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The Cleanup Crew at the Big Lobster (Kingston SE), Coorong Club Trip, March 2013



Club Contact Details

Club Meeting Details - Next Meeting Wednesday 1st May 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

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General Committee Position	Dieter Leimann	

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Fundraising	Angela Pompeuse	
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Club Librarian	Deirdre Collyer	

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Club Web Address

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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**

Our club is in great shape with many trips planned over the next few months. *Loveday* (near Barmera) is a great place to 4WD with tracks from easy to hard or just relax next to the river, with fishing or water sports OR do both! We have a steady flow of new members looking to enjoy our activities, whether short or long 4WD camping trips, environmental or social outings. If you have any ideas or suggestions regarding destinations let us know. **Ray Collyer, Club President.**



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

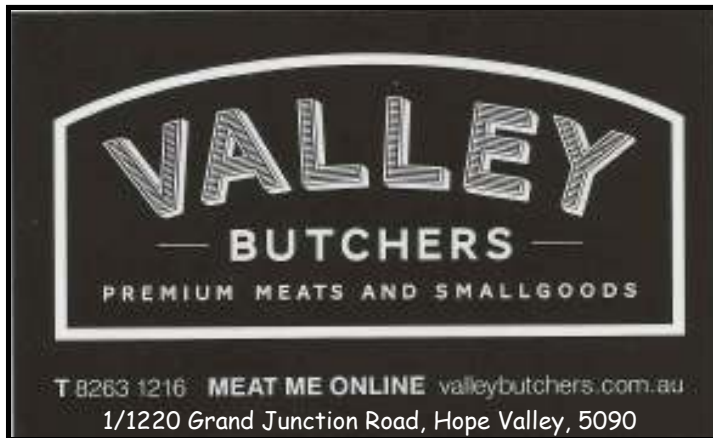
As autumn arrives a number of outback and remote tracks re-opening. The Simpson Desert is accessible from the 16th March noting that the Warburton Crossing is still closed. Closer to home the Ngarkat Border track (near Pinnaroo) has reopened with the Easter long weekend.

Prospective Club Members - Richard Hunt & Carol Ljuna

Richard Hunt & Carol Ljuna 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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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.

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.



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Desert Parks Bulletin 453 - 19 March 2013



National Parks and Wildlife South Australia
SA Arid Lands Region

DESERT PARKS BULLETIN

NO. 453

19th 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_roads/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 Watlata 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 – Open to 4WD with caution. This track is a declared Public Access Route. It is a bush track, not a road. Drive with caution along the entire track as the landscape is fragile and the track will deteriorate with the 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.**

Level Post Bay Track – Open to 4WD with cautions due to corrugations. 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 with the 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.

Coongie Track – Closed due to recent rain.

Walkers Crossing Track – Closed due to floodwater damage. Repairs to commence soon.

15 Mile Track and Access to Cooper Creek –Open. 15 Mile Track is closed beyond Willis turn off.
Cullyamurra Waterhole – Open to 4WD. Trailers and caravans not recommended due to washouts.
Burke's Grave – Open to 4WD. Day visitors only
Old Strzelecki Track (on Innamincka Regional Reserve only) – Closed due to recent rain.
Bore Track North– Open to 4WD.
Bore Track South – Closed. No visitor access across Bollards Lagoon station.

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 has approved that both wood fire collection and wood fires will not be permitted in Witjira from 2013, with the exception that wood fires are still permitted at Mt Dare. This does not apply to the Simpson Desert reserves in South Australia and wood can be carried through Witjira to be used in the Simpson Desert reserves.

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 – Open to 4WD with caution from 16th March.

Access/exit to the Simpson Desert is via Dalhousie and Birdsville. No access/exit via Warburton Crossing yet. 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 Wirrari Visitor Centre on (07) 4656 3300.

Use extra caution as sand dunes will be soft after the summer closure, and may have blow outs from summer winds. 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. 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 until track repairs occur.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Hire of Communications Equipment

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

Wirrari 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 Magor
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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Recent Trip Reports (Pre-April 2013)

Coorong - 9th to 11th March 2013

Clean-up crew

Allen & Amy (trip leaders), Joe, Sarah, Steve, Helen, Nik, Matt & Cerri
Baz, Linda & Alice, Mark & Hayden, Alan & Cheryl, Werner & Angela

Fancy me having to write this trip report considering I also submitted the 2012 one! I suppose I could just rehash last year's but that wouldn't be fair to all our lovely readers© (Thanks - Ed!).

We were fortunate to be able to stay at the newly refurbished shearers' quarters at Pitlochery Station again. A coat of paint and new beds spruced the place up very nicely. We met up with Rob, the farm manager, again who also joined us for our BBQ's.

Saturday morning saw us heading to the Coorong Beach via Tea Tree Crossing armed with buckets, bags, gloves, hats, and plenty of sunscreen. Weather wise it was quite

warm but we always enjoyed the sea breeze. I was surprised but very happy to report that our section of beach between Tea Tree and 42 Mile Crossing was relatively clean (compared to previous years).

Lowering Tyre Pressures at Tea Tree Crossing beneath an overcast sky.

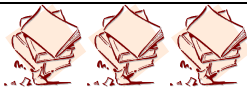


On The Coorong Beach - Note the drop off towards the sea.

Having said that we did manage to fill up the back of Steve's ute, including:

- Bits of rope
- Glass bottles (whole and in pieces)
- Shark head
- Frisbee
- Citronella candle (in a small bucket)
- The remnants of a chair
- Flip flops, 2 x different socks & a shoe
- Plastic bottles

BTW - LOST - one brown leather rigger glove with holes - please see Werner if found (it was his favourite©)



Unfortunately, prospective new members Alan & Cheryl only stayed for the one night and had to leave after all their hard work on Saturday for a family function. Thanks for helping out!

After all the manual labour was done on Saturday, we had a very enjoyable Sunday drive down to Kingston and then along the beach to 42 mile crossing. Mark was designated leader for the day and some of us even cooled off for a dip in the waves.

It was a very enjoyable week-end but we did miss out on seeing new calves been born this year. Sunday dinner saw us having a lovely outside al fresco dinner party (as it was much cooler outside). Rob even brought over his famous chilli salt.

A few sayings that came up over the weekend:

- "the blue movie with the fairies" - Cerri (I believe she was referring to Avatar!)
- "I've run out of jokes!" - Joe (nah, couldn't happen.....)
- "who is Hilary?" - Linda
- "Salt Creek - sister city to Wolf Creek" - Helen

Some of the troupe even got up early Monday morning to take photos of the sunrise. (I wasn't among them - I like my sleep!)

The only mishap car wise was Steve's flat tyre on the beach which was promptly

pumped and plugged. The bad news happened on the way home just before Tailem Bend - same tyre but this time it was totally shredded (which brought back memories of the Simpson Desert trip where yours truly managed to shred two tyres along the Birdsville Track - C'est la vie).

A big thank you to Al & Amy for a wonderful

week-end! We had a great time with great company with lots of laughter.

Angela Pompeuse



Trip leader Allen adjusting tyre pressures.

Upcoming Trip Details (From April 2013)
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.
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, ~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. The club will provide a BBQ dinner of meat, bread, onion and salads (pasta, potato salad & coleslaw) to all trip attendee's. 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
 April 2013

Club Trip Calendar (From April 2013)

Month	M	T	W	T	F	S	S		Dates	Location	Trip Leader	Contact Ph.	Type (Grade)	Notes
April	1	2	3☺	4	5	6	7	==>	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.
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May	29	30	1☺	2	3	4	5	==>	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	1	2	==>	01/06	Main Nth Rd	Ray Collyer		KESAB Club Cleanup.	Contact trip leader.
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