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Dale's Jeep, January 2014 Beachport/Robe Club Trip.



Club Contact Details

Club Meeting Details - Next Meeting April 2nd 2014

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 | |
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| Treasurer | Kevin Campbell | |
| Events Officer | Allen Bing | |
| Newsletter Editor | Darryl McManus | |
| Training Co-ordinator | Carl Ramsden | |
| Association Delegate | Greg Chase | |
| General Committee Position | Steve Lock | |
| General Committee Position | Simon Ketley | |
| Public Officer & Membership Officer | John Henderson | |

Appointed Positions

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Property Officer | Ray Collyer | |
| Welcoming Representative | Simon Ketley | |
| Supper Organiser | Deb Lock | |
| Fundraising | Dale Candida | |
| 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

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

Email items in electronic (soft copy) format to newslettereditor@4wdadventurers.org.

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

I have enjoyed a great start to this year with trips to Beachport then Dorado Downs (first time in 9yrs), both very enjoyable. Dorado Downs has improved in that time with more then 2 days of tracks to drive so why not join the next club trip there (14/15th June)? The sister property at Puppy Springs would also make a good drive (5/6th April). It would be great to see you there.
Ray Collyer, Club President.



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

Occasionally the club will send emails on matters of interest to club members such as upcoming club trips or club meetings. Each month I send a notification with a web link a few days before the club meeting that the club newsletter has been updated on the clubs website.

All emails are sent from the newslettereditor@4wdadventurers.org email address and are tagged with (4WD Adv) at the start of the subject line and are blind CC'ed to club member email addresses.

If you don't receive these emails check your spam folder and if necessary adjust your email filter or email white/black lists. If you still can't find the club emails send an email to newslettereditor@4wdadventurers.org from your preferred email account with your mobile phone number and I will send you a return email and confirm by SMS.

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CESSATION OF GOVERNMENT SATELITE PHONE SUBSIDY SCHEME

The Satellite Phone Subsidy Scheme commenced in 2002 and is scheduled to CEASE on 30 June 2014. Any final applications must be submitted by 31st March 2014.

Objective: For a large part of Australia's landmass, satellite phones are the only available form of mobile communications. However, satellite phones are generally more expensive than terrestrial mobile phones. The objective of the scheme is to improve the affordability of mobile communications for people living, working or travelling in areas without terrestrial mobile phone coverage by providing subsidies for the purchase of satellite phone handsets.

Eligibility: Individuals may apply for one subsidy. Small businesses, educational institutions and community groups may apply for two subsidies. The following website has the details.

http://www.communications.gov.au/mobile_services/the_satellite_phone_subsidy_scheme

Club Sand Flags Available - \$5

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

Edmond Morries - DTU Presentation

At the March 2014 club meeting Edmond Morries from the FWDSA Driver Training Unit (DTU) will undertake a presentation on the FWDSA DTU.

For Sale - Camping Items - Contact Mike 08-82644865

- Waeco CF50 Fridge + Cover. As new - \$600
- Mr Swagman Double Swag. As new, little use - \$300
- Coleman Overlander 4CV tent. Still unopened in box - \$150
- 2x Pro-quip diesel jerry cans (plastic) - \$15 each

Phone Mike 08-82644865, if no answer, leave a message, name and phone number.

Prospective Club Members

Wood, Trumpes and Vojtova, and Chapman

Andrew Wood, Larry Trumpes and Dennie Vojtova, and John Chapman 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.



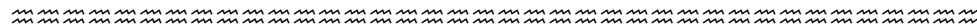
FWDSA DTU Training Manual and Assessment Books

The FWDSA DTU (Driver Training Unit) training manual and assessment books are available at a cost of \$60. Purchase of manual and assessment books allows a club member access to the 2 day basic 4WD theory course (which is usually held at Cavan).

To participate in the DTU organised training listed below club members must have purchased the DTU training manual and assessment books and have them present during the training.

The DTU training manual and assessment books can be ordered through the club DTU trainers (Colin or Werner) or through the club training coordinator (Carl).

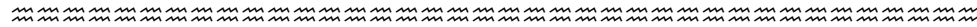
Carl Ramsden



FWDSA DTU Training

The following table shows the upcoming FWDSA DTU organised training. You need to be a club member and have a DTU (Driver Training Unit) training manual and assessment book to participate. Please contact the club training coordinator (Carl) if you are interested.

| FWDSA Training Date | Details |
|--|--|
| 15th - 16th March - Remote First Aid Training Course Cost is \$150 | First aid training course with a remote travel emphasis. Email DTU training at dtutraining@4wdsa.asn.au if you are interested. |
| 13th April - Basic Practical Cost is \$20 plus property access | One days training and assessing at Callington. It will cover all competencies except mud. |
| 3rd - 4th May - Basic Theory Cost is \$20 | 2 day session of the basic theory of 4WD driving and recovery at the FWDSA rooms at Cavan. |
| 17th - 18th May - Basic Practical Cost is \$25 | Two days of training and assessing at Morgan. It will cover all available competencies. |
| 14th September OH&S, Risk and emergency response course Cost is \$20 | An internal course covering aspects of OH&S, risk management and emergency response relating to 4WD activities and training. |



FWDSA Club Delegate Report - March 2014

FWDSA has a number of training opportunities, the dates are on the FWDSA web site, see the calendar at <http://www.4wdsa.asn.au/> (There is also a consolidated list on page 4 of this newsletter - *Ed.*). This years theory training is on the 3rd & 4th of May followed by a practical session on the 13th & 14th of May.

Of particular interest might be the remote 1st aid course on the 15th & 16th of March, which unfortunately seems to have been missed from the FWDSA calendar (but is in the list in our March newsletter - *Ed.*). Email DTU training at dtutraining@4wdsa.asn.au if you are interested, the cost is \$150.

I finally got around to drafting a letter to the Director of Road Policy and Planning regarding the fitment of larger size tyres. It is my understanding that FWDSA has sent the letter off under their letterhead.

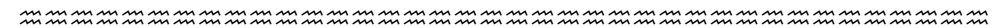
A new club, Parks 4WD Club SA, has joined FWDSA they have a facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Parks4WDClubSA>.

BlazeAid is seeking volunteers to rebuild fences after bushfires, see <http://blazeaid.com.au/> if you can help. FWDSA may relook at setting up an emergency assistance register (also see KIT19 on page 7 of this newsletter).

If you didn't look at them last time, the following K.I.T's are still interesting, see the FWDSA web site (<http://www.4wdsa.asn.au>) for details.

- K.I.T. 13** is about becoming a campground host.
- K.I.T. 14** is request for nominations to 3 FWDSA Committee positions.
- K.I.T. 15** details size and height of sand flags when crossing the Simpson.
- K.I.T. 16** is about the Ngarkat working bee.
- K.I.T. 18** is about free/discounted passes for 14+ hours of qualifying volunteer work (e.g. Ngarkat and Coorong cleanup). See Greg.
- K.I.T. 19** Blaze Aid request for support building farm fences (see page 7 of this newsletter for details)
- K.I.T. 20** Parks are seeking support from any one doing a Simpson cross in the last two weeks of March (see page 8 of this newsletter for details)

Greg Chase, FWDSA Club Delegate





Desert Parks Bulletin No. 469 - 21st Feb 2014

The following is an extract from the Desert Parks Bulletin No. 469 - Ed.
The Simpson Desert and a number of Public Access Routes are closed between 1 December 2013 and 15 March 2014.

Outback temperatures are reaching mid to high 40°C. 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.

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.dpti.sa.gov.au/OutbackRoads>

General conditions

For further information regarding South Australia's national parks visit our website www.parks.sa.gov.au. For information regarding air tours phone the Wadlata Outback Centre on 1800 633 060. 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.

Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre National Park

Lake Eyre National Park was co-named on the 14th of November 2013. The lake is now dry. The best way to see the enormity of Lake Eyre is from the air. Local charters are available at William Creek and Marree, and tour operators run ground and air tours.

Halligan Bay Track - Closed between 1 December 2013 and 15 March 2014 due to public risk over summer.

Level Post Bay Track - Closed due to recent rain.

William Creek Hotel Ph (61 8) 8670 7880 - Agents for the Desert Parks Pass or Permits. Accommodation, meals, tyre repairs, fuel, provisions and water.

Tallaringa Conservation Park

Due to Department of Defence requirements in 2014, the Anne Beadell Highway and thus Tallaringa will be closed from 3—23 March and 19 May—8 June 2014.

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. Use caution at corrugations, as well as small washouts from recent rains.

Walkers Crossing Track - Closed between 1 December 2013 and 15 March 2014 due to public risk over summer.

15 Mile Track and Access to Cooper Creek - Open. Caution at washouts when accessing 15 Mile sites.

Cullyamurra Waterhole - Open to 4WD. Caution at washouts. 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) - Open to 4WD.

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

Please purchase Desert Parks Pass before travelling to Witjira. Entry/camping permits for Witjira are available at the Self Registration Station at the side of the Dalhousie office.

Check local conditions before travelling into this area. See the National Parks website at www.parks.sa.gov.au for more information.

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.



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Witjira National Park - Open to 4WD. Drive with caution and to track conditions as tracks are over a fragile landscape and deteriorates rapidly. Extra caution on corrugations along the Purni Bore track from Dalhousie. Check local conditions before travelling. Please call Desert Parks on (61 8) 8648 5328 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).

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 between 1 December 2013 and 15 March 2014 due to public risk over summer.

Warburton Crossing - Closed between 1 December 2013 and 15 March 2014 due to public risk over summer.

Additional information

Hire of Communications Equipment

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

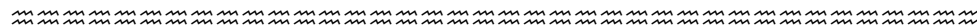
- Warrarri Centre - Birdsville (61 7) 4656 3300
- Mt Dare Hotel - (61 8) 8670 7835

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 Desert Parks on (61 8) 8648 5328 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 Manager, OUTBACK, desertparks@sa.gov.au



FWDSA AGM Notification - Thursday 20th March 2014



FOUR WHEEL DRIVE SOUTH AUSTRALIA

www.fwdsa.asn.au

PO Box 178
Enfield Plaza
SA 5085

Date: Tuesday, 21 January 2014

To all Club Secretaries,

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Four Wheel Drive South Australia will be held at **Four Wheel Drive South Australia, Unit 2 / 9 Cardiff Court, CAVAN**.

THURSDAY 20th MARCH 2014

I bring to your attention the following from the FWDSA Constitution.

7. MEETINGS.

Annual General Meeting.

- 7.1.1 That Four Wheel Drive South Australia shall hold an Annual General Meeting every calendar year within three months after the close of the financial year.
- 7.1.2 The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:
 - (1) To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
 - (2) To receive reports of the President, Honorary Treasurer, Auditor and Unit Chairpersons for the preceding financial year.
 - (3) To approve the financial budget for the current financial year.
 - (4) To set membership subscriptions for the current financial year.
 - (5) To elect or re-elect the Officers of the Association.
 - (6) To appoint the Honorary Auditor of the Association.
 - (7) To conduct any other business placed on the agenda in accordance with clause 7.2.2 of the Constitution.
- 7.1.3 By consent of no less than 75% of those present and eligible to vote, business other than that on the agenda circulated may be included in the business of the annual general meeting.
- 7.2 Notice of Annual General Meetings.
 - 7.2.1 Not less than 60 days notice in writing of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to every Member. The notice of the Annual General Meeting shall include a request for agenda items, notices of motion, notification of requirements for election to the Executive, a proposed budget and also the proposed membership fees for the coming year.
 - 7.2.2 Agenda items and notices of motion shall be in writing, addressed to the Secretary and received at the Association's Postal address not less than 30 days prior to that meeting.
 - 7.2.3 The agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to each Member not less than 21 days prior to that meeting.

Kind regards,

Ken Paget

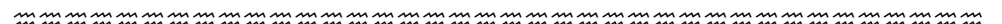
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FWDSA KIT 14 - FWDSA AGM - Positions to be Filled

KEEPING IN TOUCH A PRODUCTION OF THE FWDSA EXECUTIVE
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K. I. T. - "KEEPING IN TOUCH"

The Annual General Meeting of FWDSA will be held at Cavan on Thursday the 20th March 2014 at 7:30 pm

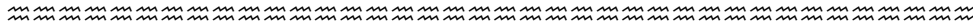
There are three positions that need to be filled as the current position holders have advised the Executive and Delegates that they are NOT continuing on in their respective roles.

FWDSA therefore needs the following three (3) positions filled if FWDSA is to exist.

- (1) FWDSA Secretary (replacement for Ken Paget)
- (2) FWDSA Treasurer (replacement for John Newman)
- (3) FWDSA Assistant Secretary (replacement for Kai Heinsen)

Please feel free to contact either Ken, John or the President Lee Smith to discuss these positions.

<http://www.4wdsa.asn.au>



FWDSA KIT 19 - BlazeAid

KEEPING IN TOUCH A PRODUCTION OF THE FWDSA EXECUTIVE
Number 19
24/02/2014

K. I. T. - "KEEPING IN TOUCH"

BlazeAid

BlazeAid needs the help of our FWDSA clubs and members in the clean up after the recent fires at Palmer and Wirrabara.

Currently, fencing in both the Rockleigh and Eden Valley areas is under way from the Palmer base camp.

Please contact the Palmer Basecamp if you or your club can assist:

BlazeAid Palmer, South Australia

Camp Coordinator: Carli Richardson. Ph 0488 309 243

blazeaid.palmer@gmail.com

More volunteers are urgently needed for the Bangor area where fencing is also under way.

If you or your club can help out in the Flinders, please contact the Wirrabara Basecamp:

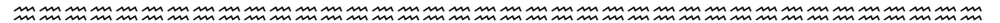
BlazeAid Wirrabara, South Australia

Temp Camp Coordinator: Eugene Ross. Ph 0447 252 931

blazeaid.wirrabara@gmail.com

<http://blazeaid.com.au>

<http://www.4wdsa.asn.au>





FWDSA KIT 20 - SIMPSON DESERT TRIPS MARCH 2014

KEEPING IN TOUCH A PRODUCTION OF THE FWDSA EXECUTIVE Number 20
23/02/2014

K. I. T. - "KEEPING IN TOUCH"
SIMPSON DESERT TRIPS MARCH 2014

FWDSA has received a request from Tony Magor, Manager Outback in regards to any members that maybe crossing the Simpson Desert during the fortnight starting the 19th March 2014.

Tony sends his apologies for the late notice.

Parks have a work party going West from Birdsville starting about the 19th March and looking for any assistance in choosing some sites for photo monitoring points and perhaps installing some posts in conjunction with the Ranger staff.

If anyone is crossing during that time frame going either way and is at all interested please ring Tony direct as time is short.

The Department is prepared to help with fuel costs.

Tony Magor's details are,

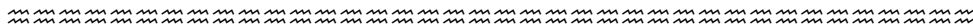
(P) 8648 5344 (M) 0428 116 035 (email) Tony.Magor@sa.gov.au

Regards

Don Ransom OAM

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<http://www.4wdsa.asn.au>



Recent Trip Reports (Pre-March 2014)

Dorado Downs (Geranium) - 22nd to 23rd February 2014

Harley and I left for Dorado Downs bright and early Saturday morning, our car was buzzing with excitement as my last club trip was 7 years ago and it was spent hanging on for dear life in the back of Rays Jackaroo. Who would have thought then that I would have a family and our own setup. We arrived at Tailem Bend sometime after where we met with the rest of the group making us a nice group of 9 cars. A quick bite to eat and we were all on the road to our destination Dorado Downs. What's a road trip without something going wrong, poor Ray shredded his back tyre, not to worry a quick change and we were back on the road.

Once we arrived it was time to find a spot to call home for the weekend. The camping grounds were a little plush with running water, a flushing toilet, a big shelter and of course a spot for a fire, oh the simple things in life.

Ray was quick to whip us in to shape and get us onto the sand, for our LandCruiser it was the first time we took her on sand it was a exciting moment. First stop was a hill climb, and after a bit of a struggle for us all and a quick reset of our tyre pressure we all gave it another shot. After a little bit more of a play in the sand it was time for lunch, whoops in all the excitement half of us forgot to think about our stomach so it was back to home base for us, lucky it was just a hill and a whoop or ten away.

After lunch it was back down the track to our next challenge, on our way we all got to have a little look at Hay Hill which we would be attempting on day two. We went on to do two sides of the boundary track, one of the tracks a few of us needed a helping hand getting over the top, never fear Mark saved the day and played the part of rescuer very well. That was also our first recovery, and boy did the "Nissan saving the Toyota" jokes come thick and fast, and just to rub salt into the wound my dad (Simon Ketley) in his Nissan came up just fine and was the last to come thru the now very chewed up track - thanks Dad.

All was soon forgotten (for now) as we pressed on to the lookout, and wow what a lookout it was. After we finished snapping shots of the lovely views it was on to explore some of the other tracks, Ray decided to reverse the convoy as we reached a challenge, Simon now got to try something first, and with his signature move the rooster tail didn't quite make it up, Harley and I were up next and made it up just fine (hahaha) but all giggles then stopped when we realised we were first to get up and didn't know how to get down, we got down eventually.



After a little more exploring day one was coming to a end so it was back to base camp to let the kiddies wear themselves out and have some tea. After dinner some of the group decided on a night drive, and from what I hear it was a good little explore around.

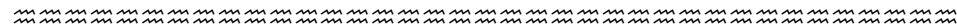
Day two and we were up bright and early with one thing on everyone's mind, and that was Hay Hill. After some breakfast it was time to hit the sand and see what this hill brought. We were the first to climb up this hill, with big whoops it was tricky to keep the momentum up but we did it, up we went and with the top in sight I didn't think we would make it but we did (just). Hay Hill got a working with only 3 of the cars to make it, Brett and Corey in the Prado and Mark in the Nissan. Now for those of you not familiar with Hay Hill about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up there is a very steep and soft left that you can go up which Dave and Terri in the Prado were the only ones to make it up. Mark tried and almost got there but soon found himself in a slippery slopey situation, now it was Marks turn to be rescued.

While the men all went up the hill, the mums Dani and I stayed down and entertained the kids which soon turned into them entertaining us with Alora (Harley and my little girl) taking Jaxon (Danielle and Jeremy's little man) for a "drive" in our land cruiser. It involved strict instructions from Alora for Jaxon to hold on and then a* pretend "clear" when they reached the top.

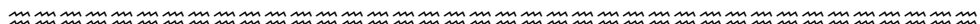
Once Mark was all clear and everyone was safely down the bottom the men jumped out and the Ladies got in for their first ever drive. It was really nice to have my first drive knowing that the other ladies were driving as well and we were in a safe environment to do so. I would like to thank Ray and Dad (Simon) for their consideration in track choices but making them a little challenging as well, and to all the other drivers for their patience, I know I was a little slow sometimes. From there the girls took over, we climbed up and down sand dunes without getting stuck.

All too soon Dorado Downs was all explored out and the day was coming to an end so back to home base we went to pack. The weekend ended on a quiet note as we all made our journey home, we had tears in the back seat from a certain little camper who wanted to turn around and go back camping with Jaxon and Razor (Alora's nickname for Ray).

Jenna Ketley

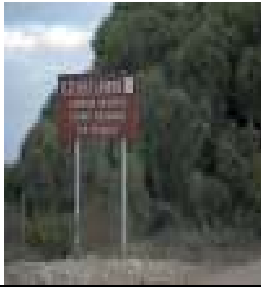


Beachport / Robe Trip (Jan 2014) Photos





Upcoming Trip Details (From March 2014)
Gleesons Landing (Corny Point) - 6th to 10th March 2014

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| Location | Gleesons Landing (South of Corny Point, Yorke Peninsula). |
| Dates | Thursday 6 th to Monday 10 th March 2014 (Long Weekend) |
| Trip Leader | Ray Collyer () |
| Trip Starting Point | Gleesons Landing (South of Corny Point, Yorke Peninsula). Driving time is approximately 4:30 hours from Adelaide. |
| Trip Route | "Short" day trips in and around Gleesons Landing. |
| Trip Requirements | Beach recovery gear necessary (shackles & snatch strap). Air compressor, Sand Flag & UHF radio essential. |
| Fuel Requirements | "Short" day trips only. Easy access to fuel on Yorke Peninsula. |
| Trip Accommodation | Fully self sufficient bush camping with long drop toilets. <i>* Gleesons Landing is quite a large area and there are several campsites that will accommodate larger groups. Camper trailers and caravans should also be able to find somewhere here, although things may be a bit tight if trying to back a caravan. The sites are sandy dirt, sometimes with a bit of grass in the winter!!. Tent pegs are easily placed.</i> <i>* See http://www.campingsouthaustralia.com/gleesons-landing.php for further details of Gleesons Landing.</i> |
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| Trip Costs | TBD. |
| Trip Description | Fishing and 4WD'ing extra l o n g weekend (Adelaide Cup). Boat fishing, beach fishing, 4WDing local beaches, also Innes National Park Be prepared for hot to very hot conditions. |
| Conditions | Caravans and camper trailers are welcome. Also boats have access to a beach launching behind the reef. |

Hopes Gully Terowie - 15th to 16th March 2014

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| Location | Hopes Gully Terowie |
| Dates | Weekend of 15 th to 16 th March 2014 |
| Trip Leader(s) | Baz Bourne () |
| Trip Starting Point | 9:30am Saturday 15 th March. 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 4. 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 | Challenging creek bed driving and hill climbs. Alternative routes and tracks are available. |
| Trip Conditions & Comments | Constraints or comments on the trip. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pets NOT allowed • campfires allowed (pending local restrictions and fire danger status). • camper trailers allowed • trip is appropriate for children If weather looks too hot or wet the trip may be cancelled. |



SAPOL Road Safety Centre Visit - Saturday 22nd March 2014

The club has arranged with Senior Constable First Class Paul Bryant for a visit to the SAPOL Road Safety Centre (RSC), Thebarton on Saturday 22 March 2014. The event will start with a BBQ Lunch at 12 pm, followed by a talk about vehicle safety and regulations, including modifications to 4WDs, from a police perspective. The event will finish around 2:30 pm, depending on the number of questions and discussion after the talk.

The SA Police 'Road Safety Centre' (RSC) is situated at the Thebarton Barracks, Port Road, Thebarton, on the south west boundary with Bonython Park. Parking is available after hours along Gaol Road and in the Bonython Park car park area nearest to the

Thebarton Barracks. Entry to this car park area is from Port Road opposite Coca Cola, but check with Police first for car park closing times. Entry to the Road Safety Centre (RSC) itself is via the main entry point to Thebarton Barracks.



(Internet users can find the map at http://www.4wdsa.asn.au/files/fwdmatters/KIT_Number_5_RSS_EOI_4wd_clubs_with_map_attached.doc).

Spalding (incl. Ladies Day) - 29th to 30th March 2014

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| Location | Spalding, North of Clare (approx. 2 hours drive from Adelaide) |
| Dates | Saturday 29 th March to Sunday 30 th March 2014. |
| Trip Leader | Ray Collyer () |
| Trip Starting Point | Spalding Main Street. Meet at 9.30 am the Saturday 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. <i>Sunday will be a Ladies Day with a focus on the ladies of the club having an opportunity to exercise their driving skills.</i> |
| 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. |



FWDSA KIT 16 - NGARKAT WORKING BEE - 29th to 30th March 2014

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K. I. T. - "KEEPING IN TOUCH"

NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK INTERCLUB WORKING BEE 29th & 30th March 2014

WHAT: Each year a group of volunteers from FWDSA affiliated clubs meet at the Ngarkat CP to undertake a number of tasks that have been developed in conjunction with the Senior Ranger, Natural Resources (SA Murray-Darling Basin, DEWNR) from Lameroo. These tasks assist DEWNR in maintaining, sustaining and enhancing the Ngarkat CP for all park visitors.

This year the work to be undertaken is generally on or near the one way section of the Ngarkat CP Border Track and includes fencing (repair, replacement or installation), fireplace & rubbish cleanup, signage, vegetation trimming, painting and rubble placement. DEWNR will be providing materials, equipment and specialist tools needed for the work.

The one way section of the Border Track is closed to public traffic until the first weekend of April and therefore will be closed to public traffic during the working bee.

WHEN: Weekend of 29th & 30th March 2014. Work starts at 9am on Saturday 29th March, but you may setup camp on the afternoon or evening of Friday 28th March.

WHERE: Meet at the Ngarkat CP Pine Hut Soak campsite (S35° 25' 20" E140° 52' 46"). See the map at the end of this article.

Directions: Heading south from Taillem Bend cross the railway overpass, turn left onto the Mallee Highway; drive through Lameroo, Parilla and past the T-Junction to Bordertown (do not turn at the T-Junction), 5km west of Pinnaroo turn right on to Rosy Pine Lane (Ngarkat Park sign at this point, see RAA map 'Upper South East ref:J2), continue south for

approximately 17 km. The Pine Hut Soak campsite is located just inside the Park entrance.

WHAT TO BRING:

Camping: Camper trailers and caravans can be accommodated. The site has one very good long drop toilet but you need to bring everything else (water, food, shelter). Please note that the 29th and 30th March will still be in fire danger season so the "camp fire" will need to be artificial (a gas stove will be OK unless a Total Fire Ban is in place).

Equipment:

Tools Post hole digging tools, pruners, loppers, bow saw, handsaw, shovel, rake, hand tools.

A wheelbarrow will be useful for two of the tasks.

UHF In car and handheld UHF radios will be useful, Channel 16 will be used.

Personal Working gloves and footwear, drinking water, sun protection (hat, long sleeves, long pants, sun screen).
Bring high visibility vests or clothing and possibly share them with your fellow workers.

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Satellite phone: 0424 212 534 for Emergency incoming & outgoing calls during the working bee.

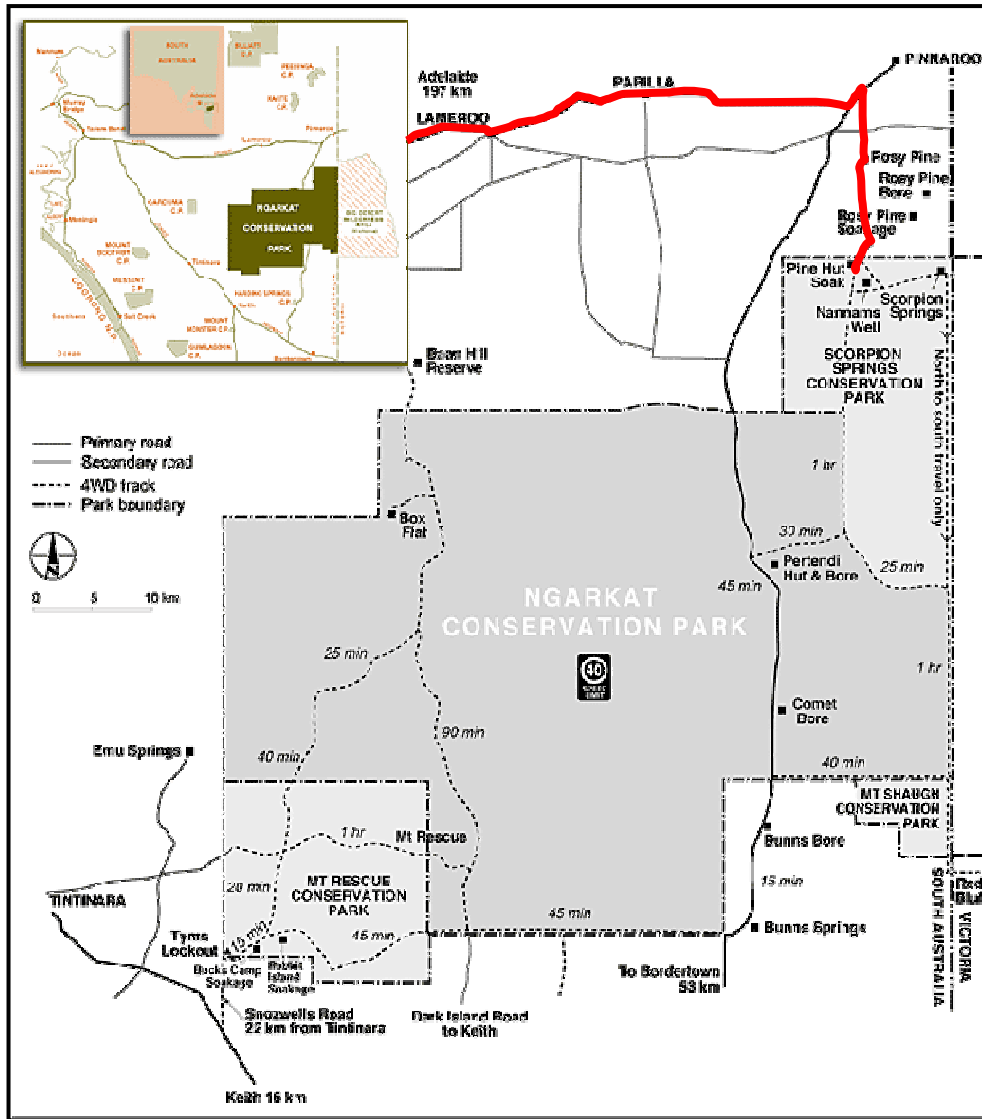
Important Note - let us know in advance:

- When you plan to arrive.
- The number of people and vehicles in your party.
- If you are bringing a trailer that could be used to transport materials from the campsite.
- If you can bring a wheelbarrow.

<http://www.4wdsa.asn.au>



Ngarkat Conservation Park Map (Route from Lamerook to Pine Hut Soak shown)



Coorong Cleanup - 12th to 13th April 2014


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| Location | Coorong, South Australia. |
| Dates | Saturday 12 th April to Sunday 13 th April 2014 |
| Trip Leader | Ray Collyer () |
| 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 12 th April. Adelaide to Salt Creek ~approx 2:30 hr. 220km |
| Trip Route | Saturday 12 th April - Coorong Beach drive and Cleanup. Sunday 13 th April - Coorong Beach drive, then 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. |



Bendleby Ranges (Orroroo) - 12th to 14th April 2014

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| Location | Bendleby Ranges private property 50 km NE of Orroroo |
| Dates | Arrive Saturday 12 April, stay 2 nights, depart Monday 14 April (alternatively, stay one night, depart Sunday ~5pm) |
| Trip Leader | Lloyd Kohlhagen () |
| Trip Starting Point | Orroroo main street for 10 am departure to Bendleby or, The Springs Homestead, Bendleby Ranges no later than 12 pm Saturday |
| Trip Route | Make your way from Adelaide to Orroroo: 250 km from Modbury. Turn right onto Hawker Rd, then turn right after creek into Johnburg Rd, travel for ~40 km to signposted turn on the right at Crotta Rd to Bendleby Ranges, follow signs to The Springs. Sign in at the office. Fees to be paid on departure. |
| Trip Requirements | Convoy limit - 12 vehicles Challenging climbs and descents, spectacular scenery, Camp in comfort with camp kitchen, showers and toilets available. Camp ground accessible for camper trailers and caravans (un-powered). Rocky hills and tracks, moderate to hard, good clearance and low range required. |
| Fuel Requirements | Fuel available at Orroroo Saturday am and Monday. 100 km to and from Bendleby, plus ~50 km driving on property, 60-70% in low range. Total trip, ~650 km. |
| Accommodation | Bush camping with a self catering camp kitchen overlooking the main campground, provides a cooking and dining area. Enjoy meals on the decked area or inside, where it is heated or cooled for your comfort. Four showers and toilets next to camp kitchen. Checkout website for full details at: www.bendlebyranges.com.au |
| Trip Costs | Adults, \$18.50 per night; School age children, \$5 per night (Pre-school children, no charge) DRIVING COSTS: \$65 per vehicle for the whole weekend |

Googs Track & Coffin Bay - (Easter) 18th/21st to 26th April 2014

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| Location | Googs Track, Gawler Ranges and Coffin Bay |
| Dates | Easter Friday 18 th to 26 th April 2014 |
| Trip Leader | Kevin Campbell () |
| Trip Starting Point | Hungry Jacks (just across the causeway on the left from Adelaide), Port Augusta 9:30am 18 th April 2014. This is ~ 300km from Adelaide. |
| Trip Route | This will vary depending on the time the group has. The objective is to complete Googs Track, Gawler Ranges NP, Pinkawillinie NP, Mt Ive Station and Coffin Bay NP. |
| Trip Requirements | Bush camping. |
| Fuel Requirements | Total trip may be as high as 3000km. The maximum fuel range is 650km. |
| Accommodation | Bush camping, you must be self sufficient for all requirements. A bush toilet will be available for the group. |
| Trip Costs | Googs Track permits \$10, please supply your vehicle registration number and money to the trip leader as soon as possible. There will be additional costs to enter other NP's and Mt Ive station along the way |
| |  <p>Rail crossing near Malbooma Outstation at the Northern End of Googs Track.</p> |



KESAB CLEANUP - Saturday 10th May 2014

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| Location | Main North Rd Pooraka |
| Dates | Saturday 10 th May 2014 and Saturday 9 th August 2014. 9.30 am to 1.00pm |
| Trip Leader(s) | Ray Collyer () Kane Dickinson () |
| Trip Starting Point | Meet South Terrace Pooraka - Westside of roundabout just past Alfred St |
| Trip Route | Main North Rd - Gepps Cross to Montague Rd |
| Trip Requirements | - 4 vehicles with trailers or utes (inform leaders if can supply) - good walking shoes, hat, sunblock, handheld UHF radio - drinks - gloves & safety vest (better if you use your own - but if you haven't got any we can supply) - litter bags and tongs provided by KESAB |
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| Fuel Requirements | None |
| Trip Accommodation | none |
| Trip Costs | None |
| Trip Description | Roadside cleanup of Main North Rd. |
| Trip Conditions & Comments | BBQ lunch supplied Children above 10yrs (under supervision) Good covered shoes essential |

Loveday Adventure Park - 17th to 18th May 2014

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| Location | Loveday Adventure Park, Near Barmera, South Australia. |
| Dates | Saturday 17 th to Sunday 18 th May 2014 |
| Trip Leader | Kevin Campbell () |
| Trip Starting Point | Travel at own pace to meet at the property (near Barmera) at 10:30am on Saturday morning, maps to be supplied. Can drive up Friday night, see trip leader. |
| Trip Route | Entirely on Loveday private property near Barmera. Saturday - Sunday Driving the property, competition tracks and 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 (subject to local fire restrictions). 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 tavern. No motorbikes or quads allowed. Dog friendly. |



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.

Trip Calendar
 From
 March 2014

Club Trip Calendar (From March 2014)

| Month | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | Dates | Location | Trip Leader | Contact Ph. | Type (Grade) | Notes |
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| | | | | | | | | /=> 06/03-10/03 | Yorke Peninsula | Ray Collyer | | Sand & Beach (2-4) | See newsletter page 10 for details. |
| March | 3 | 4 | 5☺ | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | /=> 15/03-16/03 | Hopes Gully | Baz Bourne | | Tracks & Hills (2-4) | See newsletter page 10 for details. |
| 2014 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | /=> 22/03 | Visit SAPOL Road | Safety Centre Thebarton, Vehicle safety regulations | | | See newsletter page 11 for details. |
| | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | /=> 29/03-30/03 | Spalding | Ray Collyer | | Tracks & Hills (2-4) | See newsletter page 11 for details. |
| | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | => 29/03-30/03 | Ngarkat | Darryl McManus | | Sand & Tracks (2-4) | See newsletter page 12 for details. |
| April | 31 | 1 | 2☺ | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | => 05/04-06/04 | Geranium | TBD | | Sand & Tracks (2-4) | Est. \$30 per day (Puppy Springs). |
| 2014 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | => 12/04-13/04 | Coorong Cleanup | Ray Collyer | | Sand & Beach (2-4) | See newsletter page 13 for details. |
| | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | \=> 12/04-14/04 | Bendleby Ranges | Lloyd Kohlhagen | | Tracks & Hills (2-4) | See newsletter page 13 for details. |
| | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | \=> 18/04-26/04 | Googs Track | Kevin Campbell | | Sand & Tracks (2-4) | See newsletter page 14 for details. |
| May | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | => 03/05-04/05 | Cavan, FWDSA | FWDSA DTU | | Theory Training | Contact Club Training Co-ordinator. |
| 2014 | 5 | 6 | 7☺ | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | \=> 03/05-04/05 | Hopes Gully | Ray Collyer | | Tracks & Hills (2-4) | Est. \$30 weekend. |
| | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | \=> 10/05 | Main Nth Rd | Ray Collyer | | KESAB Club Cleanup. | See newsletter page 15 for details. |
| | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | \=> 17/05-18/05 | Loveday | Kevin Campbell | | Tracks & Hills (2-4) | See newsletter page 15 for details. |
| June | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | \=> 24/05-25/05 | Peake | TBD | | Sand & Hills (2-4) | Annual Club Trip to Peake. |
| 2013 | 2 | 3 | 4☺ | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | Queens Birthday Long Weekend |
| | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | => 14/06-15/06 | Geranium | TBD | | Sand & Tracks (2-4) | Est. \$30 per day (Dorado Downs). |
| | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | | | | | | |
| | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | | | | | | |
| July | 30 | 1 | 2☺ | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | | | | | | |
| 2013 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | | | | | | |
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| | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | | | | | | |
| August | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | => 02/08-03/08 | Hopes Gully | TBD | | Tracks & Hills (2-4) | Est. \$30 weekend. |
| 2014 | 4 | 5 | 6☺ | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | => 09/08 | Main Nth Rd | Ray Collyer | | KESAB Club Cleanup. | See newsletter page 15 for details. |
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