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**CLUB MEETINGS** are held at the Challa Gardens Primary School, Humphries Terrace (off Torrens Road), Kilkenny 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 All,

I love the autumn weather.... if only the days weren't getting shorter.

What interesting times we live in! I must admit the threat of the virus is a worry but we must just carry on. I hope you all have adequate supplies of toilet paper on hand!!!! I'm not sure why people went so crazy on that particular item

Wow what a difference this darned virus is making. I wrote the original editorial a week ago when we were still looking forward to a normal life with trips and outings to come. Now, all I can say is stay safe and healthy

Cheers, Anne

## 30 YEARS AGO-1990

### The Keyneton Weekend

#### Saturday 11th March 1990

I arrived at the Keyneton Oval about lunchtime. I was first greeted at the entrance gate by Ann Riddle and Kevin Osborn who wanted my money for the weekend. I thought the \$8 was good value.

I drove over to the shelter where the swap meet was being held, said some hellos, and put my Nissan parts there to be sold. Or, so I thought. Then I walked over to where I could hear a lot of party animals. I was right it was the Nissan Club.... I was instantly made welcome by the familiar sound of Janice's laughing. After talking with the members I suddenly had the urge to eat. I followed my nose to where the Landrover Owners Club had set up a BBQ where I bought some good tucker for a small fee.

Next it was time to go out to the test track to try out some of the latest released vehicles. The companies Ford, Toyota, Mitsubishi, Holden, Lada Niva and 4 Wheel Drive Equipment were all represented. Some of the various club members jumped into the test vehicles for a free lift to the track. I was in the 4 Runner and was surprised by the nice interior and quietness of the 4WD.

On arriving at the track keen drivers were all testing out the new vehicles.

Ford 2 Mavericks - a petrol SWB automatic and a diesel LWB manual.

Toyota - a four door petrol 4 Runner manual and a petrol Landcruiser Sahara (with all the extras).

Mitsubishi — petrol V6 Pajero automatic.

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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 2020**

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2020 onwards			
6 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Googs Track	Dave & Helen Richards	With the Otways 4x4club 4W Driving
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Theatre Night "Legally Blonde" Theatre, Angas St. Adelaide	Jeff Schapel	
15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> May	Dorado Downs	Dave & Helen Richards	Sand driving/Social With the Mitsubishi Club
6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> June	Farina	Paul Ware	
12 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> June	Peake	Dave & Helen Richards	Sand driving/Social With the Mitsubishi Club
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Mid Year Lunch	John Day	Social
2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> October	Whyalla	Still be decided if going ahead	
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Theatre Night "Nice work if you can get it"	Jeff Schapel	Social
16 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	Deep Creek	Wayne Dunn	Working bee/Social Community service
30 <sup>th</sup> October- 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Morgan	Dave & Helen Richards	Quarry driving With the Mitsubishi Club
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Family Xmas Picnic Challa Gardens Primary School		Social
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Breakfast in the Park Rymill Park Rose Garden		Social
2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Otways	Dave & Helen Richards	With the Otways 4x4club 4W Driving



**(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

Hello Patrollers,

Well, what a strange world we are currently living in. Country after Country shutting down and Covid-19 running wild.

The Committee took the unforeseen move to cancel the March Committee Meeting and have cancelled all April meetings and the Googs Track Easter trip to assist with the social distancing and safety of the Members of the Club. The situation will be reviewed again at the end of April, but May is not looking good for Club meetings and events either at this stage.

The May Deep Creek trip has been cancelled following advice from DEW.

I am glad that the Club Members have embraced modern technologies and we are still able to communicate via email, facebook, messenger, skype, whatsapp, etc, and even by the old fashioned phone!

On a cheerier note, the weekend at Bushies was attended by five Club Members, three Mitsubishi Club Members and a family of one of the Club Members on Saturday. I believe "interesting" is a good way to describe the first trip to Bushies. The campsite area was excellent, but the sand was dry and very soft. Most people made it up the short test dunes, but all other dunes were impossible to ascend for most attendees. The camp kitchen is very well set up and David, the owner, is an interesting character. All appeared to enjoy the weekend.

Happy Easter to all, and stay safe.

Your Club President  
John Day (407)





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## **MURBKO LAGOON 23 - 27 JANUARY 2020**

Once again the Nissan Patrol Club celebrated Australia Day at Murbko Lagoon downstream from Morgan on the River Murray. Club members Jim and Pauline Byfield, Brian and Judy Cook, Geoff and Marie Dalitz, Dave and Gloria Foster, Mike and Renée Garrett, Don and Kathy Grigg, Jeff and Jeanene Schapel, Des and Pat Trowbridge, and visitors Brian and Kerry Booy enjoyed some perfect weather (warm to hot days but cool nights). We also had several visits from Daryl and Mellisa Cook and their granddaughter Poppy who were camped over on the river.

Several members travelled into Morgan on Saturday morning to visit the local market. Marie even bought a bike! As some members needed to return to Adelaide on Sunday, we celebrated Australia Day on Saturday. Happy hour merged into a shared dessert. Amongst the treats were pavlova, lamingtons, bread and butter pudding, trifle, stewed apricots and custard, and miniature savaloys. Of course everyone put on their Australia Day clobber. By consensus, Kathy had the most interesting.

Several canoe armadas were undertaken both north and south to the lagoon openings to the river. On these occasions there was not enough wind to put up the sails (umbrellas). Don and Jim now hold the record for the fastest trip from the northern bridge back to the campsite. Admittedly they were the only competitors.

The annual fishing competition was a non-event as most did not remember to bring their fishing rods. Brian Booy did however and caught some carp for fertilising his passion fruit. I hope he had the windows down going home.

The clear nights gave us a good view of the night sky. There was plenty of bird life including the local pair of whistling kites and some pelicans. We also had a visit from a kangaroo and a flock of sheep to our campsite.

The days were hot enough for some of us to enjoy a dip in the lagoon and the nights cool enough to warrant PJs.

Our thanks to Brian and Judy for once again organising this trip.

Jeff Schapel  
NPC 31

**TRIP REPORT**  
**BUSHYS TRACKS AND CAMPING, TINTINARA**  
**7-9 March 2020**

This trip for members of the Nissan Patrol and Mitsubishi clubs was led by Tony and Chris. Participants met at Coonalynp at 10.30am, (noting that the President was 3 minutes late!!) and travelled the back roads in convoy to Bushys, just north of Tintinara. The property offers great new facilities for campers with a lovely shaded area suitable for caravans and a good camp kitchen and communal area with fire pit. Attendees were Tony & Chris, John & Maddie, John & Lorraine, Bill, Colin, John and another couple of Mitsubishi Club members, Sara and visitors Shane, Jess, Chelsea and Josh on Saturday, with Paul joining on Sunday. Participants were mainly in caravans, with a rooftop tent and one hardcore camper swagging it!

After setting up and having lunch, host Dave led us to the practice tracks – or the ‘girlie’ tracks as he referred to them. Given that girls are actually really tough, Dave was probably right to call them that –the dry soft sand made the tracks quite challenging! There were several tracks up the hill to try out, some easier than others. There were mixed levels of success but all the vehicles made it up at least a couple of the tracks, although there was a lot of reversing downhill going on!

Our host Dave then took us along the “5km track” which was a winding track through the sand dunes. The track was well laid out. We could see each other as we passed closely by but the track didn’t cross itself so there were no near misses. All was going along well until Colin noticed that his rear tyre had rapidly deflated. Many hands made light work in changing the tyre.

Once we hit the track again the next drama unfolded. The President took a wrong turn and led the rest of the procession astray. Fortunately we quickly managed to find our way back to the two lead vehicles but it did highlight the need for everyone to mark corners and keep an eye on the vehicle following you, unless of course you are trying to lose them on purpose!

We finished up for the day around 4pm and headed back to camp. After fare-welling Shane and family, we embarked on the traditional happy hour, although in this case happy “hour” actually went for about two hours. After dinner, everyone regrouped at the camp kitchen area and eventually sat around the fire for a very pleasant evening. John and Maddie broke out the New Delhi ‘Scotch’ whiskey; others starting passing sweet biscuits around.

Next morning Paul joined the group and we headed back out on the tracks. Most of the challenges were a bit too much for most vehicles and drivers but we still managed to have some fun. Paul did a bit of tree clearing for the owner and cleared a fun little ‘whoop-de-doo’ track for us to drive through.

After lunch, we returned to the more achievable practice tracks from the previous day and had some fun. Dave pushed through a couple of new tracks up the hill. There were a few more dramas, a temporary bogging of one vehicle (the

driver self-recovered), another vehicle sustained a broken rear window on its canopy and a broken taillight and another vehicle reversed down a bit off course and went too close to a tree stump. A sideways snatch was conducted to assist him clear the stump and all ended well.

There were a few minor injuries on this day. John Kerr got a scratch on the leg that required a Band-Aid. Much discussion ensued about injuries on prior trips and the levels of over-dramatisation shown by the injured party.....

Finally, Dave led us out to the 'Monster' track which is a sand hill that is almost vertical. It's obviously more of a talking point than anything as I couldn't imagine anyone crazy enough to attempt it. Actually, one participant, already dubbed a 'maniac' for their driving efforts, did make it to the top by engaging super-low range on the quads, glutes and calf muscles and crawling to the summit, as walking upright was not an option. Hopefully there is photographic evidence of this incredible effort, conducted for the entertainment of the group.

After this display of 'girlie' dominance, the group returned to camp for happy hour. The writer of this report can't comment on the remainder of the trip as she very sensibly took the opportunity of 'blokie' assistance with packing up and inflating the tyres.

In summary, it was a great trip with perfect weather. The facilities were great (the amenities not so much!) and the host was an interesting character that we came to know very well. Some of the hill climbs on the property were probably more challenging than we really needed, but would have been easier if we went during winter or soon after when the sand was a bit firmer. Well done and thank you to trip leaders Tony and Chris and to all participants for making it a fun trip.

Sara Ware NPC 421



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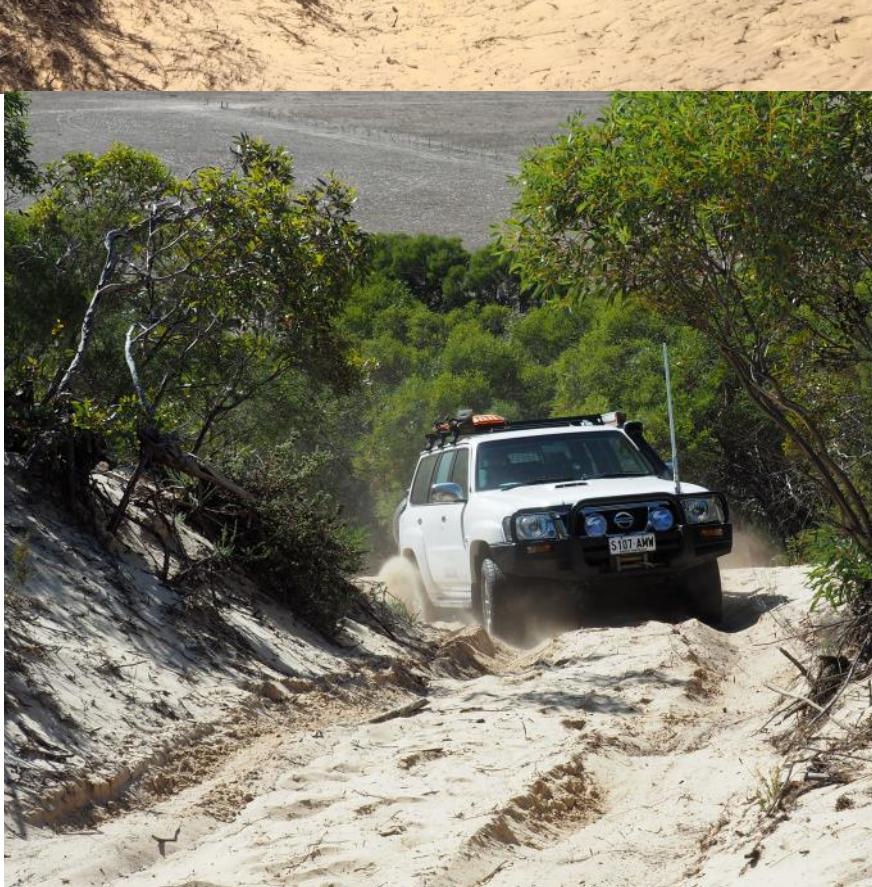
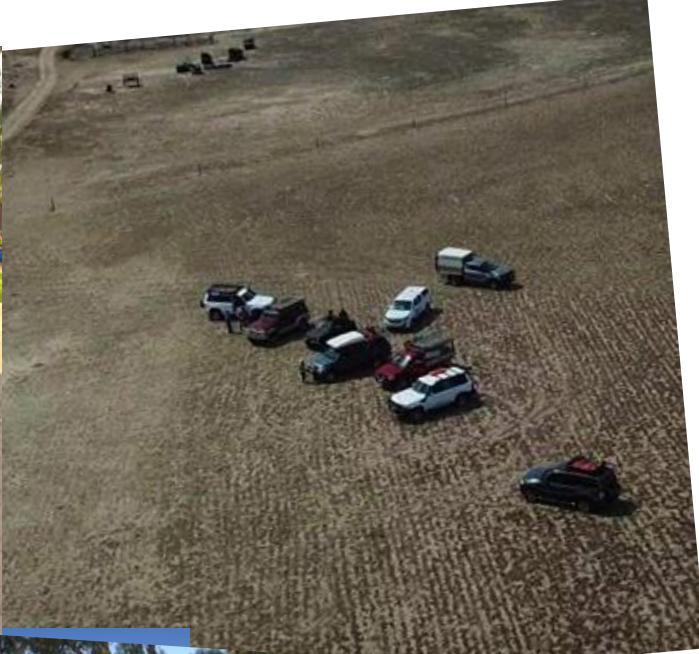


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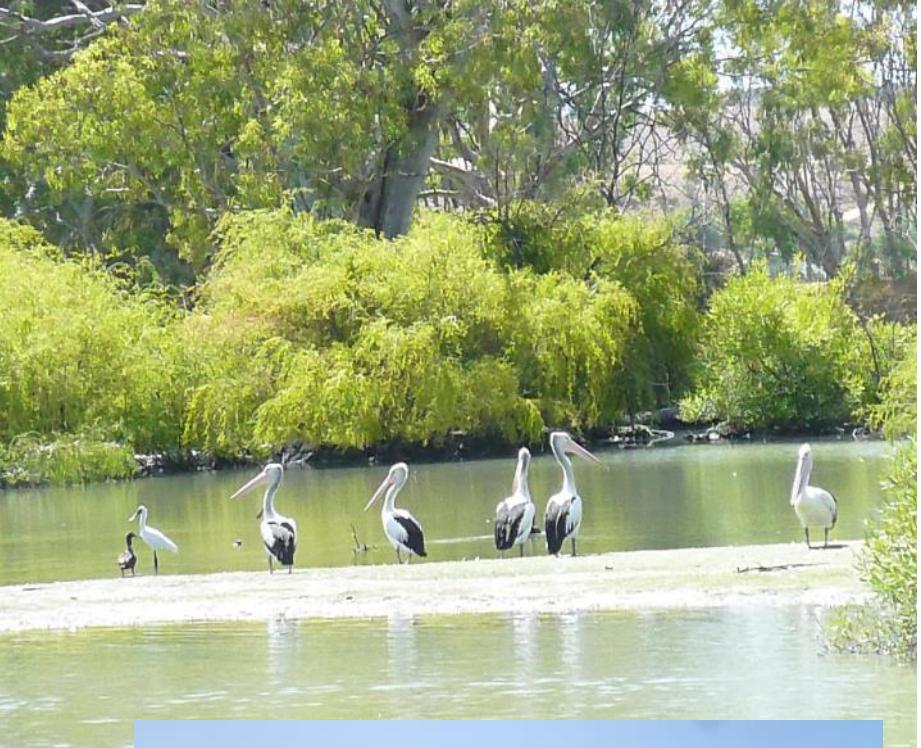
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## TRIP TO MANNUM – FEBRUARY 2020

Pat Trowbridge organised a delightful well participated trip to Mannum.

Jeff and Jeanene Schapel and Jim and Pauline Byfield were the first members to arrive, a day early, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February. The weather was a pleasant change after the heat of the preceding week, with a few clearing showers. After setting up our caravans in the Mannum Riverside Caravan Park, we had lunch at a bakery and a stroll down the main road to investigate the antique and op-shops.

Jim caught a carp for bait for his yabbie nets, but had competition from the swamp hens, who kept pulling the nets out of the water to eat the bait. We had some fun with a shared meal for tea, with Jeanene cooking tacos, and Pauline supplying jellied fruit and custard for sweets.

Sunday's weather was clear and sunny. We attended the Sunday Markets at Mannum. During the morning and afternoon, the rest of the participants arrived – Pat and Des Trowbridge, Geoff and Marie Dalitz, Colin and Trish Goodrich, Rod and Aileen Kitto, David and Lyn Alyward and ex-club members Kate and John Church. Some members ran into past member Clint Roden whilst at the Markets. The Markets were well attended and had a variety of wares on sale, including local hand crafts. The rest of the day was spent socialising, exploring Mannum, and shop browsing. We all voted on eating out rather than cooking, so on the Sunday night we went to the Mannum Community Club, where we enjoyed reasonably priced meals, with window seats overlooking the river.

Monday dawned overcast with a slight chance of drizzle. Pat and Trish opted for a quiet day, Dave and Lyn decided to further explore Mannum, while the rest of the mob headed for Monarto Safari Park.

What a wonderful day we had at Monarto! Apparently the animals love a bit of rain, so they were all out and readily visible. We hopped on a zoo shuttle bus, driving through open plains and admiring the animals, until we reached the Boma Bus stop, where we alighted. A short walk took us to a viewing platform to see the Cheetahs, then back to another position for a Keeper talk on the White Rhino. We stood in the welcome rain during this talk, but it mattered not. Back on the shuttle bus to the Windana Bus stop for another Keeper talk. Here we watched the Painted Dogs run a distance for their meal of a kangaroo carcass, and watched the interesting interaction of hierarchy within a pack. Also, at a safe distance from another viewing platform, we saw the male and female lions

We returned to the visitors centre for a hurried lunch, with just time to jump on another shuttle bus to the Waterhole Viewing Platform for a Keeper talk on Giraffes. We decided to walk back to the visitors centre, via the chimpanzee exhibit. It was agreed by all that the Safari Park was well run and the Keepers were very caring for the animals in their care. We arrived back at the caravan park shortly after 4pm, after a great day.

Tea tonight was at the Mannum Hotel, where the meals were well presented  
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and reasonably priced. We were even offered a complimentary port!

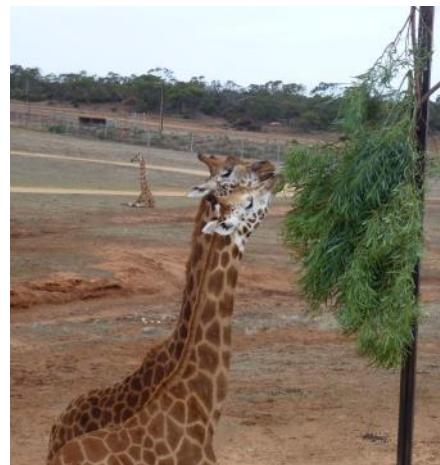
The sun shone on us on Tuesday. A perfect day for the river cruise. The rest of the group arrived today – Brian and Judy Cook, Don and Kathy Grigg, and Heather Wood and Doug Smith.

Pat had organised an hour and half cruise on the paddle wheeler PW Mayflower, which included a commentary and tea and coffee. We took turns climbing the stairs for the roof view, or took in the passing scenery from the front or rear of the boat. Volunteers were invited to take over steering, and several tried their hand. Outstanding was Kate, who seemed determined to change the course of the boat.

Back on dry land, several people opted for a bakery lunch before heading back home to Adelaide. Those left behind enjoyed more socialising and shop exploring. We even took a ride across the river on the ferry to look at the camping options on the other side. Don and Kathy decided to stay for the evening meal – a shared salad and bbq in the camp kitchen – with Colin and Trish, Aileen and Rod, Jeff and Jeanene and Pauline and Jim, who stayed on for one more night. Everyone packed up and said their fond farewells and left Mannum on Wednesday morning.

Thank you Pat for organising such a wonderful trip.

Byfield  
NPC 319



#### CLUB MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

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February 6<sup>th</sup> 2020  
1st General Meeting

50 members of our Nissan Patrol Club and 3 visitors gathered for the first meeting of the year. With no formal meeting this turned out to be a really good unhurried opportunity to socialise and catch up with any news.

There was some difficulty with the BBQ that was eventually resolved with input from several of the fellows.

Once again, Pat Trowbridge obtained gourmet sausages from Springfield Butchers at the West Lakes Shopping Centre. These are always excellent and the butcher's association with our club is much appreciated.

Members supplied a great range of salads which were all delicious. These were followed up with desserts

The weather was perfect for an evening outdoors and we took full advantage of it.

Anne Fritsch  
NPC 408



### Shopping Guide for the outback

On any outback journey a standard range of spares and tools should be carried. Journeys which include portions away from service facilities require a more comprehensive range. Select what you need from the following checklist. Even if you have only very limited mechanical skills you may be able to fit a needed part through the aid of a car manual, or a passing motorist may be able to do it for you. Simply by having spare parts, or support products like de-watering spray, you may also be able to assist someone else.

#### **First considerations**

HF radio  
Satellite telephone  
EPIRB  
GPS  
RAA PLUS  
Car manual containing trouble shooting and part replacement guide

#### **Spare Parts**

Radiator hoses  
Heater hoses  
Alternator belt, power steering belt, air compressor belt  
Fuses (full range)  
Ignition parts – points, condenser coil if applicable  
Sparks plugs  
Fuel filter  
Globes  
Tyre tube and valves in addition to normal spares (including caravan?)

#### **Tools**

Set of open-end and ring spanners, screw drivers, wheel brace, spark plug spanner, wire cutters, multi-grips, pliers, hammer (large), file, hacksaw and spare blades, tyre levers, socket set

#### **Miscellaneous**

First aid kit and basic first aid manual  
Emergency plastic windscreens  
Gasket cement (non-silicon)  
Tyre-tube repair outfit (including patches and clamp)  
Tow rope (minimum breaking strain 2 tonnes)  
Battery jump leads (minimum rating 200 amps)  
Fire extinguisher  
Snatch strap (8 tonne) and tree protector  
2 winching straps (10m and 20 m)  
High lift jack (8000lb)  
Jacking plate (300mm sq.)  
Spade  
Engine oil (complete change)  
20 litre water container  
WD-40 or dewatering fluid spray  
Torch and spare bulb/batteries  
Insulation tape  
Duct tape  
Tyre pressure gauge  
Hand or foot tyre pump  
Small tarpaulin  
5m of 3mm low tension electrical wire  
Tie wire  
AM, CB or UHF radio (additional to HF)  
Flag aerial mount (for dune crossings)

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Ground anchor  
Hand winch  
12 volt electric air compressor tyre pump  
Automatic transmission oil (complete change)  
2m. of 6mm inside diameter plastic hose  
Stop Leak  
E-Pox-E ribbon adhesive  
Assorted metal screws, bolts, nuts and washers  
Leather gloves  
Compass  
Topographical maps  
Salt tablets  
Insect repellent, sunscreen  
Plastic sheets 1m. diameter

Taken from  
Outback South Australia and Central Australia 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition  
Stuart Nicol RAA Touring

*From the Editor:*

*I have included this list for those of us who are not so experienced 4 Wheel Drivers and hope that some old hands may offer suggestions -additions or subtractions. When we are able to get back out there we will be prepared*

To Lighten the Mood

An 85-year-old couple were married almost 60 years before they both died. They had been in good health the last ten years mainly due to her interest in health food, and exercise.

When they reached the pearly gates, St Peter took them to their mansion which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath suite and spa. As they looked in awe, the old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost.

"It's free," Peter replied. "This is Heaven."

Next, they went out back to survey the championship golf course that the home backed on to. They would have golfing privileges every day and each week the course changed to a new one representing the greatest golf courses on Earth.

The old man asked: "What are the green fees?"

Peter's reply: "This is Heaven, you play for free."

Next, they went to the club house and saw the lavish buffet lunch with the cuisines of the world laid out.

"How much to eat?" asked the old man.

"Don't you understand yet? This is Heaven, it is free!" Peter replied with some exasperation.

"Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol tables?" the old man asked timidly.

Peter lectured: "That's the best part, you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like, and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven."

With that, the old man went into a fit of anger, throwing down his hat and stomping on it, and shrieking wildly. Peter and his wife both tried to calm him down, asking him what was wrong.

The old man looked at his wife and said: "This is all your fault. If it weren't for your blasted bran muffins, I could have been here ten years ago!"

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## RECIPES WITH ANNE

### Chocolate dessert

170gm baking chocolate, chopped  
1/2 cup butter  
3 whole eggs  
3 egg yolks  
1 1/2 cups raw sugar  
1/2 cup plain flour

Heat oven to 230°C.

Melt chocolate and butter over low heat, stirring frequently. Cool slightly.

Beat whole eggs and egg yolks until well blended. Add icing sugar and continuing to beat, melted chocolate and lastly flour. Beat in 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar.

Spoon into 8 large patty pans dusted with cocoa.

Bake 12 to 14 minutes (cakes should be cooked on the outside but gooey inside) and let stand 3 minutes

Place upside down on individual serving plates and carefully peel off paper. Dust with a little icing sugar and serve with berries, cream, ice-cream or yoghurt

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### Holden -a petrol dual cab Rodeo

There was also a Lada Niva which I didn't have time to give a run. 4WD Equipment had a LWB Maverick and a Landcruiser with all the goodies on them

They were all different to drive, I don't want to fill the magazine with my likes and dislikes, but if I had the money I would go for the diesel Maverick. I was surprised at the ease the petrol SWB Maverick handled the course.

We returned in the evening for tea. And then the various club members treated us to an audio visual slide show held in the hall. The Landrover Owners Club had organised the guest speaker, Tony Reade, to enlighten us on how photos should be taken.

The slides were shown using two projectors fading each slide on and off the screen so there was always a slide on screen. The background music was very well chosen to complete the show. The topics were on Pink Galahs which was about a family that had to leave their outback station after living there for their whole life; New Orleans, which our guest speaker had visited on a holiday; and Central Australia. There were some excellent slides and a good audio. One hundred and eighty slides were shown, each set lasting 5 to 10 minutes. It was a top evening and well presented show.

After that we walked back to the oval for some beer tasting, a-la-esky, and some good conversation before getting some sleep for tomorrow's big test match. It was another great weekend.

November Charlie

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### Sunday 11th March

The day began at 11 am with the interclub cricket matches. The weather was fine and a bit cooler, a good day for fun and just a little stirring from the spectators. These elimination matches continued to lunch time with some making a quick dash for the Landrover Owners Club barbecue marquee. (VERY GOOD) The shield winners were the Subaru Club. The Toyota Club provided some entertainment in the form of chorus girls who danced on the pitch, as well as a streaker (FEMALE!!)

The Association AGM was held and a new committee elected.

In all it was a good weekend with a good turnout and a good cross section of clubs. Thanks to the Land Rover O.C. for a well run weekend and a great barbecue and thanks to the members who came and supported the association. Maybe we can get more people along next year.

Peter Ellis

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