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Club Meeting Details - Next Meeting Wednesday June 6th 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. Email items in electronic (soft copy) format to newslettereditor@4wdadventurers.org. Please use comic sans font size 9 pt. 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**

I am looking forward to the Hopes Gully property trip this weekend 5th/6th, it will be interesting with new tracks to explore. Club wise things are going well, a little disappointed with the cancellation of trips this month but this is an occasional hiccup, a new fund raising raffle is on the way so keep an eye out for that. **Ray Collyer, Club President.**



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

The newsletter contains the latest Desert Parks Bulletin which details current road and access conditions in outback South Australia. As noted at the last club meeting, email notifications such as trip reminders and cancellations are sent to all club members throughout the month but of course this can only happen if you have provided the club with an email address. If you are not receiving email notifications from the club send an email to newslettereditor@4wdadventurers.org and I will add you to the club email list.



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.**

Contact Peter Searle. 0408087060.



For Sale - Nissan Patrol Alloy Bull Bar (Wayne)

Nissan GU Patrol Series IV - Factory Alloy Bullbar. **\$300.**

Contact Wayne. 0430 193 116.

(** Image not actual part **).



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**

Contact Dieter Leimann (mb 0417811854).

Desert Parks Bulletin 424 - 19th April 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.

Lake Eyre has already peaked. Current surface coverage of Lake Eyre North has dropped to 40%. Lake Eyre South has also dropped to 70%. 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 - **Open to 4WD.** Caution at sand dunes. This track is a declared Public Access Route. It is a bush track, not a road. Caution at corrugations, however drive with caution along the entire track as the landscape is fragile and the track will deteriorate due to the unusually high number of vehicles using it. Please drive to track conditions. Driving on the Lake surface is an offence and dangerous. Trailers and caravans are not recommended. No camping at Level Post Bay - camping at Muloorina campground.

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 floodwater until possibly August.**

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 and 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 to be closed for the next month.

Bore Track North - **Open to 4WD.** Caution at washouts and very soft sand sections.

Bore Track South - **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. Please purchase 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.** Pedirka Track is open again. Caution at Federal at deep water that is 800mm deep. Caution at Freeth Junction area. Caution at other sections of ponded water and track damage.

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 a little 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.

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

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District Ranger

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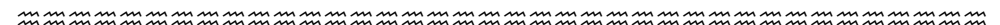


Government of South Australia Department of Environment and Natural Resources



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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Caravan & Camping Show Feb 2012 - You Can't Plan the Weather

One word describes the Feb 2012 Caravan & Camping Show - **overwhelming** - and not just the temperature extremes. Overwhelming was the attitude of our 40 Staffers in the FWDSA Recovery Demonstrations and the FWDSA Display Stand coping with the weather on one hand and enthusiastically helping before, during and after the show setting up our displays, and attending to the general running of the FWDSA areas.

The FWDSA Club Stand was in a main entrance (and exit) of the (non-airconditioned) Mega-Marquee with a variety of popular stands.

The FWDSA Recovery Demonstration area was close by. We had all the elements needed for a super show except the weather - patrons followed the airconditioning.

Affiliation with CCIASA
 The Caravan & Camping Industries Association of South Australia Inc (CCIASA) was incorporated in 1976. It is a broad based Trade organisation with membership made up of businesses in or closely related to the outdoor leisure industry.

In Nov 2011 the CCIASA Executive Committee approved affiliation with Four Wheel Drive SA.

This confirms the solid working relationship FWDSA has had with CCIASA and its industry members since 2009.



Special Thanks To

- **John Machin, Mike Meek & Judy Christian** for lending their vehicles.
- **John Cullen & Geoff Green** for Demonstration and Display areas staffing co-ordination.
- **Ken Bradey, Lee Smith, Lance Boagey & Bob Bolto** for background organisation.
- **Geoff Green, Judy Christian & Sarah Moseley-Greatwich** for setting up the Demonstration and Display areas.
- **Carmel & Geoff Fennell, Gordon Atherton, John Machin, Jim Byfield, Kevin Anderson, Bill Ashby, Mike Barkway** for cleaning up.
- **Wade Pavlovich (Adelaide Sign Tech)** for arranging our new banners at a super price.



Year	FWDSA Brochures Issued	Club Discount Tickets	Show Public Attendance					Total
			Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	
2012	450	311	3928	4245	4620	9213	9549	31562
2011	700	338	4502	4832	5730	11808	13178	40150
% change	-38%	-6%	-13%	-14%	-19%	-22%	-28%	-22%
Daily Temp:			34°C	37°C	39°C	40°C	33°C	

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Poles and Paint and Rubble

Ngarkat March 17/18 2012 20 Years Keeping the Border Track Open

Ngarkat is a Conservation Park just south of Pinnaroo in the Upper South East of South Aust. The iconic Border Track is located within this park. Over a period of 20 years the FWDSA Border Track Committee have run a management program within the Ngarkat CP in conjunction with the Lameroo Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

This has the goal of maintaining access to the general public while minimising the impact of the fragile environment. Using materials provided by DENR, the Ngarkat Working Bees have provided in excess of 9000 volunteer hours since 2001.

Saturday morning March 17th saw the 12 volunteers from 5 clubs assembled for a briefing on safety and the 34 planned tasks. These included building new barriers and repairing existing ones; pruning and painting tasks (all new posts need to be painted); spreading rubble on track repairs. The weather was reasonably cool and there were tasks for all levels of fitness and abilities.

FWDSA thanks go to those who took part: Jean, Peter, Max, Stephen, Nathan, Nik, Joy, Paul, Don, Sue. A special mention goes to Darryl and Peter who organised the weekend and Graeme who brought along his mini front end loader- without this, 15 tonnes of rubble would have been a challenge.

Also we acknowledge the DENR Rangers at Lameroo (especially Rebecca) who assembled all of the equipment and materials needed for the weekend.

Helping drivers stay on the defined track:
 Drivers widening or deviating from the defined track cause additional erosion and impacts low-lying vegetation such as grasses. This is managed by the following:

- Physically restricting access by the installation of pine post barriers with poly pipe or steel cable fencing.
- Trimming vegetation where it encroaches on the track

Four Wheel Drive South Australia awarded to Sue Linnell
 In recognition of the many years of dedication to the Ngarkat Border Track Committee 2012



Sue Linnell Presentation with the symbols of Ngarkat Working Bees as a backdrop




Clay swales (bog-holes) that are easily damaged during wet weather



Rubble spreading on swales and ruts on the Border Track and Centre Track, using a tipper trailer and a mini front end loader.



Text Contributions: Peter Harper (Border Track Committee)
 Photos: courtesy Peter Harper (Toyota Club);Darryl McManus (4WD Adventurers Club)
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Fourplay 4x4 have donated an Ironman recovery kit (see image at page bottom) to the 4WD Adventurers for fund raising. The kit will be raffled over the next few months.



In addition **Fourplay 4x4** are offering 15% off their range of products for the months May and June 2012. You will just need to show your club membership to receive the discount.



Ray preparing the camp fire - Flinders April 2012



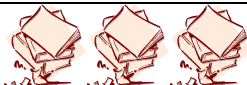
From the **Fourplay 4x4** website : *"We are an independent stockist, which means we will provide you with the products at a price best suited to you and your vehicle, not simply what we happen to keep in stock."*

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Fourplay 4X4 web site details are as follows.

http://www.fourplay4x4.com.au/main/page_home.html





Recent Trip Reports (Pre-May 2012)

Flinders Ranges (Easter) - 06th April to 9th April 2012

During the 19th century numerous mining townships dotted the northern Flinders Ranges. Blinman is the sole surviving town surveyed at the time. The discovery of copper here in 1859 was accidental; the story goes that a shepherd, Robert Blinman, used to watch his sheep from a boulder. One day he absentmindedly broke off a chunk and discovered it was copper. Historic buildings in the main street are reminders of those rich (and temporary) days.

Friday 06th April 2012

We met at the Hawker bakery (no surprise there) at 11:00 on Friday 6th April. Ray and Dee (trip leader), Darryl, Albert, Allen, Amy & Amber, Baz, Linda, Hannah & Alice, Joe & Valerie, finally Werner & Angela. After the hellos and the obligatory pie (more than one for Joe) we were off to Brachina gorge for lunch, where the children (big & small) searched the small ponds (that were left from the previous days rains) for tadpoles, and there were loads! Moving east to Blinman for ice cream, then to camp for the first



night (this night we camped in the bushes). A comfort fire was arranged, followed by a relaxing evening of chatting.

History lesson 1:

The first mineral discovered, and mined in the Northern Flinders, was not copper, or gold, but the famous red ochre from the [Parachilna](#) area.

During the 1840s, particularly after 1844, the Northern Flinders Ranges were settled by enterprising pastoralists, who often risked life, limb and capital while trying to establish themselves and their runs.

Saturday 07th April 2012

Today's trip went through to Artimore ruins checking out the family of wedge tailed eagles having breakfast on the way. We made our way towards the Flying fox mines, where we were treated to a magnificent 360 deg view from a trig point just short of the mines.



(Another photo op) Continuing east through the PAR where we stopped for a short walk and photo opportunity at Hannigans gap. Eventually after a hard days drive, total distance traveled about 57Km, but only 26 from our

start point? I think Ray took us on a long detour?? Tonight's camp site was near Nuccaleena mine in a river bed.

History Lesson 2:

During 1842, the first officially recorded year of mineral production, two tons of copper ore were produced, valued at \$207. A year later the value of mineral



production increased to \$372. In 1844, mineral production reached the staggering amount - for that time - of \$13,000 earning badly needed export income.

Sunday 08th April 2012

Up and at em.... Ready for a days driving. We headed north to Nuccaleena copper mine. At the surface of the mine the building of offices, workshops and engine houses was commenced as were the living quarters for the miners. By the end of 1861, about eighty-five miners were employed at the mine, several of whom were married and lived



with their families in the as yet unsurveyed and unnamed town. After trying to locate our own copper, some were looking for gold?? we moved on. Now back

to Werner's mis-spent youth. We travelled to Copley, via Parachilna (where we shared lunch with the flies) to find a track that Werner traversed up & down in his younger years. As we were up this way, why not? Alas the ground had changed over the past 20+ years, or was it Werner's memory? The track eventually located, then more disappointment, too soft sand, so about turn. We will have to come back a bit later in the year. This evening's camp was in a disused quarry next to a river bed.

History Lesson 3:

More evidence of progress was seen during March 1863, when Arthur B. Cooper arrived to survey and lay out the townsite of Nuccaleena. When he finished he had pegged out seventy-seven town blocks, on the western side of the creek which separated the town from the mine, its surface workings and buildings. The main road was named Nuccaleena Road.

We certainly did not see a small town, but certainly got a feel for how hard a life the people had this far out. Still standing was the main chimney and the crushing building.

Unfortunately not all the people at Nuccaleena were civilised. This is well illustrated by an incident which happened on 3 December 1862. On that day Henry Hammond, also known as Yankee Harry, rode with his bullock team into town with supplies for the mines and miners. During the last part of the journey he had been accompanied by Robert, an Aborigine. When Hammond noticed a leg of mutton missing, he suspected the Aborigine of having stolen it, but this was denied by Robert. Both Hammond and Robert went back on the road to see if it had dropped from the wagon. When nothing was found, Hammond attacked Robert, hitting him "with some blunt weapon" which was, according to Dr Cotter, sufficient to kill him.

Monday 09th April 2012

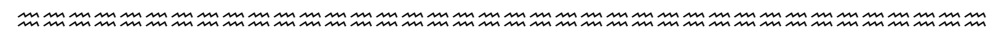
The last day we headed north towards Copper King mine, again along a PAR. The track



was rough and rutted, so careful driving was needed. At the mines we could actually enter some disused diggings, and maybe find some minerals. Again no luck, maybe

we just did not know what to look for? That said I think my car weighed a few kilos extra with all of the rocks Alice had collected. Next time they will go into Alan's trailer. Thanks to Ray for leading and booking the good weather.

Baz





Upcoming Trip Details (From May 2012)
Hopes Gully (Terowie) - 5th to 6th May 2012


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

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

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

Location	Rapid Bay Campgrounds http://www.rapidbayjetty.org/
	
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

Peake - 26th to 27th May 2012

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).





Bowland - 2nd June 2012

Location	Bowland Clayson Road Salisbury. Approx 150 metres east of from Main North Road.
Dates	2.45 pm 2nd June 2012
Trip Leader(s)	Ray Collyer ()
Trip Starting Point	Bowland Salisbury
Trip Route	N/A
Trip Requirements	Have fun.
Fuel Requirements	Tea, coffee or lemonade may be required for sustainment purposes.
Trip Accommodation	N/A
Trip Costs	\$10.00 per person for 2hrs 10 pin bowling
Trip Description	Social event.
Trip Conditions & Comments	Children very welcome. Come one come all - enjoy the bowling !

Simpson Desert - 30th June to 15th July 2012

Location	Simpson Desert TRIP HAS REACHED VEHICLE LIMIT
Dates	30th June to 15 th July 2012
Trip Leader(s)	Ray Collyer ()
Trip Starting Point	Port Augusta
Trip Route	Adelaide, Dalhousie French line, Birdsville
Trip Requirements	Sand driving. Self sufficient camping
Fuel Requirements	Minimum carry of 250 litres diesel Diesel vehicles only - no petrol vehicles allowed.
Trip Accommodation	Bush (self sufficient) camping Desert Parks Pass (Simpson Desert)
Trip Costs	Possible costs at Dalhousie
Trip Description	Sand driving x country. Old oil rig camps and exploration tracks
Trip Conditions & Comments	Campfires allowed.

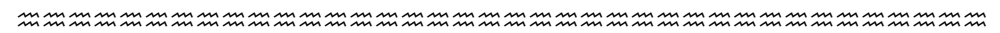
Anne Beadell Highway - 18th to 26th August 2012

Location	Anne Beadell Highway, Great Victoria Desert, South Australia & West Australia
Dates	Saturday 18 th August to Sunday 26 th August 2012
Trip Leader(s)	Darryl McManus ()
Trip Starting Point	TBD. Most likely Port Wakefield or Port Augusta on the morning of Saturday 18 th August.
Trip Route	The following is a proposed initial trip route; details may change to accommodate trip progress and trip participant preferences. Day 1. Saturday 18 th August. Meet at trip start point. Head towards Coober Pedy. Specific route to be discussed with trip participants, Camp overnight before reaching Coober Pedy. Estimate 650km driving mostly bitumen. Day 2. Sunday 19 th August. Head towards Coober Pedy. Refuel and replenish at Coober Pedy. Traverse the Mabel Creek PAR, cross the dog fence and setup camp west of the Tallaringa Nature Reserve. Estimate 200km bitumen and 150km station and track driving. Day 3. Monday 20 th August. Explore the Emu atom bomb sites Totem 1 and Totem 2. Camp somewhere in the vicinity of Annes Corner. Estimate 200km track driving. Day 4. Tuesday 21 st August. Head west. Camp somewhere near or west of Vokes Hill corner. Estimate 150km track driving. Day 5. Wednesday 22 nd August. Drive through the Unnamed Conservation Park, cross the WA/SA border and setup camp. Estimate 150km track driving. Day 6. Thursday 23 rd August. Head west and refuel at Ilkurlka Roadhouse. Explore the airplane crash site



	<p>and camp nearby. Estimate 150km track driving.</p> <p>Day 7. Friday 24th August. Head to Neale junction. Depending on trip participant preferences or needs head towards Laverton, Warburton or Rawlinna.</p> <p>Day 8. Saturday 25th August. Head back towards Adelaide via Cocklebiddy (for those heading back to Adelaide).</p> <p>Day 9. Sunday 26th August. Drive back to Adelaide along the Eyre Highway.</p>
Trip Requirements	<p>Vehicle limit of 8 vehicles maximum. No trailers or caravans.</p> <p>Type and grade of driving is moderate with a few difficult areas of sand and track driving. Generally high range 4WD. Expect <i>severe</i> corrugations especially east of Vokes Hill corner.</p> <p>Your vehicle should be reliable and well maintained. There are no repair or recovery facilities along the Anne Beadell highway. You should bring reasonable spare parts for your vehicle based on your knowledge of the vehicle.</p> <p>Standard recovery gear, UHF radio, air compressor and sand flag required.</p>
Fuel Requirements	<p>1) Adelaide to Coober Pedy - 850km. 2) Coober Pedy to Ilkurlka Roadhouse - 900 km. Note Diesel and ULP is available at Ilkurlka Roadhouse, however this will be much more costly than city prices. 3a) Ilkurlka Roadhouse to Cocklebiddy (via Neale Junction and Rawlinna) -650km, or 3b) Ilkurlka Roadhouse to Laverton (via Neale Junction) - 550km, or 3c) Ilkurlka Roadhouse to Warburton (via Neale Junction) - 480km. 4) Cocklebiddy to Adelaide - 1550km.</p> <p>Total distance Adelaide to Adelaide via Neale Junction and Cocklebiddy of 4000km.</p>

	<p>Fuel requirements for your vehicle will vary depending on the nature of your vehicle and the load it is carrying. For the Anne Beadell Highway it is reasonable to add 30% to your loaded touring vehicle l/100km figure. For example, if your vehicle normally uses 12l/100km loaded when touring then assume 15.6l/100km. Coober Pedy to Ilkurlka Roadhouse is the longest distance at 900km so that means you will need a fuel capacity of 900km * 15.6l/100km or 140l. Spare capacity beyond this is recommended.</p>
Trip Accommodation	<p>Generally bush camping will be required for travel along the Anne Beadell highway. There are some prepared campsites and long drop toilets along the way. You will need to bring sufficient water and food supplies for the trip plus reserve capacity in case of problems along the way. Note that there are specific restrictions on certain fresh food types across the state borders. Average temperature range will be 5 -25 degrees so nights can be quite cold. Little rainfall is expected however rainfall in that region is quite variable.</p>
Trip Costs	<p>Permits with associated costs to be obtained for some areas of the trip.</p> <p>Permits will be required for the following areas in South Australia.</p> <p>Tallaringa Nature Reserve (* Cost) Woomera Prohibited Area Maralinga aboriginal land Unnamed Conservation Park (* Cost)</p> <p>Permits may be required in Western Australia depending on the specific travel beyond Neale Junction.</p>
Conditions & Comments	<p>Trip participants to register by June 6th to allow time for permits to be obtained.</p>





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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Club Trip Calendar (From May 2012)

Month	M	T	W	T	F	S	S		Dates	Location	Trip Leader	Contact Ph.	Type (Grade)	Notes
May		1	2☺	3	4	5	6	=>	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	19	20	=>	19/05-20/05	Rapid Bay	Allen Bing		Social & Touring	See newsletter for details.
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	\=>	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	9	10	\=>	02/06	Bowling	Ray Collyer		Bowling (Social)	See newsletter for details
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	\=>	09/06-11/06	Sunset N.P.	Dieter Leimann		Sand & Tracks (2-3)	Costs. Contact trip leader.
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24							
July	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	=>	30/06-15/07	Simpson Desert	Ray Collyer		Tracks & Hills (3-4)	Remote travel. Newsletter has details.
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							
August	30	31	1☺	2	3	4	5							Club AGM. Recovery Kit Raffle Drawn.
2012	6	7	8	9	10	11	12							
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	=>	18/08-26/08	Anne Beadell Hwy	Darryl McManus		Tracks & Hills (3-4)	Remote travel. Newsletter has details.
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26							
September	27	28	29	30	31	1	2							
2012	3	4	5☺	6	7	8	9							
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16							
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	/=>	29/09-01/10	Whyalla	FWD SA		4WD Gathering	See newsletter for details.
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	=>	29/09-01/10	Mt Ives Station	FWD Australia		4WD Gathering	See October 2011 newsletter.
October	1	2	3☺	4	5	6	7							
2012	8	9	10	11	12	13	14							
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21							
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	=>	28/10	Blackhill C.P.	Lloyd Kohlhagen		Event Support (1)	Fundraising event for RFDS. Contact trip leader.
November	29	30	31	1	2	3	4							
2012	5	6	7☺	8	9	10	11							