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Baz's Patrol, Beachport Club Trip, January 2013



Club Contact Details

Club Meeting Details - Next Meeting Wednesday 3rd April 2013

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).

Membership enquires to the membership officer, members@4wdadventurers.org.

Committee Positions

President	Ray Collyer	
Vice President	Ian Stanley	
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Treasurer	Kevin Campbell	
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Training Co-ordinator	Werner Pompeuse	
Association Delegate		
General Committee Position	Steve Lock	
General Committee Position	Dieter Leimann	

Appointed Positions

Membership Officer	John Henderson	
Property Officer	Ray Collyer	
Welcoming Representative	Simon Ketley	
Supper Organiser	Deb Lock & Sue Mitchell	
Fundraising	Angela Pompeuse	
Social Coordinator/Environment	Club Committee	
Club Librarian	Deirdre Collyer	

Club trainers: - Werner Pompeuse, Colin Schubert.

Club Web Address

The club website is www.4wdadventurers.org (email webmaster@4wdadventurers.org).

Club Mailing Address

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General correspondence should be sent to "The Secretary" at the above address.

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**

A very enjoyable time was had by ~60 members and visitors that attended the BBQ before the February club meeting. This has prompted me to ensure that the club continues to have plenty of trips with a sprinkling of social activities. Thanks to all that helped setup and cook the BBQ, also thanks to Dale Candida for the bread. Deirdre & I will be setting up the *Patrol* for the trip to the High Country over the next few weeks. This will be Deirdre's first visit, I was there 4 years ago and had a great trip, the terrain is spectacular!

Ray Collyer, Club President.



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

The newsletter features two volunteer trips for club members. These are our annual contributions to the Coorong Cleanup (Page 6) and the Ngarkat Border Track working bee (Page 6). Please assist as some of our club members have put in many hours behind the scenes in preparation.

Prospective Club Members -

Michael & Melba Burley and Chris Morris & Natalie Lane

Michael & Melba Burley and Chris Morris & Natalie Lane are the latest prospective club members. They have completed the club trips and meeting attendance requirements and wish to apply for club membership. Please contact a committee member if you wish to make any comments regarding their membership application.



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T 8263 1216 MEAT ME ONLINE valleybutchers.com.au
1/1220 Grand Junction Road, Hope Valley, 5090

For Sale - Camp Stretchers (Contact Don on 0428 856 837)

2 Canvas Camp Stretchers.
Size : 196 cm x 71 cm (6' 5" x 2' 4")
Folded Size : 88 cm x 71 cm
\$60 for the 2.

Contact Don on 0428 856 837.

For Sale - Camping Swag (Contact Sarah on 0438 015 934)



Jolly Swag Matilda Xxtra
229cm X 93cm (7'6" X 3'1")
Barely used, Very comfy
'Finetec' mesh at head
Heavy duty, water repellant zip
750mm high density foam mattress
'Tearcheck' re-enforced cotton canvas
Base: 17oz proofed poly/cotton 'tearcheck'
Top: 15oz proofed cotton 'tearcheck'
Taller 'Big Foot' foot end height
Foot support included
Colour: grass green and ochre top, dark green base.

Approx 7kg weight

RRP \$329

My price \$250 ono

Contact Sarah on 0438 015 934

For Sale - HF SSB Transceiver (Contact Murray on 0466 982 935)

CODAN 9323 HF SSB Transceiver and CODAN 9350 Auto Tune Antenna.

Remote control, speaker and full set of manuals all cables.

Sale Price : \$1000.00

Contact Murray on 0466 982 935.



Desert Parks Bulletin 448 - 21 February 2013

Desert Parks Bulletin Department of Environment and Natural Resources

National Parks and Wildlife South Australia
SA Arid Lands Region

DESERT PARKS BULLETIN
NO. 448
21st February 2013

Simpson Desert closed from 1st December 2012 to 15th March 2013.
Fire Ban Season 15th of October 2012 to 31st March 2013. No use of wood fires during the Fire Ban Season.
Liquid or gas fires can be used unless on a Total Fire Ban day.

Outback temperatures can reach well over 40°C on certain days. 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. 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. **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.

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_road/northern.asp.

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 Wadiata Outback Centre on 1800 633 060. Check local conditions before traveling into the Outback area.

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

TALLARINGA CONSERVATION PARK
Due to Department of Defence requirements, the Anne Beadell Highway and thus Tallaringa will be closed from the 4th to the 24th of March, and the 13th of May to the 2nd of June 2013.

LAKE EYRE NATIONAL PARK
Apart from a small amount of remnant water at the Warburton Creek entrance of Lake Eyre North, the rest of the lake is now dry. The best way to see water in Lake Eyre is still from the air. Local charters are available at William Creek and Marree.

Halligan Bay Track – Closed. Due to extreme weather conditions and public safety.

Level Post Bay Track – Closed. Due to extreme weather conditions and public safety. The campsite at Muloorina Station remains open.

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.

Coongie Track – Open to 4WD.
Walkers Crossing Track – Closed due to floodwater damage and remnant ponded water.

15 Mile Track and Access to Cooper Creek – Open. 15 Mile Track is closed beyond Wills turn off.
Cullyamurra Track and Burke's Grave – Burke's open to 4WD. Cullyamurra closed due recent rains.
Old Strzelecki Park (on Innamincka Regional Reserve only) – Closed due to recent rain.
Bore Track North – Closed due to recent rain.
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.
Drive with caution and to track conditions as tracks are over a fragile landscape and deteriorates 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.

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, fuel, food, 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 – Closed. Re-opens 16 March 2013.

Warburton Crossing – Closed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Hire of Communications Equipment

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

Wirrarrri 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**.

Tony Mejer
District Ranger
DESERT PARKS
desertparks@sa.gov.au



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 traveling into remote outback areas.
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Club Sand Flags - \$5

Club sand flags are available for \$5.

Please see the club treasurer, club trip co-ordinator or club president for purchases.



Recent Trip Reports (Pre-March 2013)

Beachport Australia Day Trip (Colin's Group) - 26th to 28th January 2013

Saturday 26th January

After splitting up into two groups Colin led our team north to Suicide beach heading towards Robe. Once off the bitumen and on the back track, we found the entrance to the beach. Tyres deflated, one at a time we headed north. The fifth car (Albert) unfortunately wandered off the line and duly sank to the axles. First recovery of the day within 5 minutes of starting. With the remainder of the group in front and some behind all hands were put to work. We eventually extricated Albert, but this resulted in me sinking to the axles. So now two recoveries within 500m on the beach. Thanks to Colin and a shovel or two we managed to get out of the soft stuff and on our way.

We found Nine Mile sand hill for a quick play then continued along the beach (which was now fairly firm) to Nora Creina then onto Robe through Little Dip Conservation Park for a well earned Ice cream.



Eric in trouble but plenty of help is at hand

Sunday 27th January

After a night of vicious rumors about how soft the sand was at Carpenters rocks and how hard we will find it we headed south along the bitumen. First thing as always on the beach tyres down. So following Colin's suggestion tyres went down to 10 psi. As we



Airing Down - The most important lesson !

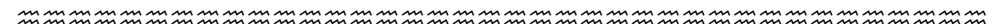
were expecting the sand got softer, but what was the point of being here if there wasn't a challenge. It soon came when the first car sank, followed by the second. It was here we decided to head for the chicken track for safety, and then recover the bogged vehicles. After an hour or two we were on our way again to find a suitable lunch spot. After lunch the driving continued until we eventually ran out of beach, so the inland track was used. Eventually we managed to get back onto the beach and headed to Southend.

The last 20k of beach North of Southend was really firm so this allowed the drivers to gaze over the sea instead of concentrating on what was happening so we did not get bogged again.

Back at camp for 1600 to allow plenty of time for showers and makeup (Girls, maybe some boys?) ready for dinner at the pub.

Thanks to Ray and Colin for leading a perfect weekend.

Baz





Upcoming Trip Details (From March 2013)

Coorong Cleanup - 9th to 11th March 2013

Location	Coorong, South Australia.
Dates	Saturday 9 th to Monday 11 th March 2013 Adelaide Cup Long Weekend
Trip Leader	Allen Bing ()
Trip Starting Point	Meet at the carpark entrance to 42 Mile Crossing (~20km south-east of Salt Creek along the Princes Highway) 9:30 am Saturday 09 th March. Adelaide to Salt Creek ~approx 2:30 hr. 220km
Trip Route	Saturday 09 th March - Coorong Beach drive and Cleanup. Sunday 10 th March - Coorong Beach drive. Monday 11 th March - Pack up and return to Adelaide.
Trip Requirements	Full recovery gear, UHF radio, air compressor (recommended) sand flag. Bring gloves and buckets and basic cleanup equipment.
Fuel Requirements	Fuel (Petrol & Diesel) available at Salt Creek. <200 km beach driving required.
Trip Accommodation	Camping at Pitlochry farm. Shearer Quarters camping. Hot running water, toilets, showers and kitchen. Possible to camp near the Shearers Quarters using tents, caravans or camper trailers. Rooms available first in best dressed - contact trip leader.
Trip Costs	\$15 per vehicle camping / accommodation costs
Trip Description	Sand (beach) driving, beach cleanup, beach fishing, relaxing.
Trip Conditions & Comments	Camper Trailers are OK. Children welcome. No pets.

Ngarkat Border Track Working Bee - 6th to 7th April 2013


Location	Ngarkat Conservation Park (near Pinnaroo)
Dates	Saturday 6 th to Sunday 7 th April 2013. Weekend between Easter and School Holidays.
Trip Leader	Darryl McManus ()
Trip Starting Point	Ngarkat Conservation Park Pine Hut Soak campsite 9:00am Saturday 6 th April (you can setup Friday evening). Adelaide to Pine Hut Soak Campsite - ~approx 3hr, 250km. From Tailem Bend, follow the Mallee Highway; 5km west of Pinnaroo turn right on to Rosy Pine Lane (at Ngarkat Park sign), continue south for approx. 17 km. The campsite is just inside the Park entrance (35° 25.319' S 140° 52.771' E).
Trip Route	Saturday 06 th April - Working bee tasks along border track. Sunday 07 th April - Complete tasks and return to Adelaide.
Trip Requirements	Full sand recovery gear, UHF radio (Ch 16), air compressor (recommended) sand flag. If available, please bring the following tools - post hole digging tools, pruners, loppers, bow saw, handsaw, shovel, rake and basic mechanical hand tools. Also bring working gloves, good footwear, drinking water, sun protection (hat, long sleeves, long pants, sun screen). If you have them, bring high visibility vests or clothing.
Fuel Requirements	Fuel (Petrol & Diesel) available at Pinnaroo, 500 km return to Adelaide, up to ~150 km sand driving required on working bee.
Trip Accommodation	Camping at Pine Hut Soak campsite. Drop toilet available at the campsite, otherwise you need to be fully self-sufficient with fuel, water, food and shelter. The trip is within the Mallee regional fireban dates so the "camp fire" and cooking will need to use artificial sources.
Trip Costs	None.
Trip Description	Conservation Park working bee in mallee country, including repairs and construction of wire and poly pipe barriers, filling track sections with gravel and trimming overgrowing shrubs.
Trip Conditions & Comments	Camper trailers and caravans are OK. Children welcome. No pets.



Loveday Adventure Park - 18th to 19th May 2013

Location	Loveday Adventure Park, Near Barmera, South Australia.
Dates	Saturday 18 th to Sunday 19 th May 2013
Trip Leader	Kevin Campbell ()
Trip Starting Point	Travel at your own pace to meet at the property (near Barmera) at your convenience on Saturday morning, maps to be supplied. All vehicles must register at the Loveday tavern. Can drive up Friday night, see trip leader.
Trip Route	Entirely on Loveday private property near Barmera. Saturday - Sunday : Driving the property, competition tracks. Water activities : fishing, swimming, boating.
Trip Requirements	Standard recovery gear, UHF radio, air compressor.
Fuel Requirements	Fuel (Petrol & Diesel) available at Barmera.
Trip Accommodation	Bush Camping on the property near River Murray, suitable for caravans, campers, boats etc. Campfire allowed. Toilets & showers (very basic) are available at the rear of the Loveday tavern.
Trip Costs	Driving Costs and camping costs approx \$60 for the weekend. (\$40 to drive and \$20 per night per vehicle).
Trip Description	Type and grade of driving can be easy to difficult, Sand, rocks, low range, mud (if wet).
Trip Conditions & Comments	No Limit to vehicle numbers. All vehicles must register at the Loveday tavern. No motorbikes or quads allowed. Dog friendly. Can just relax or test your vehicle out!

Peake - 25th to 26th May 2013

Location	Peake - Day trip or 2 day weekend trip
Dates	Saturday 25 th to Sunday 26 th May 2013
Trip Leader(s)	Ray Collyer ()
Trip Starting Point	Tailem Bend Shell roadhouse at 8:30 am on the Saturday. 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 may be available (for club members) - see trip leader.



Trip Calendar Legend
Bold Italic Club Trip Days
Underline Long Week End
 Shaded School Holidays
 ☺ Club Meeting

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1 Easy Maybe 4WD.
 2 Mild 4WD High range.
 3 Moderate Low range, high clearance, experienced.
 4 Difficult Probably recoveries.
 5 Extreme Modified vehicles, possible damage.

Trip Calendar
 From
 March 2013

Club Trip Calendar (From March 2013)

Month	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	Dates	Location	Trip Leader	Contact Ph.	Type (Grade)	Notes
March	4	5	6☺	7	8	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	==> 09/03-11/03	Coorong	Allen Bing		Sand & Beach (2-4)	See newsletter page 6 for details
2013	<u>11</u>	12	13	14	15	16	17						
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	==> 23/03	Main Nth Rd	Ray Collyer		KESAB Club Cleanup.	Contact trip leader.
	25	26	27	28	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>						Easter LWE.
April	<u>1</u>	2	3☺	4	5	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	==> 06/04-07/04	Ngarkat C.P.	Darryl McManus		Sand & Tracks (2-4)	See newsletter page 6 for details
2013	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	==> 13/04-21/04	Vic. Hi Country 1	Ray Collyer		Tracks & Hills (2-4)	Trip Full. Contact trip leader.
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	==> 18/04-26/04	Vic. Hi Country 2	Lloyd Kohlhagen		Tracks & Hills (2-4)	Near full, enquire with trip leader.
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28						Anzac Day LWE
May	29	30	1☺	2	3	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	==> 04/05-05/05	Mt. Pleasant	Colin Schubert		Tracks & Hills (2-4)	Contact trip leader.
2013	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	/=> 18/05-19/05	Loveday	Kevin Campbell		Tracks & Hills (2-4)	See newsletter page 7 for details
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	/=> 25/05-26/05	FWDSA Cavan	Werner Pompeuse		Theory Training	Contact trip leader. Club members only.
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	==> 25/05-26/05	Peake	Ray Collyer		Sand & Tracks (2-3)	See newsletter page 7 for details
June	27	28	29	30	31	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	==> 01/06	Main Nth Rd	Ray Collyer		KESAB Club Cleanup.	Contact trip leader.
2013	3	4	5☺	6	7	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>						Queens Birthday LWE
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16						
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23						
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30						
July	1	2	3☺	4	5	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>						
2013	8	9	10	11	12	13	14						
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21						
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28						
August	29	30	31	1	2	3	4						
2013	5	6	7☺	8	9	10	11						
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18						
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25						
September	26	27	28	29	30	31	1						
2013	2	3	4☺	5	6	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	==> 07/09	Main Nth Rd	Ray Collyer		KESAB Club Cleanup.	Contact trip leader.
								2/11	Main Nth Rd	Ray Collyer		KESAB Club Cleanup.	Contact trip leader.