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John Caldecott

John Caldecott with his Ford Maverick, Coorong Cleanup, March 2007



**Club Contact Details**

**Club Meeting Details - Next Meeting Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> 2011**

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.**

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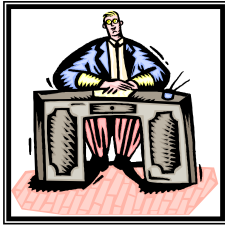
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**Club Newsletter**

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](mailto: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. The opinions in this magazine by contributors are not necessarily those of the Editor or the 4WD Adventurers Club of SA Inc.

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**Club & Association News**  
**From the Presidents Desk**

Rob's partner Judy suffered a stroke in mid-February and he has been quite understandably pre-occupied with her stay in hospital - so no written President's Report.

I am sure all club members are thinking of Judy and her family and are praying for a strong recovery from the stroke - *Ed*.



**Editor's Notes** ([newslettereditor@4wdadventurers.org](mailto:newslettereditor@4wdadventurers.org))

Much in the way of general and club news had been added to the newsletter. The federal government looks like it has moved away from further regulating the frontal protection systems (bull bar) industry but at the same time has proposed to introduce a "carbon tax" which will no doubt raise fuel prices (already nudging \$1.45c/l in the city ) making long distance outback trips much more costly.

**Club Meeting Presentations**

**March 2011.** The (long) postponed tyre demo presentation will be held at this club meeting. Greg Goding is now well enough (after a disabling fall) to provide a presentation on everything you wanted to know about tyres but were afraid to ask.

**April 2011.** A number of club member "volunteers" will be demonstrating (as best they can) the operation of commercially available tools designed to assist with removing tyres from rims. These tools are often known loosely as *bead breaking tools* as the main purpose of the tool is to ease the lifting of the bead of the tyre from the rim and thus allowing the tyre to be removed from the rim.

**Farewell John Caldecott**

Long time club member John Caldecott passed away on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Many club members would have been aware that John had been ill for some time. He was at the Ashford Hospital awaiting surgery to alleviate the aftermath of a fall he had had recently. John had been a passionate advocate and active supporter of conservation in areas such as the Coorong and Ngarkat National Parks. Our club president Rob Stennett was at the funeral and a donation on behalf of the club was made to the nominated charity. Farewell John.

**Draft Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for Pedestrian Safety Standards**

The following is a media release statement from Catherine King MP (Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure and Transport) regarding the Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) (*as described in last month's newsletter - Ed*) proposing the adoption of an international standard on pedestrian safety



**MEDIA RELEASE**

The Hon Catherine King MP  
Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure and Transport

24 February 2011

CK006/2011

Pedestrian Safety and Bull Bars

The Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure and Transport, Catherine King, restated again that the Government will not be banning bull bars.

"Over recent weeks I have received strong feedback through the consultation process associated with the Regulation Impact Statement

(RIS) proposing the adoption of an international standard on pedestrian safety," Ms King said.

"Following careful consideration of the views and concerns put by individuals and stakeholders, I have decided that the proposal is not suitable for Australian conditions and I have directed the Department to withdraw the Regulation Impact Statement," Ms King said.

"While the Government is committed to improving the safety of pedestrians, we also recognise that bull bars play a positive role in the safety of vehicle occupants.

"In no circumstances will the Government consider banning bull bars or contemplate any lessening of the protection they provide. We are committed to ensuring that people remain fully protected in animal strikes and other hazardous situations where bull bars play a key role," Ms King said.

Ms King has now asked Department to consult with interested parties on the options for improving pedestrian safety.





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Did you know that official VFACTS data released by the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries (FAI) show that 73,584 passenger cars, SUVs and commercial vehicles were sold in January (down 1.7 per cent compared to January 2010) ?

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Did you know that the Australian Government has proposed the introduction of an Emission Trading Scheme (ETS) in Australia? In Australia, road transport emissions account for 12.6 per cent of national greenhouse gas emissions, with passenger cars accounting for around 7.8 per cent of total national emissions.

Did you know that Toyota was the best selling brand in January 2011 with a market share of 20.1% followed by Holden with 11.4% and then Mazda with a 9.8% share ?  
Did you know that SUV's and Utes collectively made up 37% of new vehicle sales in January 2011 ?

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### 4WD Matters - 5<sup>th</sup> December 2010 Info Brief

Official Information Release from Four Wheel Drive SA  
**4WD Matters Info Brief** December 2010  
 - 05/12/2010

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**Ngarkat Conservation Park**  
 8th, 9th, 10th April 2011  
**Interclub Working Bee**

A co-operative activity with  
 Government of South Australia  
 Department of Environment and Natural Resources

**Ngarkat Working Bee is on and We Need Your Help**

**A Word From the DENR District Ranger**

"Firstly thank you to those participants involved in the working bee last year. The cable and concrete posts have secured their place, with our visitors deciding that they are a bit too sturdy to drive through and so respecting them. It is amazing to see how well closed finger tracks recover with no vehicle use and a good wet year.

Rubble spread last year gave some of the tracks over the dunes just that little bit more 'guts', while still providing a challenge for those drier months. This was evidenced by the number of vehicles using the bypass tracks.

This year the working bee will be held on the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> of April, with the main working day on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>. Pine Hut Soak will be the base. This will ensure we can fit everybody in comfortably and make good use of the facilities provided there.

We have decided to give you a break from that tedious rubbing this year. Yay! Effort this year will focus on installing those wonderful cable fences on the one-way and two-way sections. Visitors have decided that there are too many bumps on the track and have driven over vegetation to avoid them, resulting in the need to define the track before more damage occurs. If possible please still bring your trailers to move equipment and posts.

Donna Nussio, District Ranger currently on maternity leave, is looking forward to her return to work in February. I am sure she will not miss the opportunity to catch up with you all and find out what has been happening over the past year.

It should be a good enjoyable working bee. If you have not been on one before, or you're an experienced 'Ngarkat', there will be lots of laughter and fun all round.

Paul Gillen  
 District Ranger Mallee"

**A Word From the Border Track Committee**

**Meet at Pine Hut Soak campsite**  
 35° 25.319'S 140° 52.771'E  
 UTM zone 54 489062E 6080152N  
 Communications: UHF Channel 16  
 Satellite phone: Emergencies only; incoming and outgoing calls 014 715 3114  
**Set up camp, if you can, on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> afternoon / evening.**  
**Otherwise arrive early Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>, by 9:00 am**  
**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 situated just inside the Park entrance when approached from Pinnaroo. It has one toilet.  
 Camper trailer – yes; caravan – yes  
**Bring:** strong gloves, handsaw, pruners, crowbar, shovel, post-hole shovel, rake, hand tools, etc.  
**Trailers:** some would be useful.  
**Other vehicles may be driving down the Border Track**  
 If anyone possesses high visibility vests or clothing, it would be appreciated if you could bring them along and possibly share them with your fellow workers.  
**Important Notice to Clubs and Individuals**  
**Please let me know in advance**

- When you plan to arrive?
- No. people and vehicles in party?
- If you are bringing a trailer?

**Border Track Committee**  
 (a sub-committee of the NRAU of Four Wheel Drive South Australia  
**Contact:** Sue (08) 8269 2883 suzy@intermode.on.net

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### 4WD Matters - 14<sup>th</sup> January 2011 Club Flyer

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**4WD Matters Club Flyer** January 2011  
 - 14/01/2011

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Hosted by the:  
 Toyota Landcruiser Club of SA Inc

**Reminder**  
 Four Wheel Drive SA invites you to

**A Weekend of (Mt.) Pleasantry**

Where: Mt Pleasant, Talunga Park  
 When: 25th - 27th March 2011

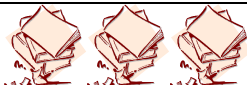
**Application Form Attached**

Please join the festivities which will include

**Dinner**  
**AGM**  
**Fun Driving Activities**  
**Entertainment**  
**Local Tours**

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**Saunders Gorge Ladies Day - 13th February 2011**

As a brand new member, I was elected by our trip leader, Dieter to write this report. Firstly I would like to thank all members for the warm welcome that Kevin and I have been given. As a very new inexperienced 4x4 female driver I must say I was a little apprehensive about driving, but this trip gave me and my lady friends a gentle introduction to what 4x4 driving is about, which is the chance to have a go without all the macho blokey stuff. Just enough challenge to get up some confidence in your vehicle and driving ability without arguing with the other passenger in the car and Yes!

Some people were so busy looking around that they did not see the sharp rocks trying to take out the side step of their vehicle. But this was the only damage of the day, wasn't it Heather? We headed up some very steep sections which although a bit rock-n-rolly were firm underneath the tyres. The sheep farming property is bounded by old stonewall fences and is also home to quite a few kangaroos. We lunched on the side of a hill as the creek and a dam were bit washed out and smelly with animal manure. After placing another rock on the cairn high point and snapping a few photos our party headed downhill through some rugged creek bed crossings and back to the starting point to inflate the tyres again.



Views from the high point of the trip at Saunders Gorge



I think we are still married.

Our convoy of 8 assorted vehicles set off from Tea Tree Gully and headed through the hills via Mt Pleasant on a very "pleasant" day for travelling. With sun shining we stopped off at the Saunders Gorge tourist stop to meet Brenton (the owner), do the paper work, let down tyres and get the keys to the gates. We started up the loop track which wound its way up and down over the picturesque ranges giving fantastic views.

Best bit of advice of the day was from helpful trip leader Dieter to wife Susi. Question : Which way should I go ? Answer : Whichever way the tyres go

Seriously though, the guys all did a great job with helpful assistance when it was needed and we had a lovely debrief back in Tea Tree Gully. All in all a fun day out!!

Thanks guys and girls!! Jenny Campbell

Ps. We might have to toss a coin to see who drives our Landcruiser first next time  
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**Upcoming Trip Details (From March 2011)  
Monarto Zoo - 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Location            | Monarto Zoo                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Dates               | 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2011                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Trip Leader         | Rob Stennett<br>(mb) 0400 552 872                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Trip Starting Point | Monarto Zoo at 10am.<br>Approximately 45 minutes from Adelaide/                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Trip Route          | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Trip Requirements   | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Fuel Requirements   | Return trip to Monarto Zoo.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Accommodation       | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Trip Costs          | Meet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Trip Description    | Social Trip.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Conditions & Notes  | Bring the family, friends, children and grandchildren.<br>Make up a party group and travel together on the tour bus - it's the best way to see all the exhibits.<br>Note: If 22 or more people can be organised to attend we can obtain a special discount, so get organised and raise the attendance numbers. |

**Gawler Ranges & Googs Track: 22<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> April 2011 (Easter + Anzac Day + 1)**

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Location            | Gawler Ranges (north of Eyre Peninsula) & Googs Track north of Ceduna to Transcontinental Railway                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Dates               | 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2011                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Trip Leader         | Lloyd Kohlhagen,<br>ph 8263 1012,<br>mb 0407 792 678                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Trip Starting Point | Kimba (at the Big Galah), Eyre Hwy,<br>22nd April, 1 pm, 460 km from Adelaide.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Trip Route          | <b>See RAA Upper Eyre Peninsula &amp; Outback maps):</b><br>Pt Augusta, Kimba, Pinkawillinie Cons Park, Mt Wudinna, Gawler Ranges National Park, Poochera, Ceduna, Googs Track, Mt Finke, Tarcoola, Kingoonya (fuel at Glendambo if required), Mt Ives, Iron Knob, Pt Augusta, Adelaide. |
| Trip Requirements   | Bush Camping - need to be self sufficient<br>Convoy Limit - 12 vehicles total                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Fuel Requirements   | Total trip length 2000 km<br>Maximum fuel range required 650 km incl. 200 km in sand<br>(Can be difficult with trailers, not recommended)                                                                                                                                                |
| Accommodation       | Bush Camping, camp toilet available.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Trip Costs          | NWPS fees for Gawler Ranges & Googs Track                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Trip Description    | Scenic Ranges and Desert Sandhills.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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Trip Calendar  
 From  
 March 2011

**Club Trip Calendar (From March 2011)**

| Month            | M         | T         | W         | T         | F         | S         | S         | Dates           | Location        | Trip Leader     | Contact Ph. | Type (Grade)         | Notes                                                                      |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>March</b>     | 28        | 1         | 2☺        | 3         | 4         | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  | ==> 05/03-06/03 | Coorong         | Ray Collyer     |             | Sand & Dunes (2-3)   | CUA Day - see trip leader for details.                                     |
| <b>2011</b>      | 7         | 8         | 9         | 10        | 11        | <u>12</u> | <u>13</u> |                 |                 |                 |             |                      | Adelaide Cup Long Weekend                                                  |
|                  | <u>14</u> | 15        | 16        | 17        | 18        | 19        | 20        |                 |                 |                 |             |                      |                                                                            |
|                  | 21        | 22        | 23        | 24        | 25        | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b> | ==> 26/03-28/03 | Mt Pleasant     | N/A             |             | SAAFWDC AGM          |                                                                            |
| <b>April</b>     | <b>28</b> | 29        | 30        | 31        | 1         | 2         | 3         | \=> 27/03       | Monarto Zoo     | Rob Stennett    |             | Social Trip          | See newsletter for details.                                                |
| <b>2011</b>      | 4         | 5         | 6☺        | 7         | 8         | 9         | 10        | ==> 08/04-10/04 | Ngarkat         | SAFWDC Event    |             | Sand & Dunes (2-3)   | Working Bee.                                                               |
|                  | 11        | 12        | 13        | 14        | 15        | 16        | 17        | ==> 07 OR 17/04 | Bartagunyah     | Darryl McManus  |             | Tracks & Hills (3)   | Costs. See trip leader for details.                                        |
|                  | 18        | 19        | 20        | 21        | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b> | ==> 22/04-26/04 | Googs Track     | Lloyd Kohlhagen |             | Sand & Tracks (2-3)  | Details in newsletter.                                                     |
| <b>May</b>       | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b> | 28        | 29        | 30        | 1         | ==> 01/05       | Willangi        | Darryl McManus  |             | Tracks & Hills (3-4) | Costs. See trip leader for details.                                        |
| <b>2011</b>      | 2         | 3         | 4☺        | 5         | 6         | 7         | 8         | ??/05           | Bendleby Ranges | Lloyd Kohlhagen |             | Tracks & Hills (3-4) | Costs. Details later.                                                      |
|                  | 9         | 10        | 11        | 12        | 13        | 14        | 15        | ==> 15/05       | Bins Track      | Dieter Leimann  |             | ??                   | Details later. Extended Trip.<br>(6 days Adelaide, Mt Dare, Alice Springs) |
|                  | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b> | 21        | 22        |                 |                 |                 |             |                      |                                                                            |
|                  | 23        | 24        | 25        | 26        | 27        | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b> | ==> 28/05-29/05 | Peake           | TBD             |             | Sand & Tracks (2-4)  | Tentative date, details later.                                             |
| <b>June</b>      | 30        | 31        | 1☺        | 2         | 3         | 4         | 5         |                 |                 |                 |             |                      |                                                                            |
| <b>2011</b>      | 6         | 7         | 8         | 9         | 10        | <u>11</u> | <u>12</u> |                 |                 |                 |             |                      | HM QE II Birthday Long Weekend.                                            |
|                  | <u>13</u> | 14        | 15        | 16        | 17        | 18        | 19        |                 |                 |                 |             |                      |                                                                            |
|                  | 20        | 21        | 22        | 23        | 24        | 25        | 26        |                 |                 |                 |             |                      | Date to be determined.                                                     |
| <b>July</b>      | 27        | 28        | 29        | 30        | 1         | 2         | 3         | ??              | Poonunda        | Darryl McManus  |             | Tracks & Hills (3-4) | Costs. See trip leader for details.                                        |
| <b>2011</b>      | 4         | 5         | 6☺        | 7         | 8         | 9         | 10        |                 |                 |                 |             |                      |                                                                            |
|                  | 11        | 12        | 13        | 14        | 15        | 16        | 17        |                 |                 |                 |             |                      |                                                                            |
|                  | 18        | 19        | 20        | 21        | 22        | 23        | 24        |                 |                 |                 |             |                      |                                                                            |
|                  | 25        | 26        | 27        | 28        | 29        | 30        | 31        |                 |                 |                 |             |                      |                                                                            |
| <b>August</b>    | 1         | 2         | 3☺        | 4         | 5         | 6         | 7         |                 |                 |                 |             |                      |                                                                            |
| <b>2011</b>      | 8         | 9         | 10        | 11        | 12        | 13        | 14        |                 |                 |                 |             |                      |                                                                            |
|                  | 15        | 16        | 17        | 18        | 19        | 20        | 21        |                 |                 |                 |             |                      |                                                                            |
|                  | 22        | 23        | 24        | 25        | 26        | 27        | 28        |                 |                 |                 |             |                      |                                                                            |
| <b>September</b> | 29        | 30        | 31        | 1         | 2         | 3         | 4         |                 |                 |                 |             |                      |                                                                            |
| <b>2011</b>      |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | 26/09-15/10     | Simpson Desert  | Leon McLean     |             | All types (4)        | Details later. Extended trip.                                              |