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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)).

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## The Presidents Points

Hi Patrollers,

Yes, we have made it ½ way through the year again. 2019 has shaped up to a very busy 6 months.

To all who attended the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, thank you for your attendance. We were not disappointed. The night was a thorough success. The “WOW” Factor. From when you were met at the entrance and made your way into the Function Room, seated down to an excellent 3 course meal and entertained for the night. It was great to catch up with past and present members and was great to hear from a founding member Peter Taylor who gave a brief speech about the history of the club. I would like to thank the Sub Committee for your time, dedication and meticulous way you went about getting the job done.



To me personally, that night I felt proud to be a Nissan Patroller. To be among the other past and present members, was very humbling to me. It will be a night that will stay very close to my heart.

Congratulations to Phil Stanley who won the Door Prize (see further information in this edition of the magazine.)

The weekend at Peake was a great weekend away for the members who attended. It was a joint club weekend with the Mitsubishi Club. It was also a weekend socially to get to know each other. We enjoyed the sand driving as well as the games. Camp oven cooking was also a highlight for the weekend. We all went away learning something about our 4WD and are looking forward to returning soon.

We have quite a few events in the next 6 months. We have the Octoberfest up at Merna Mora in the Flinders Ranges from the 4-7<sup>th</sup> October. If you have not registered yet, you still have the opportunity to. Emails have been sent out to all members. Deep Creek Working Bee is to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October, please see Wayne Dunn for any further information. John Kerr is running the 4WD Adventure Show 25-27<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to man, the stand and represent our club please see John. There is a Theatre Night Mamma Mia in October. Our training and Social weekend in Morgan is on the 1-3<sup>rd</sup> November please book into the caravan park if you wish to attend. Our annual Family Picnic on November 24<sup>th</sup> and Breakfast in the Park 15<sup>th</sup> December.

I love this club as we are a very active group. Let's keep this going. If you have an idea or a trip for either day or weekend, grab a folder and start organising yourselves. It would be great to see some trips for 2020 on the table.....”.

On a parting note-

Happiness is a Journey not a Destination.

“Happy travels”,

Your Club President

Helen Richards NPC364



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## Patrolling the Editor's Desk

Hi All,

We made it home from our trip to the west without mishap and are fully settled in to working on our new/old home. The mild winter is making it a pleasure to work in the garden although I must admit I don't start until there is some warmth around.

Jeff Schapel is looking for an assistant for the photographic competition. Please approach him if you are interested.

Volunteers are also required to man our stand at the 4WD Adventure Show in late October. My goodness today is very cold. Perhaps I've been sitting at the computer too long. I'd rather be out on an adventure. I'm looking forward to some trips later in the year and hope to see many of you out there on the tracks.

Cheers Anne

## 30 YEARS AGO-1989

*The Simpson*

*For Poepel's Corner Peg Replant*

*Published in Patrolling in August 1989*

*After Wally took 2 hours to get from Hallett Cove to Gawler we finally left at 9am and travelled all day without incident to camp at Farina Creek. Starting off the next morning we heard George and Ruth Aspley on radio coming up behind us. We knew that there would be a few other groups coming this way as it was school holidays and Poepels was the big attraction this week for the ceremony.*

*The Birdsville Track was in surprisingly good condition after all the rain earlier in the year. Whilst having lunch at Mungeranie we took photos for Jenny McDonald of the cemetery and as we were about to leave George and Ruth and crew arrived. A quick hello was to be the first of many in the next days, as we headed off to check the Warburton Crossing which we were informed was flooded. Trevor walked across to check the level and said it was rather cold in a funny voice so we decided the level must be at least hip height. Heading back to the Birdsville Track we traveled until 4 o'clock which brought us to the Corkwood Yard Track where we camped. The mossies were bad but went to bed after sun down so that helped.*

*We arrived in Birdsville the next morning to follow George's crew into the showers. We had morning tea in the pub and said hello to 'Old George' an aboriginal local before heading out to Big Red for lunch. We met several groups heading to Birdsville about 30 to 35 vehicles in all. We camped approximately 40kms east of Poepels.*

*The weather was very kind to us, T-shirts and shorts with cool nights. Chris, Peter, Trevor and I slept in swags whilst Dianne and Graham had a tent. We had a late start as we didn't have far to go and lunched at Poepels. We spent the evening with George's group, Tim, the ranger and Bob the Policeman from Birdsville. There were several others camping that night including the Range Rover Club.*

*Next day (Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1989) was 'D' day for the ceremony and Garry and Peter's group arrived in the morning and Reg Spriggs' group arrived by plane around noon. Ruth made scones for the celebrations and Warren Bonnython had the champagne ready. At noon the ceremony took place with cameras snapping every angle. After the dedication attended by about 70 people we headed to*

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## Patrolling Magazine

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

**THE DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER ISSUE IS:- 19th SEPTEMBER 2019**

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Front cover is a February 2011 adaptation from **Marie Schultz's** 2003 original concept.

2019	Future Events	Leader	Activity
4 -7 <sup>th</sup> October	Octoberfest at Merna Mora	Dave & Helen Richards	4W Driving /Social with other clubs
18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> October	Deep Creek	Wayne Dunn	Working bee- Community Service Social
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Theatre night Mamma Mia	Jeff Schapel	Social
25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> October	4WD Adventure Show at Wayville Show- ground	John Kerr	Showcasing NPCSA
1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Morgan	Dave & Helen Richards	4WD demonstrations & Social
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Family Xmas Picnic	committee	Social
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Breakfast in the park	committee	Social
10 <sup>th</sup> -?13 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Googs Track	Dave & Helen Richards	With the Otways 4x4club 4W Driving
15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Dorado Downs	Dave & Helen Richards	Sand driving/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.

## DEEP CREEK CONSERVATION PARK WORKING BEE.

When- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Where- Deep Creek Conservation Park

Members and Friends- Jeff & Jeanene Schapel, Brian & Judy Cook, Jim & Pauline Byfield, Colin & Carmen Riddle, Peter & Helen Smith, Ben Smith and Dave & Helen Richards.

The Nissan Patrol Club of SA held a working bee down at the Deep Creek Conservation Park on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The Schapel's and Cook's arrived late Friday afternoon followed by the Riddle's and Smith's later in the evening. The Byfield's and Richard's were day trippers and arrived on the Saturday morning. At 10am we made our way over to the Ranger's Headquarters where we were met by Simon Oster who led us to our appointed work- place for the day.

We removed an old fence to allow the kangaroos to move freely around. Bolt cutters, pliers and claw hammers were supplied. Members had their own tools as well. Two safety hazard signs were placed, and we began the tedious task of removing barb wire, and flat wire, rolling it up and placing it by the trees for Simon to pick up later. We managed to remove 200 metres of fencing in 4 hours with a break for lunch as well. After packing up and placing the hazard signs against the fence we made our way to the Ranger's Headquarters to return his tools. A decision was made to head down to Blowhole Beach. This area of the beach is where we are continually maintaining the control of Sea Spurge and weeds. We could see where we have made an impact with our volunteering work and located further on is where work is needed, perhaps at our next visit. There were lots of butterflies in bushes, a few of us walked to the bottom while others took photos from above.

We then headed back to Trig Campground where Happy Hour commenced and a campfire lit. We had all enjoyed the day and what we had accomplished. It was getting rather cold when the Byfield's and Richard's left the group and headed home having a meal together at the Yankalilla Pub.

Sunday morning the rest of the group packed up and made their way back to Adelaide.

Simon was very pleased with our efforts and is very grateful for the work we are doing. We are making a difference.

Looking forward to our next venture, hopefully attracting a few more members to attend.

Working together to look after our National Parks of South Australia.

Helen Richards

NPC 364



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### Reprinted from Friday Funnies

A couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember.

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. Want anything while I'm in the kitchen? he asks.

Will you get me a bowl of ice cream? she says.

Sure.' he replies.

Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it? she asks.

No, I can remember it. he says.

She adds Well, I'd like some Strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?

He says, I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.

I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that'.

Irritated, he says, I don't Need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs.

She stares at the plate for a moment and asks Where's my toast?

**Westprint Friday Five – Friday June 7th 2019**

<http://www.westprint.com.au>

Birdwood 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019

The Nissan Patrol club was invited to attend  
“ A Celebration of Four Wheel Driving”  
at the National Motor Museum by Summit Trax 4x4 club and 4WDSA.

This was to be a display of 4wd's setup for camping off-road.  
6 of our Nissan Patrol Club's vehicles took part.

Helen and Dave, Phil and Lisa, John and Maddie, Bob and his mate Dave, Kevin and John and Lorraine.

We all met up at 11am on the 18<sup>th</sup> at the western end of Muellers Rd just outside of Birdwood. It was a short drive to the back of the National Motor Museum where we were met at the gate and given a bag of goodies and directions to our location. After setting up our campsite and having lunch we all wandered off to have a look around. There was a large stage setup with live music to entertain us. The museum itself was open at the back so all of the 110 vehicles drivers and passengers that attended could have unrestricted access.

It has a great exhibition of cars, bikes, engines and historical displays to admire. Helen, Maddie and Lorraine had entered the damper competition and made dampers which we all enjoyed. Later in the afternoon, happy hour, a few bevy's, snacks and laughs and then it was over to the Birdwood Blumberg hotel, across the road from the National Motor Museum. A really nice meal and a few drinks, shared with the pubs 2 large dogs. Back to the campsite and a few more drinks it was time for bed. The next morning we all had a bacon and egg sandwich or two provided by the Naracoorte 4x4 club. We then had to prepare our cars for the public.

A description of your vehicle and where it had been around Australia was required on your windscreen.

John Rooth 'Roothy' arrived late morning to deliver 'Milo' his Toyota 40 series. A convoy had accompanied him from Gawler to the National Motor Museum and after a few speeches the car was handed over to the Museum to be put on display. Up until about 1.00pm the weather had been good. Then it came in just in time to hamper the pack up and the trip home.

This was the inaugural event and all in all a great success both for the 4x4 community and the National Motor Museum. It was well attended with many members of the general public turning up to the 4x4 display. The National Motor Museum was very enthusiastic about doing this event again, sometime in the near future.

All of us enjoyed the weekend and I have passed on our congratulations to Summit Trax and Trevor, Sue and Toni Manning.

John Kerr

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## **NISSAN PATROL CLUB 40TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY DINNER**

**Well! What a splendid night we had!**

**The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner for the Nissan Patrol Club was held on 13<sup>th</sup> July in celebration of that milestone. It was held at the Glenelg Golf Club in a very fitting room. On arrival we were met by Jeanene and Judy who gave us an envelope with details of our seating, name tags, door prize tickets and a very nice memento - a medallion on a ribbon. A guest book was available for us to sign.**

**There would have been at least 80 people attending, well laid out and room to move, mingle and catch up with many people, past and present.**

**The evening began with Brian, as Master of Ceremonies and then the night was formally opened by Helen, our President. It was good to see some "older" members especially Peter Taylor and Jenny Thompson. It was good to catch up with past members and other friends as well.**

**During the evening there were 2 quiz sessions ably conducted by Rod which kept us entertained and on our toes to answer the questions. There was also a continuous slide show of past trips and activities to keep us interested and a table of memorabilia, pictures and a photo album to reminisce over.**

**In between all this, the evening meal was served – 2 choices of entree, main course and dessert. The food was well presented and delicious.**

**During all this the 2014 Time Capsule was opened and several random proformas were read out by Jeff and Jeanene. We were asked to fill in a 2019 proforma and these new ones along with the "old" ones and memorabilia, were put back in the capsule and sealed, to be opened in 2024!**

**Colin and I stayed at the Adelaide Shores caravan park, as did some others, as it was not too far to go "home". A good clean park with plenty of room for a van and car.**

**I have to say that this was a well organised evening and credit must go to the members who were part of the Sub-Committee. They all have done an excellent job and I thank them for all the time and effort that went into making the successful night that it was. Well done.**

**Tricia Goodrich  
NPC 138**

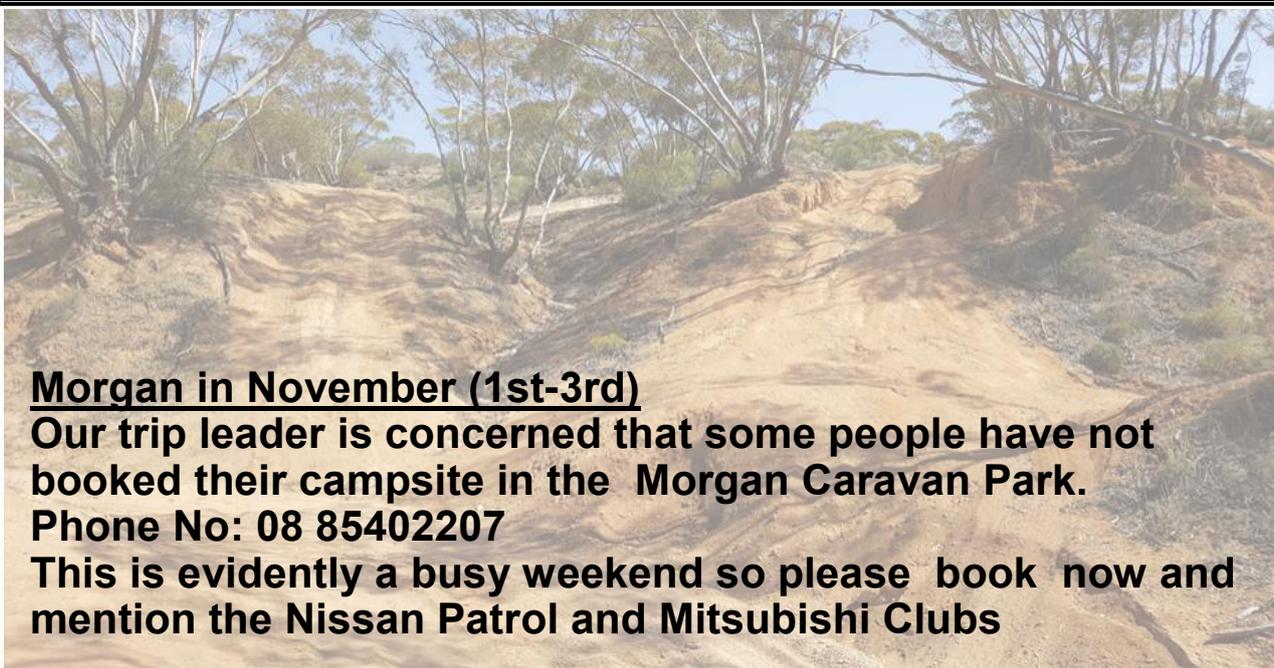
**NEW MEMBERS**

Colin and Carmen Riddle have recently become members of the Nissan Patrol Club SA.

**NISSAN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVER AWARDS**

No awards were presented at the May meeting.

Please approach the committee if you would like to promote recognition of a deed



**Morgan in November (1st-3rd)**

**Our trip leader is concerned that some people have not booked their campsite in the Morgan Caravan Park.**

**Phone No: 08 85402207**

**This is evidently a busy weekend so please book now and mention the Nissan Patrol and Mitsubishi Clubs**

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## Photographic Competition

### Categories:

- Nature
- People
- Sunset/Sunrise
- Vehicle
- Mystery location

**Photos must be taken on club trips in 2019**

Dave and Lyn Alyward have several items to dispose of since their upgrade to new camping accommodation. Please contact Dave on 0419030086. There are more items than displayed here



**FROM THE PROPERTY OFFICER'S LOCKER**

The club's Property Officer is responsible for the custody and maintenance of the majority of the club's property assets. Club assets, some of which are listed below, are available for loan to members for use on trips and other personal occasions such as parties, anniversaries etc. These occasions do not need to be a club trip but loans should be directly to the member's benefit. While third party loans to other like minded parties such as another club would be considered by the committee on their merit, the club's property is primarily for the benefit of our members. Members wishing to borrow club property can arrange to do so by contacting the club's Property Officer, Brian ROBINSON, preferably by email at "robbie-123@live.com.au", at a meeting (on a piece of paper or make sure I write it down) or by phone or SMS to 0427 838 464.

Some of the more common items borrowed are ;

\* **Marquee** (tent) - 5.3 x 3.5 mtr (17' x 11'), great for club outdoor functions and back yard social occasions. (weighs about 50 kg all up and takes 4 – 6 people to put up properly)



\* **COLEMAN Shade Dome** - Approximately 4 mtr square at the base. Bit of a puzzle to get the frame assembled. Instructions located in a pocket on the carry bag.



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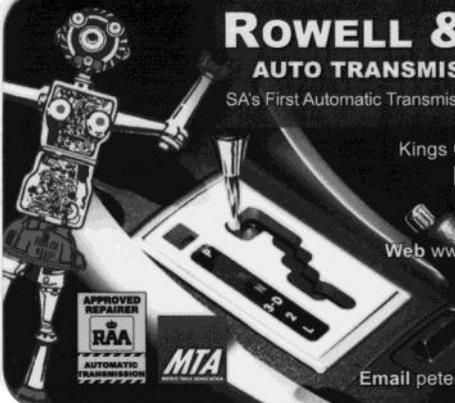
- \* **First Aid Kit & Defibrillator** – Normally issued as a pair and primarily for club trips and activities only.
- \* **Toilet Tents (x2)** - Older style with 4 corner poles and guy ropes.
- \* **Posthole Diggers (1 x 4" and 1 x 6")** – usually go with the Toilet Tents.
- \* **Handheld UHF CB Radios (x2)** – One with rechargeable batteries and the other requires 3 x 'AA' batteries, preferably alkaline. Ideal for visitors on club outings.
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- \* **Static Display Screens** – 3 double sided screens each some 6'H x 2'W and suitable for use as pin boards. Can be free standing if assembled in "Z" formation.
- \* **Variety of NPC Flags & Banners** – To identify our groups on trips and gatherings etc.
- \* **Variety of Marker Buoys** – For aquatic activities.
- \* **Loud Hailer** – Some Trip Leaders just wouldn't be without it.

Brian Robinson  
NPC 270  
July 2019

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## RECIPES WITH PAUL

### Home made Cream of Chicken Soup

*In a tablespoon of olive oil fry 1/2 finely chopped onion until soft. Add a bruised clove of garlic*

*Then add finely chopped small celery stick, 1/4 red capsicum, 1 small carrot.*

*Add and melt 3 tablespoons butter then 1/3 cup of flour and stir until combined*

*Slowly add 2 cups chicken broth and when it is all incorporated add 2 cups of milk*

*Add 1 cup of cooked chicken, some frozen peas and/or corn and fresh chopped thyme and ground black pepper*

*Simmer only for about 5 minutes stirring occasionally*

*Remove the garlic clove*

*Serve with croutons: made using slightly old (sourdough) bread sliced and roughly chopped. Spray with olive oil, sprinkle with salt and bake in preheated oven at 360<sup>0</sup> for 5 minutes*

Knolls to meet Garry's group after lunch. Unfortunately after we had waited an hour we were told the wrong information and moved on missing them by only a few minutes. After crossings the desert and seeing a few camels we met up with the Range Rover group again at Purni Bore. We kept in touch with them until the Delta near Spring Hut which we had to go around as the end near the spring was muddy and we stayed with them until almost dark, when we stopped. They had several children who were very eager to get in the warm water at Spring Hut so they decided to go on.

Next morning we met up with the Range Rover club again and had a swim ourselves before heading south towards Oodnadatta. We picked up a couple who were travelling alone and asked if they could join us because of the road conditions. Max and Barbara may even come to one of our meetings. After reaching Oodnadatta in 5 hours we camped at Neales Bridge. It's always a good camp there, a few mossies at dusk though

We headed to William Creek in time to farewell the publicans, Bernie and Carol who sold the pub but were staying in town. This was their last week as publicans. We again saw Max and Barbara who were heading out to Lake Eyre as we were going home. Our last night out was just south of Roxby Downs on the new road which will soon be bitumen all the way to Woomera  
I'd like to thank Chris Wenham, Peter (Fred) Ellis and Graham and Dianne Were for their company on this quick Simpson crossing. The desert on the west was a picture whilst the east is the driest I've seen it. But anywhere away from the city is perfect for me

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This year **OCTOBERFEST** is at Merna Mora Station, Flinders Ranges from October 4th to October 7th.

Our Nissan Patrol Club will be attending with 16 vehicles booked in. Volunteers are required to cook and serve breakfast

The cost of \$80 includes a welcome bag, camp fees, entertainment and a bottle of commemorative port

Participants will be offered a wide variety of trips on a pay as you go basis at special negotiated rates that range from free to \$60. It may be wise to take cash as eftpos facilities have proved to be unreliable at some locations

Have you nominated yet to go on this adventure weekend on the trip sheet

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