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Troopie Stranded, Private Property Near Burra, Club Trip July 2011



Club Contact Details

Club Meeting Details - Next Meeting Wednesday September 7th 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.

Committee Positions

President	Rob Stennett	
Vice President	Mike Barham	
Secretary	Lloyd Kohlhagen	
Treasurer	Matt Lamont	
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Public Officer	Murray Martin	
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Minute Secretary	Lloyd Kohlhagen	
Training Officer	Werner Pompeuse	
Association Delegate	John Henderson	
General Committee Position (Club Clothing Officer)	Wayne Modystach	
General Committee Position	Lisa Kinnear	

Appointed Positions

Membership Officer	Wayne Modystach	
Property Officer	Ray Collyer	
Welcoming Representative	Ian Robb	
Supper Organiser	Deb Lock	
Fundraising	Sue Mitchell	
Social Coordinator/Environment	Lisa Kinnear	
Club Librarian	Brian & Pat Mason	

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Club Mailing Address

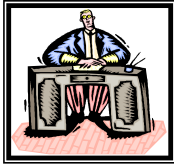
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Club Newsletter

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Club & Association News
From the Presidents Desk

As this is my final report as club President I would like to thank all club members for supporting me in this role for the past 3 years. I have enjoyed the position and to me it was a pleasure and a privilege, not really work at all. I have also had great support from current and past committee members. I am pleased that some of them will be nominating again for club positions in 2011/2012 as that will aid in keeping the club in confident hands. I can say that if you are considering nominating for a committee position at the AGM that you will be provided with as much assistance as you need.

I have enjoyed the club social nights as well as the trips away. The most memorable 4WD trip for me was the Cape York trip organised by Mike Barham. That was a trip in a lifetime for me - thanks Mike! The social event at the British Workingmens Club with 56 people in attendance was also quite memorable. The cabaret and dancing was notable for uncovering a number of aspiring dancers in the club - it made my heart jump a beat.

As many of you know Judy is starting to recover from her stroke and this has changed our lives in a big way. We now spend most of our days in physiotherapy, with doctors and generally trying to make her life better. Judy would like to thank our club



Rob & Judy at Cape York

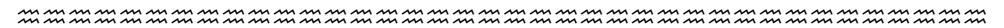
members for their well wishes and support, it has meant a lot to her. Both Judy and I would like to thank those club members who have managed the after meeting supper in her absence.

I will be attending club meetings in the future and day and weekend trips when I have someone to look after Judy.

My last wish as club President is to ask all club members to attend our 20th Anniversary dinner in September. This will help to make this a night to remember. I have made contact with some of our original members and have asked them to come to the dinner. A number of them have welcomed the opportunity to attend. I feel sure that there will be some fond memories and related talk on the night.

From Judy and myself, all the best in 4WDing in the future.

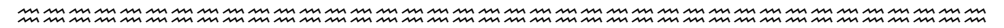
Yours in 4WDing,
Rob Stennett, Club President.



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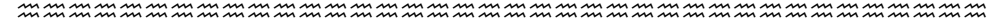
President (Rob S) and Vice-President (Mike B) won't be standing for re-election this year at the August AGM. They both have written a short item for the newsletter reflecting on their time in their respective club positions.



Prospective Club Members -

Marco Arnese, Allen Bing, John Mills and Neil Nguyen

Marco Arnese, Allen Bing, John Mills and Neil Nguyen 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.

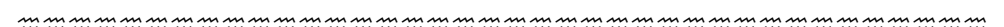


4WD Adventurers Club - Membership Renewal 2011

The club membership renewal falls due at the August annual general meeting. It needs to be paid by the October general meeting otherwise a late fee may apply.

It is still \$60 per year for existing members and a \$20 joining fee for new members. Note that these prices need to be confirmed at the August AGM.

All the details for membership renewal are contained on the current membership application & renewal form, a soft or hard copy of which can be obtained from the club membership officer (members@4wdadventurers.org).





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Poonunda Trip Photo's From Brian & Pat M



Brian's Pajero conquers the test & training area !



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A Note from the Outgoing Vice President - Mike Barham

Over the past three years I have been privileged to have served on the committee of this club in a variety of roles, culminating in my role as vice president. I am not seeking re-election in any capacity this year due to commitments I have over the next twelve months, meaning I will be away for a number of weeks at a time. Under these circumstances I would not be able to fulfil my duties as a committee member.



During my time on the committee with the outgoing president Rob and other committee members past and present, I thank them for their support and assistance when required. Also the club members for their

help in making the delivery of the Yellow Pages telephone directories. Without this collaboration I would not have been able to achieve the required outcome. I am looking forward to continuing my association with the 4WD Adventurers Club. With the current vacancies on the committee it is time for this club to move forward with the next generation stepping up now, bringing new and fresh ideas with them.
Mike Barham

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THE DRIVE TO THE PARK

Our first trip to the park was a bit of a disaster. The car was not in the best of health and we had to stop at the mechanic's for a check-up. The mechanic found a problem with the timing belt and we had to stop for a few days to get it fixed.

The drive was great, cameras popped all day long. People started on the radio, all spending like they were enjoying themselves. The "Bursty" decided to boil!! So with all the mechanics with their heads in the engine compartment there was no light to see to fix it.

Only a faulty thermostat, so out it came. Problem fixed. We had lunch on the side of the track with the intention of seeing the Bursty.

Later we got a bit worried about Kevin & Ina's radio antenna, as it was there one minute and gone the next. As they're expensive we thought we'd warn Kevin - when it popped up from the top of the roof with an "up periscope" from it's owner. We laughed!! Cars just got better up especially when I was driving, just ask Charlie who scooped his antenna??

We camped that night in an open spot with a swampy area off to the side. It was lovely. With full bellies and mosquitoes for company we all met at the big fire for a chat. Rex was up early to organise an inspection of his rear brakes which had locked on the day before. Energetic mechanics soon had that fixed.

Off again at 9:00am, up hills and down dales, over rocks through water, past land cleared areas slowly regenerating, and banded out areas with new growth on the trees. The scenery seemed to change hourly. Kathy received a great deal of praise for her flower displays and very modestly took the credit.

Lunch on the second day was a pleasant spot with plenty of water. Very pretty areas & green grass. After lunch David went to see out a narrow track for suitability and left Tom & Sylvia in the lead. Tom's radio ceased to function at this time and off he went to the left while we all went right. One hour up or we decided we had better rescue our lost friends and put them back on the beaten track.

Off again over the rolling hills and did some rock climbing just to vary things a little. We at the back saw no animals as by the time we got to the viewing spot the terrified creatures were long away and still running. From there was plenty of, but the fauna had to be sought out. The little Fernia fascinated all of us, I think she just did it all and so well. Very impressive but then her driver who is a Y chromosome sufferer did a mighty job herself!

Second night we camped in a well (just well) loved camping area and proceeded to set up camp and watch the youngsters play Frisbee.

How Matthew didn't get smashed at the stroke of Frisbee lights is a miracle. Watching him, I think he fell over every knee high bush (his knee high) he came across instead of going around. Obviously new to bush walking. What a placid child. He was a delight even if he did wake up 6 times that night, besides no one heard him but his mother.

Later we all went over to inspect the scratches on the new 80 Series belonging to Malcolm & Brodie. We commiserated with them and photographed the scratches for the record. I noticed there wasn't much commiseration being dished out but plenty of leg pulling going on. That night we set around the camp fire and again told each other stories.

Next morning a group photo was taken and a bottle of champagne presented to Rex & Val for the finest 4WD of the weekend. Off again at 9:00am into the hills, drier country with different flowers & scrub & scarcer trees. A bit of mountain climbing and some salt lakes later, atop one of the sand rises we got a view of Mt. Azules. Then down to a salt lake for morning tea.

We had an argument with a tourist who obviously didn't want to be photographed. Most people wandered down to the lake for a look see.

The scenery changed again as we approached the river Wimmera. Trees became more frequent and grasses were thicker and greener. We stopped for lunch by the river and once again became a feeding ground for the mosquitoes. Paris was presented with a much needed "Jerry Can" in a wonderful state of almost total deterioration, but 2 off road tyres at the same time were difficult to find!!

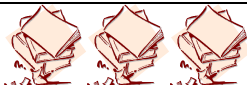
Down along the river past a large camping area on the other bank our convoy of nine lilly vehicles drawing everyone's eye as we went out of the Park heading for Dimboola. The painting of the ways came about 2:30pm on Monday in Dimboola where Paris called into a garage with just 6 litres (of whatever the Ferroc runs on) left. That little car impressed everyone with its performance and its abilities and especially its driver. Great driving Paris!! And you didn't get a ticket on the way home.

Finally a big thank you to David and Kathy who gave their time, effort and energy to us to make it one fantastic weekend, (and to Matthew for being so good).

What a weekend!! I can't wait for the next one. Even if I did have to go to work while all you buggers were to bed!!!!
Yvonne.

BEACH DRIVING /FISHING TRIP
November 17
Day trip to Murray Mouth
Anyone interested in making it a camping weekend?

Next Meeting
Wednesday 6 November 1991, at 7:30pm
At The Old TTG TAFE College site, out of Monaghan and Reserve Road Midbury
(opposite the Karafinga YMCA & Uniting Church)
Please bring your own chair and flag.



Recent Trip Reports (Pre-August 2011)

Poonunda - 15th to 18th July 2011

6 club members (plus the trip leader) and 1 visitor attended the 4 day Poonunda trip. Peter & Jean Searle, Kevin & Jenny Campbell and Brian & Pat Mason started on the Friday whilst the remainder (Wayne & Jane Modystach, Matt Lamont & Sue, Heather Deverson & Peter, (visitors) Marco Arnese & Luke & Nathan) arrived on Saturday. Both groups were met at Burra around 9:30am to allow for a quick trip to the bakery before filling in the required paperwork and proceeding to the property. Burra is just over 90 minutes from the northern suburbs of Adelaide and the property camping area is a further 30 minutes away along dirt roads and 4WD tracks. This makes the property easily accessible for a day or weekend trip.

The Trip Leader pulls the Troopie out !



The extra long weekend allowed for a detailed yet relaxed exploration of the property. Hill climbs, narrow tracks and creek bed entries and exits of varying difficulty were encountered, with some challenging the longer vehicles (see the front cover photo).

The nights were cold to very cold (especially on the Friday evening when temperatures dropped to below 0) but overall the weather was mild to good with only a brief hint of showers on the Sunday.

The generous campfire was welcome in the evening with long friendly discussions amongst the 4WD Adventurers. I think all those who attended enjoyed themselves.

Darryl McManus, Trip Leader.

4WD Adventurers Club - Anniversary Dinner Function - 10th September 2011



Settlers Tavern Hotel, 249 Montague Road, Ingle Farm, SA 5098, Ph: 08 8263 1077
The club will be holding a 20th Anniversary dinner function at the Settlers Tavern on 10th September 2011 starting at 6:30 pm. Club members who have paid or have committed to pay the 2011/2012 club fees will be offered a half price deal. For example, a club member will be able to select a meal from the menu below for a price of \$14.45 each or \$28.90 per couple - and don't forget the T-Shirt!
Pre-payment will be necessary to ensure that a firm booking can be made

20th Anniversary - 3 Course Dinner Menu

Entree

Prawn Cocktail

with Lemon and Cocktail Sauce

OR

Chicken Satay

with Asian Style Peanut Sauce and Rice

Main

Italian Crusted Whole Cooked Sirloin

served with Creamy Rosemary Mash and Demi Glaze

OR

Chicken Breast Stuffed with Cheese and Ham

served with Hollandaise and Potato Gratin

OR

Barramundi with Lemon, Thyme and Parmesan Crust

served on Crispy Roast Chat Potato

Desert

Brandy Snap Basket

with Fruit Salad and Whipped Cream

OR

Chocolate Mud Cake

with Strawberries and Whipped Cream



Upcoming Trip Details (From August 2011)
Spalding - 27th to 28th August 2011

Location	Spalding, North of Clare (approx 2 hr drive from Adelaide)
Dates	Saturday 27 th & Sunday 28 th August 2011
Trip Leader	Werner Pompeuse, mb 0419 823 133
Trip Starting Point	Spalding Main Street. Meet at 9.00am Saturday 27 th August in the Spalding town centre public car park near the town hall (adjacent to park, playground and public toilets).
Trip Route	Station tracks on private property near Spalding.
Trip Requirements	Grade of driving 2 to 4 (moderate to difficult with recovery). Vehicles must have low range and adequate clearance. Standard 4WD vehicles are acceptable.
Fuel Requirements	Adelaide - Spalding - Adelaide is less than 400 km.
Accommodation	Bush Camping - no facilities available. Must be fully self-sufficient. Camper trailers with good clearance can access the property. Campfire possible Saturday night - please bring firewood.
Trip Costs	\$20 per vehicle per day (\$40 for the weekend).
Trip Description	This is a private property near Spalding. Driving challenges include creekbeds (wet & dry), gullies, steep hills with good views of the surrounding area, dam plus water crossings. A range of driving skills can be catered for - beginner to experienced. Possible opportunity for training - depends on the need of those attending and availability of trip leader assistants.
Conditions & Comments	All trip participants to travel as a group from Spalding town centre to the property. Visitors welcome. No animals please. Trip will be re-scheduled if the trip leader deems that the weather is too wet or too hot.

Simpson Desert - 26th September to 14th October 2011

Location	Lake Eyre, Oodnadatta, Simpson Desert, Birdsville, Flinders Ranges
Dates	Leave Adelaide on Monday 26 th September and return Friday 14 th October. 3 week trip.
Trip Leader	Leon McLean, mb 0401556938, hm 82619738
Trip Starting Point	Meet at the car park adjacent to the corner of Leigh Creek Road and Wilpena Road at 1pm, Monday 26 th September.
Trip Route	Thursday 29 th September arrive for lunch in Oodnadatta, wash stop and camp the night. Saturday 1 st October, arrive at Dalhousie Springs, camp 2 nights Saturday 8 th October, Big Red and camp at Birdsville Sunday 9 th October, wash stop at Birdsville Friday 14 th October, Home (Adelaide).
Trip Requirements	Full recovery gear, UHF radio, sand flag and 2 spare tyres highly recommended.
Fuel Requirements	Your vehicle needs to be able cover 800 kms in 4WD over soft sand, mud and corrugated tracks through the Simpson Desert and surrounding regions.
Accommodation	1 night at Oodnadatta Caravan Park. 2 nights at Birdsville Caravan Park. Self sufficient camping at all other camp sites.
Trip Costs	Desert Park Pass Required (\$110). Available online from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - http://forms.bizgate.sa.gov.au/deh/parkspasses/desert.htm or from Mapland Level 1, 100 Pirie Street, Adelaide, 8204 1910. Accommodation costs: TBA (Trip meeting to determine costs).
Trip Description	3 week touring trip of outback South Australia.
Conditions & Comments	2nd October camp oven dinner at Dalhousie springs. Mad Hatter Theme. Please wear a Mad Hat and/or Costume.



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 August 2011

Club Trip Calendar (From August 2011)

Month	M	T	W	T	F	S	S		Dates	Location	Trip Leader	Contact Ph.	Type (Grade)	Notes
August	1	2	3☺	4	5	6	7	==>	03/08	Club Rooms				Club AGM - August 3rd.
2011	8	9	10	11	12	13	14							
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21							
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	==>	27/08-28/08	Spalding	Werner Pompeuse		Tracks & Hills (2-4)	Costs. Training (?). Details in newsletter.
September	29	30	31	1	2	3	4							Club 20th Anniversary dinner function.
2011	5	6	7☺	8	9	10	11	==>	10/09	Settlers Tavern	Mike Barham		Social Evening	6:30pm Start. Details in newsletter.
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	==>	17/09-18/09	Ngarkat C.P.	Dieter Leimann		Sands & Tracks (2-3)	Details later. Weekend trip.
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25							Meet at Pine Hut Friday evening.
October	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	==>	26/09-15/10	Simpson Desert	Leon McLean		All types (4)	Details in newsletter.
2011	3	4	5☺	6	7	8	9	\->	01/10-03/10	Willangi	Run by Mt Lofty Rangers 4WD Club		Tracks & Hills (2-4)	4WD Octoberfest. See June Newsletter.
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	\->	08/10-15/10	Pyrenees	Ray Collyer	0427 959 244	Tracks & Hills (4-5)	CANCELLED
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23							
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30							
November	31	1	2☺	3	4	5	6	==>	5/11-7/11	Bendleby Ranges	Lloyd Kohlhagen		Tracks & Hills (3-4)	Costs. Details later - bush camping.
2011	7	8	9	10	11	12	13							
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20							
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27							
December	28	29	30	1	2	3	4							
2011	5	6	7☺	8	9	10	11							
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18							
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25							
January	26	27	28	29	30	31	1							
2012	2	3	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							
February	30	31	1☺	2	3	4	5							Ngarkat Working Bee
2012	6	7	8	9	10	11	12							24-25 March 2012