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Hill Tracks, Private Property Near Spalding, Club Trip, April 2010



Club Contact Details

Club Meeting Details - Next Meeting Wednesday June 2nd 2010

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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General Committee Position	Brian Jones	

Appointed Positions

Membership Officer	Brian Jones	
Property Officer	Ray Collyer	
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Fundraising	Sue Mitchell	
Social Coordinator/Environment	Lisa Kinnear	
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Club trainers: - Werner Pompeuse, David Ladd, Tom Hewitson, Colin Schubert.

Club Web Address

The club website is www.4wdadventurers.org (email webmaster@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 to the editor by the Friday before the next meeting. Email items in electronic (soft copy) format to newslettereditor@4wdadventurers.org. 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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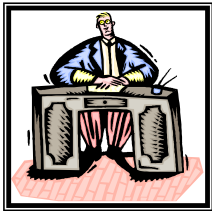
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Club & Association News

From the Presidents Desk



Hi and welcome

I am looking for someone to fill in for me while I am away on our trip to Cape York for approx. 3 months, if you can help out please let me know.

We are looking forward to the trip and I think after the rain, outback Australia will be at its prettiest for some time with the wild flowers blooming and the bush looking nice and green.

I would like our trip leaders to have a good think about a longer trip near Easter 2011 as I believe we are in for a 5 day Easter break and we want to take advantage of this extra time, but we will have to book in early wherever we go. I know I said trip leaders, but anybody can arrange a trip and put it on the board or talk to Mike, if you are not sure, he will help you in anyway he can.

Let us take advantage of long weekends from now on and make a trip to somewhere. Wasn't the last meeting tremendous with our very interesting guest speaker? I bet we all learnt more about our outback from that first hand information and much more entertaining than a DVD. If any person has information on a guest speaker that may interest our members please let committee members know and we will follow it up. I believe we may have some demonstrations of camping gear and GPS use coming soon and I thank those people who have approached me with the offer, but we need more.

Regards

Yours in 4WDing.

Thanking you, Rob Stennett, President 4WD Adventurers Club



Editor's Notes (newslettereditor@4wdadventurers.org)

Thanks to those who sent trip details, reports and photos over the last few weeks. There are a few recent trips that I have not received reports for so please complete and forward them on to me. You might even get on the next issue's front cover.

There are items in the newsletter regarding South Australian and Australian events and locations of interest to 4WD'ers who like to

roam far a field.

For Sale - ARB Bullbar & Roofrack

ARB Nissan Patrol GU Series 3 Steel Bullbar - **\$200**

Contact Reno by phone 0418828372.

For Sale - Floor Mat for GU Nissan Patrol

Rubber floor mat (tray) for GU Nissan Patrol.

Mat has cut-outs for third row seats and baby-seat anchors etc

\$60 ono

Contact Paul Watling 0418820737

4WD Driver Tips

Morning or evening checks

Make a habit of checking your car. Start at a set point everyday. Check tyre pressures and for any damage such as cuts and stakes. Look under the car and under the bonnet. Set a pattern for under the bonnet as well. It is preferable to do this in the evening as you then have time for repairs if needed.

Air Cleaners

Check air cleaner elements for dust or water intake. Also check for dust on the engine side of the inlet tube. Some air filters elements can be washed on the trip. Fit a foam filter to the snorkel as it keeps bugs and seeds etc from entering main air filter system.

Cleaning and checking

Make sure that you clean under the bonnet and chassis after the car has been in mud, water or sand. Clean underneath first and the duco a distant second. For more information ask a trainer to explain what can happen to the alternator, clutch and brakes etc.

Prospective Club Member

Walter & Liz Casha are the latest prospective club members. They have completed the necessary club trips and meeting attendance requirements and wish to apply for membership of the 4WD Adventurers club. Please contact a committee member if you wish to make any comments regarding their membership application.



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Club Vehicles, Private Property near Spalding- April 2010.

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More Club Vehicles near Spalding- April 2010.



4WD Matters - April 2010

Official Information Release from Four Wheel Drive SA
4WD Matters April 2010 - 12/04/2010
 South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Incorporated ABN 24 036 886 953 - www.saa4wdc.asn.au

Back to Burra Weekend

The FWDSA Back To Burra weekend for the Annual General Meeting was a successful repeat of last year's event. Nearly 100 club members resplendent in their club colours enjoyed the Saturday activities. Following the morning tea and AGM in the historic Burra Town Hall, there was a barbecue lunch on the banks of the Burra Creek. Many then joined the Range Rover Discovery Club Tag-a-long tours to various points north of Burra, including Dares Hill and Wilkins Homestead. Caravans and Campervans from all over the state had made the Burra Showgrounds their home base for the weekend of 26-28th 2010. On Saturday night 80 enjoyed the AGM Dinner in the Burra Town Hall followed by the Quiz Night. During the evening trophy presentations, and drawing of various raffles occurred - see the adjacent list. The Riverland Club showed its true colours for the second year running by winning the bulk of raffle prizes - as the icing on the cake one of their teams won the "wooden spoon" at the Quiz Night (Must be some justice there?? Ed.)

Our thanks go to

- Allison and Ian Kierlough (Northern 4WD Club) for organising the weekend (with the support of FWDSA Treasurer John Newman and President Lee Smith).
- Range Rover Discovery Club for organising the Tag-a-long Tours, Bob Harding and Di Newman and many others for help at the Town Hall.
- Peter Kittle Toyota and ARB 4X4 Accessories for their sponsorships
- Burra organisations for their assistance: the Golf Club, Dog Obedience Club, Town Hall Society, Showgrounds Committee, Visitor Centre, and McPhees Butchers.
- Everyone else for rolling up

Best wishes to the Toyota Club in organising the 2011 AGM

TROPHY WINNERS - Concourse D'Elegance
 Cleanest Car - Michael Bull (???? Club)
 Dirtiest Car - Tim Lawton (Range Rover Discovery Club)
 Prettiest Car - John Newman (Central Hills Club)
 Most External Accessories - Ike Andrews (Eyre Peninsula Club)
 Longest Distance Driven by a Woman - Sandy Andrews (Eyre Peninsula Club)
 Longest Distance Driven by a Man - Jim Pallant (Eyre Peninsula Club)
 Biggest Club Attendance - Nissan Club
MAJOR RAFFLE PRIZEWINNERS
 ARB Compressor - Robert Brittain (Nissan Club)
 ARB Car Awning - Steve Scholefield (Riverland club)

Access - THE Word for 2010
 A majority at the AGM voted access as a major aspect of FWDSA activity. Put simply access is the availability of information and 4 Wheel Driving permission on publically owned land. Increasingly, special interest groups and Local, State and Federal government agencies are using the smallest of scientific or social reasoning and sometimes downright doubtful information to deny us access to areas we legally have a right to drive on. Put simply they want the areas to themselves and don't want us there. What to do? Far too long now some clubs and their members are not taking ownership of problem areas and representing our chosen activity to authorities who will listen so long as we are prepared to speak up. Unfortunately those who have represented us for many years are retiring and replacements are needed. If you are happy to "pay for your 4 Wheel Driving" and are happy for the "selfish" parts of our society to deny us our rights then do nothing.

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8th Australian 4X4 Gathering - 11th to 15th June 2010

2010 AUSTRALIAN 4x4 GATHERING

PO Box 1655
 MILTON QLD 4064
www.australian4x4gathering.org.au
info@australian4x4gathering.org.au
 (07) 3376 2620 or 0407 574 700

Only 2 months to go!

IMPORTANT DATES

- Merchandise orders close **30 April**
- Registration closes **28 May**

Try something different like -

- Tour the Noosa River and Everglades
- Canoe or swim at Lake Cootharaba
- 4WD to Harry's Hut and bushwalk
- See a silent movie at the Majestic Theatre
- Geocaching (treasure hunting with a GPS)
- Hire a houseboat from Noosaville
- Visit galleries in Montville or Maleny

Register and order merchandise NOW so you don't miss out! Tell your friends

Bring your Club banner or flag
Heaps of prizes in the giant multi-draw raffle

YOUR club could host the 9th Gathering in 2012!

Go to www.australian4x4gathering.org.au to register
 Email info@australian4x4gathering.org.au or
 phone Rodney Metcalfe on (07)3376 2620 or 0407 574 700
 for more information

Hosted by the Mitsubishi 4WD Owners' Club of Qld (Inc)
www.mitsu4wdclubqld.org



2010 4WD Weekend in Whyalla - 2nd - 4th October 2010

(Registration form also at <http://www.whyalla4wd.org.au/WW6RegoForm.pdf>).



2010 4WD WEEKEND in WHYALLA (WW6)




2nd, 3rd & 4th of October 2010

Activities include:

- Camp-oven Cooking Competition • Mt. Laura Circuit
- Get to know your GPS Session • Night Navigation Challenge
- Tagalong Tours • Beach Fishing • Andrew's Canyon
- Camping with all facilities at Whyalla Showgrounds

Visit **www.whyalla4wd.org.au** for more details.

This event is open to all financial members of the South Australian 4WD Association. For insurance purposes all weekend participants must be financial members of a SAAFWDC Club, and register this event with your Club as a Club Trip



2010 4WD WEEKEND in WHYALLA (WW6)
2nd, 3rd & 4th October, 2010
Registration form

On behalf of the Whyalla and Districts 4WD Club we would like to welcome you to our event, to make our event run smoothly we would appreciate it if you would please fill out the form below. This form helps us with administration and verification of insurance for the event, thank you.
Please note: no dogs are permitted at the Showground's or on Station Owner's properties.

Registration is \$70 per vehicle

Participant No.: (To be given at the event) _____

Team name: _____

Vehicle Rego No.: _____ Vehicle make/model: _____

Participants per vehicle: Adults: _____ Children: _____

Main Participant name: _____

Passenger's names: _____

Club/Business Name: _____

Position in Club/Business: _____

Financial Member: Yes No Registered club trip: Yes No

Camping at showground's: Yes No Camp as a club group?: Yes No

Would you be interested Basic meals provided by local service clubs? Yes No

Do you wish to purchase an event shirt/s? Cost \$40/shirt.

Order now to avoid disappointment. Monies must be included with order.

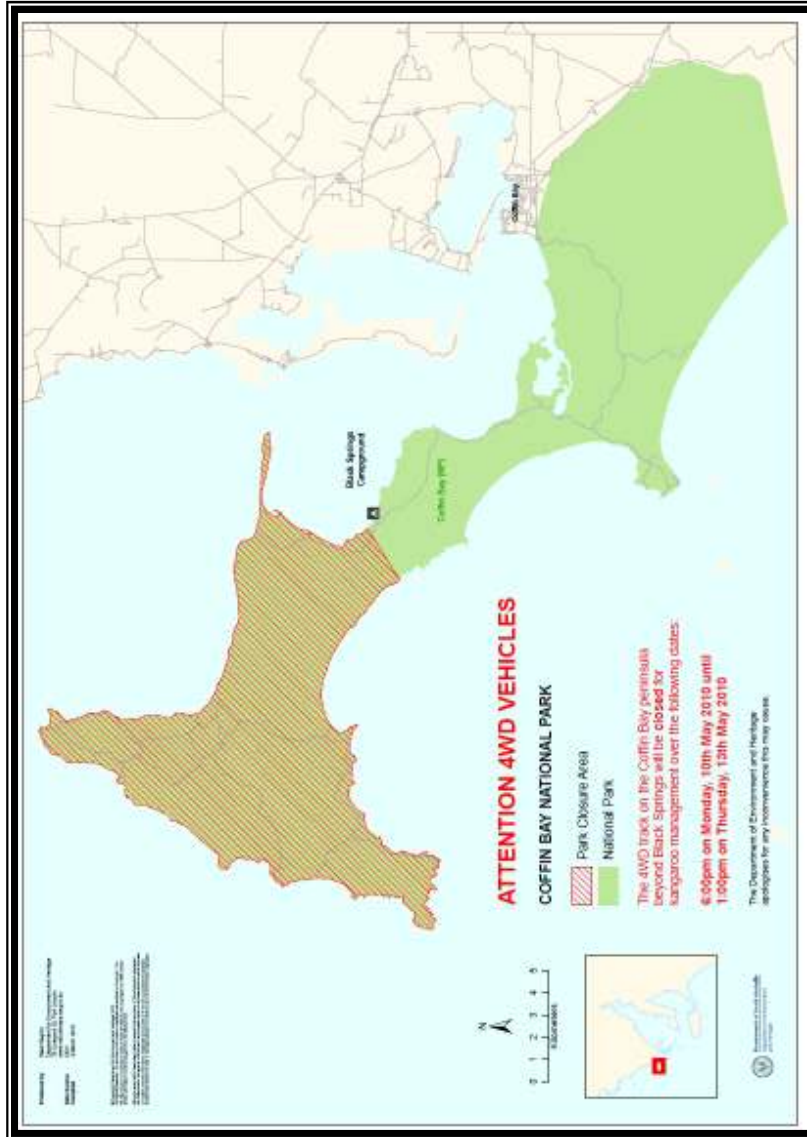
Please nominate sizes/amounts S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL

Signature of main participant: _____

Please forward Registration forms and monies to:
The Treasurer, Whyalla& Districts 4WD Club, PO Box 2295, Whyalla SA 5608



Coffin Bay National Park - Temporary Partial Closure- 10th to 13th May 2010



South Australian Public Access Routes (PARs)

Information on South Australian public access routes (PARs) and their current status is detailed at http://www.dwlbc.sa.gov.au/land/rangelands/public_access/index.html.

The web address is managed by the South Australian Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation, The site appears to be updated regularly as PARs are added or track conditions changes (for example from the recent flooding). Each PAR is described in detail covering directions to the PAR, length of the PAR, whether camping is allowed and any safety or general interest information. The following text is an excerpt from that web address and is copyright of that Department.

Public Access Routes (PARs) are established under section 45 of the Pastoral Land Management and Conservation Act 1989 to provide public access over pastoral land without the need for travellers to ask permission from the lessee of the pastoral lease. A network of 24 PARs has been established.

The consent of the lessee is required to access areas of pastoral land that are not part of the PAR network (refer to the Pastoral Lease Public Access Request Form) (http://www.dwlbc.sa.gov.au/assets/files/Pastoral_Public_Access_Form.pdf).

PARs are not roads or part of the formal road network. They are un-improved and un-surfaced dirt tracks intended to provide four-wheel drive access, and are only passable in dry conditions. Note that the short routes, PAR 7 Curdimurka (1km) and PAR 14 Strangways Springs (2.5km), are an exception to this and are traversable by a two-wheel drive.

The condition of a PAR can change rapidly with seasonal conditions and can become impassable following rain and flooding or accumulation of sand drifts due to strong winds. The condition of a PAR can also decline quickly with high traffic loads during periods of high tourist visitation.

Use caution when driving on the PARs as the surface can change rapidly with changing soil types, topography and creek crossings. They can often be heavily corrugated and have holes filled with bull-dust. Please drive according to track conditions.

The PARs are usually part of the network of tracks used by the lessees to manage their pastoral properties and can be used by a range of vehicles including trucks, semi-trailers and road-trains, as well as for droving stock. As PARs are not fenced, be aware of wandering livestock, especially near yards and waterpoints. Towing trailers and caravans on PARs is not recommended.



Recent Trip Reports (Pre-May 2010)

Spalding - 25th to 26th April 2010

Participants:

Werner (Trip Leader)

Darryl, Peter, Liz & Walter, AJ & Claudia, Colin & Julie, Trent, Stephen & Nikolas

We met at Spalding at 9am. Werner took us to the property and we set up our camp site. All that finished, we then headed off for some training. Some of us did hill climbing while others did vehicle checks during our training. It was soon time for lunch



Peter gives Stephen a tow!
(The grass provided limited traction)

so in true style we sat around and took in the view. After we filled our bellies we were set for a roller coaster ride

around the property. As always someone needed their vehicle recovered from impending disaster. After the excitement was over everyone travelled through the creeks with all going well until another vehicle owner decided it was time for more excitement so Colin placed his vehicle appropriately for the next practice recovery. Later that afternoon we all headed up the hill to collect fire wood for our camp.

Darryl, being very clever, knew how cold it would get overnight, so opted for warmer dwellings and bid everyone a goodnight before heading for home. The rest of us headed back to camp with our firewood and set the camp fire up for the evening. Dinner cooked between the showers of rain and as darkness fell around us, the wind

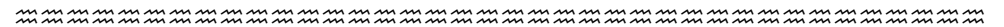
picked up and made us aware that Darryl's idea of leaving was probably a good one. We all stayed though and sat



Typical Spalding Hill Track

around the camp fire telling stories of times gone by and reminiscing about past adventures. The rain became heavier so we all decided to call it a night at 9.30pm. The sun's warmth woke us the following morning and we were grateful the wind had disappeared. We lit the fire once again and had breakfast, then we were assessed on what we had learnt the previous day. Lunch came around all too soon, followed by a tour of the property by Werner and Colin. We drove up very steep hills, through the water crossing, spotting some cows and horses on the way. By 3pm we ended up back at the camp site and packed everything back up, pumped our tyres back to where they should be and decided we would do a Darryl and head home to warmer places.

Helen Coburn





Upcoming Trip Details (From May 2010)

Peake - 29th to 30th May 2010

Location	Peake - Day Trip or 2 days
Dates	29 th to 30 th May 2010
Trip Leader(s)	Ray Collyer - mb. 0427 959 244
Trip Starting Point	Tailem Bend Shell roadhouse at 9am Saturday 29 th May. Contact trip leader if you wish to setup on the Friday evening.
Trip Route	Scenic trip to a private property at Peake 2 hours from Adelaide
Trip Requirements	No Limit to vehicle numbers. Type and grade of driving is Easy maybe some more difficult sand dunes, Low range. Standard Recovery gear essential, UHF radio, Sand Flag.
Trip Accommodation	Bush Camping costs on private property. Long drop Toilets. Shelter shed. Suitable for campers and normal caravans.
Trip Costs	~ \$15 per day (exact cost to be confirmed).
Trip Notes	Please bring firewood. Training is available (for all).



Spalding Photo's- 25th to 26th April 2010





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



1 Easy Maybe 4WD.
 2 Mild 4WD High range. Trip Calendar
 3 Moderate Low range, high clearance, experienced.
 4 Difficult Probably recoveries. From May
 5 Extreme Modified vehicles, possible damage. 2010

Club Trip Calendar (From May 2010)

Month	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	Dates	Location	Trip Leader	Contact Ph.	Type (Grade)	Notes
May	3	4	5☺	6	7	8	9						
2010	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	/=> 17/05	Magill Club	Pat Mason		Social Event	Quiz Night Bring a supper plate + \$5.
	<u>17</u>	18	19	20	21	22	23	/=> 24/05-??/08	Cape York	Mike Barham		All Types (4)	Long duration tour.
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	==> 28/05-30/05	Peake	Ray Collyer		Sand & Tracks (2-4)	See newsletter for details. Costs.
June	31	1	2☺	3	4	5	6						
2010	7	8	9	10	11	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	==> 11/06-15/06	Pomona, Qld	-		4WD Gathering	http://www.australian4x4gathering.org.au
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20						
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27						
July	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	??/07	TBD	Lisq Kinnear		Club Event.	Christmas in July (details to follow).
2010	5	6	7☺	8	9	10	11						
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18						
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	==> 24/07	Magill Club	Pat Mason		Social Event	Annual Dance bring a supper plate.
August	26	27	28	29	30	31	1						
2010	2	3	4☺	5	6	7	8	==> 04/08	Club Rooms	N/A		AGM	Club AGM.
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15						
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22						
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	==> 28/08-29/08	Kuitpo	Werner Pompeuse		Mud & Water (2-4)	Meet at Meadows. Training & Costs.
September	30	31	1☺	2	3	4	5	==> 30/08-19/09	Simpson Desert	Leon McLean		All Types (4)	Long duration tour.
2010	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	??/09	Border & Desert	TBD			Details later.
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19						
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	/=> 02/10-04/10	Whyalla	TBD		All Types (4)	For FWDSA Members. See newsletter.
October	27	28	29	30	1	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	==> 02/10-04/10	Pyrennees	Ray Collyer		Tracks & Hills (2-4)	Round Trip of 650kms
2010	<u>4</u>	5	6☺	7	8	9	10						
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17						
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	==> 24/10	Black Hill Challenge	TBD	-	Event Support (1)	Fundraising event for RFDS, see http://www.sarrc.asn.au/bhc.html
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31						
November	1	2	3☺	4	5	6	7						
2010	8	9	10	11	12	13	14						