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Nissan Rock Crawling under Close Guidance, Terowie, May 2016.



Club Contact Details

Club Meeting Details - Next Meeting Wednesday 6th July 2016

Club meetings are held at 7:30pm the 1st Wednesday of the month (except Jan.) at the Holden Hill Community Centre (Cnr Valiant Road & Bentley Drive, Holden Hill, 5088).

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

Committee Positions

President	Ian Stanley	
Vice President	Greg Chase	
Secretary	Lloyd Kohlhagen	
Minute Secretary	Sue Jordan	
Treasurer	Kevin Campbell	
Events Officer	Allen Bing	
Newsletter Editor	Darryl McManus	
General Committee Position	Kathy Dix	
General Committee Position	Werner Pompeuse	
General Committee Position	Allan Rudd	
Public Officer & Membership Officer	John Henderson	

Appointed Positions

4WDSA Delegate	Russel Kruzycki	
Training Co-ordinator	Colin Schubert	
Property & Purchasing Officer	Ray Collyer	
Welcoming Representative	Sarah Greatwich	
Supper Organiser Contact	Kathy Dix	
Fundraising	Dale Candida	
Club Librarian	Allan Dix	

Club Trainers: - Werner Pompeuse, Colin Schubert, Dave Bateup, Peter Davis.

Club Bank Account: - 4WD Adventurers Club SA, BSB: 633-000, Account No.: 148345572.

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
From the President's Desk

Hi all and welcome to June, half way through the year and into the cooler weather. As always the club has many trips on offer and our participation rate in these is better than ever. Talking of participation though, the committee and I have been grappling for some time with the issue of club involvement. The club derives its rich and inclusive ethos from your participation but this should extend beyond simply turning up for trips. The club will only continue to thrive if we all involve ourselves more broadly in the club. Attendance at meetings is one aspect and we know that this is not always possible due to personal situations, but please try to attend some meetings so that you remain connected with the club. Similarly, there are activities like the Main North Road Cleanup, the 4WD Adventure Show Stand and working bees where greater club member participation would be appreciated.

The club also needs your support in committee participation at the August AGM. Several people on the committee will be standing down and this this will provide an opportunity for others to provide direction for the club. At the AGM the committee is dissolved and nominations called for (see the committee nomination form on page 4). The actual load is not huge and a burden shared is a burden halved so why not seek nomination for a club committee position?

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Also, please talk to anyone you believe may fit the various committee roles (as described on Page 4) with a view to nominating them before the August AGM.

On that note, it is my intention to step down this year as club president and not stand for the role at the August AGM. This is part of our succession planning that we are putting in place and also so that our esteemed Vice President Greg Chase can assume the role if the club so wishes. I am nominating Greg as my preferred successor and believe he will do a magnificent job. My own circumstances and that of my wife Bonnie have changed and we are working towards retirement which means I cannot give as much attention to the role as I would like, though I will still stay active within the club.

Thanks for being a great crowd to be with.

Ian Stanley - Club President.

Prospective Club Members -

Daniel & Tricia Colson, Owen Cameron & Teala Lucas

Daniel & Tricia Colson and Owen Cameron & Teala Lucas are prospective club members.

They have completed the necessary club trips and meeting attendance requirements and wishes to apply for club membership. Please contact a committee member if you wish to make any comments regarding the membership application.

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4WD Adventurers Club AGM Notification - 3rd August 2016


The annual general meeting (AGM) of the 4WD Adventurers Club of SA Inc. will be held on Wednesday 3rd August 2016 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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Committee Position Nomination Form 2016	
	
Person Nominated	For Position
Nominated By	Signature
Second By	Signature
Person accepting nomination	Signature
All above must be financial members of the Club.	

4WD Adventurers Club - Membership Renewal 2016

Club membership renewal falls due at the August annual general meeting. It needs to be paid by the October 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.

New membership fees were set at the September 2015 AGM to **\$80** per year for existing members with a **\$20** joining fee for new members.

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 following details broadly outline the roles of the club committee members. It is likely that those persons currently occupying positions indicated in ***Bold Italicised*** text will be stepping down from those roles at the August 2016 AGM. The club committee strongly encourages club members to consider nominating for a committee position, especially younger and female members of the club so that the diversity of club membership is properly reflected in the committee composition.

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 / Webmaster 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. A Club website is maintained and updated with club contact details, club meeting announcements, for sale items and recent newsletters.

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.

Club Fundraising - People's Choice Credit Union Lottery Tickets

The 4WD Adventurers Club fundraises throughout the year so as to meet the operating costs of the club. One method utilised to fundraise is participation in the People's Choice Credit Union lottery.

If you have not already done so, Club members are asked to purchase a book of tickets (10 x \$2 tickets = \$20) at the next club meeting. Note that the \$20 book of tickets must be paid for when receiving the book of tickets.

If it is not possible to purchase a book of tickets, please consider buying individual tickets at the club meeting.

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4WDSA Training - Basic Theory Course - 13th & 14th August 2016

The 4WDSA DTU basic theory course will be held at the DTU clubrooms at Cavan on the weekend of the 13th and 14th of August. Cost per person is \$20.00. The trip sheet will be put up at this week's meeting.

Colin Schubert, Club Training Co-ordinator

4WD Underbonnet / Underbody Workshop - Saturday 18th June 2016

As mentioned at the May club meeting, a 4WD Underbonnet / Underbody Vehicle Familiarity Workshop will be held on Saturday 18th June 2016.

Please assemble at Colin's Workshop (16 Famechon Crescent, Modbury North) between 8:30am and 9:00am. Morning tea will be supplied but you will need to bring your lunch.

Colin Schubert, Club Training Co-ordinator

(New) Club General Meeting Apologies Procedure

The club general meeting agenda will no longer call for apologies from the floor of the meeting in order to simplify the proceedings and the minuting of club general meetings.

Please forward any apologies for a club general meeting to the club secretary prior to the meeting in writing, by email (secretary@4wdadventurers.org), phone or SMS (0407 792 678).

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For Sale - 2010 Mitsubishi Lancer - Contact Stacey

2010 Mitsubishi Lancer Activ, 5 speed Manual, **\$9900**



Excellent condition. One owner. Only 55,000 kms Contact Stacey: 0403 784 692

For Sale - Camper Trailer Mattress \$50 - Contact Kevin

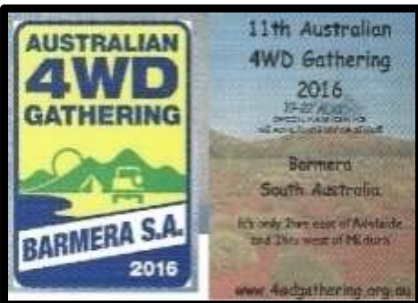
Firm innerspring camper trailer mattress - **\$50**,

Dimensions: length 2000mm, width 1720mm, height 110mm.

Contact Kevin Campbell, mobile phone - 0410 577 065.

"For Sale" items also shown at http://www.4wdadventurers.org/html/for_sale.html.

11th Australian 4WD Gathering - Loveday (Barmera) - 19th to 22nd August 2016



The website promotion says "This Bi-annual event brings together four wheel drivers and like-minded people from across Australia to participate in four wheel driving, the opportunity to meet new 4x4 friends you are invited to be part of this memorable event at Loveday 4x4 Adventure Park, Barmera, SA."

See <http://www.gathering4wd.wix.com/gathering> for more details.

Seeking Apprenticeship (Brandon Jenke)

"Young enthusiastic adult looking to begin a trade".

Open to all areas of trade work, very eager to commit and give my very best to all forms of work.

Please contact me by mobile (0415570299) or by email at brandonjenke@gmail.com.

Brandon Jenke.

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Note - all reserves have a 40km/h speed limit unless sign posted otherwise.

Outback day time temperatures are cooling, reaching into the high 20°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 and an EPIRB. 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.dps.sa.gov.au/OutbackInfo>

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

Rains over the weekend of the 7th and 8th of May have increased the water coverage. The north lake is at 85% coverage and the south lake at 55% coverage but a lot of this is very shallow water. The best way to get an idea of the size of the lake is to see it from the air.

Halligan Bay Track - Closed due to recent rain.

Level Port Bay Track - Closed due to recent rain.

William Creek Hotel Ph (61 8) 8670 7880 - Provide accommodation, meals, alcohol, tyre repairs, fuel, provisions and water.

Tallaringa Conservation Park

The Department of Defence has announced future closures of the Arnie Beadell Highway on 16 - 29 May 2016, 14 - 27 August 2016, 30 October - 19 November 2016, 26 February - 11 March 2017, and 11 - 30 June 2017.

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/ocomera/permit-tourist.htm>

Innaminka Regional Reserve and Malkumba-Coongie Lakes National Park

General Vehicle Access

Local flash flooding has seen the Cooper Creek rise to 5.6m over the causeway the morning of 10 May.

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 - Closed due to recent rain.

Walkers Crossing PAR - Closed due to recent rain.

15 Mile Track and Access to Cooper Creek - Open to 4WD only. Minkie campground still closed due to wet conditions.

Cullyamurra Waterhole - Closed due to recent rain.

Burke's Grave - Camping area open to 4WD only but no caravans or camper trailers. Day Visitor Area closed due to recent rain.

Old Strzelecki Track (on Innaminka Regional Reserve only) - Closed due to recent rain.

Bore Track North - Closed due to recent rain.

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

The Innaminka Trading Post (Ph: (61 8) 8670 2900) - Agent for the Desert Parks Pass and camping permits. Provide a comprehensive range of supplies and services for visitors in the Innaminka area, including accommodation.

Witjira National Park and the Simpson Desert Reserves

Pedirra Public Access Route - Closed due to rain damage.

Witjira National Park - Open to 4WD. Entry/exit via Mt Dare and Kudgera only. No access/exit via Pedirra, Bloods Creek or Mt Dare/Hamilton road. Caution at ponded water and washouts.

Rubbish tips are located 8 kilometres east and west of the Dalhousie campground or at Birdsville for disposal of rubbish.

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.

The Dalhousie airstrip is currently closed to public use.

Pink Roadhouse (Ph: (61 8) 8670 7822) - Agent for the Desert Parks Pass. Provide diesel and unleaded fuel, accommodation, food and groceries, meals, minor repairs, tyres, travel supplies, and alcohol.

Mt Dare Hotel (Ph: (61 8) 8670 7835) - Agent for the Desert Parks Pass. Provide diesel and unleaded fuel, accommodation, meals, hot showers, minor repairs, camping, travel supplies, alcohol, 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. Extra caution at salt lakes as some are still soft or holding water due to past rain. Please ensure 4WD is engaged and that you reduce tyre pressures while in the desert to minimise cutting up the tracks. 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 Desert Parks on (61 8) 8648 5128. For information about access to the Queensland Simpson Desert, please contact the Wirrari Visitor Centre on (61 7) 4656 3300.

Warburton Crossing - Closed due to recent rain and localized flooding.





Recent Trip Reports (Pre-June 2016)

Spalding (Training Weekend) - 30th April to 1st May 2016

Most set off around 6:00am from Adelaide to meet up at the Spalding Institute car park for what promised to be an interesting weekend training. Once at the location the important tasks of setting up camp sites and paperwork were dealt with then the assembly of vehicles and drivers was divided into two training groups. Dave and Werner lead one group and Colin and Jeff the other.

(Werner's training group)

Side slopes were the first challenge and, from some of the faces and comments, there was a fair degree of anxiety happening due to the angle and crumbly surface of the 'track'. We all survived to tackle the next challenge, namely, a steep ascent with forward and reverse key starts. Again the track surface was well suited to training with crumbly rocks and soft soil with a very thin crust thrown in to create confusion in the minds of our Adventurer trainees.

Evening saw the wind spring up and cause havoc with the camp site. Anything left loose could be found a long way from where it originated and more than one ensuite tent bit the dust during the night. While the wind curtailed the campfire, it had little or no effect on the spirit of the group who, as usual, displayed varying degrees of culinary expertise, from your very basic BBQ to the Dix's lamb shank casserole and Richard, Carol, Joe and Co's camp oven pot roast.

Sunday saw our group head along the creek for rocky creek bed driving. The first two to tackle the creek bed did so without incident but I managed to find a deep hole for my front right wheel and dropped the poor old MK down onto the cross member, giving us the opportunity to incorporate winch recovery into the training program. Lunch time brought a return to camp, clean up the site, pack up and return to Adelaide, and from the radio chatter, it was evident that the weekend was as enjoyable and informative.

Special thanks to our four trainers for the weekend, Colin, Dave, Jeff and Werner and, also, to all of the participants who made the weekend, as a whole, most enjoyable.

Allan Rudd.

(Colin's training group)

Day 1 (Saturday): We had 7 vehicles in our training group and we headed out to the dry creek bed for some rock training. Colin found a fairly tricky section and we all drove along to the end of the creek bed one at a time with a trainer sitting in the passenger seat. Some vehicles needed a little help, depending on what modifications they had. One driver had no suspension lift, but 'she' did extremely well.



Spalding creek bed trail

After the dry creek bed we went to another section of the property for side slope training. This was a challenging and scary but everyone did a great job thanks to the excellent support and guidance we were receiving from our trainers.

We finished the afternoon off with up and down hill training, and then called it a day.

Day 2 (Sunday): We started off looking for a more challenging downhill descent which we managed to find. We were on top of the hill when Stacey had a flat tyre. We first inflated the tyre but you could see it going back down, so Stacey took the opportunity to get signed off by the trainers on changing a flat tyre. She passed with flying colours and with plenty of spectators looking on.

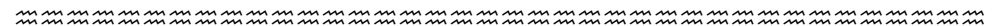
Then it was time to tackle the downhill descent, which was perfect for manual vehicles but no good for me as I have an auto and would have been difficult to keep good control of the car on this

occasion. All the drivers did really well with this.

After a little more up and down hill training and practice we went for a drive to find some more difficult tracks and we found another creek bed. This was a perfect opportunity for Richard to get himself in a position which required a winch recovery and Kevin was only too happy to take advantage of this training.

Finally, I did one last downhill assessment for more difficult terrain that suited the auto, and then we headed back to camp to pack up.

Steve Da Ros





Dorado Downs (Geranium) - 6th to 8th May 2016

As this was the Mother's Day Weekend, the group was small 4 members and 3 visitors. Four arrived on the Friday while the rest of us arrived on the Saturday morning. Those already there were 'playing' on the hill near the camp as we arrived. After we late comers had set up camp, our leader, Ray Collyer, organized our drive around the property and, after attempting one of the sand hills, unsuccessfully, one of our visitors with a VW Amarok became very disappointed with its 4WD performance. But, after taking Ray's advice and playing around with tyre pressures, he was almost making the top. But the look on his face, when Ray grabbed a shovel and started loading sand into the back for some weight over the rear wheels, was priceless. The smile on his face and lots of horn blowing when he made it over the top was fantastic and the rest of the day was no problem for him.

After tea back at camp, Ray took some of us for our first off-road night drive which was really enjoyable and different.

As our visitors had left on the Saturday night and rain threatened, we quickly packed up camp on Sunday morning and put everything in the shelter shed. Ray then led our drive around more of the property and we came across cows and their calves on the track. After getting them back into the paddock and raising the fallen fence, we returned to camp for lunch and departed for home ahead of the rain.

We all had a great weekend, ably led by Ray who gave us all great help and advice and thanks everyone for a great weekend.

Brian Jones

Terowie - 14th to 15th May 2016

After we had all met at Terowie Service Station, the group, led by our Trip Leader Harley, headed off for the site and on the way in there was lots of wildlife around including one very large sheep who had so much wool on him that he could hardly move or see. Must have missed the muster for a few years.

After setting up camp, we divided into two groups. Ray Collyer leading the second group and we headed our separate ways. After 'playing' in the creek and on the bush tracks and having lunch in the bush, the day



Terowie Terrain.

was soon over. After returning to camp for tea, a campfire and chat, our beds soon called us all. Sunday dawned and we were soon breakfasted and ready to go again, this time, as one group led by Harley. We explored some new area of the

property and creeks and found a nice little play area for lunch. We then did some more exploring and had some private playtime which saw Steve, balancing in his cross member and sliders at the drop into the



Happy Campers at Terowie



creek, all four wheels in the air and going nowhere. A gentle nudge from behind soon saw him on his way down again.

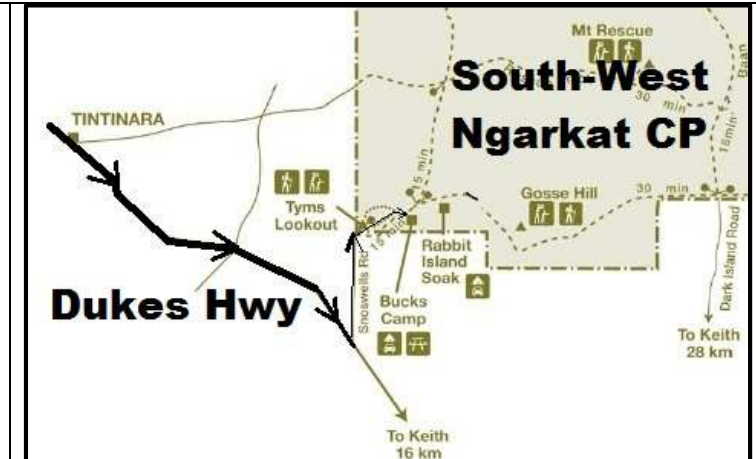
It was soon time to pack up and head home in the dark. A big thank you to Harley and Ray and everyone in the group for a fantastic weekend.

Brian Jones



Upcoming Trip Details (From June 2016)
Ngarkat CP Track Survey - 4th to 5th June 2016

Location	(Western) Ngarkat Conservation Park (CP)
Dates	Saturday 4 th to Sunday 5 th June 2016. Trip registration closed - this information for trip participants.
Trip Leader	Darryl McManus ()
Trip Starting Point	Ngarkat CP Bucks Camp campsite (South-Western Ngarkat CP). Trip start time is 9:00 am on the Saturday of the trip. You can setup the prior Friday afternoon or evening. Adelaide to South West Ngarkat CP is approximately a 3 hr drive (225km). <u>Directions to Bucks Camp campsite:</u> From Tailem Bend, follow the <u>Dukes Highway</u> through Coonalpyn and Tintinara. Turn left (towards the North) at <u>Snoswells Road</u> (~22.5km South East from Tintinara @ 35°59' 3.06"S 140°15' 8.26"E). Travel for ~4.5km along Snoswells Road (dirt road) to the <u>Ngarkat CP Entrance</u> (35°56' 36.74"S 140°15' 11.37"E). Reduce tyre pressures to 20-25 psi as the track will become sandy. Travel for ~4.6km until <u>Bucks Camp</u> is reached (35°55' 31.71"S 140°17' 42.83"E). Note: Alternative camp is <u>Rabbit Island Soak</u> (35°55' 30.04"S 140°20' 11.33"E, 4km east of Bucks Camp).



Trip Route	Route will consist of driving assigned tracks in the Western Section of the Ngarkat CP.
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 Tailem Bend, Coonalpyn and Tintinara, 450 km return to Adelaide, up to ~200 km sand driving may be required.
Trip Accommodation	There are NO facilities at Bucks Camp campground. You must be fully self-sufficient with water, waste, 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) public, fire access and management access tracks in the Ngarkat CP with the aim to collect detailed GPS waypoints/track of access tracks in the Ngarkat CP.
Trip Conditions & Comments	Bucks Camp campsite is accessible to off-road camper trailers. Children welcome (under adult supervision). No pets. Please bring a bag or two of firewood. Trip may be postponed if the weather is too wet.



Ngarkat CP / Border Track - 11 to 13th June 2016

Location	Ngarkat Conservation Park (near Pinnaroo).
Dates	Queen's Birthday Long Weekend Saturday 11 th to Monday 13 th June.
Trip Leader(s)	Russel Kruzycki () or Lee Kruzycki ().
Trip Starting Point	Ngarkat - Pine Hut Soak campground. - Approx 3 hours 250Km from Adelaide. From Tailem Bend follow the Mallee Highway; 5km west of Pinnaroo turn right onto Rosy Pine Lane (at Ngarkat Park sign), continue south for approx. 17km. The campsite is just inside the park entrance (35° 25.319'S 140° 52.771'E).
Trip Route	Sat 11 th - traveling south along Border Track to Red Bluff or Comet Bore Camp (depending on numbers and conditions). Sunday 12 th - West to Mt Rescue, North to Box Flat Campsite. Monday 13 th - leisurely drive home.
Trip Requirements	Full recovery gear, UHF Radio, Air compressor, Sand flag (recommended). Totally self sufficient camping (water, fuel & food).
Fuel Requirements	Fuel (Petrol & Diesel) available at Tailem Bend, Lameroo & Pinnaroo. Approx travel 250km on sand
Trip Accommodation	Pine Hut Soak & Red Bluff - long drop toilet only. All sites self-sufficient, BYO firewood.
Trip Costs	Ngarkat Park Costs (One Off) Entry Fee - \$10 per vehicle. \$11.00 per vehicle per night (includes up to 8 people).
Trip Description	Mallee Scrub, easy to medium sand driving
Trip Conditions & Comments	No Caravans or Campers. Strictly off road trailers only. Max 10 vehicles. It will be cold & most likely wet. Children welcome. No pets. Trip will go ahead regardless of weather

Terowie 4WD Park - 9th and 10th July 2016

Location	Terowie 4WD Park (http://www.terowie4wdpark.com)
Dates	Weekend of 9 th and 10 th July 2016 (and other later dates -15 th -16 th October 2016).
Trip Leader(s)	TBD
Trip Starting Point	9:00am 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 3 to 4. No special equipment needed, bring standard recovery gear.
Fuel Requirements	No specific fuel requirements related to the route. Petrol, Diesel and 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 Trip may be cancelled if the weather is too hot or wet.



Fromm's Farm, Mt Compass - 16th to 17th July 2016

Location	Fromm's Farm, Mt Compass.
Dates	16th to 17th July 2016
Trip Leader(s)	Allan & Kathy Dix ()
Trip Start Point	Fromm's Farm, Mt. Compass.
Trip Route	How to get there: From the Mount Crawford Information Centre turn left onto Warren Road, follow for 2.5km, turn left on to Cricks Mill Road (to Mount Pleasant) and left again immediately on to Mount Road. Follow for 1km and turn right through the gate to Fromm's Farm. GPS: -34°43'28" 138°57'58"
Trip Accommodation	Large three-sided shelter shed, Internal fireplace, External picnic tables, Fire pit, Rainwater (not suitable for drinking), Long drop Toilet, Internal and external solar lighting. https://www.forestry.sa.gov.au/Recreation/Accommodation/Fromms-Farm for further details.
Trip Costs	\$130.00 divided between number of vehicles attending. Maximum number of Campsites is 16.
Trip Description	Social camping weekend with fire provisions for camp oven dinner's Saturday evening. Walking and bicycle trails. Check in from 2pm Saturday - Checkout Sunday afternoon.
Trip Conditions & Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vehicles must be parked in designated areas only. You are not permitted to drive in the forest. ▪ Generators are <u>NOT</u> permitted. Keep noise levels down. ▪ Gas fires are permitted from 1 April, Wood fires from 1 May, Fallen timber can be collected from adjoining pine plantations for firewood. It is an offence to cut standing timber. Someone must be present at all times and ensure that the fire is fully extinguished before departure. ▪ Cleaning: The shelter, toilet and grounds must be left in a clean and tidy state, with all rubbish removed. ▪ Dogs under control permitted, baiting programs in use. ▪ Other conditions may be imposed by ForestrySA. ▪ NO ENTRY ON DAYS OF TOTAL FIRE BAN.

Saunders Gorge (Angela's Day Out) - 6th to 7th August 2016

Location	Saunders Gorge (Angela's Day Out)
Dates	Saturday 6 th August 2016 with optional overnight camp to Sunday 7 th August.
Trip Leader(s)	Kathy Dix ()
Trip Start Point	<i>EagleView</i> 4WD Track, 159 Three Chain Road, Sanderston - Map available once registered. Departure time for track: 11.00 am. All Meet a campground before 11.00am.
Trip Route	4WD track through a Private Conservation Area The track is designed to be a scenic drive through rough and rugged country side.
Trip Requirements	4WD vehicle with low range. (NO All Wheel Drives) Track is ~3 hours with many scenic spots to stop and enjoy. Basic recovery equipment
Fuel Requirements	Fuels available - Mt Pleasant & Mannum.
Trip Accommodation	Campground accommodation has toilet facilities, Camping conditions apply - see trip leader for details. Campfire allowed (wood available on site).
Trip Costs	Track access -\$55.00 per vehicle for a one-way loop of the property. (\$10.00 deposit required when registering) Accommodation: \$10.00 per night, (CASH ONLY) \$10 deposit required when registering please. Donation to Cancer Foundation instead of RFDS
Trip Description	ANGELA'S DAY OUT - For Female drivers (Annual Ladies Day in memory of Angela Pompeuse) Partners and Children welcome for the ride, however Ladies only driving please. Trainers and experienced drivers are available for support. Rating 2-3, easy to moderate hill and rock climbs and descents. Beautiful views and walks.
Trip Conditions & Comments	Maximum no of vehicles - 14 (not including leaders). Must be registered within 7 days of trip departure. No pets.



Ngarkat CP Cox's Mill Campground Upgrade - 13th to 14th August 2016



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NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK

**Cox's Mill Campground Upgrade Working Bee
13th & 14th August 2016**

WHAT: Within the Ngarkat CP, Cox's Mill campground is about 4km east along the track from the Pine Hut Soak campground to the Border Track intersection. It is directly adjacent Cox' Windmill, a relic from the pastoral days of the area. Cox's Mill campground has been used for many years as an ad-hoc campground for 4WD enthusiasts who are preparing to traverse the Border Track.

Recently, DEWNR (South Australian Government Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources) and the 4WDSA Border Track committee planned an upgrade to the ad-hoc nature of the campground. This involved creating a separate entrance and exit to the campground and re-aligning the Pine Hut Soak track just away from the entrance to the campground. This work has just been completed by heavy equipment sourced by DEWNR.

Remaining to be done in this Working Bee is setting the boundaries of the campground using fencing in a similar manner to that at the Pine Hut Soak campground along with any residual clearing of vegetation. Fencing materials have been funded directly by DEWNR and through grant funding obtained by the 4WDSA Border Track committee. DEWNR will provide any specialist tools needed for the work, volunteers will need to provide basic hand tools and their labour.

WHEN: Weekend of 13th & 14th August 2016. Work starts at 9am on the Saturday, but you may setup camp on the afternoon or evening of the preceding Friday.

WHERE: Meet and camp at the Ngarkat CP Pine Hut Soak campsite (S35° 25' 20" E140° 52' 46").

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). You may like to bring wood for a campfire as the working bee date is well outside fire danger season.

Equipment:

Tools Post hole digging tools, pruners, loppers, bow saw, handsaw, shovel, rake, hand tools, battery powered electric drill with a range of drill sizes and spade bits, battery powered angle grinder with thin metal cut-off blades.

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

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.

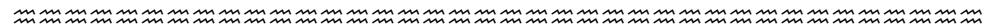
CONTACT:

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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:

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






KESAB CLEANUP - Saturday 13th August 2016

Location	Main North Rd Pooraka
Dates	Saturday 13 th August 2016
Trip Leader(s)	John Henderson ()
Trip Starting Point	Meet South Terrace Pooraka at 9 am. Westside of roundabout just past Alfred St.
Trip Route	Cleanup Main North Rd - Gepps Cross to Montague Rd. Expected duration of 2 to 3 hours.
Trip Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 vehicles with trailers or utes (inform leaders if you can supply a trailer) - good walking shoes, hat, sunblock, handheld UHF radio - drinks -> plenty of water ! - gloves & safety vest (better if you use your own - but if you haven't got any we can supply them.) - litter bags and tongs provided by KESAB
	 
Fuel Requirements	None
Trip Accommodation	N/A
Trip Costs	None
Trip Description	Roadside cleanup of Main North Rd.
Trip Conditions & Comments	BBQ lunch supplied after the cleanup. Children below the age of 18 years old must be under direct supervision of a Parent, Guardian or Carer.

Geranium (Dorado Downs) - 27th to 28th August 2016

Location	Geranium (Dorado Downs). Day trip (Saturday) or 2 day weekend trip.
Dates	Weekend of 27 th and 28 th August (and later dates of 12 th and 13 th November 2016).
Trip Leader(s)	TBD
Trip Starting Point	For this trip (27th to 28th August 2016) the starting point will be the Tailern Bend Shell RoadHouse at 7:30pm on the Friday evening (26th August). Those traveling on the Saturday morning should contact the trip leader who will provide a map so that you can drive directly to the property.
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. Flushing Toilets and Hot Shower available. 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.



Weekend in Whyalla - 30th September to 2nd October 2016

4WD WEEKEND IN WHYALLA
October Long Weekend
30th, 1st, 2nd Oct 2016

Silent auction with great donated prizes
Access to private properties
Trips from easy to hard
Camp Oven Cook-Off
Night Nav

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL \$90

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for details to come

Peake - 10th to 11th December 2016

Location	Peake - Day trip or 2 day weekend trip
Dates	Weekend of 10 th to 11 th December 2016.
Trip Leader(s)	Allen Bing ()
Trip Starting Point	In Peake at a parking area near "Polly's Well" historic point (northern side of the Mallee Highway opposite the Peake hotel) at 9:00 am on the Saturday. Contact trip leader if you wish to setup on the Friday evening.
Trip Route	Note: Training may be available, discuss with trip leader. Scenic trip along the Princes Highway to Taillem Bend and then east along the Mallee Highway to the trip starting point at Peake at your own pace. Peake is ~50km east from Taillem Bend along the Mallee Highway (~2 hrs from Adelaide to Peake). There is a very short distance (a few km's) from the trip starting point to the Peake property.
Trip Requirements	No Limit to vehicle numbers. Type and grade of driving is generally easy to moderate, with more difficult sand dunes available as a challenge. Standard recovery gear essential, UHF radio, Sand Flag.
Trip Accommodation	Bush Camping costs on private property. Long drop Toilets. Shelter shed. Suitable for campers and normal caravans.
Trip Costs	\$20 per day driving which includes camping overnight Saturday.
Conditions & Comments	Please bring a bag of firewood. Dogs OK - must be well behaved and ALWAYS on a leash. Training may be available (for club members) - see trip leader. Trip may be cancelled if the weather is too hot or wet.



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



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

Trip Calendar
 From
 June 2016

Club Trip Calendar (From June 2016)

Month	M	T	W	T	F	S	S		Dates	Location	Trip Leader	Contact Ph.	Type (Grade)	Notes
June	30	31	1☺	2	3	4	5	==>	04/06-05/06	Ngarkat C.P.	Darryl McManus		Sand & Hills (3)	See newsletter page 10. Track Survey.
2016	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	==>	11/06-13/06	Ngarkat C.P.	Russel Kruzycki		Sand & Hills (3)	See newsletter page 11
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	==>	18/06	Colin's Workshop	Colin Schubert		Vehicle Training	See newsletter page 5.
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26							Vehicle familiarity workshop.
July	27	28	29	30	1	2	3							
2016	4	5	6☺	7	8	9	10	==>	09/07-10/07	Terowie 4WD Park	TBD		Tracks & Hills (3)	See newsletter page 11.
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	==>	16/07-17/07	Fromm's Farm	Kathy Dix		Social Camping	See newsletter page 12.
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24							"Angela's Day Out" trip.
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	/=>	06/08-07/08	Saunders Gorge	Kathy Dix		Tracks & Hills (3)	See newsletter page 12.
August	1	2	3☺	4	5	6	7	/=>	13/08	Main North Road	John Henderson		Cleanup Event	See newsletter page 14.
2016	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	==>	13/08-14/08	Ngarkat C.P.	Darryl McManus		Sand & Hills (3)	See newsletter page 13. Working Bee.
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	\=>	13/08-14/08	4WDSA Cavan	Colin Schubert		Theory Training	See newsletter page 5.
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	\=>	19/08-22/08	Loveday (Barmera)	Community 4WD Event		4WD Gathering	See newsletter page 6.
September	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	\=>	27/08-28/08	Geranium	TBD		Sand & Hills (3)	Dorado Downs. See newsletter page 14.
2016	5	6	7☺	8	9	10	11	\=>	03/09-04/09	Fromm's Farm	Kathy Dix		Social Camping	Similar to trip on newsletter page 12.
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18							
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25							Weekend In Whyalla.
October	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	==>	30/09-03/10	Whyalla	TBD			See newsletter page 15.
2016	3	4	5☺	6	7	8	9							
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	==>	15/10-16/10	Terowie 4WD Park	TBD		Tracks & Hills (3)	See newsletter page 11.
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23							
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	==>	30/10-25/11	Tasmania	Terri Bateup			Trip closed. Placed on trip calendar for information.
November	31	1	2☺	3	4	5	6							
2016	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	==>	12/11-13/11	Geranium	TBD		Sand & Hills (3)	Dorado Downs. See newsletter page 14.
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20							
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27							
December	28	29	30	1	2	3	4							
2016	5	6	7☺	8	9	10	11	==>	10/12-11/12	Peake	Allen Bing		Sand & Hills (3)	See newsletter page 15.