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Sand Hills at Dorado Downs, Private Property near Geranium, Club Trip July 2015.

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Club Contact Details

Club Meeting Details - Next Meeting Wednesday 2nd September 2015

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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| President | Ian Stanley | |
| Vice President & Association Delegate | Greg Chase | |
| Secretary & Minute Secretary | Lloyd Kohlhagen | |
| Treasurer | Kevin Campbell | |
| Events Officer | Allen Bing | |
| Newsletter Editor | Darryl McManus | |
| Training Co-ordinator | Carl Ramsden | |
| General Committee Position | Kathy Dix | |
| General Committee Position(s) | Werner Pompeuse | |
| Public Officer & Membership Officer | John Henderson | |

Appointed Positions

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| Property & Purchasing Officer | Ray Collyer | |
| Welcoming Representative | Sarah Greatwich | |
| Supper Organiser | Kathy Dix | |
| Fundraising | Dale Candida | |
| Social Coordinator/Environment | Club Committee | |
| Club Librarian | Allan Dix | |

Club trainers: - Werner Pompeuse, Colin Schubert.

Club Web and Mailing Address

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

Send mail to 4WD Adventurers Club of SA Inc, PO Box 35, Holden Hill, South Australia, 5088. Send general correspondence to "The Secretary" at that address.

Club Newsletter

Please email newsletter items to the editor (newslettereditor@4wdadventurers.org) by the Friday before the next club meeting. 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

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

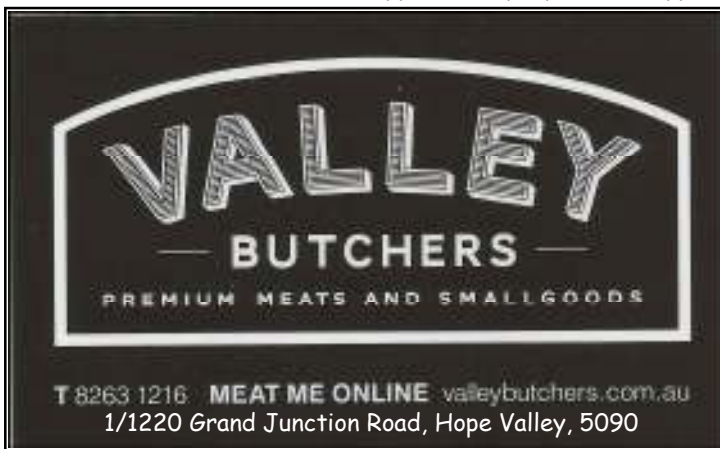


With both the Club President and Vice-President away there are no associated reports however our Vice-President as 4WDSA delegate has noted the approval of larger tyre diameter sizes for 4WD's in SA of up to 50mm with no requirement for engineering certification thus aligning SA (at long last) with all other mainland states. This a positive outcome for the 4WD community and we should express our gratitude to members of the 4WDSA working group for this achievement.

See Greg's detailed 4WDSA delegate report on page 4.

With the Club AGM in September I have added a short article on page 5 regarding the Club Committee and the roles of several Club Committee positions. There are Committee members who will not be serving next year so club members are asked to consider joining the Committee. Talk to current Committee members to find out what is involved. If you wish you can start as a General Committee Position and just provide assistance to the committee. Committee membership is not a life sentence so you can just assist for a year or two if that suits you. The Committee especially encourages younger and female Club Members to join the Club Committee so as to provide a greater diversity of views and perspectives within the Committee.

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Advertising in the Club Newsletter

The club has for many years accepted advertising in both the club newsletter and on the club website. Costs for advertising in the club newsletter for a year are \$50 for Business Card style (of which two examples from current advertisers are shown on this page), \$100 for 1/2 page (1 column) and \$150 for a full page. Club website advertising for a year is \$300 for a dynamic photo slideshow with associated business contact details on the club website homepage (<http://www.4wdadventurers.org>).

The contact for advertising is the club treasurer (see the club contact list on page 2) or email treasurer@4wdadventurers.org who can arrange for an official invoice with the club's ABN, note the club is not required to be registered for GST so the prices listed above do not include any GST.

LED Light Bars as Driving Lights

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure has received enquiries relating to the use of LED light bars as driving lights. This was previously prohibited on vehicles manufactured from 1991 however ADR 13/00 has now been amended to allow driving lights to be fitted, singly or in pairs, up to a maximum of four. In addition lights and light bars can now be mounted on roof racks or ute roll bars. See the follow fact sheet for more details - http://www.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/76070/MR1517-LED-Light-Bars-Fact-Sheet-7.15.pdf.

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Club Meeting Supper Roster



August 2015 club meeting supper volunteer
Michelle Nagel
September 2015 club meeting supper volunteer
Terri Bateup
Please arrange a swap if you are unable to attend.
Volunteer(s) are required for October 2015,
please contact the club Supper Co-ordinator.

Kathy Dix, Club Supper Co-ordinator.

4WDSA DTU Training

The following table shows the upcoming 4WDSA DTU organised training. You need to be a club member and have a DTU (Driver Training Unit) training manual and assessment book to participate in the driver training activities. Please contact the club training coordinator (Carl) if you are interested in any of these activities.

| 4WDSA Training Date | Details |
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| 22 nd - 23 rd August 2015 | Mud and water crossing, Callington. \$35.00 + Property access is \$30 per day |
| 13 th September 2015 | OH&S, Risk and Emergency response, 4WDSA Cavan, \$20.00 |
| 18 th October 2015 (** - Training Manual NOT required) | Trip Planning & Leading, 4WDSA Cavan, \$20.00 |
| 31 st October - 1 st November 2015 | Sand & Recovery Training, Peake, \$40.00 + \$30 Property Access Fee. |
| See http://www.4WDSA.asn.au/?page=calendar for application & contact details. | |

Prospective Club Members - Stacey Dix and Brian Jones

Stacey Dix and Brian Jones 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 the membership application.

4WD Adventurers 4WDSA Delegate Report

TYRE SIZE

Many members will be aware that the 4WDSA Tyre Size Working Group has been working to achieve greater commonality with the other states regarding the fitment of larger tyres without requiring engineering approval. The working group is pleased to advise that an exemption has been granted to off road passenger vehicles (class MC). This was published in the SA government gazette on 9 July 2015. This exemption allows for the fitment of larger diameter tyres to your 4WD provided that,

1. The increased diameter is no more than 50mm greater than the largest tyre listed on your tyre placard;
2. Speedometer accuracy is maintained; and
3. The total ground clearance is not increased by more than 50mm.

Of course, all other existing regulations still apply, and you need to consider this exemption in conjunction with any other modifications that your vehicle may have.

This is a modification and any modification is a potentially complex issue, please seek expert advice. Don't forget to talk to your insurance company and course make sure that larger tyres will actually fit without interference on the chassis or body.

Larger tyres will make your Speedometer display lower, it must never display less than the true speed. For many (but not all) cars there are electronic or mechanical devices that can assist with Speedometer correction.

If you have a lift kit fitted it is probable that your ground clearance has increased, how much varies between vehicles, but this must also be checked.

TRIP PLANING AND LEADING

The Driver Training Unit (DTU) of 4WDSA is running a one-day theory course on planning and leading trips. While the presentation that I did on trip leading focussed on the clubs requirements for being a trip leader, the 4WDSA course mainly addresses the many issues surrounding a long trip into a remote area. This course is recommended for any members contemplating remote area travel.

The course is on Sunday the 18th of October and costs \$20. Sorry no visitors, members only. See the 4WDSA calendar for how to join.

<http://www.4wdsa.asn.au/?page=calendar>

Greg Chase, 4WDSA Delegate, 4WD Adventurers



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4WD Adventurers Club AGM Notification - 2nd September 2015


The annual general meeting (AGM) of the 4WD Adventurers Club of SA Inc will be held on Wednesday 2nd September 2015 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.

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| 4WD Adventurers | |
| Committee Position Nomination Form 2015 | |
|  | |
| Person Nominated | For Position |
| Nominated By | Signature |
| Second By | Signature |
| Person accepting nomination | Signature |
| All above must be financial members of the Club. | |

Club AGM 2015 - Motion for Increasing Annual Membership Fees to \$80

The club committee gives notice of a motion for the 2nd September 2015 AGM. The motion being that annual membership fees be increased from \$70 per year to \$80 per year from the club 2016/2017 financial year to cover current and anticipated operating cost increases,

4WD Adventurers Club - Membership Renewal 2015

Club membership renewal falls due at the September annual general meeting. It needs to be paid by the November general meeting otherwise a late fee may apply. Club members may, and are encouraged, to pay their annual membership anytime from now to spread out the "paperwork load" on the club treasurer and membership officer.

Membership fees are set at the September AGM and are currently \$70 per year for existing members and a \$20 joining fee for new members. The motion to increase membership fees at the club AGM, if successful, will not apply until the following financial year (2016).

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).

The Club Committee - A Brief Overview

The management of the Club is vested in the Club Committee which is required to meet at least 6 times per year. In practice it meets 11 times per year (once a month except for December). The Committee shall consist of not less than five persons or more than eleven persons comprising the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Minute Secretary, Treasurer, Event Officer and Public Officer. A brief description of the roles of each off these positions is shown below.

The President is the Chief Officer of the Club and shall direct the activities of the Club in accordance with the Club Constitution.

The Vice President is to deputise for the President, assume all duties for the President in their absence and carry out such other duties as may be authorised by the Committee.

The Secretary shall prepare and issue notice of meetings in accordance with the Constitution and keep charge of all documents, correspondence, minute and record books of the club, including archives.



The Treasurer shall ensure that all moneys received on behalf of the Club are paid into an account authorised by the Committee in the name of the Club and ensure that records are kept of all receipts and payments and other financial transactions. In addition the treasurer shall prepare the annual budget, present the financial status the Club at each General Meeting and ensure that annual financial statements comprising of either an account of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities or an account of income and expenditure and a balance sheet, shall be prepared following the end of the Club's financial year.

The Minute Secretary records and make available for review and approval minutes of the Club General Meetings, Annual General Meetings and Committee Meetings.

The Events Officer co-ordinates the planning, promotion, registration and recording of club events in conjunction with event trip leaders.

The Public Officer is a legally required position for a registered association and acts as a point of contact for the Club with persons or entities outside of the Club. In practice where deemed necessary other positions are filled on the committee either as general committee positions or for specific roles as described below.

The Newsletter Editor prepares a monthly newsletter with Club contact details, proposed Club trip details and recent Club trip reports. In addition Club, Association and general 4WD related news is placed in the newsletter.

The Training Co-ordinator co-ordinates Club member training requirements and promotes the acquisition and development of Club members 4WD'ing skills.

General Committee positions are used to introduce Club members to the operation of the Club Committee and to give the broadest cross-section of Club members representation on the Club Committee.

The Membership Officer co-ordinates the process of persons joining or re-joining the Club, ensuring that the meet trip and club meeting attendance pre-requisites. They also co-ordinate the annual Club membership renewal process.

The Club may also appoint persons to specific non-committee roles to assist in the operation of the Club. Current examples of these positions are shown below.

- Property & Purchasing Officer,
- Welcoming Representative,
- Supper Organiser,
- Fundraising and
- Club Librarian.

4WD Octoberfest 2015

Octoberfest PDF Registration forms are available at :
http://www.mountloftyrangers.com.au/Octoberfest/Octoberfest_2015/Octoberfest%202015%20flyer.pdf

October Long Weekend 2015

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Desert Parks Bulletin 504 - 5th July 2015

Desert Parks Bulletin

These are highlights of the Desert Parks Bulletin, the PDF full version is at <http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/files/sharedassets/parks/desert-parks-bulletin.pdf>

Outback day time temperatures are quite mild but evenings are getting close to 0 °C, so please pack accordingly. If you attempt 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

Some water is on the lake again after local rain. The best way to see the enormity of Kati Thanda is from the air. Local charters are available at William Creek and Marree, and tour operators run ground and air tours.

Halligan Bay Track - Open to 4WD. Caution at ponded water 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.**

Level Post Bay Track - Open to 4WD. Caution at 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 Post Bay - camping at Muloorina campground.**

Tallaringa Conservation Park

The Department of Defence has announced future closures of the Anne Beadell Highway on 2 - 29 November 2015, 29 February - 13 March 2016, and 16 - 29 May 2016. **20 July - 2 August 2015 closure will be cancelled.** When the park is open, in addition to a DEWNR entry/camping permit or a Desert Parks Pass, a tourist access permit is also required to access this area from the Department of Defence. Details can be found at <http://www.defence.gov.au/woomera/permit-tourist.htm>

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Innamincka Regional Reserve and Malkumba-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. Caution at ponded water and corrugations.

Walkers Crossing Track - Open. Caution at ponded water, wheel ruts and creek washouts.

15 Mile Track and Access to Cooper Creek - Open. Caution at ponded water.

Cullyamurra Waterhole - Open.

Burke's Grave - Open.

Old Strzelecki Track (on Innamincka Regional Reserve only) - Open to 4WD. Caution at ponded water.

Bore Track North - Open to 4WD. Caution at ponded water.

Bore Track South - Closed. No visitor access across Bollards Lagoon station.

Witjira National Park and the Simpson Desert Reserves

Important note - Desert Parks Passes and Entry/Camping permits are no longer available at Oodnadatta. Desert Parks Passes should be purchased prior to Dalhousie either before leaving on your trip, at other agencies or at Mt Dare. Do not rely on park staff being at Dalhousie to sell a Desert Parks Pass as they may be at other parks including the Simpson Desert, or in the field at Witjira.

Entry/camping permits can be purchased from the Self Registration Station on the eastern 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. Wood fires are not permitted in Witjira, 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.

Pedirka Public Access Route - Open to 4WD. Caution at ponded water.

Witjira National Park - Open to 4WD with caution. Please avoid ponded water. Drive with caution along the entire track as the landscape is fragile and the track will deteriorate with the number of vehicles using it. It is not recommended that caravans and trailers are taken on these tracks but if they are, to take great care and drive slowly and to the track conditions. 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.**

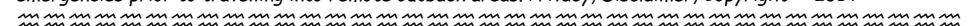
Simpson Desert - Open to 4WD. Please ensure 4WD is engaged and that you reduce tyre pressures while in the desert to minimise cutting up the tracks. Use extra caution as sand dunes will be soft after the summer closure, and may have blow outs from summer winds. Carry extra fuel reserves as up to 50% more fuel may be used currently than a normal desert crossing. **The use of trailers in the Simpson Desert is strongly discouraged. Caravans and motorhomes should not be used.**

Serious damage can be caused to vehicles and the environment, and difficulties are likely to result. Please check with local authorities or call the Desert Parks on (61 8) 8648 5328. For information about access to the Queensland Simpson Desert, please contact the Warrarri Visitor Centre on (61 7) 4656 3300.

Warburton Crossing - Open to 4WD. Caution at river crossing.

Tony Magor, Manager Public Lands and Co-management, SA ARID LANDS, desertparks@sa.gov.au

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Recent Trip Reports (Pre-August 2015)

Geranium (Dorado Downs) 11th to 12th July 2015

Saturday 11th July 2015

We all arrived at the normal meeting place of Taillem Bend service station at 0830am on a cold, windy and damp Saturday morning. Ray our trip leader called the roll, when all were present we moved off to Geranium. On arrival, those of us who were staying for the weekend started setting up camp, the day trippers went off with Ray to explore. Camp set up Steve led us around the property to locate Ray and the others, going via a sand hill or two.

Once together we set off along a sandy ridge line up and down the hills, some not going up though. After driving around finding the property lookouts and testing the largest hills we made our way back to camp for dinner and the evening entertainment.

A night drive was requested, so as soon as darkness descended we were off, covering tracks to the North of the property that we had not done during the day.



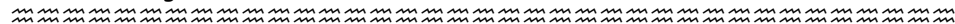
Temporary shelter from the rain.

The weather then turned for the worst. More wind and showers started to put a dampener on the camp fire, but a makeshift shelter was erected to try and protect from the rain. It sort of worked, but was better than nothing.

Sunday 12th July 2015

Up and go. The day started off really good. The sun was shining and the wind had gone. Pack up some kit prior to a morning drive. We traversed the property again, trying to go in a reverse direction of Saturday. Soon it was time to go, so back to camp and load the cars, scoop out sand from the front bullbar/Grader and pump up tyres.

People started to move off individually from here to head home before the light faded. Thanks to Ray for organising and leading the trip and to the other club members and visitors for a great weekend - Baz.



Terowie 4x4 - 25th to 26th July 2015

After a very early start from home, we met at Terowie Roadhouse at 8.30am and then went to the property (which is approx. 30 mins drive from town). Here we joined the people who had come up on Friday afternoon and we had time to setup our tents and air down. We had a total of 13 cars (11 of them were white!) on the Saturday, so we split into 2 groups and hit the tracks around 10am.



Great views along the Powder Puff Track

Our group was led by Simon and the first challenge was 'Powder Puff' which is a downhill track that can have a surface like powder. It was a little more solid for us as there had been recent rain. Nevertheless, it was still a good way to start the day

and engage first gear, low range. After this we drove along the top of the ridge to Hot Water Service Hill (and yes, there is a hot water service sitting there). The views were spectacular and we had a few little challenges and obstacles along the way to get the heart going. We got to a dry creek bed crossing which provided some options to choose from. Some harder than others. Simon then spots a rock formation and starts to size it up. After a little discussion and advice, he jumps in his car and carefully makes his way up and over. A great piece of driving from Simon and great spotting from those involved. We stopped here for morning tea break then hit the tracks again.

We made our way further along the ridges and tracks that offered more fantastic views and before long, we found ourselves dropping into a dry creek bed and tackling



the paths over the rocks. Drivers now had to carefully pick their lines which took concentration and time was needed to study the path ahead which sometimes meant getting out of the car and walking it first. The more experienced drivers were spotting for others and encouraging everyone. If the path proved too challenging for some vehicles or drivers, there was always an alternative track to follow. We drove along the rocky creek bed for about 45 minutes and had a lot of fun. We got some great photos and saw some crazy wheel articulation. Then we headed got back to camp for lunch.

After lunch, we switched around a little and Steve and I joined the other group of drivers. We headed back into the creek beds and made it through most of the challenges presented to us. Again, everyone was very helpful with spotting and encouragement. We suddenly hear a call over the radio from Simon to say that



Simon's sad looking car being attended to.

something happened to his tie rods and his car wasn't going very far now. He was luckily able to organize a temporary fix for the next morning and get his car back to Terowie for professional assistance.

Our group then found a slightly steeper rock climb in a creek bed that presented a good challenge. Pete, Colin and Richard all made it up and over without a problem and then Steve decided to give it a try. Chris provided great instruction and Steve made it up and over (in High Range - as he forgot to change it to Low in all the excitement) and then got caught on the very last rock and had to be snatched by Richard.

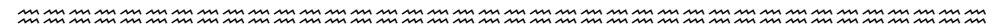


Steve undertaking a steep climb with external guidance from Chris.

From here we started heading back to camp for dinner and an evening socializing and discussing the days' events around the fire.

Next day our numbers had reduced as 2 cars had gone home and Simon's car was not able to play anymore. We all went as one group along a different creek bed and found a playground with plenty of climbs in and out to have fun on. Then we headed along some more rock challenges and had a lot of fun conquering the obstacles in front of us. It was great to see the confidence in drivers grow over the weekend. Thank you to Simon for doing a great job in leading this fantastic trip.

Steve & Belinda Da Ros





Upcoming Trip Details (From August 2015)

Ngarkat CP Track Survey - 19th to 20th September 2015

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| Location | Ngarkat Conservation Park (CP) (near Pinnaroo) |
| Dates | Saturday 19 th to Sunday 20 th September 2015 (Note this was previously 22 nd & 23 rd August 2015) |
| Trip Leader | Darryl McManus () |
| Trip Starting Point | Ngarkat CP Pine Hut Soak campsite (To be Confirmed). Trip start time is 9:00 am on the Saturday of the trip. You can setup the prior Friday afternoon or evening. Adelaide to Ngarkat CP is approximately a 3 hr drive (250km). <u>Directions to the Ngarkat CP Pine Hut Soak campsite</u> From Taillem 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 | Ngarkat Track survey tasks will consist of driving assigned tracks in the Ngarkat CP. You may stay overnight on the Sunday and return to Adelaide on the Monday morning. |
| Trip Requirements | GPS Navigation & Logging equipment (ie. OziExplorer or HEMA). Full sand recovery gear, UHF radio, air compressor, sand flag. Also bring working gloves, hi-visibility vests, sturdy footwear, clothing suitable to provide sun, wind and rain protection. |
| Fuel Requirements | Fuel (Petrol & Diesel) available at Pinnaroo, 500 km return to Adelaide, up to ~200 km sand driving may be required. |
| Trip Accommodation | If camping at Pine Hut Soak campsite a drop toilet is available. You must be fully self-sufficient with water, fuel & food. |
| Trip Costs | None - camping and entrance fees waived for volunteers. |
| Trip Description | Conservation Park track survey in Mallee country, Volunteers will be traversing (collectively) all public, fire access and management access tracks in the Ngarkat CP with the aim to collect detailed GPS waypoints/track of all access tracks in the Ngarkat CP. |
| Trip Conditions & Comments | If camping at Pine Hut Soak campsite then camper trailers and caravans are OK. Children welcome (under supervision). No pets. Please bring a bag or two of firewood. Trip may be postponed if the weather is too wet. |

Spalding - 29th to 30th August 2015



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| Location | Spalding, North of Clare (approx. 2 hours drive from northern Adelaide) |
| Dates | Saturday 29 th August to Sunday 30 th August 2015 |
| Trip Leader | Werner Pompeuse () |
| Trip Starting Point | Spalding Main Street. Meet at 9.00 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 generally 3 (moderate to difficult) with more difficult sections available. 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. |
| Conditions & Comments | All trip participants to travel as a group from Spalding town centre to the property. Training is available for club members. Campfire possible Saturday night - please bring firewood. Visitors welcome. No animals please. Trip will be re-scheduled if the trip leader deems that the weather is too wet or too hot. |



Terowie 4WD Park - 5th to 6th September 2015

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| Location | Terowie 4WD Park (http://www.terowie4wdpark.com) |
| Dates | Weekend of 5 th to 6 th September 2015 |
| Trip Leader(s) | Simon Ketley () |
| Trip Starting Point | 8:30am on the Saturday morning of the trip. 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 overnight. Firewood supplied. |
| Trip Costs | Cost to access tracks & camping fee - \$20.00/day vehicle & driver + \$5/day additional adult. |
| 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 <p>If weather looks too hot or wet the trip may be cancelled.</p> |

KESAB CLEANUP - Saturday 12th September 2015

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| Location | Main North Rd Pooraka |
| Dates | Saturday 12 th September 2015 (Also 7 th November 2015). |
| Trip Leader(s) | 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 you can supply a trailer) - 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 |



Cordola (near Morgan) - 12th to 13th September 2015


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| Location | Cordola (~12km from Morgan) |
| Dates | Saturday 12 th to Sunday 13 th September 2015 |
| Trip Leader | Paul Darcy () |
| Trip Starting Point | Cordola Campground - Friday the 11 th September. You will be able to find your own way to the Cordola campground from 4pm on the Friday as maps will be provided at the preceding club meeting (or contact the trip leader). For those wanting a day trip (Saturday) to the Morgan quarry we will be leaving the Cordola campground at 9.30am. |
| Trip Route | Camping and a visit to the Morgan Quarry. |
| Trip Requirements | Must be fully self-sufficient. No water or toilets on site. |
| Fuel Requirements | Minimal but fuel is available at Morgan. |
| Trip Accommodation | Camping spots are within a few feet from the river's edge. Similar to the riverside campgrounds at Loveday. |
| Trip Costs | Cost for camping is \$10 per car per night. |
| Trip Description | Access to the Morgan quarry for 4WDing (probably) on the Saturday and Sunday (TBD). Sunday will be a social day. Depending on the weather, swimming, kayaking and boating could be undertaken. There is also a boat ramp on the property. |
| Conditions & Comments | Camper trailers and caravans are OK. Dogs are ok if properly controlled (as there is livestock on the property). |

Eldee Station - 18th to 20th September 2015

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| Location | Eldee Station Silverton NSW (http://www.eldeestation.com). |
| Dates | Friday 18 th to Sunday 20 th September 2015 |
| Trip Leader | Kris & Greg Chase () |
| Trip Starting Point | Broken Hill NSW, Details TBD. |
| Trip Route | Self-drive to Broken Hill on Friday the 18th, then meet up and travel the 61 km to Eldee Station. Sat/Sun drive some of the Eldee Station self-drive tracks. Make you own way home, with the option to stay longer. |
| Trip Requirements | Full recovery gear, UHF radio. Standard 4WD vehicles OK. |
| Fuel Requirements | 250km range, fill up at Broken Hill. |
| Trip Accommodation | Eldee Station camp ground, variety of accommodation available from rooms to camping. Camp kitchen, bathrooms, laundry, heated spa. Participants to make their own arrangements directly with Eldee Station. |
| Trip Costs | Eldee Station driving permit \$50, valid for up to 5 days Eldee Station Power site from \$36/\$40 for 2 Adults, with each Child (16 and under) \$10. Unpowered site from \$34 for 2 Adults, with each Child (16 and under) \$8. |
| Trip Description | Mainly rocky tracks, with some sandy creek beds. Tracks will be selected to suit the participants. Optional Sunset Tag Along tour, see web site for details |
| Conditions & Comments | No Pets. Camper Trailers / Caravan are OK, trip leaders will be taking their camper. Access to Eldee station tracks is between 9am and 4pm daily. Bring some firewood. |



Geranium (Dorado Downs) - 10th to 11th October 2015

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| Location | Geranium (Dorado Downs). Day trip (Saturday) or 2 day weekend trip. |
| Dates | Saturday 10 th to Sunday 11 th October 2015 |
| Trip Leader(s) | TBD |
| Trip Starting Point | Tailem Bend Shell roadhouse at 8:30 am on the Saturday. |
| Trip Route |  <p>Scenic trip to a private property near Geranium, approx. 2 hrs from Adelaide.</p> |
| Trip Requirements | No Limit to vehicle numbers. Type and grade of driving is easy with the occasional more difficult sand dunes, low range. Standard recovery gear essential, UHF radio, Sand Flag. |
| Trip Accommodation | Bush Camping on private property. Long drop Toilets. Shelter shed. Suitable for campers and normal caravans. |
| Trip Costs | \$30 per day driving. (Camping overnight Saturday included in this cost). |
| Trip Conditions & Comments | Please bring a bag (or 2) of firewood. |

Loveday Adventure Park - 28th to 29th November 2015

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| Location | Loveday Adventure Park, Near Barmera, South Australia. http://www.loveday4x4adventures.com |
| Dates | Weekend of 28 th to 29 th November 2015 |
| Trip Leader | Sue Jordan () |
| Trip Starting Point | Meet at the property on Saturday morning, directions available at United Roadhouse on the main highway in Barmera (after hours you will find maps on pump 1). Alternatively, the trip leader is travelling to Loveday on the Friday night. Contact trip leader if you want to meet them. |
| Trip Route | Entirely on Loveday property, driving the property, competition tracks, camping, fishing, swimming, boating. |
| Trip Requirements | Standard recovery gear, UHF radio. Air compressor. |
| Fuel Requirements | All fuels available at Barmera. |
| Trip Accommodation | Bush Camping on the edge of the Murray River, suitable for caravans, campers, boats etc. campfire allowed. Toilets and showers available at rear of Loveday tavern. |
| Trip Costs | \$60 per car for the first night then \$10 per every extra night after the first night (so that is \$70 if arriving Friday). \$40 per car for a day trip. |
| Trip Description | Type and Grade are easy to difficult, sand, rocks, low range, mud (if wet) - your choice as to the tracks and obstacles that you attempt to drive. |
| Conditions & Comments | No limit to vehicle numbers. All vehicles must register at Loveday Tavern on arrival. No Motorbikes or Quads allowed. Dog Friendly. You can just relax or test your car out. |



Trip Calendar Legend
Bold Italic Club Trip Days
Underline Long Week End
 Shaded School Holidays
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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 August 2015

Club Trip Calendar (From August 2015)

| Month | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | Dates | Location | Trip Leader | Contact Ph. | Type (Grade) | Notes |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------|--------------------|--|
| August | 3 | 4 | 5☺ | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | | | | | | |
| 2015 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | | | | | | |
| | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | /=>29/08-30/08 | Spalding | Werner Pompeuse | | Tracks & Hills (3) | See newsletter page 10. |
| | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | /=>05/09-06/09 | Terowie 4WD Park | Simon Ketley | | Tracks & Hills (3) | See newsletter page 11. |
| September | 31 | 1 | 2☺ | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | /=>12/09-13/09 | Cordola - Morgan | Paul Darcy | | Tracks & Hills (3) | See newsletter page 12. |
| 2015 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | =>12/09 | Main North Road | Kane Dickinson | | Cleanup Event | See newsletter page 11. |
| | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | =>19/09-20/09 | Ngarkat CP | Darryl McManus | | Sand & Hills (3) | Track Survey. See newsletter page 10. |
| | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | \=>18/09-20/09 | Eldee Station | Greg Chase | | Tracks & Hills (3) | See newsletter page 12. |
| October | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | =>02/10-05/10 | Willangi | Ian Stanley | | Tracks & Hills (3) | Octoberfest - See newsletter page 6. |
| 2015 | 5 | 6 | 7☺ | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | =>10/10-11/10 | Geranium | TBD | | Sand & Hills (3) | See newsletter page 13. Dorado Downs. |
| | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | =>18/10 | Cavan | 4WDSA Training Trip Leader & Planning Course | | | See newsletter page 4. |
| | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | =>25/10 | Blackhill C.P. | Lloyd Kohlhagen | | Event Support (1) | Contact trip leader, Club member assistance required for these events. |
| November | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | \=>23/10-25/10 | Adelaide 4WD Show - Ian Stanley | | | Club Promotion | |
| 2015 | 2 | 3 | 4☺ | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | =>07/11 | Main North Road | Kane Dickinson | | Cleanup Event | See newsletter page 11. |
| | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | =>14/11-15/11 | Cordola - Morgan | Paul Darcy | | Tracks & Hills (3) | Similar to trip on newsletter page 12. |
| | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | | | | | | |
| | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | =>28/11-29/11 | Loveday (Barmera) | Sue Jordan | | Tracks & Hills (3) | See newsletter page 13. |
| December | 30 | 1 | 2☺ | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | =>05/12-06/12 | Peake | Allen Bing | | Sand & Hills (3) | Similar to May 2015 trip - details later. |
| 2015 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | =>12/12 | TBD | Club Committee | | Social | Club XMAS event - more details later. |
| | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | | | | | | |
| | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | | | | | | |
| January | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | |
| 2016 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | | | | | |
| | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | | | | | | |
| | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | =>23/01-26/01 | Beachport | TBD | | Sand (Beach) (4) | More details later. |
| | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | | | |
| February | 1 | 2 | 3☺ | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | | | | | | |
| 2016 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | | | | | | |

Also see the FWDSA DTU Training Calendar on Page 4 of the Newsletter,
 Note the Trip Leader & Planning course on Saturday 18th October.
 The Remote First Aid Training Course may be offered by FWDSA later in the year.