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Club Meeting Details - Next Meeting Wednesday May 2nd 2012

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

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Club Newsletter

Please provide newsletter items to the editor by the Friday before the next meeting. 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**

Great to see members enjoying the posted trips, there are also a few day trips being posted to accommodate those whom find it difficult to make a longer trip. There are many visitors at trips and meetings this being a good sign that we are having a great year. I am personally enjoying my time in the club president position and forward to talking and listening to club members.

Ray Collyer, Club President



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

As autumn and winter approach Outback SA will be the destination for many travellers - Desert Parks Bulletin 421 from DENR details the access status of much of this region. The newsletter this month is quite lengthy with many trips planned and being reported on.

April 17th - Written Theory Test - Please Contact Werner

For those who participated in the recent theory training, a written test will be undertaken on the 17th April. Please contact club training officer Werner Pompeuse (8289 6932 (h) / 0419 823 133 (m)) for details on the location and time of the test.

Prospective Club Members - Greg & Kris Chase, Carl & Helen Ramsden, Mick & Michelle Allan, Michelle Page-Sharp

Greg & Kris Chase, Carl & Helen Ramsden, Mick & Michelle Allan and Michelle Page-Sharp 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.



For Sale - Tyres & 4WD Parts (Peter Searle)

4 Cooper STT mud tyres, 285 x 75 x 16. 50- 60% tread left. **\$250.**

2 road tyres, 275 x 70 x 16. 50- 60% tread left. **\$50.**

Original side steps for 78-79 series. **\$75.**

Original front springs for 78-79 series. **\$40.**

ARB Old Man Emu front springs 2 inch lift. **\$60.**

Original shockers 3 front, 3 back, little use. **\$60.**

Phone Peter Searle. 0408087060.

Desert Parks Bulletin 421 - 26th March 2012



National Parks and Wildlife South Australia

SA Arid Lands Region

Simpson Desert now open but no access/exit via the Warburton Crossing.

Outback temperatures are cooling down. If you decide to travel in the Outback, you should ensure your vehicles are properly prepared and equipped for outback travel and any emergencies or delays. The use of trailers in the Simpson Desert is strongly discouraged, plus motor homes and caravans should never attempt this crossing. Serious damage can be caused to vehicles and the environment, and difficulties are likely to result. Take extra water, food and fuel supplies. Ensure good communications equipment, either HF Radio or Satellite Phone. Ensure you notify a responsible person, such as a family member, of your plans prior to travelling into remote areas, and seek local advice.

If you attempt driving in sandy conditions and get bogged, do not attempt to get the vehicle out without ensuring 4WD and hubs are engaged, tyre pressures are decreased and sand is removed from the path of the tyres. If you become stuck, do not leave your vehicles to walk for assistance as this can have fatal consequences.

Check road and weather bulletins and local conditions before travelling into the Outback. Speed limits of 40km per hour apply within all Parks. For up to date public road information outside of National Parks, please call the **Transport SA Road Condition Hotline** on 1300 361 033 or visit the Transport SA web site on http://www.transport.sa.gov.au/quicklinks/northern_roads/northern.asp.

Be aware that entry to Desert Parks requires a permit or a Desert Parks Pass that must be displayed on the vehicle windscreen.

LAKE EYRE NATIONAL PARK

Boating in any type of vessel requires written permission from DENR, and granting of a boating permit will be dependant on safety and environmental factors, as well as written approval from the Arabunna people.

Current surface coverage of Lake Eyre North is over 70%. Lake Eyre South is virtually full from good local rains. There is also some minor water further up in the catchment but this will not impact Lake Eyre significantly like previous years. The



best way to see water in Lake Eyre is still from the air. Local charters are available at William Creek and Marree.

General Conditions

For further information regarding the National Parks and Wildlife South Australia visit our web site <http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/home> . For information regarding air tours phone the Wadlata Outback Centre on 1800 633 060. Check local conditions before travelling into the Outback area.

If you decide to travel in the following areas you should ensure your vehicles are properly prepared and equipped for outback travel and any emergencies. Take extra water, food and fuel supplies. Ensure good communications equipment. Notify a responsible person of your plans prior to travelling. Do not speed along roads and tracks. Take your time as Lake Eyre is not going anywhere. No fires at Lake Eyre.

Halligan Bay Track - *Open to 4WD with caution. Extra caution at ponded water, washouts and wheel rutting. This track is a declared Public Access Route. It is a bush track, not a road. Please drive to track conditions. Driving on the Lake surface is an offence and dangerous. Trailers and caravans are not recommended.*

Level Post Bay Track - *Closed due to recent rain.*

Marree's Outback Roadhouse - *Agents for the Desert Parks Pass & Lake Eyre Permits. Post Office & Commonwealth Bank Agency, diesel & unleaded fuel, gas bottle refills, licensed restaurant and take away service available. Ph (61 8) 8675 8360*

INNAMINCKA REGIONAL RESERVE and COONGIE LAKES NATIONAL PARK

General Vehicle Access.

Note: Be aware that entry to Innamincka Regional Reserve requires a day/camping permit or a Desert Parks Pass that must be displayed on the vehicle windscreen. Desert Parks passes/permits are available from the Innamincka Trading Post.

Coongie Track - *Closed due to recent rain and floodwater.*

Walkers Crossing Track - *Closed due to floodwater damage.*

15 Mile Track and Access to Cooper Creek - *Policemans, Ski Beach, Kings, Minkie and Wills open to 4WD. 15 Mile closed beyond Wills turn off. Town Common and Queerbiddie is open.*

Cullyamurra Track & Burke's Grave - *Open to 4WD. Burke's Grave - day visitors only.*

Old Strzelecki Track (on Innamincka Regional Reserve only) - *Closed due to extensive ponded water. Likely for next month.*

Bore Track - *Closed. Contact Bollards Lagoon (61 8 8091 3873) prior to crossing private land.*

The Innamincka Trading Post (Ph: (61 8) 8675 9900). *Agent for the Desert Parks Pass and camping permits. Provide a comprehensive range of supplies and services for visitors in the Innamincka area.*

Innamincka Hotel (Ph: (61 8) 8675 9901). *Provide meals, drinks and accommodation. Agent for the Desert Parks Pass and camping permits.*

WITJIRA NATIONAL PARK and the SIMPSON DESERT RESERVES

Check local conditions before travelling into this area. See the National Parks and Wildlife South Australia web site on <http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/home> for more information. Purchase a Desert Parks Pass or permit before travelling to Witjira.

The Witjira Co-management Board have approved that fire wood collection will not be permitted on Witjira in 2012, but wood fires will still be allowed. In 2013, both wood fire collection and wood fires will not be permitted. This does not apply to the Simpson Desert reserves in South Australia.

Witjira National Park - *Open to 4WD via Bloods Creek and Northern Territory.*

Caution around the Eringa area and ponded water. Caution at Federal at water that is 800mm deep. Caution at Freeth Junction area. Caution at other sections of ponded water and track damage.

Pedirka PAR is closed due to recent rains for at least 1-2 weeks. Access from the NT is currently closed (check the following link for NT road reports) http://www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/roadreport/region.jsp?name=central_australia .

Drive with caution and to track conditions as tracks are over a fragile landscape and deteriorate rapidly. Check local conditions before travelling. Please call the **Desert Parks** hotline on 1800 816 078 for further information. A public phone (card only) is available at Dalhousie Springs. (*Note: Phone cards not available at Dalhousie*). Camping is restricted to Dalhousie Springs, 3 O'clock Creek and Purni Bore.

The Dalhousie airstrip is currently closed to public use.

Please dispose of rubbish at the western tip. Eastern tip is full and temporarily closed until a new tip is dug.

The Oodnadatta Hotel (Ph: (61 8) 8670 7804) - *Agent for the Desert Parks Pass, meals including takeaway, drinks and accommodation (not open Sunday)*



The Pink Roadhouse Oodnadatta (Ph: 1800 802 074, Email: pinkroadhouse@bigpond.com) - Agent for the Desert Parks Pass, phone cards, diesel and unleaded fuel, food including takeaways, travel supplies, refreshments, tyre and minor repairs and welding

Mt Dare Hotel (Ph: (61 8) 8670 7835) - Desert Parks Pass Agents - Diesel and unleaded fuel, accommodation, meals, hot showers, fuel, minor repairs, camping, travel supplies and phone cards available for travellers. Satellite phones are available to hire from Mt Dare Hotel for trips across the Simpson Desert.

Simpson Desert - Open to 4WD with caution.

Access/exit to the Simpson Desert is via Dalhousie and Birdsville. No access/exit via Warburton Crossing.

Please check with local authorities or call the Desert Parks Pass Hotline on 1800 816 078. For information about access to the Queensland Simpson Desert, please contact the Wirrarri Visitor Centre on (07) 4656 3300.

Tracks may be a little difficult this time of year due to sand drift and no compaction of tracks over sand dunes for the last 3 months. Some tracks may be overgrown.

Warburton Track is overgrown due to past two years of vegetation growth and there is no vehicle access through the Warburton Crossing. The first few sand dunes west of the K1/Rig Road intersection along the Rig Road are difficult to traverse and may cause problems for drivers. Some salt lakes may have water in them so please drive around these to reduce the risk of becoming bogged. Carry extra fuel reserves as up to 50% more fuel may be used currently than a normal desert crossing.

The use of trailers in the Simpson Desert is strongly discouraged. Serious damage can be caused to vehicles and the environment, and difficulties are likely to result.

Warburton Crossing - Closed due to recent rain and flooding.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Hire of Communications Equipment

Satellite phones can be hired from Birdsville & Mt Dare. For further information call:

Wirrarri Centre - Birdsville (61 7) 4656 3300 Mt Dare Hotel (61 8) 8670 7835

CONDITION UPDATES

As conditions change a further update bulletin will be issued. For further information on SA Desert Parks and Far Northern South Australian road and track access, please

call the Desert Parks toll free hotline on 1800 816 078 or the Transport SA Outback Roads hotline on 1300 361 033.

Alternatively contact local Police where applicable for condition updates. For travel communications, contact the Australian National 4WD Radio Network Inc on (61 8) 8287 6222.

Fight the Bite - A health warning from SA Health

The recent warm weather and rains in the Northern Territory and in Northern South Australia has seen an increase in mosquito numbers across central Australia.

Mosquitoes are not only a nuisance but some can spread serious disease such as Ross River virus (RRv) and Barmah Forest virus (BFv) when they bite (symptoms of RRv and BFv can include joint pains, rash, fever, fatigue or muscle pain).

There is NO CURE and NO VACCINE to protect against these mosquito borne diseases. The only known and effective way to reduce risk of mosquito borne disease is to prevent mosquito bites.

If you are a visitor, or if you live in northern South Australia, it is important that you protect yourself, your family and friends against mosquito borne disease by Fighting the Bite. Key strategies include:

Covering Up - wear long, light coloured, loose fitting clothing (mosquitoes can bite through tight clothes like jeans)

Apply personal insect repellent containing DEET or Picaridin (avoid using on babies and toddlers and ALWAYS read and follow instructions on the label first).

Ensure insect screens cover openings in holiday houses, boats, caravans or tents.

Cover sleeping areas or beds with mosquito nets if necessary.

For additional strategies and information about how to Fight the Bite and protect against mosquito borne disease visit www.health.sa.gov.au

Tony Magor District Ranger DESERT PARKS



Government of South Australia Department of Environment and Natural Resources



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While every attempt has been made to provide up to date information in this bulletin, all travellers are responsible for ensuring that they obtain accurate and detailed information and are properly equipped and prepared for all emergencies prior to travelling into remote outback areas.

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Weekend in Whyalla - 29th Sep - 01st Oct (4wd Matters Club Flyer)

Registration forms are <http://www.whyalla4wd.org.au/WW7RegoForm.pdf> (PDF) or <http://www.whyalla4wd.org.au/WW7RegoForm.doc> (MS Word).

Official Information Release from Four Wheel Drive SA
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4WD Matters Club Flyer
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4WD WEEKEND IN WHYALLA "WW7"

29th September - 1st October 2012

Come and enjoy the varied landscapes and off road experiences around Whyalla. Take in the beaches, historical mining sites, pastoral land and conservation parks on both public and normally inaccessible private land.



FEATURING: ★ Tagalong Tours ★ Mt. Laura Circuit ★ Night Navigation ★
★ Camp-Oven Cooking Competition ★ Get to know your GPS Session ★
★ Camping at Whyalla Showgrounds ★ Whyalla 4WD Club Training Area ★

Visit www.whyalla4wd.org.au for all the details.
This event is open to all financial members of Four Wheel Drive SA. For insurance purposes all weekend participants must be financial members of an affiliated FWDSA Club, and register this event with your Club as a Club Trip.

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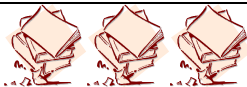
London Olympics - A Track Star to Follow.

One of our members, Roger Glaetzer, has a son that is aiming for a spot in the London Olympic Track Cycling Team. 19year old Matthew has performed very well at national and international events since moving up from the junior ranks in late 2010.



Over Easter he will compete at the World Championships in Melbourne, details of which can be found at <http://www.cycling.org.au>.

He hits the track on Wednesday night 4th April 2012 competing in the Team Sprint, SBS Two will be telecasting this event from 7pm (almost the same time as the club meeting - Ed!).



Recent Trip Reports (Pre-April 2012)

Goolwa Beach / Murray River Mouth - Sunday 11th March 2012

It was very cold and foggy when we left Meadows that morning.

There were 9 cars and we had a pleasant, uneventful drive down to Goolwa. Angela and Werner lead the way to the scenic lookout, but sadly it was so foggy that the Kodak moment was not to be. When we arrived at Goolwa we found the car park was really busy, and people were queuing in their cars to enter the beach. We aired down the tyres and waited patiently to join the fun.

As we started to enter toward the beach there was a group of people stuck in the soft

sand. They had not let any air out of their tyres and thought that their Jeep would drive perfectly well on 40psi. Being the good, responsible for wheel drivers that we are several of our guys and girls jumped out to assist and after reducing tyre pressures (and a bit of a dig) they were back on their way.

We all followed

along the beach, avoiding fishermen, kids, dogs and other obstacles. The beach provided good driving; however we noted some big run outs on our way (needing to remember them for the way back!). We reached the mouth of the Murray River and waved to the other guys from the 4WD Adventurers on the other side. Sadly the seals were not about today, I think the beach was too busy. We watched some fishermen catch a nice big silvery fish and much discussion was had as to what it might be. Lunch was a picnic on the beach, thank you Angela for the cakes.



Our return trip along the beach was an experience for me (driving by that time!), I had done very little beach driving before.

As we aired up at the car park, a discussion was had as to where we were heading next. It was decided to try the lookout again, as the fog was long gone by then. Angela and Werner were quite right, it was a priceless view.

Thanks guys for a fun day out.

Mick Allan.



Coorong / Murray River Mouth - 10th to 12th March 2012

A small group of Adventurers meet at the Salt Creek Roadhouse around 11am on the Saturday morning of the 10th March.

- Allan & Shirley Hasler (trip leaders)
- Ray Collyer
- Roger Glaetzer & his brother Trevor (as a visitor)
- Andrew and Vicki McLean
- Darryl McManus and son James.

We planned to cross the Coorong at the Tea Tree crossing. There was virtually no water there so it was a straightforward crossing. The group reduced tyre pressures and crossed the sand dune towards the ocean side of the Coorong. The sand was soft and caught out some in the group on the first attempt however we all quickly arrived on the ocean side of the crossing.

We set up camp on the ocean side and for the rest of Saturday afternoon the group enjoyed a relaxing time fishing or watching the fishing (*see the front cover for fishing results -Ed.*). The weather was fine with only moderate afternoon sea breezes (the Coorong can often have gusty winds). Allan was fortunate enough to catch an elephant shark and Ray caught an (undersized) Mulloway which was returned to the ocean. The group enjoyed an evening around the camp fire as many had brought along a good quantity of firewood. There many stories of fishing and 4WD'ing until around 11pm when we all retired for the evening.

On Sunday 11th March we prepared to travel towards the Murray River mouth. We planned to drive up on the low tide starting around 9:30am and return back before the tide came in. Roger left his car at camp and travelled with Trevor. Allan and Ray led the group on the journey towards the river mouth aptly demonstrating how to drive on



the flatter section of the beach that was available at the lower tide rather than the more corrugated section of the beach nearer the dunes.

Soon all drivers had developed confidence in driving near the ocean edge and keeping an eye out for the occasional large swell that pushed in further up the beach. Along the way we passed the remains of a couple of vehicles that had been abandoned on the



beach and were quickly becoming rust. The picture shows Andrew, Vicki and Shirley reviewing the final remains of one such vehicle.

We stopped for a short break on the ocean side opposite Parnka Point and trekked across the dunes for a tremendous view of the Parnka Point camping area.



We continued on our way to the river mouth and after just under 2 hours driving we arrived at the river mouth shortly before 12pm.



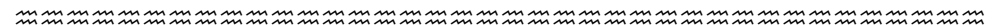
At the Murray River Mouth



The group enjoyed lunch and a few tried their hand at fishing again and we met up with the Goolwa club trip run by Werner who arrived just across the other side of the river mouth around the same time. After about an hour we headed back towards camp. The tide had turned and was coming in with a much reduced beach width to drive within and more attention being required of ocean swells moving up the beach. It was clear that at high tide there would be very little beach to drive on in some sections. A few vehicles were stuck for a short time in a soft section of the sand however they were quickly recovered and we all made it back to camp late in the afternoon. The round trip to the river mouth was close to 5 hours.

I left in the evening as I had to be back in Adelaide for the Sunday evening. The rest of the group camped overnight on ocean side of the Coorong that Sunday evening. I hope they enjoyed the camp fire! My many thanks to Allan for leading the trip and Ray for assisting. I had never driven to the river mouth before this trip and the 5 hours or so of beach driving was thoroughly enjoyable.

Darryl McManus





**Ngarkat Working Bee -
16th to 18th March 2012**

In keeping with what is now a 20 year tradition a dozen volunteers from 5 clubs assembled at Pine Hut Soak over the weekend of 17/18 March 2012 for the annual Ngarkat Working Bee.



Each year, after the One-Way section of the Border Track is closed, members of the NRAU BTC meet with the rangers from the Murray Mallee office at Lameroo to undertake a survey of the Border and Centre Tracks.

During this survey, we agree on a range of tasks and activities that volunteers can undertake to assist in keeping the Border Track open during the non-fire danger period.

Fencing being installed



For 2012, a total of 34 tasks were agreed on ranging from vegetation management (pruning) to construction of barriers along the track and filling swales and ruts.

Saturday morning saw the volunteers assembled for a briefing on safety and the planned tasks. The volunteers were split into three groups: a green team who would undertake the pruning and painting tasks (all new post need to be painted), a barrier team to build new and repair existing barriers and a track team who had the task of moving and spreading 15T of rubble.

Fortunately the weather was reasonably cool so those wielding the post hole diggers and shovels were not too hot. One of the great things about these working bees is that there are tasks for all levels of fitness and abilities.

So, what did this year's tasking involve? The primary goal of the Border Track management program is to allow access to the general public while minimising the impact of the fragile environment within the Ngarkat CP. We do this by restricting access to areas outside of the defined tracks.

There are many sections of the track where vegetation encroaches on the track; unfortunately, drivers tend to deviate from the defined track to avoid the vegetation and this causes additional erosion and impacts low-lying vegetation such as grasses. So, to help drivers stay of the defined track, it is necessary to trim some vegetation.



In other areas we try to physically restrict access by the installation of barriers. In section where drivers have widened the defined track, we can manage that by installing pine posts with a polypipe "fence". In other areas; for instance when an existing side track needs to closed, a more substantial barrier of pine post and steel cable is installed.

Some sections of the CP have clay swales (bog-holes) that are easily damaged during wet weather. This year we had 1 section on the Border Track and 4 Sections on the Centre Track to repair.

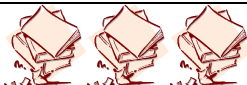
On Sunday morning, we had the pleasure of seeing Susan Linnell (photo to right) presented with a plaque acknowledging the fantastic work she has done until her retirement from the BTC last year.



The volunteers did some fantastic work and clocked up another 183 hours of volunteer time. I would like to acknowledge all who took part: Jean, Peter, Max, Stephen, Nathan, Nik, Joy, Paul, Don, and Darryl. A special mention goes to Graeme who brought along his mini front end loader - without this, 15T of rubble would have been a challenge.

Of course, we also need to acknowledge the rangers at Lameroo (especially Rebecca) who assembled all of the equipment and materials we needed for the weekend.

Peter Harper, NRAU - Border Track Committee.



Bartagunyah - Sunday 1st April 2012

7 vehicles with drivers and passengers met at Crystal Brook around 9:30 am for the day trip. It was good to see some familiar faces as well as a couple of visitors - Carl & Helen and Lachlan and Katlin. David didn't even manage to get out of first gear as he had stayed overnight with relatives near by in Crystal Brook. Carl had stayed overnight in the caravan park.

We left Crystal Brook and headed north turning off onto the Telowie Gorge scenic drive just north of Warnertown (near the fuel station). This scenic drive heads into towards the southern Flinders Ranges and passes through the small towns of Napperby and Nelshaby and also passing by the entrance to Telowie Gorge. We turned onto *Top Track* (a dirt track) and then back onto the *Port Germein - Murraytown* bitumen road before turning onto *Middle Track* along which shortly the start of the *Bridle 4WD*

Track was reached (adjacent to an electrical power station). The *Bridle Track* had magnificent views of the surrounding hillsides (which were quite green) and out to the Gulf, which could easily be seen as the weather was



At the top of the Bridle 4WD Track

fine and the sky fairly clear.

There was a clear view of the highway to Port Augusta and one could only pity the 2WD vehicles constrained to the long thin stretch of bitumen. This is where the ability of the 4WD touring vehicle to reach into the Australian countryside is truly appreciated.

After the *Bridle Track* we travelled along *Survey Road* towards Melrose until the Bartagunyah estate was reached. We travelled through the vineyards and onto the station house and after paying the driving fee for the day (\$22.50) started out on the station tracks. The tracks are not that difficult although there is the occasional short steep descent. We stopped near a very old shepherds hut for lunch (*Rankines Hut*) - it was well appointed with a separate bedroom although some dusting was in order.

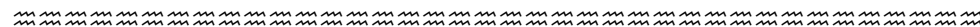


Lachlan and Ian on tracks at Bartagunyah

The Bartagunyah property tracks occupied us for a couple of hours after which we travelled the short distance into Melrose for a well deserved ice-block around 3pm. After that we returned to the Port Augusta highway via the *Bridle Track* (with afternoon views out to the Gulf) and made our way back to Adelaide.

I enjoyed the company of the group on the day and I think all those on the trip had an enjoyable day out. Thanks for attending - especially the visitors.

Darryl McManus





Upcoming Trip Details (From April 2012)

Flinders Ranges (Blinman Area) - 6th to 9th April 2012

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| Location | Flinders Ranges (Blinman Area), South Australia. |
| Dates | 6 th to 9 th April 2012 Easter Long Weekend |
| Trip Leader | Ray Collyer |
| Trip Starting Point | Hawker. Meet at 11 am Friday 6 th April fully fuelled and ready to leave at the car park adjacent to main street and highway. If necessary, use UHF Channel 14 to make contact. |
| Trip Route | Hawker Artimore Station ruins. Nuccalena mine site. Hannigan Gap. + Other points of interest in and around Blinman. Trip approx. 500km. |
| Trip Requirements | Full recovery gear, UHF radio, air compressor. Dirt roads and tracks (grade 2 to 3). You will need to bring all your requirements for the trip (food, water, fuel). |
| Fuel Requirements | Last Fuel at Hawker. Hawker to Hawker round trip 500km. |
| Trip Accommodation | National Park, Self Sufficient Camping. |
| Trip Costs | National Park Camping Fees may be required. |
| Trip Description | Flinders Ranges - Views of gorges, mine sites and ruins. |
| Trip Conditions & Comments | No pets. Children welcome. Camper trailers allowed. |

For Sale - Spot Lights (Dieter Leimann)

2 x 100 watt XXX 220 spotlight.
Similar to Lightforce - 700 to 800 meter range.
Brand new in a box new cost \$370 sell \$260

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Poonunda - 20th to 22nd April 2012

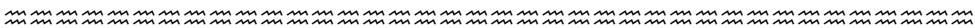
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| Location | "Poonunda", North of Burra in the North Mt. Lofty Ranges. (approx 2 hour drive from Adelaide) |
| Dates | 20 th to 22 nd April 2012 (Last Weekend of School Holidays) |
| Trip Leader | Darryl McManus |
| Trip Starting Point | Burra Main Street, meet at 9.30am Saturday 21 st April or as otherwise arranged with trip leader. |
| Trip Route | Private property "Poonunda" and surrounds. |
| Trip Requirements | Grade of driving varies, depending on participants. Something for everyone from grade 2 to 4. Vehicles must have 2 range and adequate clearance. Standard 4WD vehicles are acceptable. |
| Fuel Requirements | Adelaide - Poonunda Adelaide - 400 km |
| Accommodation | Self-sufficient bush camping. 100m shed, 2 drop toilets. Camper trailers smaller or available with adequate clearance can access property. No lawns. No cooking that can bottom out the trees. No wood available for campfire. (One night only - no spot fires or towering infernos). |
| Trip Costs | \$40 per vehicle driving and camping two nights. \$30 per vehicle driving and camping one night. Day only drive \$20. |
| Trip Description | This is a unique property consisting of dry creekbeds and steep hills with magnificent views and a permanent flowing creek with yabbies. All driving skills can be catered for. Only do what you are comfortable with. Lots of relaxation around the campfire - no rushing. 4WD Adventurers have exclusive use of the property. |
| Conditions & Comments | All trip participants to travel as a group from Burra and call in at the Poonunda homestead. Visitors & children welcome. No animals please. Trip will be re-scheduled if the trip leader deems that the weather is too wet or too hot. |

TRIP CANCELLED



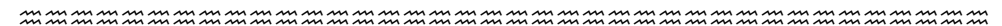
Googs Track & Gawler Ranges - 19th to 26th May 2012

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| Location | Googs Track & Gawler Ranges (Eyre Peninsula). |
| Dates | 19th May for 7 to 8 days. |
| Trip Leader | Dieter Leimann |
| Trip Starting Point | Port Augusta around 1:30 pm Those who want to travel up with trip leader from Adelaide are welcome to - please contact the trip leader. |
| Trip Route | Travel thru the Gawler ranges to Ceduna then (time permitting) go to the head of the Bight - a day trip of approx. 600km return. Then onto Googs track. We will make up the destinations along the way if someone wants to see something in particular and is within our travelling destinations. |
| Trip Requirements | UHF Radio. Carry full recovery gear including shovel as there is plenty sand driving and have a reliable vehicle. Grade of driving varies, depending on participants. Something for everyone from grade 2 to 4. Vehicles must have low range and adequate clearance. Standard 4WD vehicles are quite acceptable. |
| Fuel Requirements | Able to cover 450km of sand and track driving, possibly including low range. |
| Accommodation | Fully self sufficient camping. Pick up firewood along the way. 1 night in Ceduna (maybe 2) and fees apply to stay in the Gawler ranges conservation park and along Googs track. |
| Trip Costs | Entry to head of the Australian Bight and some accommodation and camping costs as noted above. |
| Trip Description | Travel around outback south west south Australia and see some awesome sights. |
| Conditions & Comments | Keep Trip Leader pointed in the right direction. |



Rapid Bay - 19th to 20th May 2012

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| Location | Rapid Bay Campgrounds http://www.rapidbayjetty.org/ |
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| Dates | 19th to 20th May |
| Trip Leader(s) | Allen, Amber and Amy Bing |
| Trip Starting Point | Rapid Bay 9am |
| Trip Route | Wherever way you like to go ! |
| Trip Requirements | UHF Radio No Limit to vehicle numbers. Be down at Rapid Bay after 9am this way we can set up camp and go for a small drive if you feel like it. |
| Fuel Requirements | No limitations with Petrol, Diesel or LPG ? |
| Trip Accommodation | Self sufficient camping etc. There are flushing toilets. Free BBQ & playground. |
| Trip Costs | \$6 per person. \$4 children under 12 |
| Trip Description | Just to relax go fishing, walking, swimming , Driving if you like. On Sunday on the way home we are going through Victor Harbour to end up at the cheese factory then down to mount Compass to the venison shop if you like to try some. |
| Trip Conditions & Comments | Pets allowed on lead No campfires allowed Camping trailers or caravans OK Swags and tents should be fine Trip is appropriate for children |





Hopes Gully (Terowie) - 5th to 6th May 2012

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| Location | Hopes Gully - north east of Terowie Approx 2hr.15min drive from Adelaide. |
| Dates | Sat 5 th to Sun 6 th May 2012. |
| Trip Leader(s) | Ray Collyer |
| Trip Starting Point | Meet at the Terowie service station on the Barrier Highway 9.30am on Saturday 5 th May. |
| Trip Route | 4wding farm tracks creek beds ridge backs wooded valleys. |
| Trip Requirements | Self sufficient over night stay or day trip No limit to vehicle numbers. Clay , shale, sandy creekbeds, rocks. |
| Fuel Requirements | Diesel and petrol at Terowie service station. Round trip approx 700kms. |
| Trip Accommodation | Self sufficient camping campsite provided Fire wood is available on site |
| Trip Costs | Camping / driving combined \$15.00 per day - to be confirmed. |
| Trip Description | Great views. Good hill climbs. Challenging creek beds. |
| Trip Conditions & Comments | Pets not allowed/working farm Campfires allowed Camper trailers allowed Trip appropriate for children |

Peake - 26th to 27th May 2012

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| Location | Peake - Day trip or 2 day weekend trip |
| Dates | Saturday 26 th to Sunday 27 th May 2012 |
| Trip Leader(s) | Ray Collyer |
| Trip Starting Point | Tailem Bend Shell roadhouse at 8:30 am Saturday 26 th May. Contact trip leader if you wish to setup on the Friday evening. |
| Trip Route | Scenic trip to a private property at Peake, approx. 2 hrs 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 driving. (camping overnight Saturday included in this cost). |
| Conditions & Comments | Please bring a bag of firewood. Training is available (for club members). |

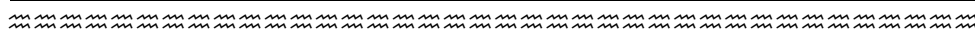




Willangi Bush Escapes (Peterborough) - 28th to 29th April 2012

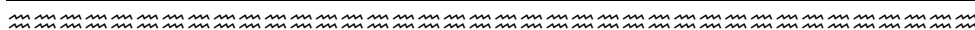
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| Location | "Willangi Bush Escapes", private property 15 km north of Peterborough on the Dawson Road. |
| Dates | 28 th - 29 th April 2012. |
| Trip Leader | Darryl McManus |
| Trip Starting Point | Peterborough, Main Street 10:30 am Saturday 28 th April, near info. centre. This is approximately 3 hours drive north of Adelaide. |
| Trip Route | Make your way from Adelaide to Peterborough by your preferred route and arrive by 10:30am Saturday 28 th April. The trip group will depart for the property owner's residence at 10:30am to pay fees and collect the gate key. Saturday: Drive to property, setup camp and have lunch. Then drive on a selection of the property tracks with short rest breaks until evening, then returning to camp overnight. Sunday: Either pack up and depart early or further exploration of the property tracks until lunch time, then returning to camp for lunch, pack up and departure. |
| Trip Requirements | Challenging climbs and descents and magnificent scenery Rocky hills and tracks, moderate to hard, good clearance and low range required. Basic experience with hill & track driving necessary. You will need to bring all your requirements for the trip (food, water, fuel). Bring basic recovery equipment, an air compressor and UHF radio for communications (channel 14 will be used). |
| Fuel Requirements | Adelaide - Peterborough - Willangi & return - 700 km. Fuel available at Peterborough. |
| Accommodation | Fully self-sufficient bush camping with single drop toilet. Camper trailers and smaller caravans with adequate clearance can access the property. A supply of wood is provided for a campfire. (Additional wood can be brought along). |

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| Trip Costs | \$45 per vehicle for the weekend. Adults \$10.00 p/p, p/n. Children 5-15yrs \$5.00 p/p, p/n, 5 yrs and under, no charge. Family \$25.00 p/n. |
| Trip Description | Hill and track driving with steep hills and magnificent views. Lots of relaxation - no rushing. Checkout website at: http://www.willangibushescapes.com/ . |
| Conditions & Comments | Convoy numbers limited - ensure that you place your name on the trip list or contact the trip leader. Trip will be re-scheduled if the trip leader deems that the weather is too wet, too hot or if a total fire ban is declared. |



Notification of Possible Trips at or beyond June 2012

| Dates | Location | Trip Leader | Type | Notes |
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| 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 Station | N/A | 4WD Gathering | See October 2011 newsletter. |
| 29 Sep - 01 Oct 2012 | Whyalla | N/A | "Weekend in Whyalla" | See newsletter for details. |





Trip Calendar Legend
Bold Italic Club Trip Days
Underline Long Week End
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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

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April 2012

Club Trip Calendar (From April 2012)

| Month | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | Dates | Location | Trip Leader | Contact Ph. | Type (Grade) | Notes |
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| April | 2 | 3 | 4☺ | 5 | <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>8</u> | => 06/04-09/04 | Flinders Ranges | Ray Collyer | | Tracks & Hills (2-3) | Easter 2012. See newsletter for details. |
| 2012 | <u>9</u> | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | /=> 20/04-22/04 | Poonunda | Darryl McManus | | Tracks & Hills (2-3) | TRIP CANCELLED. |
| | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | <u>20</u> | <u>21</u> | <u>22</u> | => 20/04-22/04 | Warragul, Vic. | - | | 4WD Muster | See Feb 2012 newsletter for details. |
| | 23 | 24 | <u>25</u> | 26 | 27 | <u>28</u> | <u>29</u> | => 28/04-29/04 | Willangi | Darryl McManus | | Tracks & Hills (2-3) | See newsletter for details. |
| May | 30 | 1 | 2☺ | 3 | 4 | <u>5</u> | <u>6</u> | => 05/05-06/05 | Hopes Gully | Ray Collyer | | Tracks & Hills (2-3) | See newsletter for details. |
| 2012 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | | | | | | Mothers Day (Sunday). |
| | 14 | 14 | 16 | 17 | 18 | <u>19</u> | <u>20</u> | => 19/05-20/05 | Rapid Bay | Allen Bing | | Social & Touring | See newsletter for details. |
| | <u>21</u> | <u>22</u> | <u>23</u> | <u>24</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>26</u> | <u>27</u> | \=> 19/05-26/05 | Googs Track | Dieter Leimann | | Sand & Tracks (2-3) | See newsletter for details. |
| June | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | \=> 26/05-27/05 | Peake | Ray Collyer | | Sand & Tracks (2-3) | See newsletter for details. |
| 2012 | 4 | 5 | 6☺ | 7 | 8 | <u>9</u> | <u>10</u> | => 09/06-11/06 | Sunset N.P. | Dieter Leimann | | Sand & Tracks (2-3) | Costs. Contact trip leader. |
| | <u>11</u> | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | => ??/06 | ?? | Ray Collyer | | Bowling (Social) | Costs. Contact trip leader. |
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| July | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | | | | | | |
| 2012 | 2 | 3 | 4☺ | 5 | 6 | <u>7</u> | <u>8</u> | => 07/07-23/07 | Simpson Desert | Ray Collyer | | Tracks & Hills (3-4) | Costs. Contact trip leader. Remote travel. |
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| | <u>23</u> | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | | | | | | |
| August | 30 | 31 | 1☺ | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | | | | Approx. 7-9 day trip in August on or around the 18 th August. |
| 2012 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | | | | | |
| | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | <u>18</u> | <u>19</u> | => 18/08-26/08 | Anne Beadell Hwy | Darryl McManus | | Tracks & Hills (3-4) | Costs. Contact trip leader. Remote travel. |
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| September | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | |
| 2012 | 3 | 4 | 5☺ | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | | | | | | |
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| October | <u>1</u> | 2 | 3☺ | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | | | | | | |
| 2012 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | | | | | | |