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Land Cruiser halted on beach near Robe, February 2005.



Club Contact Details

Club Meeting Details - Next Meeting Wednesday May 7th 2008

Club meetings are held at 7:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month at the Holden Hill Community Centre (Cnr Valiant Road and Bentley Drive, Holden Hill, SA).

There is no meeting in January.

Please direct all membership enquires to the club membership officer.

Committee Positions

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Environment Officer	To Be Determined.	
Advertising Rep	Club Committee	
Aboriginal Liaison Officer	Eric Hofmanis	

Club trainers: - Werner Pompeuse, David Ladd, Tom Hewitson.

Club advisors: - Colin Schubert.

Club Web Address

The club has a website at www.4wdadventurers.org.

Club Mailing Address

4WD Adventurers Club of SA Inc, PO Box 35, Holden Hill, South Australia, 5088.

General correspondence should be sent to "The Secretary" at the above address.

Club Newsletter

Please provide newsletter items (including trip reports) to the editor no later than the Friday before the next meeting. Items are preferred in electronic (soft copy) format and can be sent by electronic mail to ddaaqmcm@bigpond.net.au. Please use comic sans font size 9pt. Paper (hard copy) items may be handed to the editor at the next club meeting or sent to "The Editor" at the mailing address above.

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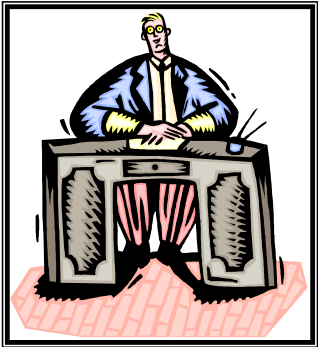
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Club & Association News

From the Presidents Desk



Advertising, we need more advertising on our web site. If you know of any businesses who would like to advertise cheaply on the net then please advise them of our service. \$150 will get them 12 months with a banner some photos and a link. \$100 will get them a banner and link. Our budgeted target is modest but we have not reached it yet. Get them to look at www.4wdadventurers.org and look at the current advertisers. It should sell itself.

Trip participation has fallen off a bit. Are fuel prices affecting you? Wrong type of trip? Please talk to Murray

Jenke or any committee member about your trip needs or concerns.

Finally.... Landrover Vindaloo with naan. As if being owned by Ford was bad enough

Cheers.

Murray Martin,
President 4WD Adventurers Club

Editor's Notes



I have updated the newsletter formatting to allow a "[Newsletter Contents](#)" listing to be generated automatically as the newsletter is created. The newsletter contents appear inside the front cover on page 2. It shows the titles of the sections and articles in the newsletter and the corresponding page number.

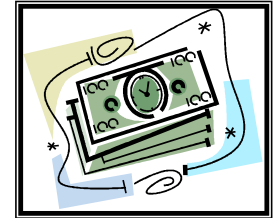
The front cover photo this month was supplied by a new club member Bruce Aldis. Bruce says that the

Land Cruiser tyre pressure was already 15psi when stuck in sand on Robe beach in February 2005. The sand was dug out in front of all four wheels. 1st gear high range was used to compact a short section of sand and then 2nd gear low range was used to crawl out - no snatch strap required!

Darryl McManus,
Newsletter Editor 4WD Adventurers Club

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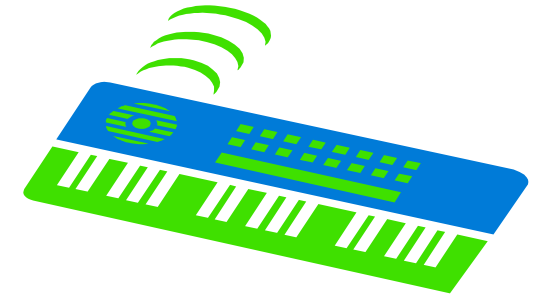
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Club Advertising

Musical Keyboard Tuition Required - Contact Rob Stennett.

Well known club member Rob Stennett requires tuition in musical keyboard skills including music reading. If you are interested and have the skills please phone Rob on 83597868 for further negotiation.





Recreational Vehicles and Protected Areas in South Australia



Foreword

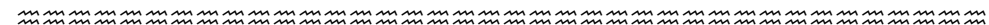
Over 20 per cent or more than 20 million hectares, of the State of South Australia is set aside under public ownership for conservation and public use. This parks and reserve system conserves a vast array of landscapes from rugged exposed coastlines, through spectacular mountain ranges, to the sandy deserts of the north. Four-wheel driving is an ideal way to see and appreciate many of these treasures.

DEH (the Department for Environment and Heritage is responsible for managing parks and reserves to ensure their natural, cultural and spiritual values are preserved for future generations. However, the protection and management of these areas is dependent on wider community support, and in particular, support from people who directly enjoy the experiences provided in these natural settings.

Recognising the benefits of partnerships and a cooperative approach, SAAFWDC (the South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs) willingly accepted an invitation to assist in the development of policy and a minimum impact guide. The result is Recreational Vehicles and Protected Areas in South Australia - A handbook for managers and recreational users. During the preparation of this handbook, a wide range of interested groups, individuals and government agencies were consulted and their views considered.

The full text of the handbook (920kb) can be found at the following web address.

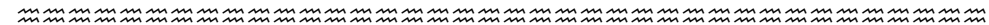
http://www.parks.sa.gov.au/publish/groups/public/@visitormgt/@tourecc/documents/all/parks_pdfs_rec_vehicles.pdf



2008 Great Murray Lakes Cleanup - 3rd to 6th April

A once in a lifetime chance to clean up the lake shores and nearby waterways has presented due to the low water levels in SA's River Murray Lakes. If you are interested in volunteering your time registration information is available at

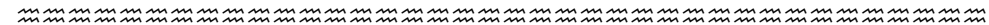
<http://www.kesab.asn.au/index.php?page=great-murray-lakes-clean-up>



Tintinara Tractor Pull - 19th April 2008

Have you seen 1000 hp pull 22 ton 100m in 10 seconds ? Come and see the Tintinara Tractor pull, 10am to 5pm, Saturday 19th April 2008. \$20 adults & \$5 children. Fully catered. More information at this web site.

http://www.austractorpulls.org/pullsites/SiteInfo_Tintinara.htm





Recent Trip Reports (Pre-April 2008)

Coorong Cleanup Up Australia - 1st & 2nd March 2008

The Cleanup Crew:

Darryl & James
Joyleen, Ian, Yasmin, Robert & Bev
Barry & Anne, Joshua & Andrew
John Caldecott
Ray & Deirdre, & Sarah
Werner & Angela, & Michelle

Most of our group had decided to stay at shearer's quarters (arranged thru' Joyleen's brother Robert) at Pitlockery Station. (Thanks Joyleen! When it comes to choosing camping sites a flushing loo and shower will always win out!).

We met our leader and the "Others" on Saturday morning at Cantana Homestead in the Coorong National Park. (We eventually found it as our mud map had its lefts & rights reversed). It's a homestead built in 1860 and was in a state of disrepair but for the last 10 years is being restored using prison labour from Port Augusta prison. So far they have done a beautiful job. The ceilings would be about 12 ft high and the corridor at least 15 ft (I wouldn't want the job of dusting for cobwebs!)

There were 18 vehicles from various clubs and Ranger Simon introduced everyone and laid down the plan of attack. We all headed off to Tea Tree Crossing and split into groups starting from Tea Tree Crossing north towards the Murray Mouth. Our crew of 6 vehicles had 3 trailers.

Items found included lots of dead puffer fish (which we left there), beer bottles, bits of string, fishing line, plastic bottles, an intact light bulb, a plastic hand and we also found the "Lost" hatch door.

Back at the Shearer's Quarters on Saturday night a little birdie told us that it was Ray's birthday (Happy Birthday Ray!). Boy did he have a surprise. Ian & Joyleen presented him with special birthday cake which looked suspiciously like a bull's 'paddy' complete with flower decorations and candles. Also thank you to Robert's daughter Megan for making 2 delicious chocolate and banana cakes. Dinner had a nice family atmosphere with everyone combining their salads, Werner cooking the BBQ and Ray the spuds and onions.

Day 2 started with a few looking for the Panadol before breakfast. We had a quick stop at Cantana and then back to the beach to take up where we left off previously,

this time finding more rubbish including 2 toothbrushes, a rusty fishing knife and a very smelly plastic bag of squid.



Lunch on Saturday along the Coorong.

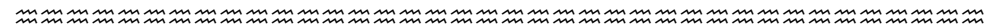
After morning tea Darryl & James joined up with us with his trailer. I don't want to dob him in but he was our first rescue of the week-end when he got bogged doing a U-turn. Shovels and track mats didn't quite do the trick but Ray managed to tow him out.

Travelling back along the beach we also came across a Pajero bogged to the axles ("Flat on his belly" - Ray's words). Yep you guessed it he didn't let his tyres down low enough, anyway Ray managed to tow him out also. Let's hope the other guy will join a 4WD club soon and do his training.

Weather wise we had 2 glorious days - sunny, sea breezes and not too warm.

Thanks for being the trip leader Darryl. It was a great week-end.

Angela

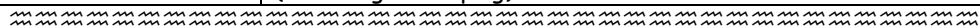




Upcoming Trip Details (From April 2008)

"Rock the Mount" Country Music Festival Friday 18th - Sunday 20th April 2008

Location	Melrose
Dates	18-20 April 2008
Trip Leader	Lloyd Kohlhagen 8263 1012 hm 0407 792 678 mb
Trip Type	Country Music Festival and Ute Muster Details at www.remarkablefestivals.com.au Friday night at North Star Hotel Saturday 12 pm - 2am at the Showgrounds, artists include Lee Kernaghan, The Songbirds, James Blundell, The McClymonts, Dianna Corcoran, Shea Fisher
Accommodation	Camping at Melrose Showgrounds (space for hundreds!) Toilets and showers, caravan access (no power) Firewood provided On arrival call on Channel 14 to find 4WD Adventurers or phone Lloyd on mobile
Trip Costs	Tickets required :- Weekend pass \$95, (incl. 2 nights camping, Sunday breakfast) Saturday only, \$69 (incl. 1 night camping) Book online at www.remarkablefestivals.com.au Purchase in person at Melrose General Store or at the Showgrounds gate \$75 for Saturday concert (incl. 1 night camping)



Ngarkat Conservation Park Interclub Working Bee - 25th, 26th, 27th April

Due to Anzac Day falling on a Friday this year, the working bee will take place from Friday the 25th until Sunday the 27th of April. Many of you may wish to attend the commemorative services to mark this very special day, so please feel free to come down to Ngarkat later on the 25th, or even on the Saturday.

The "base camp" will **once** again be the lovely Pine Hut Soak Campsite, which, as most of you know, is a lovely spot with basic toilet facilities.

Tasks to be undertaken this time around will include getting the photo point monitoring off the ground, trialling the chain grader (finally!), the normal side track and diversion

closures as well as some rubble spreading. We may also have the opportunity to install some new "heavy duty barriers" to stop all our hard work being undone on the two big dunes (for those who don't know, the majority of the fences we installed on the two big dunes in recent years have been ripped out countless times, opening these diversions again and again).

And, if Mother Nature smiles on us, we may get to finally undertake the Banksia seed dispersal we had planned last year!

I have put in my order with the Weather Bureau for a fine, sunny weekend - but given that's the same order I put in last year, I'm not having much luck! Maybe a few more people could put in a request?

Hope to see you there!

Donna Nussio Senior Ranger, Mallee

PS A word of caution, as this will be the first long weekend since the reopening of the Border Track Summer closure, we may have heavy traffic on the Track. If any of you have high visibility vests or clothing, it would be appreciated if you could bring them along and possibly share them with your fellow workers.

Meet at Pine Hut Soak campsite

35° 25.375' S 140° 52.702'E

Friday 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. or set up camp Thursday afternoon

Directions:: From Tailem Bend, follow the Mallee Highway; 5km west of Pinnaroo turn right on to Rosy Pine Lane (Ngarkat Park sign at this point, see RAA map 'Upper South East ref:J2); continue south for approximately 17 km:

The campsite is spacious, has a toilet and is situated just inside the Park entrance when approached from Pinnaroo. Camper trailer - yes; caravan - yes

Bring: gloves, handsaw, pruners, crowbar, shovel, post-hole shovel, rake, hand tools, etc.

Trailers: some would be useful.

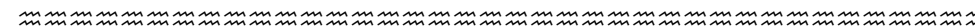
Please let us know in advance

- When you plan to arrive, No. people & vehicles in party, if you are bringing a trailer.

Ngarkat Tracks Maintenance Committee

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

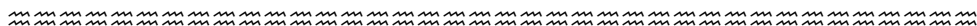
Contact: Sue (08) 8269 2883 suzy@internode.on.net





Otway National Park - April 24th-28th April 2008

Location	Otway National Park.
Dates	Thursday April 24 th to Monday April 28 th .
Trip Leader	Rob Stennett & Judy Kinnear, 83597868 or 0407883717.
Trip Starting Point	Leaving from Taillem Bend Shell Roadhouse from the rear at 8:35 am sharp.
Trip Route	Travelling along the Western Highway turning right at Ballarat along Colac-Ballarat road. Through Colac along Colac Beach Forest road to Gellibrand Caravan Park. Camping there for the entire stay and travelling out each day to 4WD tracks. I am hoping to tour along the Great Ocean road and look at some beautiful scenery as well.
Trip Requirements	Caravans, camper trailers and tents will be suitable. We will be tenting it on a powered site. Gear up for wet weather and muddy tracks. Parks information Centre (131963) told me April is the prettiest time of year in that area.
Accommodation	Contact Gellibrand Caravan Park (03-52358357) and ask for a lady named 'Dotter'.
Trip Costs	Unpowered site \$28, Powered site \$32, Cabins \$90-\$120, Units \$60 double.



Simpson Desert Trip Itinerary (6th July to 13th July 2008)

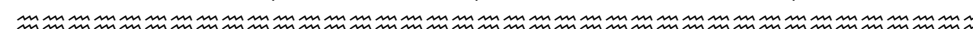
This proposed trip will start from Marree on Monday 7th July 2008. The itinerary is flexible and can be changed to suit the members participating. Please give me your input.

Day / Date	From	Via	To
Sunday 6	Adelaide	Main Roads	Marree

1 Monday 7	Marree	Lake Eyre, Marree, Oodnadatta track	Coward Springs Bush
2 Tuesday 8	Coward Springs	Lake Eyre, William Creek	The Peake Bush
3 Wednesday 9	The Peake	Oodnadatta	Oodnadatta C/van Pk
4 Thursday 10	Oodnadatta	Mt. Dare	Dalhousie Springs Bush
5 Friday 11	Dalhousie Springs	Simpson Desert, French Line	Purnie Bore Bush
6 Saturday 12	Purnie Bore	Simpson Desert	Simpson Desert Bush
7 Sunday 13	Simpson Desert	Simpson Desert	Poeppel Corner Bush
8 Monday 14	Poeppel Corner	Big Red	Birdsville C/van Pk
9 Tuesday 15	Birdsville	Birdsville	Birdsville C/van Pk
10 Wednesday 16	Birdsville	Inside Track	Mungeranie C/van Pk
11 Thursday 17	Mungeranie	Lake Eyre	Mungeranie C/van Pk
12 Friday 18	Mungeranie	Birdsville Track	Leigh Creek C/van Pk Parachilna Gorge Bush
13 Saturday 19	Leigh Ck Parachilna Gorge	Main Roads	Adelaide

Adelaide to Hawker Approx 430 Kms
Hawker to Marree Approx 270 Kms
Adelaide to Marree Approx 700 Kms

For extra information, please contact Trip Leader: Michael Cox (Harry) 08 82981659





Trip Calendar Legend
Bold Italic Club Trip Days
Underline Long Week End
 Shaded School Holidays
 ☺ Club Meeting

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1 Easy Maybe 4WD.
 2 Mild 4WD High range.
 3 Moderate Low range, high clearance, experienced.
 4 Difficult Probably recoveries.
 5 Extreme Modified vehicles, possible damage.

Trip Calendar
 From April
 2008

Trip Calendar (From April 2008)

Month	M	T	W	T	F	S	S		Dates	Location	Trip Leader	Contact Ph.	Type (Grade)	Notes
April		1	2☺	3	4	5	6	=>	01/04	Club Rooms	Werner Pompeuse		Training	Theory. 7:30-10.00pm
2008	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	/=>	15/04	Club Rooms	Werner Pompeuse		Training	Theory. 7:30-10.00pm
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	=>	18/04-20/04	Melrose	Lloyd Kohlhagen		Social	Country Music. Details in newsletter.
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	=>	24/04-27/04	Otway Forests	Rob Stennett		Tracks & Hills (2-4)	Details in newsletter.
May	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	\=>	24/04-27/04	Ngarkat	N/A		Sand & Hills (2-3)	Details in newsletter.
2008	5	6	7☺	8	9	10	11	\=>	22/04+29/04	Club Rooms	Werner Pompeuse		Training	Theory. 7:30-10.00pm
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	\=>	09/05-11/05	Peake	Murray Jenke		Sand Dunes	Costs. Contact trip leader.
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	\=>	17/05-18/05	Poonunda	Ziv Golubovic		Hills & Tracks (2-3)	Costs. Training. Contact trip leader.
June	26	27	28	29	30	31	1							
2008	2	3	4☺	5	6	7	8	=>	07/06-09/06	Bendleby	Lloyd Kohlhagen		Tracks & Hills (2-3)	Bookings required. See March newsletter.
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15							
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	=>	21/06-22/06	Spalding	Werner Pompeuse		Tracks & Hills (2-3)	Costs. Training. Contact trip leader.
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29							
July	30	1	2☺	3	4	5	6	=>	06/07-13/07	Simpson Desert	Michael Cox		Sand & Hills (2-3)	Desert Scenery. Contact trip leader.
2008	7	8	9	10	11	12	13							
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20							
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27							
August	28	29	30	31	1	2	3							
2008	4	5	6☺	7	8	9	10							
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September	1	2	3☺	4	5	6	7							
2008	8	9	10	11	12	13	14							
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	=>	20/09-11/10	Kings Canyon	Roger Glaetzer		Hills & Tracks (2-3)	Costs. Contact trip leader.
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	/=>	03/10-06/10	Portland Dunes	Murray Jenke		Sand Dunes (2-3)	Costs. Contact trip leader.
October	29	30	1☺	2	3	4	5	=>	04/10-06/10	Ngarkat	N/A		Sand & Hills (2-3)	More details later on.
2008	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	\=>	04/10-06/10	Whyalla 4x4	Rob Stennett			More details later on.