from many 4Wders that the drive was an easy scenic drive through some fairly attractive country but offered little to the 4WD enthusiast. I have to say that I thoroughly enjoyed the track and there was one downhill section that definitely required low range and careful wheel placement to keep everyone on their toes.

Ten vehicles met at Crafers and enjoyed an easy drive through the hills to the property which is 18 kms east of Mount Pleasant on the Walker Flat Road. There we met up with Rob, Lena and family who had camped on the property the night before. After filling in the necessary forms to access the track and parting with the \$40 fee we headed off onto the track to air down and lock in the hubs. A short drive led us to a disused, and, I suspect, unsuccessful gold mine, and a little further on a copper mine. This showed more signs of having yielded something and provided a nice spot for morning tea and for the kids on the trip to let off a bit of steam.

From the mines the track slowly rises to the Rocky Point lookout, 4WD was definitely needed to get to the top and the magnificent views across the plains towards the Murray, it was also blowing a gale. The descent from the lookout was low range with some fairly large holes and steps to negotiate and was the most challenging part of the track. Once on lower ground we stopped for lunch, although the wind was nearly as bad as at the lookout and we had to form a wind break with the cars to get some shelter. After lunch we followed the fence line of the property past the trig point and communication tower to Shepherds Lookout, great views but again the wind was incredible. From there it was downhill through one more creek crossing back to the homestead to return the key to the gates.

Was it worth the \$40? Probably. Some nice scenery, although the hills are completely devoid of trees due to minimal soil depth and constant strong winds. The drive is mostly easy but the descent from Rocky Point is certainly a challenge and for a day drive out of Adelaide with pleasant scenery, good company, a chance to engage 4Wd and enjoy a nice picnic lunch I'd certainly recommend it as a club trip in the future.

Pat



Hi all,

Just letting you know about the recent urgent temporary closure of the coastal track in Little Dip Conservation Park due to beach wash outs and unstable dunes.

Details as follows:

Closure date: 2/9/09

Reopening date: Unknown, probably at least 2 months

Sections remaining OPEN:

- Dump to Stony Rise Track and Surfers Carpark
- Hermitage Track to Bishops Pate Track
- Inland track and all cross connecting tracks (other than beach access at the end of Gums Track).
- Long Gully Road to Little Dip Road

Sections CLOSED:

- South between Bishops Pate Track and Long Gully Road, Long Gully Beach remains open to local access at low tide
- Evan's Cave north beach
- South of Surfers Carpark at Stony Rise to Hermitage Track

Signage outlining the above information is in place at information centres/shelters and on all affected tracks.

Contact for details: Keith Welsby, Senior Ranger, Robe, ph: (08) 8768 2543

Social Scene

CAMP COOK 09

When: 18 Sept Friday Night from 4PM & 19 Sept Saturday Night

Drive through forest on Saturday 1pm (\$25 fee)

Come along and cook your favourite meal or try something new and share it around and try different things that other have cooked.

If you haven't had much or any experience cooking on the fire this a great event to come and learn you will be amazed what gets cooked.

Where : Rocky Creek Campground Kuitpo Forest
off Razorback Rd Meadows

If coming from Kangarilla Direction turn onto Saddlebags Rd this runs off of Kangarilla Rd

If coming from Meadows or Echunga Direction Razorback Rd run off of Battunga Rd

Waypoint for Gate is 35 8.7123 S 138 44.3956 E

There is a large verandah for shelter if we do get some rain.

Hope to see you all there

Put your name down on the Trip sheet and what you are cooking so we don't get any double ups of any meals

Shorty & Matt

Social Scene

Clare Winery Trip & Riesling Cycle Trail

When: Friday 6th to Sunday 8th November

Where: Stay at Clare Caravan Park
Need to book own accommodation

Get there Friday night or Early Saturday Morning

Saturday cycle the Riesling trail or just drive around and sample some fine wines and local produce

Clare Caravan Park Details

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Arrival /Departures:

Check in: 2.00 pm

Checkout: 10.00 am

Deposits (non-refundable):

One night fee required for all bookings.

Bookings:

Phone: (08) 8842 2724

E-mail: info@clarecaravanpark.com.au

Would you or your group like to participate in a 4x4 drive on the Bindmurra property ?

Look at the production in cropping, stock, mining, irrigation, early settlement, flora and fauna. Test your four wheel drive in some rough terrain and the sand that are part of the station.

There will be one tour Friday, leaving 1pm and returning at 4pm (depends on how much fun you are having).

The second tour will be on Saturday at 9am returning at 12 noon.

A donation per vehicle of \$10 to the Blanchetown Royal Flying Doctor Support Group would be greatly appreciated.

Please register with the secretary and gather at the CMCO "pay to enter" site before departure.

For the first time this year you will need to deal with the stall holders using money, instead of the previous system when you purchased tickets from the office.

Raffle tickets with seven major prizes will be on sale all over the weekend, so make sure you purchase your tickets from the secretary or from the office. During the day there will also be a Lucky Wheel.

The Saturday Camp Oven Tea that has always been popular, will again be available this year.

Tickets for the meal will need to be purchased from the office and will go on sale starting 9am Saturday morning at \$15 per ticket.

Several items have been given to the Blanchetown RFD service group to offer for Auction as a fundraiser. So listen for the announcement of when this will happen.

FOR SALE

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Cheers

Paul Tabone

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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.

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| ♦ 18 - 19th Sept | Camp Cook |
| ♦ 20th September | DTU Training - Cavan |
| ♦ 3/4/5 October | Lindsay Island |
| ♦ 3/4/5 October | Wilpena Pound |
| ♦ 4th – 8th October | Warraweena |
| ♦ 9- 11 October | Coorong Nat Park |
| ♦ 31 Oct - 1 Nov | DTU Training - Peake |
| ♦ 7th - 8th Nov | Riesling Trail Cycle |
| ♦ 28th November | Xmas at Wall Flat |
| ♦ 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	Camp Cook Weekend
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.

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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	Warraweena— Northern Fliders
Date/s – Duration	4th to 8th October
Trip Leaders	Graham & Coralynne Jones
Convoy limit	TBA
Distance – Kms	TBA
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	TBA
General comments	2 x day drives and a relaxation day

Upcoming Trips

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

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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	7/8th 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 on 08 8842 2724

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

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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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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
- jjj. Care & respect of private property
- kkk. 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



Calibre Projects
BROCKMAN 4

DATE: 09/09/2008

SAFETY ALERT

WORKING IN THE FIELD

WHAT HAPPENED

The driver was slowly driving along a bush track in a Nissan Patrol Ute. The wheel of the light vehicle ran over a dead branch lying partially across the road.

The dead branch flicked up and drove through the plastic drain plug in the floor pan. The dead branch then travelled through the passenger seat protruding some 150mm.

CONSEQUENCES

The branch could have easily protruded through the driver's seat causing a fatal accident. The vehicle could have carried a passenger who would have sustained serious injuries.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

- The Nissan Patrol was driving off road and drove over a dead tree branch lying on the track.
- The weight of the vehicle snapped the branch and the force of downwards pressure has projected the branch through the plastic drain plug and up through the passengers seat.

CONTROLLABLE CAUSES CORRECTED TO PREVENT RECURRENCE

- When driving on bush tracks and an obstacle is lying in the path of a vehicle, stop if practicable to do and remove the obstacle.
- Detour around the obstacle if unable to safely remove the obstacle from the path.

DETAILS OF INCIDENT AND LESSONS LEARNT ARE COMMUNICATED AND LEARNT

This safety alert is communicated to the other projects for their review, their own determination whether this type of incident would happen on their site and dissemination to their contractors.

Andrew Sharpe
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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 10TH AUGUST 2009 AT THE BLACKWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB

GUEST SPEAKER

Klara Slabbernack, author of 4WD Adventures Australia

APOLOGIES

Paul McGregor, Jeff and Lyn Morgan, Brenton Bowley, Ali Ford.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

Usual club magazines, bank statement, SAAFWDC minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Nil.

PRESIDENT

Andrew explained the use of the ICE (In case of emergency) forms which were given out. There was much discussion about privacy issues and all forms are to be returned once a trip has been completed. A copy of the form will be put on the club website to enable members to download as they require.

VICE PRESIDENT

Nothing to report.

SECRETARY

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

TRIPS

New trip application forms have been produced with more vehicle details and contact details on them. This is to assist trip leaders assessing the suitability of particular vehicles meeting trip requirements.

Several new trip sheets were placed on the trip board for The Coorong, Wilpena Pound, Warraweena.

NEWSLETTER

Articles for the October issue will need to be submitted early due to Neil's work commitments.

SAAFWDC

The association has been lobbying against proposed changes to vehicle modification rules. It now seems these changes will not be happening.

TRAINING

Training courses are planned for Morgan and Kuitpo, details are on the trip board. The upcoming assessor's course needs more attendees to proceed.

MERCHANDISE

Andrew advised that although the logo on the club shirts and other merchandise has changed to include the words 4 WD Club, the official club name has not changed.

There was some concern from the floor that such changes were not brought to a club meeting before being carried out.

SOCIAL

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

Camp cook is booked for Rocky Creek on Sept 18/19th. Help is need in collecting and transporting firewood. members are asked to advise what they are planning to cook to enable a wide variety of meals to be prepared on the night. There will be a drive on Saturday at 10 am.

WEBSITE

Nothing to report.

PROPERTY OFFICER

The exhaust jack and Grate Mates have now been purchased and are available for use by appropriately trained members.

The club first aid kit has not been used in a long time as all members should have their own. It was agreed to raffle the first aid kit at the next meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The first aid course is coming up on September 5th; monies were collected by Tim Byrne for those attending.

Pete reeds cycling trip to Clare will now be added to the social calendar for those wanting to visit the wineries etc. In the Clare valley.

MEETING CLOSED

9-30 p.m.