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Dingo Claypan, Great Victoria Desert, Club Trip July 2013



Club Contact Details

Club Meeting Details - Next Meeting Wednesday 4th September 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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Training Co-ordinator	Werner Pompeuse	
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General Committee Position	Steve Lock	
General Committee Position	Dieter Leimann	

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Membership Officer	John Henderson	
Property Officer	Ray Collyer	
Welcoming Representative	Simon Ketley	
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Fundraising	Angela Pompeuse	
Social Coordinator/Environment	Club Committee	
Club Librarian	Deirdre Collyer	

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Club Web Address

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

Club Mailing Address

4WD Adventurers Club of SA Inc, PO Box 35, Holden Hill, South Australia, 5088.
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.

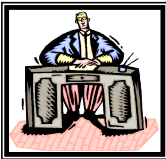
Email items in electronic (soft copy) format to newslettereditor@4wdadventurers.org. Please use comic sans font size 9 pt. The opinions in this magazine by contributors are not necessarily those of the Editor or the 4WD Adventurers Club of SA Inc.

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**Club & Association News
From the Presidents Desk**



The AGM is here for the 2013/14 year. Are you considering applying for a position on the club committee? There are many positions available, most with only a small demand on your time. Please volunteer to help the club and your fellow club members.

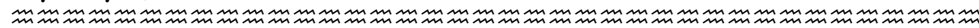
This year our club has organised a number of enjoyable social events such as the New Year Return BBQ, the Peake Trip BBQ and the AGM Soup Entrée Night with another BBQ event planned for the September club meeting.

Trip destinations have diversified this year, new properties have challenged us and there are future trips to properties that are familiar to some but will be new to others, for example, the Geranium properties at Dorado Downs and Puppy Springs. The club is hoping to have Coonalpyn return to the trip board later in the year.

Membership has increased and our club finances are sound. The Peoples Choice Lottery has been a great success with extra funds available for to the club.

As club president I sincerely thank the club members on the 2012/13 committee and appointed positions for their work over the past year. I am looking forward to another rewarding year of good company and great 4WD'ing.

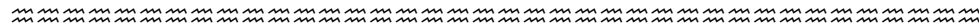
Ray Collyer, Club President.



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AGM Notification- August 2013

The annual general meeting (AGM) of the 4WD Adventurers Club of SA Inc will be held on Wednesday August 7th 2013 at the Holden Hill Community Centre (Cnr Valiant Road and Bentley Drive, Holden Hill, SA) commencing at 7.30pm.

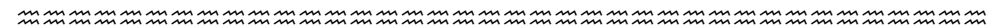
Any agenda items or notices of motion should be in writing and be addressed to the Secretary, PO BOX 35, Holden Hill, South Australia, 5088.

These should be received not less than 14 days prior to the AGM.

All committee positions will be declared void and nominations will be sought to fill these positions.

Please cut out or copy the following nomination form and then fill in the details to nominate a club member for a position.

4WD Adventurers	
Committee Position Nomination Form 2013	
Person Nominated	For Position
Nominated By	Signature
Second By	Signature
Person accepting nomination	Signature
All above must be financial members of the Club.	





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



I slipped the Editors Notes to page 4 to allow for the extra long club president's report for the AGM. As noted below the club membership is due now. The rainy weather continued to cause problems with the July Willangi trip being cancelled however the club has a trip to Willangi as part of the 4WD Octoberfest 2013 (see details on page 9).

4WD Adventurers Club - Membership Renewal 2013

The club membership renewal has now fallen due and it needs to be paid by the October general meeting otherwise a late fee may apply.

It will be \$70 per year for existing members and a \$20 joining fee for new members (as agreed at last years AGM).

All the details for membership renewal are contained on the current membership application & renewal form, a soft or hard copy of which can be obtained from the club membership officer (members@4wdadventurers.org).

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

For Sale - 4WD Accessories (Contact Peter on 0408087060)

2x16"x8" five stud, white off road wheels -

New, will suit 78/79 series, maybe 76? and early 100 series \$160

Front springs 2inch lift, heavy duty suit 78 /79 series \$50

5 hub caps - suit early 100 series \$50

Kaymar rear high lift jack mount, 5 stud \$50

Handwinch \$200

Highlift Jack \$50

Club Sand Flags Available - \$5

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

Desert Parks Bulletin 464 - 11th July 2013

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Desert Parks Bulletin

No. 464 - 11 July 2013

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 engaging 4WD and hubs are engaged, tire pressures are decreased and sand is removed from the path of the tyre. If you become stuck, do not leave your vehicles to wait 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 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 website www.environment.sa.gov.au/outback/home... For information regarding air taxi, please phone the Adelaide Outback Centre on 1800 433 040. Check local conditions before travelling 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.

Lake Eyre National Park

Due to localised rain, Lake Eyre North and South has water in it again. Lake Eyre North has approximately 5% surface coverage from rain that fell on the lake, while Lake Eyre South has significant water from local creeks and rain that fell directly onto it. This will persist for some months but will not be like 2012 unless there are significant follow up rain. The best way to see the enormity of Lake Eyre is from the air. Local charters are available at William Creek and Maree, and tour operators run ground and air tours.

Halligan Bay track - Open to 4WD with caution due to wheel rutting and creek crossings. 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. No camping at Level Foot Bay - camping at Milosinia compound.

Level Foot Bay track - Open to 4WD with cautions due to wheel rutting and ponded water. 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. No camping at Level Foot Bay - camping at Milosinia compound.

Maree's Outback Roadhouse Ph (A1 8) 8475 8340 - 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.

William Creek Motel Ph (A1 8) 8570 7860 - Agents for the Desert Parks Pass & Lake Eyre Permits. Accommodation, meals, tyre repairs, fuel, provisions and water.





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Innaminka Regional Reserve and Coongie Lakes National Park

General Vehicle Access

Note: Be aware that entry to Innaminka 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. Use caution of corrugations, as well as small washouts from recent rains.
Walkers Crossing Track - Open to 4WD. Use caution due to loose surface as track is freshly graded.
15 Mile Track and Access to Cooper Creek - Open. Caution at washouts when accessing 15 Mile sites.
Cullyamuna Waterhole - Open to 4WD. Caution at washouts. Trailers and caravans not recommended due to washouts.
Baker's Grave - Open to 4WD. Day visitors only.
Old Strzelecki Track (an Innaminka Regional Reserve only) - Open to 4WD.
Bore Track North - Open to 4WD.
Bore Track South - Closed. No visitor access across Boffards Lagoon station.

The Innaminka Trading Post (Ph: (61 8) 8475 9900) - Agent for the Desert Parks Pass and camping permits. Provide a comprehensive range of supplies and services for visitors in the Innaminka area.

Innaminka Hotel (Ph: (61 8) 8475 9901) - Provide meals, drinks and accommodation. Agent for the Desert Parks Pass and camping permits.

Wiljira 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 Wiljira.

The Wiljira Co-management Board has approved that both wood fire collection and wood fires will not be permitted in Wiljira 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 Wiljira to be used in the Simpson Desert reserves.

Wiljira 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 Pami 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. Warburton Crossing open.

Use caution along the French Line as a group with trailers have recently cut up the track. 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 Wiljira 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. The K1 track may be difficult to follow early in the season due to that area of the Simpson having limited visitors over the last four years with the closure of the Warburton Crossing and good 2010 rain. Please use caution.

Warburton Crossing - Open to 4WD. Use caution due to loose surface as track is freshly graded.



Government of South Australia
Department of Environment,
Water and Natural Resources

Recent Trip Reports (Pre-August 2013)

Tallaringa Conservation Park - 6th to 10th July 2013

Day 1 - Saturday July 6th. Our small group of 6 vehicles met at Hungry Jacks at Port Augusta just after 8am on Saturday 6th July with Mike showing up just before the scheduled departure at 8:15am. The weather forecast for the next several days looked generally fine with moonless nights for locations north of Port Augusta. The group consisted of 6 vehicles as noted below.

- Darryl and Allan in a Land Rover Discovery 3,
- Peter and Jean in a Toyota Troopie,
- Ian (by himself) in a Nissan Patrol Wagon,
- Mike (by himself) in a Nissan Patrol Ute,
- Roger and Meredith in a Toyota Hilux, and
- Kevin C and Kevin N in a Toyota 76 Series Wagon.

All trip participants had stayed in or near Port Augusta on the Friday evening; Kevin C even had a special family trip send off at Port Augusta. Trip permits for the Tallaringa Conservation Park, Woomera Prohibited Area and the Maralinga Tjarutja lands had been arranged a few weeks beforehand. The advent of email access and electronic funds transfer for all of the authorities responsible for these areas has made the process of gaining permits relatively easy although there are small fees to pay (it cost \$51 in total per vehicle for access and camping fees to these areas).



Road train on the Stuart Highway

Our goal for the first day (Saturday) was to travel along the Stuart Highway with rest breaks every 90 to 120 minutes to ensure that we remained alert for the long trip ahead of us. With the fine weather and long straight stretches of

road in the Stuart Highway we made good progress stopping at Kimba around 10am (near Woomera, which also has fuel) and the Bon Bon station rest area around 12:30pm (which has a toilet as well although the rest area was in need of a good cleanup). We



Bon Bon Rest Area - Shelter, Seats & Toilets

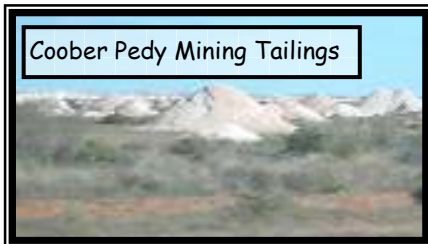


reached Coober Pedy before 3:00pm with only a few spots of rain. The landscape around Coober Pedy was dotted with excavations and mounds of dirt and mining tailings. We refuelled and replenished at the BP station in the centre of Coober Pedy (161.9 c/l for Diesel) and left for

the Tallaringa Conservation Park via the Mabel Creek station around 3:30pm.

The turn off to the Mabel Creek station public access route (PAR) is well signed a few

Coober Pedy Mining Tailings



km's north of Coober Pedy on the Stuart Highway. At this point the bitumen is left behind and you travel amongst the opal mining sites on a well prepared dirt road. The mining sites were left behind with the PAR eventually crossing the Adelaide to Darwin railway at the Manguri rail siding. We stopped at the information point near the Mabel Creek

station to have a short break and reduce tyre pressure to better cope with the corrugations that we knew were ahead (the PAR is actually routed around the station to avoid nuisance traffic near the homestead). The information point has good



details about the distances and conditions ahead and warns you that this is a

PROHIBITED AREA. We head off for the Tallaringa Conservation Park from Mabel Creek. The road conditions were fairly good although the track deteriorated as we approached the Tallaringa Conservation Park. There was evidence of recent rain although it appeared most of it had dried off over the last few weeks; nonetheless there was the occasional puddle of water and mud which pleased Ian and Kevin C. Had the trip been a few weeks earlier there would have been much more water and mud to contend with which would have impeded progress. After ~50km from Mabel Creek station and at around 4:45pm we reached the Dog Fence which we followed south for 3km to reach the access gate and then crossed into Tallaringa Conservation park and we saw (and felt) the first of the shuddering Anne Beadell highway corrugations. As evening was approaching we looked for a campsite which we setup a few hundred metres along a side track to Jindivik Bore (only a few km's from the Dog fence).

Day 2 - Sunday July 7th. It had been a clear and cold night with a thin layer of frost deposited on the vehicles overnight. The camp was up just after sunrise around 7am although we weren't in a hurry to leave with a start time set at around 9:30am that morning. I had initial problems just as the group was setting off as I had run the car computer for too long that morning and had flattened the starter battery, however a quick jump start with the secondary battery and the group headed west along the Anne Beadell highway. We hadn't progressed far when Peter & Jean's vehicle seemed to develop problems with the Turbo. After a quick assessment through listening to the unexpected sounds from the vehicle engine bay when revved slightly they opted to turn back. Since both Peter and I both had Satellite phones the group were comfortable to

250 Mile Point Turn Off



let Peter retrace his steps back to Coober Pedy. Later in the day Peter called to let me know that they had made it safely back to Coober Pedy^(1*). Interestingly it took us a while to work out how to call each other using the Satellite phones as each of our phones was on different networks. Eventually we found that calling my Satellite phone with the full international dialling code (0061 4xxxxxxx) was the correct method whereas normally you can call my Satellite phone from a fixed or mobile phone directly using just the 4xxxxxxx number. Anyway around 11:30am we reached the turnoff from the Anne Beadell highway to the 250 Mile Point which was marked with an old drum and post.



The group turned off the Anne Beadell Highway onto the centreline track - a track which followed a (roughly) north-westerly line from the Woomera rocket launching pad across South Australia and Western Australia into the Indian Ocean at point on the 80mile beach between Port Headland and Broome. Len Beadell had placed markers along this track in 1951 at distances of 250, 300, 400, 450 and 500 Miles from the

launch pad. Our goal was to reach the 250 Mile and 300 Mile points. Roger had a small problem with coolant apparent in the engine bay but it seemed to be related to a loose cap (perhaps caused by the corrugations encountered) on the overflow reservoir so after a quick top-up we proceeded. The track was heavily overgrown in places with occasional small dunes to cross but was thankfully relatively free of corrugations. We passed a small marker inscribed



The group at 40 Gallon rock hole.

with "GBORG SURVEY 13/6 54" although the inscription was not that clear. We then reached a turnoff to a small rockhole which had been found by the explorer Richard Maurice in 1902 in his journey through South Australia from Fowlers Bay to the

Cambridge Gulf in the Kimberleys Western Australia. Along the way he became the first European to visit Tallaringa Well. A short drive to the rockhole (known as the 40 Gallon rockhole) followed and soon we were standing next to the rockhole virtually in the footprints of an unrecognised but courageous South Australian explorer.

We pushed on reaching the 250 Mile point marker and astrostation for a late lunch around 2pm. A small weathered wooden post and brass plaque marked the date (17 June 1951) and the lat/long position. We drove on further along the track exiting the Tallaringa Conservation Park at 133 degrees longitude. We setup camp around 4pm



250 Mile Point Marker

in an open area covered in small pebbles after covering around 30km from the 250 Mile point. We had made better than expected progress that day.

Day 3 - Monday July 8th.

The goal of day 3 was to reach the 300 Mile Point and head back towards the Anne Beadell Highway from Dingo Claypan. As it turned out that was not to be. The weather

was fine with a hint of cloud. Overnight temperatures were coolish but there was no frost or ice on the vehicles in the morning. Shortly after setting off in the morning Mike's vehicle had a sidewall puncture on the front left wheel. We all assisted in putting things right and carried on stopping for morning tea on the crest of a sand dune with panoramic views of the

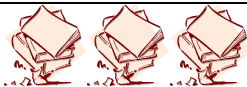


Day 3 - Morning Tea on the crest of a dune.

mallee vegetation. There was clear evidence of recent rainfall and the flora seemed to be flourishing under its influence. We hadn't got that much further (around mid-day) and a fault message appeared on the console of the Discovery 3. There was a problem with the air suspension and the various computers on the vehicle decided that the problem was so severe that the air suspension was disabled in a



Day 3 - Evening just after completing running repairs.



manner that saw the vehicle lose ground clearance height. As time went by we realised that we weren't going much further so we setup camp nearby and proceeded to effect a correction to the vehicles behaviour (ie. fix it). The entire group assisted by providing various bits of equipment and encouraging support, Ian S and Kevin C both displaying novel fault finding skills (HP would be proud Ian!). Fortunately later in the evening we were able to correct the problem^(2*) but we had only travelled about 30km that day and had not reached the 300 Mile Point.

Day 4 - Tuesday July 9th.



300 Mile Point Plaque

After the limited progress of the previous day we decided to head off a little earlier in the morning (around 8:30am). Once again the weather was fine with a hint of cloud cover but no rain. We made good progress and as we approached Dingo Claypan the vegetation changed markedly by thinning out as the sandy mallee covered terrain gave way to lower shrub vegetation over a limestone rock covering. We reached the 300 Mile Point and associated astrostation late in the morning.

We came back towards Dingo Claypan (see the front cover photo) and then headed in a rough southerly direction towards the Anne Beadell highway although two of the vehicles were so intent on interrogating their navigation computers that they headed off in the opposite direction to the trip leader. The track from Dingo Claypan to the Anne Beadell highway was relatively good

and we made rapid progress arriving at the old EMU camera sites on the Anne Beadell highway after about 2 hours. We decided to carry on to the EMU complex and TOTEM sites even though it was now in the afternoon as they were only a short distance away (over the corrugations though). We stopped for a late lunch at the TOTEM II site and Allan and I noted our presence at the EMU camping site geocache which now has 3 entries from the 4WD



Allan and Darryl at Totem I



Day 4 - Trig Point Camp

Adventurers in the last year. The group explored the old EMU complex ruins and EMU airstrip (which is still a designated airstrip - flat and long at a full mile). We then pushed on east along the Anne Beadell highway retracing our steps past the old EMU camera sites passing by a lone Toyota Prado (?) coming from the opposite direction. Once we had crossed the 133 degrees longitude and were back into Tallaringa Conservation Park we setup camp near a trig point (K655 October 1962) which was on a long line of sand dunes.

Day 5 - Wednesday July 10th.

Roger and Meredith headed off early as they were keen to get back to Adelaide before 9pm. The rest of the group headed off shortly after that and passed by Tallaringa Well (also visited by the explorer Richard Maurice over a hundred years ago), past the 250 Mile Turn off point, then back out of Tallaringa Conservation Park, through Mabel Creek station (Ian S enjoying the occasional puddle of muddy water) and into Coober Pedy around mid-day. After refuelling we headed back to Adelaide although Kevin C and Kevin N had plans to explore further to the north-east.



Tallaringa Well Sign

Darryl McManus - My thanks to all trip participants - it was great !

(1*) Peter & Jean headed back to Adelaide over two days at low speed (~60km/hr) after stopping in at Coober Pedy on the Sunday. When I spoke with Peter he now thought the problem was not directly with the turbo but in an exhaust seal which affected the turbo behaviour. The vehicle was in for review and repair at that time.

(2*) On getting home I determined that a wiring loom associated with an add-on device for the vehicle's air suspension had failed causing multiple faults to appear. I believe (but am not certain) that removing the loom (which we did) solved the problem but it took some time for the vehicle to self-recover (learn that the fault had gone) and as I had neglected to bring my vehicle fault diagnostics tool I could not force the vehicle to recognise that the fault was cleared.



Upcoming Trip Details (From August 2013)
4WD Octoberfest (Willangi) - 5th to 7th October 2013

See the following website for a soft copy of the registration form
www.mountloftyrangers.com.au/Octoberfest_2013/Octoberfest_Flyer_2013.pdf

4WD Octoberfest 2013

4WD Octoberfest
Saturday 5th, Sunday 6th & Monday 7th October 2013

Based at
Willangi Bush Escapes
Peterborough SA

Willangi Bush Escapes

Hopes Gully Terowie - 10th to 11th August 2013

Location	Hopes Gully Terowie See the Hopes Gully 4x4 Adventure Park website at http://risingsuncarservice.com.au/hopes_gully/welcome .
Dates	Weekend of 10 th to 11 th August 2013
Trip Leader(s)	Ray Collyer ()
Trip Starting Point	9.30am Saturday 10 th August. Meet at the Barrier Highway Service Station at Terowie. This is approximately 2 ½ hrs from Adelaide via Burra.
Trip Route	General track driving with great climbs to fantastic views. Property has over 3500 acres of 4WD tracks of varying difficulty.
Trip Requirements	Self sufficient camping. Camper trailers ok. No Limit to vehicle numbers. Driving: Sand, rocks, hill climbs grade 2 to 3. No special equipment needed.
Fuel Requirements	No specific fuel requirements related to the route. Petrol, Diesel or LPG available at the nearby Terowie service station.
Trip Accommodation	Self sufficient camping if staying over night. Firewood supplied.
Trip Costs	Cost to access tracks & camping fee - \$15.00 per day per vehicle.
Trip Description	Great creek bed driving and hill climbs. Training may be available, mark the trip sheet with a "T".
Trip Conditions & Comments	Constraints or comments on the trip. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pets NOT allowed • campfires allowed • camper trailers allowed • trip is appropriate for children If weather looks too wet the trip may be cancelled.



Bartagunyah (near Melrose) - 18th August 2013

Location	Bartagunyah (near Melrose)
Dates	Sunday 18 th August (Day Trip)
Trip Leader	Darryl McManus ()
Trip Starting Point	Crystal Brook at 9:30 am on Sunday 18 th August. Next to Tourist Information point and public toilets. 2 hours north of Adelaide.
Trip Route	Crystal Brook, Warnertown, Nelshaby, Napperby, past Telowie Gorge, Germein Gorge via Bridle Track (4WD Track), Bartagunyah Estate (4WD tracks on property), Melrose, then return to Adelaide via the Bridle Track.
Trip Requirements	Hill climbs and descents and magnificent scenery. Rocky hills and tracks, trip grade from 2 to 3 (mild to moderately difficult), good ground clearance and low range required. Standard 4WD vehicles are quite acceptable. Basic experience with hill & track driving necessary. You will need to bring all your requirements for the day (food, water, fuel). Bring basic recovery equipment, an air compressor and UHF radio for communications (channel 14 will be used).
Fuel Requirements	Maximum fuel range required 200 km. Total trip length around 550km.
Accommodation	N/A
Trip Costs	(Estimated) \$25 access fees to Bartagunyah Estate tracks.
Trip Description	Day trip, Scenic Hill Driving through the Southern Flinders Ranges and Bartagunyah Vineyard/Winery Property Tracks. Checkout Bartagunyah estate website at: http://www.bartagunyah.com.au/eco-tourism-4WD.php
Conditions & Comments	Trip numbers limited to 8 vehicles - 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.

Spalding - 31st August to 1st September 2013

Location	Spalding, North of Clare (approx. 2 hours drive from Adelaide)
Dates	Saturday 31 st August to Sunday 1 st September 2013
Trip Leader	Werner Pompeuse ()
Trip Starting Point	Spalding Main Street. Meet at 9.30 am Saturday 31 st August in the Spalding town centre public car park near the town hall (adjacent to park, playground and public toilets).
Trip Route	Station tracks on private property near Spalding.
Trip Requirements	Grade of driving 2 to 4 (moderate to difficult with recovery). Vehicles must have low range and adequate clearance. Standard 4WD vehicles are acceptable.
Fuel Requirements	Adelaide - Spalding - Adelaide is less than 400 km.
Accommodation	Bush Camping - no facilities available. Must be fully self-sufficient. Camper trailers with good clearance can access the property.
Trip Costs	\$20 per vehicle per day (\$40 for the weekend).
Trip Description	This is a private property near Spalding. Driving challenges include creekbeds (wet & dry), gullies, steep hills with good views of the surrounding area, a dam and water crossings. A range of driving skills can be catered for from the novice to experienced driver. Possible opportunity for training depending on the need of those attending. Please place a "T" on the trip sheet for training.
Conditions & Comments	All trip participants to travel as a group from Spalding town centre to the property. Campfire possible Saturday night - <i>please bring firewood.</i> Visitors welcome. No animals please. Trip will be re-scheduled if the trip leader deems that the weather is too wet or too hot.



SA/Victorian Mallee Adventure - 10th to 13th October 2013

Location	SA & Victorian Mallee Country. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ngarkat National Park (South Australia). • Big Desert State Forest (Victoria). • Wyperfeld National Park (Victoria).
Dates	Thursday 10 th to Sunday 13 th October 2013.
Trip Leader	Darryl McManus ()
Trip Starting Point	1 st Trip Start Point - Thursday 10 th October: Tailem Bend Shell Service Station, leaving at 8:30am. 1 ½ hours from Adelaide. <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> 2 nd Trip Start Point - Saturday 12 th October: Pine Hut Soak Campground, Ngarkat NP, leaving at 9:00am. 3 ¼ hours from Adelaide.
Trip Route	<p>Day 1. Thursday 10th October. Meet at the 1st trip start point (Tailem Bend Shell) as noted above. Tracks in the Western section of Ngarkat NP. Camp overnight at Pine Hut Soak, Ngarkat NP (200km Roads + 150km Sand Tracks).</p> <p>Day 2. Friday 11th October. Tracks in Ngarkat NP along the Border Track One Way section, Border Track Two Way section, Mt. Shaugh Track, Pertendi Track and the Centre Track, returning to camp overnight at Pine Hut Soak, Ngarkat NP (120km Sand Tracks).</p> <p>Day 3. Saturday 12th October. Meet at the 2nd trip start point (Pine Hut Soak, Ngarkat NP) as noted above. Scorpion Springs, Big Desert State Forest sand tracks, Murrayville-Nhill Track, Milmed Rock Track (Western) Wyperfeld NP, Outlet Creek Track and drive across Lake Albacutya (it's dry). Camp overnight at Wonga Campground (Southern) Wyperfeld NP (80km Roads + 100km Sand Tracks).</p> <p>Day 4. Sunday 13th October. Tracks in Wyperfeld NP, Eastern Lookout Track, North-South Access Track, "Snowdrift" dune, Wirrengren Plain, O'Sullivan Lookout and back through Underbool to Tailem Bend (290km Roads + 70km Sand Tracks).</p>

Trip Requirements	Sand tracks grade from 2 to 4 (mild to moderately difficult with recoveries), high ground clearance and low range required. Standard 4WD vehicles are acceptable. Difficult sand tracks can generally be bypassed if necessary. No experience necessary. Good opportunity to practice basic, moderate and some difficult sand tracks. You will need to bring all your requirements for the trip (food, water, fuel, shelter, patience, friendliness and adventurous spirit). Bring basic recovery equipment, a sand flag, an air compressor and UHF radio for communications (channel 14 will be used).
Fuel Requirements	Maximum fuel range required - 470 km (assumes refuelling at Pinnaroo Friday evening or Saturday morning). Tailem Bend Return - 570km Roads + 440km Sand Tracks
Accommodation	Fully self sufficient bush camping. Pine Hut Soak (Ngarkat NP) and Wonga Campground (Wyperfeld) have a basic long drop toilet as the only facilities.
Trip Costs	\$45.80 (estimated) access & camping fees for National Parks. Ngarkat NP - \$10 Entrance + 2 nights x \$8 = \$26.00 Wyperfeld NP - \$19.80 per site (to 6 people) = \$19.80
Trip Description	Sandy Tracks and Dunes with typical Mallee Country scenery - oceans of green mallee, pine and occasional gum trees.
Conditions & Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camping is in National Parks so please bring two bags (or more) of firewood for a campfire. • A fruit fly exclusion zone will be crossed when returning to South Australia so fresh fruit and vegetables cannot be bought back at the completion of the trip. • Feral bees exist in the Mallee National Parks and are attracted to moisture in dry conditions. Persons allergic to bee sting should alert the trip leader and be appropriately prepared. • Trip numbers limited to 6 vehicles - 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.



Trip Calendar Legend
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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.

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Club Trip Calendar (From August 2013)

Month	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	Dates	Location	Trip Leader	Contact Ph.	Type (Grade)	Notes
August				1	2	3	4	=/> 07/08	Club Rooms	Ray Collyer		Social	<i>Soup Entrée</i> at 6:30pm before Club AGM.
2013	5	6	7☺	8	9	10	11	=> 10/08-11/08	Hopes Gully	Ray Collyer		Tracks & Hills (2-4)	See newsletter page 9 for details
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	=> 18/08	Bartagunyah	Darryl McManus		Tracks & Hills (2-3)	See newsletter page 10 for details.
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25						
September	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	=> 31/08-01/09	Spalding	Werner Pompeuse		Tracks & Hills (2-4)	See newsletter page 10 for details.
2013	2	3	4☺	5	6	7	8	=> 07/09	Main Nth Rd	Ray Collyer		KESAB Club Cleanup.	Contact trip leader.
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	=> 14/09-15/09	Geranium	Ray Collyer		Sand & Tracks (2-4)	Contact trip leader. \$30 per day.
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22						
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	=/> 02/10	Club Rooms	Ray Collyer		Social	BBQ at 6:30 pm prior to general meeting.
October	30	1	2☺	3	4	5	6	=> 05/10-07/10	Willangi	Ian Stanley		Tracks & Hills (2-3)	<i>4WD Octoberfest</i> see page 9 for details.
2013	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	=> 10/10-13/10	SA/Vic. Mallee	Darryl McManus		Sand & Tracks (2-4)	See newsletter page 11 for details.
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20						
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	=> 27/10	Blackhill C.P.	Lloyd Kohlhagen		Event Support (1)	Contact trip leader.
November	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	=> 02/11-04/11	Bendleby Ranges	Lloyd Kohlhagen		Tracks & Hills (3-4)	<i>Tentative. Date to be confirmed.</i>
2013	4	5	6☺	7	8	9	10	=> 9/11	Main Nth Rd	Ray Collyer		KESAB Club Cleanup.	Contact trip leader.
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17						
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24						
December	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	=> 30/11	Bridgeway Hotel	Allen Bing		Club Xmas Function	<i>6:30pm start. Date to be confirmed.</i>
2013	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						
January	30	31	1	2	3	4	5						No club meeting in January!
2014	6	7	8	9	10	11	12						
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19						
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26						
February	27	28	29	30	31	1	2						
2014	3	4	5☺	6	7	8	9						