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Angela traversing a gully crossing, Kersbrook Ladies Day Trip 2008



Club Contact Details

Club Meeting Details - Next Meeting Wednesday December 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

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Vice President	Allan Hasler	
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General Committee Position	Lisa Kinnear	

Appointed Positions

Membership Officer	Wayne Modystach	
Property Officer	Ray Collyer	
Welcoming Representative	Dieter Leimann	
Supper Organiser	Pat Mason & Deb Lock	
Fundraising	Angela Pompeuse	
Social Coordinator/Environment	Lisa Kinnear	
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Club Web Address

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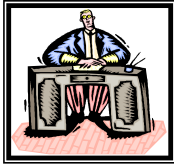
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Club Newsletter

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Club & Association News
From the Presidents Desk

The West Beach leisure fest was for me an interesting experience as the club assisted with the operation of the FWDSA stand. There were many enquiries at the show regarding 4WD clubs and for some there was a great deal of surprise that so many 4WD clubs (~ 35) existed in South Australia. Some of the visitors expressed some interest in our club so I am hoping they may visit in the future. As a club we need to make these visitors feel welcome at club meetings and assist them, where necessary, with 4WD'ing tips and techniques on club trips. I thank all those club members who attended, helped organise and staff the FWDSA stand.

The ladies day trip at Kersbrook approaches. It is heartening to see names down for the trip; however I would still like to see a lot more. So ladies please step up and participate.

The New Year is shaping up well with many trips already on the trip calendar (as always I am still looking for more trip ideas).

Ray Collyer, Club President.



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

Don't forget membership renewal - if you have not already paid it is now overdue. Please see the club treasurer to pay your fees.

There were no trips in October so I have included some additional photo's from previous trips to areas planned in the near future.

Border Track Committee

(Some of the text is from the FWDSA website at <http://www.4wdsa.asn.au/ngarkat/ngarkat.htm> - Ed.)

In 1991 twenty nine kilometres of the Border Track between South Australia and Victoria faced total closure following years of severe degradation by inappropriate 4WD use. FWDSA undertook a volunteer project to rehabilitate this section of the track. In return, the track would remain open in a ONE WAY NORTH TO SOUTH direction.

Planning to travel the Border Track or camp in Ngarkat? Note that the Ngarkat Conservation Park Management Plan stipulates that for public safety, **the Border Track will be closed from the 1st of November till the 31st of March each year.**

Working bees

There is a working bee each year in or around the April school holidays. In 2011/2012 as the school holidays are early in April and the FWDSA AGM is late in March the working bee date has been set for the weekend of the 17th and 18th of March 2012.

Whilst enjoying the break from routine you will be able to assist with the ongoing FWDSA involvement with the Border Track.

The work being done was in response to an agreement between the 4WDSA and the then Department of Environment and Natural Resources ([DENR](#)). This agreement was put together during 1991-92, when meetings between interested parties determined that something had to be done to lessen the impact of increased usage of tracks within the Ngarkat group of Parks, in particular, the Border Track. The alternative to doing this work was the closure of this track by DENR. It was also agreed to accept one way travel along a 25km section of the Track, south of the Scorpion Springs turnoff, to lessen the damage being done to the track.





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On Friday 23rd - Sunday 25th March 2012
Make Tracks to Historic Strathalbyn
 Make Tracks to an Ideal Family Friendly 4WD Weekend (children are welcome)

FWDSA AGM 2012
 at the Strathalbyn Oval and Football Clubrooms

Competitions - Touring - Catering - Fun

- Caravan Park/Oval Camping (some powered sites - full amenities)
- Self Guided Drives and Walks (prizes for questionnaire)
- Coffees, Curios, Antiques (a short walk away)
- "Bonnet & Boots" Vehicle Comp (for individuals and clubs)
- Commercial Outlets (4WD Tyres : 4WD & 12V Accessories)
- Tag Along Tours (for soft roaders and bigger 4WD vehicles)
- AGM
- Barbecue Lunch
- AGM Dinner (Licenced Venue)
- Quiz Night (Licenced Venue)


Organised for FWDSA by High Range 4WD Club SA Inc.

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Goodbye Witjira Campfires ????
 In SA Outback Parks (and perhaps in NT & Qld too!) NO CAMPFIRES is what we could be left with.
 This is thanks to some 4WD visitors - not just from SA but many from other States - who are enjoying the privilege of the great Outback - who somehow think that ownership of a 4WD, and an axe or a chainsaw, gives them the right to act with arrogant disregard for authority, the environment, and the majority of people who do the right thing.



Will Electronic Campfires Be Our Future ?
 A primeval instinct which survives in modern man is the necessity for shelter, food and warmth. The nightly fire unites the 4WD clan around a common point to bond and build memorable experiences. Remove the fire from the equation and along with being cold, a core part of our 4WD group activity of relating with the land disappears.

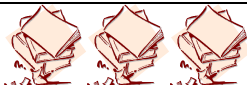


You can have the LED Fire but maybe you won't be allowed to have the sticks to hold it up.

The Proposal - No Campfires & No Wood?
 No one would dispute the fact that there is a minority using firewood irresponsibly, including pulling down standing dead and live wood, and failing to observe Park guidelines for wood collection.
 Park Rangers have tried to educate users for years. Despite signs and physical presence, as soon as their back was turned out came the chain saws, breaking limbs etc.
 Now Four Wheel Drive SA (FWDSA) has been advised that the Witjira (National Park) Co-management Board, has made proposals to phase out wood fires - this includes wood fires for both cooking and heating purposes.
 To add to our dilemma, under the proposals **no wood of any kind** could be brought in from outside the park whether it was used or not - or presumably being transported through the Park to other destinations.
 This is to ensure that diseases and weeds are not carried into the park by native wood, fenceposts, old railway sleepers etc.
 Campfires are banned in Coongie Lakes NP, Lake Eyre NP, and Wabma Kadarbu Mound Springs CP. The Witjira plan is the tip of the iceberg - this proposed ban could spread to many other parks
 Currently firewood collection is banned in the Simpson Desert Park and Innamincka Regional Reserve but campfires are allowed subject to Fire Danger proclamations.

What Has FWDSA Done About It ?
 To present the views of the many decent people who enjoy the privilege of visiting our parks, the FWDSA Natural Resources Advisory Unit (NRAU) has responded strongly with a letter questioning the need for such extreme measures.
 FWDSA acknowledges that while the Witjira Co-management Board has identified a significant issue, it does not support blanket bans on the use of fire in Witjira or the carriage of firewood through the park. FWDSA does however support the proposed ban on collecting wood, as this type of ban in place in other Parks appears to operate satisfactorily.
 Clearly the use of clearly identifiable foreign sourced wood (eg mallee stumps or sawn red gum) or plantation wood is the sustainable option together with "Ekologs" or similar products. While the logistics might be a challenge the option should be allowed.
 The proposed ban on carriage of firewood through the park is considered excessive and will have a significant, and potentially adverse, impact on activities beyond Witjira (eg the Simpson Desert Regional Reserve or the Hay River Track). It also submits that the risks associated with such a practice are minimal and have not been found necessary in other parks.
 This letter can be downloaded from the Four Wheel Drive Australia website at <http://www.anfwdc.asn.au/>

Detail: District Ranger Desert Parks Tony Magor DENR; FWDSA Natural Resources Advisory Unit; FWDA website Edited by 4WD Adventurers Club of SA Inc. Direct all correspondence to Editor FWDSA email - saafwdc@saafwdc.asn.au
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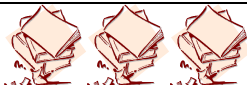
September 2011 - Simpson Desert

Ed - Just before the newsletter was released, Andrew McLean sent information regarding the September Simpson Desert trip. I have included some details with a further report to appear in the December 2011 newsletter. In the words of Andrew "The trip overall was a fantastic experience enjoyed by all. There were 4 vehicles, plus an extra vehicle joined the trip at Dalhousie and departed at Birdsville. The trip was hindered by mechanical break down and closed roads due to fires but the original schedule was met".



Bendleby Ranges Photos





Otway Photos



Notification of Possible Trips at or beyond April 2012

Dates	Location	Trip Leader	Type	Notes
19 May 2012	Googs Track. Australian Bight	Dieter Leimann	Sand, Hills & Tracks	Costs. 8 days planned.
Aug - Oct 2012 (TBD)	Beadell Tracks Outback SA	Darryl McManus	Sand, Hills & Tracks	Costs. In the latter half of 2012 I shall be dusting off my long service leave. I hope to have the opportunity to undertake a few trips into the outback of SA. Trip durations would be of the order of 7 to 10 days. One of the trips I would like to undertake is the Anne Beadell highway including the Emu Atom Bomb (Totem) sites. At this stage dates and timing is very flexible. If you would like to participate in these trips let me know and we can organise suitable dates. If you have any thoughts on other possible Outback SA trips let me know and we can work out a suitable trip schedule to suit.
28 Sep - 01 Oct 2012	Mt Ives	N/A	4WD Gathering	Costs. See October 2011 newsletter.



**Upcoming Trip Details (From November 2011)
Bendleby Ranges - 5th to 7th November 2011**

Location	Bendleby Ranges private property 50 km NE of Orroroo
Dates	Arrive Saturday 5 November, stay 1 or 2 nights. Depart late Sunday afternoon or Monday morning.
Trip Leader	Lloyd Kohlhagen, 8263 1012 hm, 0407 792 678 mb.
Trip Starting Point	Orroroo main street 9:30 am or The Springs Homestead, Bendleby Ranges no later than 12 pm Saturday.
Trip Route	Make your way from Adelaide to Orroroo, Turn right onto Hawker Rd, then turn right after creek into Johnburg Rd, travel for ~50 km to signposted turn on the right to Bendleby Ranges, follow signs to The Springs. Sign in and pay fees at the office.
Trip Requirements	Convoy limit - 12 vehicles
Accommodation	Bush camping: campsites have a fire ring, wood under cover and a toilet. Hot Showers, Rubbish & Recycling Depot are available near the shearing shed. The Springs Shearer's Quarters and two houses on the property provide comfortable accommodation for those preferring not to camp.
Trip Costs	<i>Bush Camping at Ragodia camp site:</i> <i>Adults, \$17 per night; School age children, \$5 per night</i> (Pre-school children, no charge) DRIVING COSTS: \$60 per vehicle for the whole weekend Checkout website at: www.bendlebyranges.com
Trip Description	Challenging climbs and descents, spectacular scenery, secluded picturesque campsite. Rocky hills and tracks, moderate to hard, good clearance and low range required.

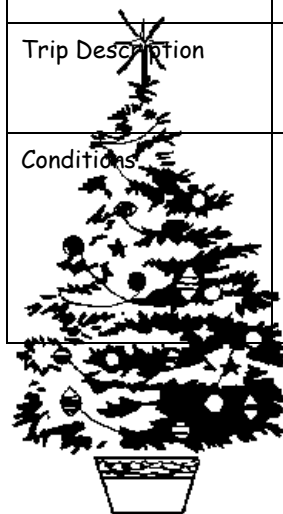
Club Xmas Function - Alberton Hotel - 2nd December 2011



**Club Christmas
Get Together.
Ho! Ho! Ho!**



Location	Alberton Hotel. 124 Port Road. Alberton. 84471069
Dates	6:30pm Friday 2 nd December.
Trip Leader / Organisers	Jean Searle and Pat Mason. Mb. 0408087060 or 0401 166 951
Trip Costs	A wide range of meal choices with varied prices. \$5 discount per member from Club funds (to be confirmed). Christmas raffles.
Trip Description	Come along and help us all celebrate together the ending of another great year with the club and its members. Christmas theme.
Conditions	All numbers coming will be finalised when we pay the deposit on the 11 th November . Ring Jean or Pat by then if coming and your name isn't down on the list. Thanks. Be prepared to enjoy a fun and relaxing time together - it's up to you all how much fun we have.





The Otways - 14th to 21st January 2012

Location	Colac. The Otways. Victoria.
Dates	Arrive by 14 th January, to 21 st January.
Trip Leader	Jean and Peter Searle. Mb. 0408087060.
Trip Starting Point	Meet at Colac Central Caravan Park. Bruce Street Vic 3250 03 5231 3586
Trip Route	Various tracks of The Otways and sightseeing points of interest.
Trip Requirements	Full recovery gear, UHF radio, Low range. High clearance. Good tyres recommended. Sense of humour.
Fuel Requirements	400kms. Fuel at Colac.
Trip Accommodation	Own caravan, tent, camper, on site cabins/caravans depending on availability. Based at Colac Central Caravan Park (Showgrounds). Basic camp kitchen / laundry available.
Trip Costs	Caravan Park accommodation costs vary depending on type wanted. On site vans / cabins / powered and non powered sites are all available. Powered site \$20 per night, unpowered site \$16 per night. Individual members to organise their own sites mentioning 4WD Adventures name. Fires may be possible. Sightseeing costs (eg Fly Walk, local brewery). Ladies' shopping days.
Trip Description	Grade 2 to 4 tracks depending on weather.
Conditions	Weather and logging will influence track choices. Free days and sightseeing built into trips.

Beachport - 26th to 29th January 2012

Location	Beachport - Robe - Carpenter Rocks
Dates	26 th January to 29 th January.
Trip Leader	Ray Collyer Ph. 08-8251 5489
Trip Starting Point	Beachport Caravan Park Entrance. 9am Friday 27 th January. Use Thursday 26 th January to independently travel to Beachport.
Trip Route	Day trips from the Beachport Caravan Park. Possible destinations are Robe via Little Dip Conservation Park and Carpenter Rocks via Canunda National Park.
Trip Requirements	Beach recovery gear necessary (shackles & snatch strap). Air compressor, Sand Flag & UHF radio essential. Low range. High clearance.
Fuel Requirements	"Short" day trips around Beachport (<250km).
Trip Accommodation	Based at Beachport Southern Oceans Caravan Park 08 - 87358153 10 sites reserved - 7 powered and 3 unpowered - under 4WD Adventurers. Please confirm your booking of one of these reserved sites by phoning or internet booking with the park. Cabins are available for booking; however you will need to book early as this is a long weekend.
Trip Costs	2 x Adults - \$21-\$26 per day, Children \$8 per day.
Trip Description	"Easy" Beach driving. Combination of sand dunes and tracks. Be prepared for hot to very hot conditions.
Conditions	-



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.
 3 Moderate Low range, high clearance, experienced.
 4 Difficult Probably recoveries.
 5 Extreme Modified vehicles, possible damage.

Trip Calendar
 From
 November 2011

Club Trip Calendar (From November 2011)

Month	M	T	W	T	F	S	S		Dates	Location	Trip Leader	Contact Ph.	Type (Grade)	Notes
November		1	2☺	3	4	5	6	==>	5/11-7/11	Bendleby Ranges	Lloyd Kohlhagen		Tracks & Hills (3-4)	Costs. Details in newsletter.
2011	7	8	9	10	11	12	13							
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	==>	20/11	Kersbrook	Angela Pompeuse		Tracks & Hills (2-4)	Costs. Contact trip leader.
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27							
December	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	==>	02/12	Alberton Hotel	Jean Searle & Pat Mason		Social	Club Xmas Function. Costs. Details in newsletter.
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	<u>1</u>							
2012	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>							
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	==>	14/01-21/01	Otways	Peter & Jean Searle		Tracks & Hills (2-4)	Costs. See newsletter for details.
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22							
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	==>	26/01-29/01	Beachport	Ray Collyer		Sands & Tracks (2-4)	Costs. See newsletter for details.
February	30	31	1☺	2	3	4	5							
2012	6	7	8	9	10	11	12							
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	==>	19/02	Saunders Gorge	Dieter Leimann		Tracks & Hills (2-3)	\$50. Details later. Contact trip leader.
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26							
March	27	28	29	1	2	3	4	==>	03/03-04/03	Coorong N.P.	Ray Collyer		Sands & Tracks (2-3)	Cleanup Activity. Farm accommodation.
2012	5	6	7☺	8	9	10	11	==>	10/03-12/03	Coorong N.P.	Allan Hasler		Sands & Tracks (2-3)	Costs. Details later.
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	==>	17/03-18/03	Ngarkat N.P.	FWDSA		Sand Tracks (2-4)	Ngarkat Working Bee.
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	==>	23/03-25/03	Strathalbyn	FWDSA		FWDSA AGM	Costs. See newsletter for details.
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1							
April	2	3	4☺	5	6	7	8	==>	06/04-09/04	Flinders Ranges	Ray Collyer		Tracks & Hills (2-3)	Easter 2012.
2012	9	10	11	12	13	14	15							
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22							
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29							
May	30	1	2☺	3	4	5	6							
2012	7	8	9	10	11	12	13							