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CLUB MEETINGS are held at the Challa Gardens Primary School, Humphries Terrace (off Torrens Road), Kilkeny on the first Thursday of every month except January. Meetings commence at 7.30 pm.

The Nissan Patrol Club is a member of Four Wheel Drive SA Inc (FWDSA), which is a member of Four Wheel Drive Australia Pty Ltd (formerly the Australian National Four Wheel Drive Council Inc (ANFWDC)).

UHF Channel 21 is recognised as the official Club radio channel.

Patrolling the Editor's Desk

Hi Folk

This magazine has been particularly difficult to put together since there have been no club adventures and few submissions of articles. Many thanks to Pat and Trisha for their engaging articles. This magazine is for all of us and requires input from lots of people. Have you got anything to share?

I have been looking for a new vehicle and found the process very daunting. I've made a poor choice for an ordinary car in the past and a 4 wheel drive just seems so much more difficult. Hopefully the prado we picked will last a few years and I'll be able to submit some cool photographs to the website really soon

I'm looking forward to some adventure this year and hope to meet more of you out on the track

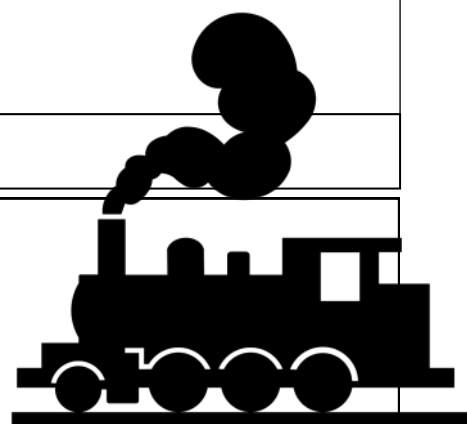
Cheers, Anne

30 YEARS AGO-1987

STEAM RANGER TO VICTOR HARBOR

It was a bright spring morning with a temperature forecast for high twenties. The McDonalds along with about eighty other NPC members and friends we were looking forward to another enjoyable outing arranged by Lorraine. We were not denied it was an excellent day Thankyou Lorraine, well done.

We left on time and travelled through the southern suburbs on the Melbourne line. There were passengers at every window waving to the numerous spectators, who I am sure would love to have been with us. Soon the Adelaide Hills displayed their grandeur. To travel through these hills on Steam Ranger gave me an appreciation of the worth of this tourist attraction. It was well worth maintaining the line to ensure this enjoyable family outing is still available to all. We were caught unawares at the first tunnel with windows down. We now all know what a steam train really smells like. (it was great). However we are fast learners and on the return journey not only were the windows down but the lights were out too!!!!



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Trip Reports, photos, and any items of interest are all welcome. Please forward to the Editor. Contact details on page 3.

THE DEADLINE FOR JUNE ISSUE IS:- 25th MAY 2018

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2018	Future Events	Leader	Activity
29 th March – 2 nd April	Easter – Big Desert	Dave & Helen Richards	4W Driving with Otways club
21 st April – 3 rd May	Corner Country	Aileen & Rod Kitto	4WDriving Convoy Limit: 6
23 rd April – open ended	Venus Bay	Janice Lamkin	Camping & Social
4 th –5 th May	Deep Creek - working bee	Wayne Dunn	Park maintenance Camping & Social
11 th May	Theatre night - <i>High Society</i>	Jeff Schapel	Social
20 th – 30 th May	Trip with Friends of the Simpson Desert	Anne Fritsch	Park maintenance Camping & Social
2 nd – 30 th June	Canning Stock Route	Dave Roe	4W Driving
16 th – 17 th June	Peake	Craig Wood, Helen & Dave Richards	Driver training, camp cooking & 4x4 games
24 th June	Mid-year lunch	Helen Richards	Social
12 th October	Theatre night – <i>Can Can</i>		Social
2 nd –4 th November	Morgan Training weekend	Dave Richards	4W Driving Social
Dates undecided	Deep Creek – Working bee		Park maintenance Camping & Social
25 th November	Xmas family picnic		Social
16 th December	Breakfast in the park		Social



(Remember to complete your ICE form prior to commencing on your Trip.)

All participants must register their name and vehicle registration on the trip sheet, or advise the trip leader of their participation. Registration is required to comply with the Club's public liability insurance policy. Visitors are welcome to join most trips and social events; simply register your name on the sheet in the trip folder or see the Trips Officer. Visitors must also sign the Club "Warning" forms if participating on a trip.

All participants must confirm with the designated Trip Leader by the Confirmation Date that they still wish to attend the event or trip. Failure to do so will indicate to the Trip Leader that you do NOT wish to participate.

If at the last minute you are unable to join a trip for which you have registered, please make every endeavour to advise either the trip leader or someone else joining the trip. This will ensure the group is not held up waiting for a non-arrival.

The Presidents Points

Hi Patrollers,

Well we are in our 4th month now. We have already held our past 2 committee meetings at our new venue at the Avoca

Hotel and this has turned out to be very successful. We have a Committee that is pro-active and enthusiastic. Some old faces and some new are settling into their positions and are enjoying the participation within the group.

Our members would have enjoyed their trip to Rainbow Victoria for Easter as this Presidents Points was going to print. There will be a write up in the June's magazine.

Venus Bay trip is being held in late April and is an open-ended trip.

We have our theatre night on Friday 11th May to see the musical "High Society" with coffee at Bocelli Caffe after the show.

A trip with Friends of the Desert is being held at the end of May.

We have our mid-year lunch being held on Sunday 24th June 2018 at the Club Marion at 12.30pm. A 3-course meal at \$45 a head is being provided. Would love to see you there. It's a great way of catching up with your Nissan friends. The folder is available on the trips table. Payment to be made to Maddie by June 7th.

Jenny Thompson is thrilled to be nominated as an Honorary member of the Nissan Patrol Club of SA Inc. and has accepted. We hope to present Jenny with her framed Honorary Membership at our mid-year lunch.

Remember to live life to the fullest and always focus on the positive.

Happy travels,

Your club President

Helen Richards (364)



NISSAN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVER AWARDS

Our President presented 3 awards at the March general meeting

The first to Bob Johnson – a great Santa Claus and to Trish Harding as Santa's assistant.

Then to Rod Kitto and Dave Richards – they helped to retrieve a 4WD at Goolwa Murray Mouth.

And a special thank you to Jeff and Jeanene Schapel for opening up their house over the past many years for Committee Meetings – Helen presented them with a gift voucher.



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Our Rail- Sail trip.

This trip had nothing whatsoever to do with four-wheel driving, but was undertaken by many of our members, plus a couple of past members. It started when I asked a travel agent if we could go to Perth on the Indian Pacific train and return via a small cruise liner, named the Astor. Since the answer was in the affirmative I quickly rang around and gathered three other couples to join us. They were Kate & John Church, Jeffrey & Jeanene Schapel and David & Gloria Foster. Shortly afterwards we discovered that yet another couple (Colin & Trish Goodrich) accompanied by past members Roger & Aileen Foreman would also be on the train with us. We were all very pleased at the prospect of travelling thus together

Because the Indian Pacific train leaves Adelaide in the evening, the company dines its customers first at the Adelaide Wine Centre, then takes them to the train via coach, giving them all a chance to meet each other and saving a lot of bother with luggage and bookings into the bargain. The journey across to Perth takes two days, with stops at Cook and Rawlinna Station to deliver supplies to the locals. We learned to walk through the carriages to the dining car and the lounge car with legs apart for balance, and the staff went to great pains to ensure that we could sit together for meals. The beds are put down while you are at dinner and the atmosphere in the lounge car was relaxed and fun. The food is delicious. Cook is almost a ghost town these days, the fettlers no longer required on site, but the past is carefully preserved. It had always been a hot place to live and life there was rough and very hard. The old prison cell



(above) was all the proof needed. The stop at Rawlinna, on the other hand was almost romantic. Trestle tables were set up alongside the train, little lanterns cast tiny pools of light and a most delightful meal was served as evening fell. The wine was lovely, the company splendid, stars were shining and we all trooped back aboard feeling as though we had experienced something special

Pulling into Perth East railway station the next morning we were met by the driver of the unfortunately-named d.o.a. bus company, who was to transport us to our hotel. It was here that we said our goodbyes to Trish, Colin, Aileen and Roger and went our separate ways. They went on to have walks in the Perth Mall, a cruise down the Swan River to Fremantle to visit the markets, the Roundhouse and the Maritime Museum, before thoroughly exploring the Bell Tower – even taking turns at ringing the bells. They then went on touring around the South West of WA before flying back to Adelaide.



In the meantime our little group, now accompanied by a few new friends, spent the next day exploring Perth by means of their fabulous free bus system. There are four free CAT buses, going roughly north, south, east and west around Perth and by careful means you can see almost everything. We checked out the view from Kings Park, wandered along the mall to see Perth Pete, and even found ourselves just in time to hear the glockenspiel sound at midday at London Court, where at one end of this exclusive little mall the dragon wins, and at the other end the knights on their white steeds win. We caught glimpses of the WACA from



the buses, had another look at the Kings Park gardens, and had lunch at the newly updated Queens wharf area. If we had only known about the others ringing the bells at roughly the same time..... Dinner that night was at the hotel, we were all tuckered out from leaping about from one bus to another, but it had been an enjoyable day.

The next morning we were collected from the hotel by another d.o.a. driver who, once again, gave us a scenic tour before settling down to work and transporting us to Fremantle to catch the Astor. As soon as we had parked our luggage at the wharf arrival lounge we took off again, this time on the Fremantle CAT bus system. There are two CAT buses in Fremantle, one for the "tourist loop" and the other for Fremantle's residential and industrial area. Of course we did the tourist loop TWICE, in case we had missed anything, then piled out to have a delightful lunch sitting at the Fishing Boat Harbour wharf eating seafood chowder or fish and chips.



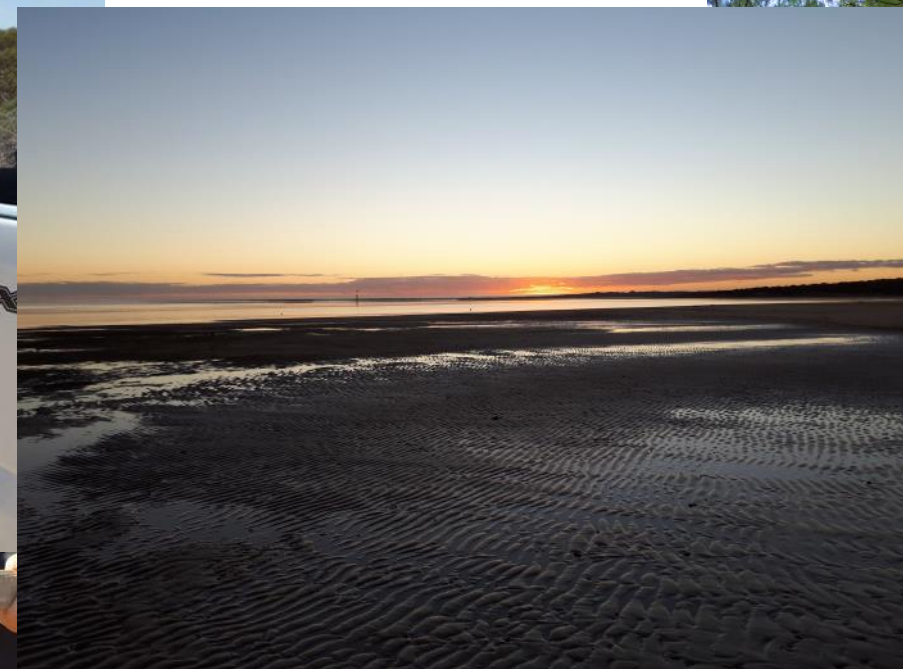
Boarding the Astor came next. Once again the staff were more than accommodating. They went out of their way to create a table for eight in the dining room, and space in the Lounge for the evening entertainment. The singing and dancing were very good, and the band (especially the saxophonist) was excellent. Once again we learned to walk with legs spread apart for balance in the 2 – 3 metre swells. While at sea we relaxed and settled for eating the lovely food, then came the scheduled stop at Esperance.



Due to the swell we were transferred to shore by tender, an experience that was responsible for us all deciding never to be involved in a shipwreck necessitating too much time being spent in a tender awaiting rescue. Most of us then simply spent the day wandering about the pretty town of Esperance as it basked in the sunshine. But Kate & John had decided to take a special tour, which included a look at the recently constructed replica of Stonehenge as it appears in England. Using the appropriate lay lines to bring it into the right position so that the sun shines through the correct apertures during solstice it was built exactly to scale. Thus we can now see how Stonehenge was when it was first created by the Druids all those years back. That left only Valentine's Day celebrations aboard the Astor to be enjoyed, (note the elaborate fruit carving display) and the final leg of the homeward journey to be enjoyed.

All in all it had been a really interesting and fun trip and we had all enjoyed it despite it having no connection with four wheel driving at all. It just goes to show that friendship amongst our current and past club members is most important regardless of the circumstances. And it only took three days to get our land-legs back again





Some of the fabulous photographs that I get to see as editor of our magazine.

Some new & some look so much better in colour

So You Want To “Do The Canning”?
Or diary notes of an eventful trip

I have been encouraged by others to tell of our experiences encountered on a 4WD trip travelling the Canning Stock Route in Western Australia. Late in 2004 Colin & I were invited to join other family members in July 2005.

The line-up:

Colin & Tricia	L’cruiser 100S	Diesel
Joan (Colin’s sister) & Kevin	L’cruiser 80S	Diesel
Bronwyn (Joan & Kevin’s elder daughter) & David, with Keziah (6), Kynan (4) & Talisha (2)	L’cruiser 80S	Diesel
Mark (Joan & Kevin’s younger son) & Fiona, with Rohan (9) & Damon (6)	Pajero	Petrol

Joan, Kevin, Bronwyn & David had already travelled the 1800 or so kms Stock Route before, so David was the main organiser, co-ordinator and a great cook. We were to have communal meals to save on fires/gas, pots and pans etc. Colin & I allowed 1 week to get from Adelaide to the start of the Canning, 3 weeks along the Route and a week to return to Adelaide. All 4 vehicles were to meet at Coolgardie on 2nd July then head to Wiluna by 4 July – the start of the Canning – finishing at Billiluna 3 weeks later. My incentive to go was to have an ice-cream at Billiluna and to see Wolfe Creek crater.

Joan & Kevin’s vehicle carried all the spares, tools & fuel for the Pajero and all the fresh food required for the 3 weeks. Mark & Fiona had to fit in all their camping equipment & the 2 children. Bronwyn & David had to fit in their camping equipment, extra fuel, half the “dry/packet” food stuffs and 3 children. We had 2 fridges to house all the vacuum packed meat for the 3 weeks for us all, and half the “dry/packet” foods stuffs, extra fuel & camping equipment.



1 week to go: before departing Adelaide: Bronwyn phones us.

Kynan has chicken pox. Not a problem – we’ve had it – should be fine!

2 days to go (Perth) Kevin’s vacuuming Mark’s swimming pool, prior to leaving. His new CDMA phone is on the bottom – you know – the sort that doesn’t store phone numbers on a SIM card. OK, still have 1 day to buy another phone – now he’s paying off 2 phones and doesn’t have all the emergency phone numbers lost in the 1st phone. Won’t need them will we?

1 day before departure (Adelaide) Why isn’t the Autofridge coping with all this meat (\$600.00 worth). Swap fridges? No, put meat in house fridge overnight.

D.Day (Departure Day) 29th June (Adelaide). Meat is now in the Waeco under the large swag and the other stuff in the Autofridge in the back. Leave money for the house sitter to buy a new electric jug seeing as ours blew up last night.

Pt. Wakefield – Yes – the Autofridge is working. Phew!

Pt. Augusta – meet up with Bronwyn & co by chance so we travel together for a while.

30th June Eucla – not happy with the Autofridge – buy Ice to keep the meat cold. Transfer some meat to Bronwyn’s fridge (glad we caught up with them).

1st July Autofridge seems to be coping and working now.

2nd July Get to Kalgoorlie and find an auto electrician. Verdict: Auxiliary battery is ok and so is the Autofridge. Yippee. Press on.

Coolgardie Caravan park cabins Kaziah not well now –must be chickenpox. The others arrive bringing the fresh fruit and veg. How many fruit cakes did Joan bring?? 13!!

3rd July Damn fridges. Meat is now distributed amongst the other fridges and other food is swapped to accommodate this. Fresh foods are repacked and stored in 2 vehicles where there is

some space. The Waeco is now an expensive storage compartment. This should allow the Autofridge to work better.

Leonora Caravan Park Keziah & Talisha aren’t feeling well.

4th July Let’s get the two girls to the medical centre for assistance – here comes the chickenpox. Did manage to use our Coles fuel dockets here when filling up the tanks – didn’t expect that. Arrive at Wiluna for a last fuel fill before starting the CSR. So why is Mark taking so long to fill up? Seems he can’t get the fuel into the tank. Drives around Wiluna trying to clear the problem. Damon has an upset tummy. By now the girls are full on with the pox and Bronwyn now is totally committed to nursing them. Leave Wiluna to start the Canning at Well 1.



5th July Remove spare tyre from under our car & put it on the roof rack. Tie up chain with a cable tie. Fix aerial mount. Put solar panel on Autofridge. Swap food from Waeco to Autofridge to see if Waeco will keep milk, dairy & meat cold. Waeco won’t work. David managed to get the LED lights working. Good. Autofridge still won’t work even with the solar panel on. Have time to fix Colin’s clothes bag zip (seeing as the other were still fussing about with our fridges). Have decided to disconnect the little regulator thingy under the bonnet. Autofridge now seems to be cooling – but then so is the outside temp

6th July Thank goodness David knows about electrical stuff. We scrounge a plug from our small compressor to replace the melted one on the Waeco fridge. Can’t get the Autofridge temperature below 9° so we swap foods again, close down the

Autofridge and keep the Waeco (under the swag) working. See if you can see it in the picture. Fruit & veg are now suffering and the rot has set in (so to speak). Both girls are now improving and Bronwyn can get a well-deserved good night’s sleep soon.

7th July By evening we find a camp site just past Well 15. Use a pack of roast beef for dinner seeing as that one got punctured. Apple crumble for dessert. Yum - looking forward to that. After the crumble fell upside down on the sand there was still enough for a small serve each. No doubt the ants would have a feast on the bits left in the sand.

8th July Did I mention the problems with the fridges? Waeco is off now and the Autofridge temperature has risen to 11° – not looking good. Arrive at Durba Springs. Lovely spot – green grassy areas, plenty of shade, little creek flowing alongside the cliff face AND a toilet. Wow, I can handle that.

9th July This is a great place – plenty of water. Hair wash time, bath time for all. Went sightseeing up the nearby gorge. David has “hard-wired” the Autofridge & fixed the plug on the Waeco. Transfer food again back to the Waeco and switch off the Autofridge. Party time to celebrate the forthcoming birthdays of Kynan, Keziah and Damon. Popcorn, Spag. Bolognese, muffins, marshmallow & presents. Everyone’s happy. Was that a spot of rain or wasn’t it? Can’t be. Well let’s just put our big swag in this little tent we borrowed. Hope we put it up properly. Fly doesn’t sit right & it’s touching the inner tent. Swag fits with a push.

10th July Well the rain started about 5.30am. By 6.50am the water is dripping on the swag and us. Travellers coming in say that much rain has fallen further north for 3 days and most tracks are closed. We are now soaked to the skin; everything is wet. The men try to keep a fire going shield-ed by 2 hot plates. It’s barely alive. Tent city has appeared and everyone is cold and miserable. We make a big batch of soup – using some emergency tinned soup, half dead carrots and other vegetables. It went down well. But it’s still raining. I went to bed early to keep warm seems I have mild hypothermia. Now have a dry set of clothes for sleeping and a wet set to wear during the day.



My boots are wet inside and out. By the way, it's still raining.

11th July Woke early. Still raining. The sleep has helped raise the spirits of everyone. Put on wet clothes from yesterday. Garbages make a wonderful raincoat as long as the water doesn't run down your neck.

10a.m. Rain is easing we can all venture out. I get out my trusty 40y.o. umbrella. The creek along side us has risen but is stable and flowing fast. There's a waterfall about 120mtrs away and pooling at the bottom. Great photo shots. Other travellers arrive and are swamped by campers eager to know what it's like further North, further South. Tracks are impassable.

12th July Rain is easing, but we can't move on yet. Use the satellite phone to call Joan & Kevin's other daughter, Annette, who's in Brisbane – get a weather and road report. Will have to stay put for another day. Will make decision tomorrow. Start drying out clothes. Adjust the tent fly so it sits better and turn the swag 90°. Gee it doesn't touch the sides now.

13th July Did a stocktake of our food supplies and the feeling is that we can continue especially as we have a fuel drop waiting for us at Well 23. Take the opportunity to wash clothes, hair & have another bath. Mmm - relax. The ground is drying out.

14th July Did I mention that Joan wasn't feeling well; she's better now. Moving on today.

15th July Woke up to frost on the swag – no wonder my feet were cold. Arrive at Well 23 late in the afternoon. The fuel drums are there waiting for us. Just down the track a bit there is a long puddle in the track. We decide to camp off the road and tackle this in the morning.

16th July Puddle is about 100mtrs long and is passable with care.

17th July Kevin's car has a bit of a wheel rattle – can't be much can it?

18th July Arrive at Kunawarritji Community; refuel cars. Basic foods available. Arrive at Well 34 and Mark has to change a shock absorber –at least he brought some along. We didn't bring any –hope we don't need them. The track leading to and from the community is very corrugated.

19th July Just approaching Well 35 Joan & Kevin's car has blown a radiator hose. Water from Fiona's "washing machine" tub is used to top up the radiator. The car is towed 4km to Well 35 where we have morning tea and assess the damage. Car has a blown motor and won't start. It is then towed 46km back to Well 33 where we can camp and assess the situation. Going slow over corrugations does nothing for the suspension. Thank goodness we weren't that far from the



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Contact Marina



Community –could have been a problem had we had been further north. Did I mention that I have a sore back & need to rest a bit?

20th July According to the poster at the Community it would cost \$5,500.00 for a truck to come from Port Hedland to tow the car out. David, Colin & Kevin go into the Community and managed to get bits and pieces to weld up a solid tow bar. Nice work by the men; good job David had his own welding rods as the ones available weren't the best. Now when we tow Kevin's car it won't run into the back of ours. The extra

half-day at this spot has allowed myself and the others to rest up and look after the children. After lunch we packed up and left Well 33 heading West for Port Hedland. Mark & Fiona went ahead of us as escort and to advise any oncoming traffic of the slow moving "2/3rds". Bronwyn and David took the food for dinner and went ahead to find a good spot for camping and to get the roast going. Seeing as we were towing Kevin it had to be some place where we could easily drive into and turn around. At the campsite we set about gathering wood for the fire. Mark accidentally got a large splinter in his hand. All was OK until he fainted. At least he was already half sitting down at the time. Couldn't get the splinter out so it will have to stay there for the time being.

21st July New day, bit refreshed; Colin continues to drive. Joan & Kevin are still sitting about 3.5 metres behind – they're getting a good fuel consumption at the moment. We are travelling about 40kph as it's still a dirt road and don't want stones throwing up on the towed car. Finally the road changes to bitumen and we can increase our speed to about 70kph. Mark has decided to seek medical attention for his hand once we get the Port Hedland. Only another day and a half to go. Let's stop for afternoon tea! Kevin checks a back wheel and finds that the shock-absorber has broken in half and has been rubbing on the inside of the tyre. It wouldn't be long before it would have worn right through the tyre. Good job we had decided to stop. Headlight lens and 2 driving lights have been broken –more than likely from stones flicked up. Add that to the cost of repairs.



22nd July Time to move on. Get to Marble Bar at 9.30am. We are still being followed very closely by Joan & Kevin! Not easy to pull up at the fuel bowser but we ease the vehicles in. How lucky can we be? A local (Jim) is sitting watching us. He offers to help (just needs money for phone calls and Joan obliges). Over lunch at the playground, Jim arrives and has organised for the car to be back-freighted from Pt. Hedland to Perth for a very reasonable fee. All Kevin has to do is to contact the person there. How nice some country folk can be. Bronwyn & David go ahead to find the best Caravan Park that we can pull into with the towed vehicle. It's been a long day and a long 3 days towing – about 830kms in all. Colin is quite exhausted. Mind you the fuel consumption is good 16.5 L/100km for 2 vehicles is surely 8.25L/100km each. It's also Kaziah's birthday so we celebrate with fish and chips.

By now all our plans have really gone astray. We are now far from where we should be at this point of our trip. I had no idea we were to see the Pilbara, let alone the Kimberleys. David is anxious to get to Alice Springs as planned. But as luck would have it – his parents, who they are meeting are delayed due to other issues. If we leave tomorrow we should be able to make Alice Springs only one day late.

23rd July We should move on. Colin could do with a break but seeing as Bronwyn has a migraine headache and not feeling at all well it's decided that we have a rest day. Good job we're

The shutter bugs were out at the first watering stop. The train was watered before the passengers. The refreshment carriage opened and parched throats were slaked. The gentle run into Strathalbyn through mixed farming area was a pleasant change from the Hills.

After leaving Strathalbyn we seemed to pick up speed as we raced across the plains to the coast. The cereal crops were in full bloom and Don who suffers from hay fever filled several handkerchiefs. I enjoyed the banksias, wattles, correas and other wild flowers that were in bloom. The approach to Victor Harbour along the coast is another highlight of the journey. The track perches on top of the sand dunes and there was an excellent view of the surf and the bathers, both male and female. We reached Victor just as the hunger pains were biting.

There are many fine restaurants and eating houses at Victor and we settled for some country baked pies and pasties, with some delightful pastries. This we washed down with coffee most enjoyable

Granite Island called, and a quick circuit with a look at the penguins and wallabies and some fresh sea air aided our digestion. It is good to see the horse drawn tram is again in operation. I prefer it to the old Land Rover powered carriage that was in operation there

The return trip included a light evening meal that was one of the best pre-packed meals that I have enjoyed. We washed this down with some excellent SA white that was available from the refreshment carriage

All too soon the suburbs of Adelaide were reached and we waved to our last onlookers

It was the conclusion of another great outing arranged by Lorraine

Jenny McDonald

Member 77

Footnote: The Steam Ranger Tourist Railway operated from 1986 to 1995. Various Steam Ranger services now run between Mount Barker, Strathalbyn, Finniss, Goolwa and Victor Harbour



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in a nice caravan park, with a swimming pool. The day looks like being hot. We all relax now and enjoy the time. Joan now takes the time to ring Annette again, (using the new phone of course). Annette gets the cost and times of flights and buses from Pt. Hedland to Perth. So once the car is taken around to the freight depot in 2 days time, Joan & Kevin will be able to get a flight back to Perth – to Mark & Fiona's place where their caravan is stored. Kevin makes phone calls to his 4WD parts supplier in Adelaide and he is able to track down a reconditioned motor. In Victoria. It's just about ready to be shipped to Canada. So with persuasion it is redirected to Perth. Mark has a mechanic in Perth that will put the new motor in.

Bronwyn, David, Colin & I do our planning. It's only 2340kms to Alice via Broome, Halls Creek and the Tanami Track. We have 2 vehicles, 3 children, 4 adults and 4 days to do it. Not a problem...

24th July Leaving the others we head north. Turn right at Roebuck Junction, 34km from Broome but we don't have time to call in there; we have to turn eastward. Camp about 100kms east of Broome.

25th July Arrive Halls Creek Caravan Park.

26th July Travel south to the Wolfe Creek crater and the start of the Tanami Track. Did I mention my goal was to have an ice-cream at Billiluna? We arrive there at mid-day. The shop is closed and only one person is around – the rest have gone bush. Luckily he can serve us some fuel seeing as we had followed the tanker in. NO ice-creams! Down the Tanami we stop because the cable tie on our spare wheel carrier has broken loose and is rattling. David and Bronwyn decide to stop also. David checks around his vehicle and find "oil" splashed up on the back bumper area. The rear diff plug is missing. Colin starts to hunt around for something to improvise. A cork from a wine bottle maybe? And where are the spares? In Kevin's car back at Pt. Hedland. Then 2 vehicles from NSW stop and believe it or not one of them has a plug – the right plug. Can't thank them enough. We then make an intravenous drip arrangement – cut up a 'pep' bottle, plastic hose and use some other oil to refill the diff. It was a temporary measure.

27th July Loose 1½ hrs travelling across the border. Good job we didn't rely on fuel at Rabbit Flat - it's closed (is it ever open when you want it?). We have enough fuel to get to Tilmouth. I have my ice-cream here – not the same as having it at Billiluna. Arrive at Alice Springs.

28th July David has finally met up with his parents and they were planning to head west to the West MacDonal Ranges for another holiday. He has had the rear diff oil replaced.

29th July David takes his car to get a wheel alignment done. Fortunately whilst the car is up on the hoist the mechanic tells David that the radiator has a leak. The family is delayed again so a new radiator can be fitted. And a good job too as his shock absorbers haven't arrived from Adelaide yet. Maybe they'll arrive later today.

30th July David & co leave for their other holiday and we stay another day before travelling south to Adelaide. I have to be back at work soon.

It took 3 weeks before the splinter in Mark's hand worked its way out. Kevin & Joan arrived back in Perth to await the arrival of their car from Pt. Hedland, the motor from Victoria and the mechanic to fix it. About 3 weeks later they are both ready to leave Perth and return to Adelaide.

Of all the things that went "wrong" we can say that they happened at a time and place where we were able to fix the problem. There were lots of other good moments during the trip but this report is not about those times. Although we never completed the whole of the Canning Stock Route the holiday is certainly a memorable one.

Tricia Goodrich
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