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## *Patrolling the Editor's Desk*

Hi All,

I hope this finds you all happy and healthy. With the resurgence of Covid 19 in the eastern states I must admit I am feeling a slightly higher level of anxiety. I can only imagine what is like to live in Melbourne.

Some lucky club members were able to venture out and although the weather was a bit miserable they enjoyed Peake as you will see.

Since there has been little to report I have reintroduced a Member Profile. I would be grateful for any contributions for the next 2 magazines after which the new editor will take over

Cheers Anne

### **30 YEARS AGO-1990**

*SANDBLASTING- - - -*

*THE PEAKE EXPERIENCE – SATURDAY 2, SUNDAY 3 JUNE 1990*

*The engine roared as the car accelerated towards the sand dune opposite the campsite. With a bounce and fierce determination on the face of the driver it reached for the top only to stop within tantalising feet. Ainsley gave Helen Green, driver of the short wheelbase Nissan some advice and willing hands raced to the rear of the vehicle to give that helping hand over those last few feet. The engine roared the wheels spun to sandblast the helpers on the rear sides. To top it all off, Des Trowbridge on the left copped a blast from the exhaust.*

*Garry Thompson, one of the first to offer assistance quietly commented that he had assessed the situation and chosen his spot!!! Not all of the tips this weekend related to driving!! And, Helen was over the top. Husband Peter stood at the top of the sandhill giving moral support.*

#### *The Weekend Begins*

*It all started Saturday morning when a small group assembled on the property of Ross and Clarice Lauterbach, recognised by the microwave tower close to the homestead and the sign "Talinga" on the gate. Christine and I missed the gathering at the Peake Post Office, and after a call on the CB were guided into camp by Margaret Forster driving Ainslie's recent acquisition – the little Russian dynamite – THE NIVA. Look out!!*

*We had been delayed at the beginning of the Freeway when waved down by a timber truck driver asking to borrow a knife. Strange request!! Apparently his roll of plastic under the tray had come loose and wrapped itself around the tail-shaft. His first attempt to cut it clear with a broken coke bottle had resulted in the bottle smashing in his hand seriously cutting it. After 20 minutes cutting away in the drizzling rain with our knives, we had cleared all but that which had melted around one of the rear bearings. With not much headway being made he decided to call the RAA and we proceeded on the way behind schedule.*

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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.

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2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> October	Whyalla	<b>Cancelled</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> October	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 Social
November 15th	Mid Year Lunch is now a post Covid 19 Lunch	<b>T.B.A.</b>	
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	<b>T.B.A.</b>	
		Dave & Helen Richards	With the Otways 4x4club 4W Driving



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## The Presidents Points

Hello Patrollers,

Well, things are certainly changing since my last report, with Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland at various stages of lockdown. We are so lucky we live in South Australia

The Patrol did get fixed in the end, with a few starter motor issues. A new one was fitted, but it was a standard Repco unit with the solenoid at the front right beside the sump. Needless to say when the car was hot the starter motor failed. We managed to get the car back to the mechanic and a proper Patrol starter motor was fitted. Very happy with the upgraded brakes and shocks, with rear airbags fitted too.



The weekend at Peak on 12 to 14 of June went ahead and was well attended by both Nissan Patrol Club Members and Mitsubishi Club Members. It was a good chance to catch up with some of the Club Members and have fun in the sand. The sand was very soft making it quite difficult to get up some of the dunes. The Widowmaker defeated all who attempted. John Kerr jokingly stated he was a bit of a lumberjack, but more the Monty Python sort, which caused much mirth around the campfire. Unfortunately Paul and Sara Ware had issues on the Sunday with their Suzuki, necessitating a call to the RAA. Hope it got fixed ok Paul and Sara.

I do hope that you are enjoying the monthly Virtual Meeting emails. Thank you to all the Committee Members for their input.

Going forward, we have our first actual General Meeting on Thursday 6 August, with various COVID-19 conditions applying. I hope to see as many of the Members who feel comfortable enough to attend.

The Committee had its' first physical meeting on Monday 13 July, which was well attended. Thank you to the Committee for their continued support of the Club during these strange times.

Happy Travels at last and stay safe.

Your Club President  
John Day (407)



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## Peake Social weekend 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> June 2020

The joint NPC and Mitsubishi weekend of sand driving and socializing was held on a wet, cold weekend. This did not deter the club members who attended as it was the first trip for many since the advent of Covid 19.

We left the cares of the world at home and enjoyed a roaring fire and lots of good camp oven cooking with good company and fine wines.

Club members attending were Paul & Sara Ware, John & Maddie Day, Dave & Helen Richards, Bill Smith, John & Lorraine Kerr and Tony & Chris Moran. The Mitsubishi club equaled us in numbers. There was a 20 person limit due to the Corona virus restrictions.

The sand was quite wet and proved to be challenging for all. Many of the usual tracks were tackled without success. The snatch strap and track mats got a work out helping the intrepid Suzuki drivers out of trouble. The Mitsubishi club had a tyre problem and some good opportunities for teaching the less experienced members of their club.

The rain was heavy on Saturday night but it didn't dampen our spirits or the coals of the camp ovens. The roast meat and veggies were followed by Maddie's bread & butter pudding, delicious!

Sunday morning saw a feast of Bacon and eggs with all the trimmings. Helen & Dave and Paul and Sarah took the opportunity to brave the tracks one more time. While the rest of us headed home, refreshed after our small break away.

Chris Moran  
NPC 384



# PATROLLING

Patrolling needs a new editor to be responsible for the production and distribution of the bi-monthly Club magazine "Patrolling".



Our magazine is compiled using 'Publisher' a desktop publishing application from Microsoft. It is very easy to use and only basic computer skills are required although I have learned a lot.

Training provided

Please speak to John Day  
or Anne Fritsch

## Breakfast in the Park

December 20<sup>th</sup>

Rymill Park Rose  
Garden



## Family Xmas Picnic

November 29th

Challa Gardens Primary School



## Member Profile

Rosalan and Frank Foster.  
NPC 279

Married in August 1949 Roz and Frank built their own home. Due to post war shortages they even manufactured every brick. There was some help from family but it must have been very hard work. The next several years passed raising 4 children in a close knit happy family unit.

Along the way Frank tells us stories of his working life and how different things were. He also had a milk round which was long and arduous hours and among my favourite memories is one of him with the faithful old horse, Merle. She was dying of boredom after a heart attack and he had to put her back on the round but watched over her. Later, Dad drove a semi-trailer around Australia crossing the Nullarbor before it was a sealed road

Dad loved sailing from a very early age when he was sometimes allowed to lark about with 2 older brothers in the Port River. One time they got caught in a storm and weren't found for a couple of days. Later he had a jet boat, yachts and dinghies but now accepts just being a spectator

Mum was a fairly good tennis player and later always had us children at the beach often along with a tribe of cousins while Dad pursued his sailing. Mum was an excellent traditional, home-maker. Gardening, house painting, sewing, knitting and child minding were all taken on with enthusiasm. Already an excellent cook I remember some very elaborate cake decorating that mum did one year. Mum and children were all beautifully dressed as we presented to the grandmothers on Mother's Day. She taught swimming for many years and was involved in a Calisthenics Club and as chaperone for interstate teams.

Both Roz and Frank loved the great outdoors and we were lucky to be taken on many family trips to places like the Flinders, Queensland, Western Australia. We camped and went fishing and water skiing. Sometimes extended family came and we often had friends along and later significant others. Some of them also developed an interest in the country and, consequently most of the grand-children and great, grand children love it too

After an early retirement, and we'd all left home, Roz and Frank went off adventuring all around Australia in a variety of vehicles; converted coasters and an Isuzu truck and a 4 wheel drive. They managed to get into a few scrapes along the way and had a wonderful time seeing the great out back as grey nomads before it was even a thing. There were many characters and happy times along the way. One of the cars was a little white Lada Niva which went all the way to the top of Cape York along the old telegraph track through creeks and sandtraps and back again. Over CORRUGATIONS! It was after that the Nissan was bought

Joining the Nissan Patrol Club in the 1990's Dad was preparing his Nissan for a Simpson Desert trip. Being very particular he took so long that the trip was booked out. However, they did get there on 2 other occasions. So, after one short outing to Peake their first trip with the NPCSA was to the Victorian Alps which left the day after Christmas when mum had catered for 19 people. The scenery was wonderful and it was great to have good company. They travelled to many more and interesting places within Australia and overseas. In 2007 an annual club trip to Venus Bay S.A. began. Although Mum and Dad have been going there regularly since 1980 with family members they really enjoyed the camaraderie and friendship of club members. Their club trip to Venus Bay in 2017 ended before it got very far with the caravan rolling over just out of Lochiel. Some of the family took them back in 2019 and we had a lovely time

Some random highlights in the memory banks are swimming with whale sharks at Ningaloo, Lava tubes in Qld, Cape Range National Park, the Otways, Shot-hole Canyon, red crabs on a beach and a dingo raiding the camp at night on Fraser Island where they learned that Banksia stumps glow rather than burn vigorously for warmth. They have memories of enjoyable company, lots of cheerful helpers and a well-run club

They have just celebrated 70 years married, unfortunately, with Roz ensconced in a hospital bed while Frank soldiered on at home. Both, are now managing at home with support from family. Luckily, as they can't do so much now, both can recall many happy adventures.

Anne Fritsch  
NPC 408

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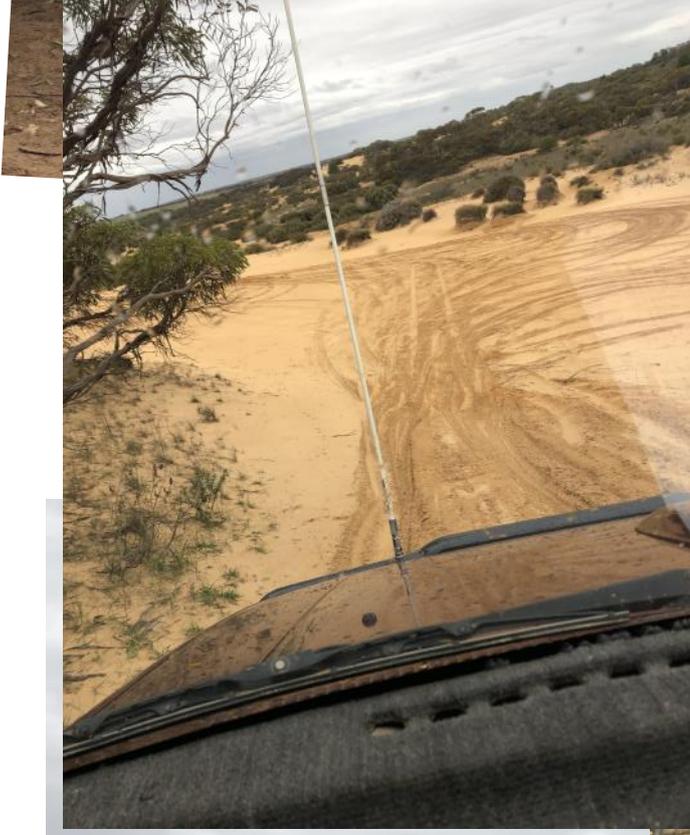


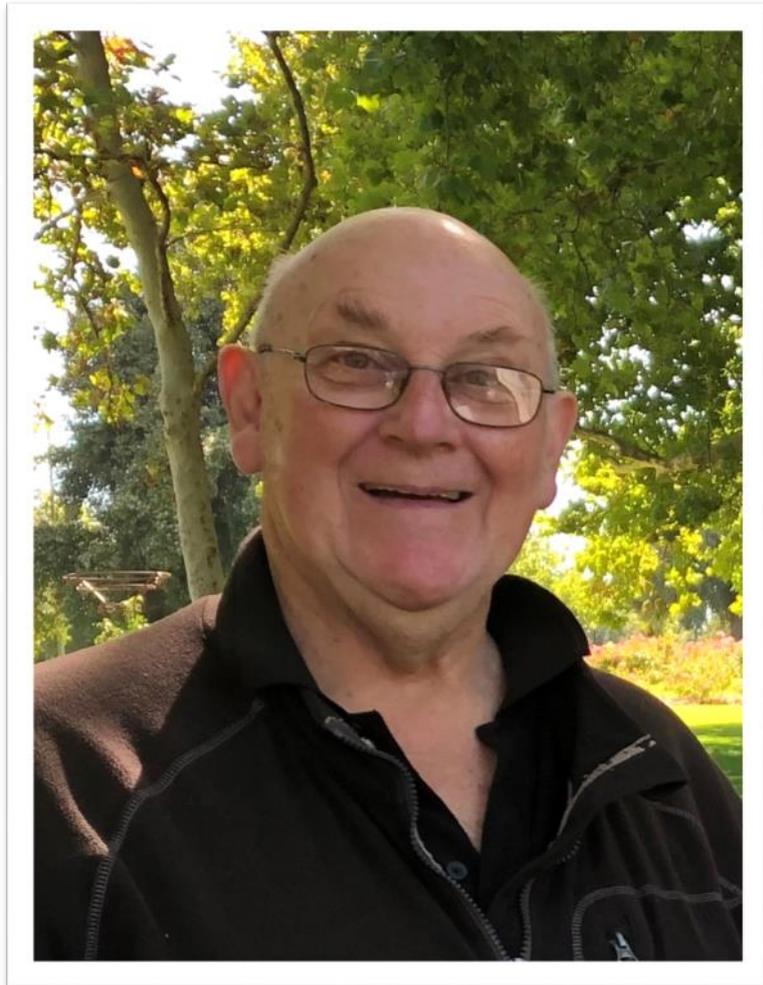
EARLY ADVENTURES  
FRANK & ROZ

August 2020



**Peake 2020**





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## Vale

### Stephen "Rolly" Robertson

It is with regret and sadness I report the passing of **Stephen Robertson "ROLLY"** our member number 29 who joined this club in 1980 and has since then always been part of the club activities

Rolly passed away on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at the age of 67 years old in the Adelaide hills near Echunga, while watching Sue's children riding quad bikes. When he noticed on his smart watch that his blood pressure had increased and he then lost consciousness and collapsed. CPR was delivered by Sue's son and then the ambulance crew for a total of 70 minutes but all effort failed to resuscitate him.

Rolly was well into the 4wd scene before the Nissan Club was formed in 1979 with membership in the Suzuki Club from 1978 where he earned his name "ROLLY" after upending more than one vehicle, including rolling over a Nissan Patrol. He also was a member of the Land Rover Register club.

Another field he was also very involved was the photographic scene belonging to 'Para Camera Club' & 'Adelaide City Camera Club' and Digital Photography he really enjoyed and often had photos to show us.

His 4WD trips over the years added up to quite a few, which included crossing the Simpson desert 9 times and he was hoping to make it 10.

There will be many memories of Rolly on club trips. But one trip he did with Robert Beams along with a group of members crossing the desert. Travelling North from Lake Eyre up to the French Line then to Birdsville, will bring back memories for those on that trip of Rolly's love for packets of 'SUIMINS' which he lived on for most of the trip.

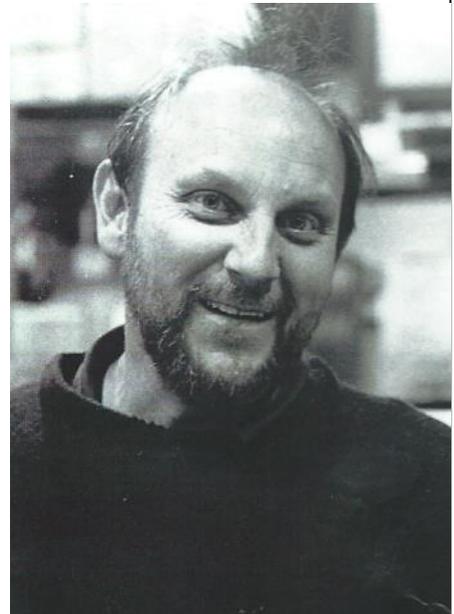
Rolly and Sue have been together for about 24 years and Rolly has had a great relationship with Sue's children thus I am sure they will miss him greatly.

Rolly's funeral was held at Centennial Park on Friday 26 Jun 2020.

Rest in Peace "Rolly" we will miss you.

Our thoughts and condolences are with Sue and family and The Nissan Club wish them all the very best for the future.

Brian Cook  
NPC 19





**Morgan Quarry Weekend  
30th Oct-1st November  
Social and 4WD Driving**

**More later on our Covid  
Plan from trip leaders.  
Helen & Dave Richards**

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Contact Aileen Kitto



## Goyders Line

George Woodroffe Goyder was the SA Surveyor General in 1864-65. Farming was in its infancy and farmers needed information about undeveloped farmland in the new colony.

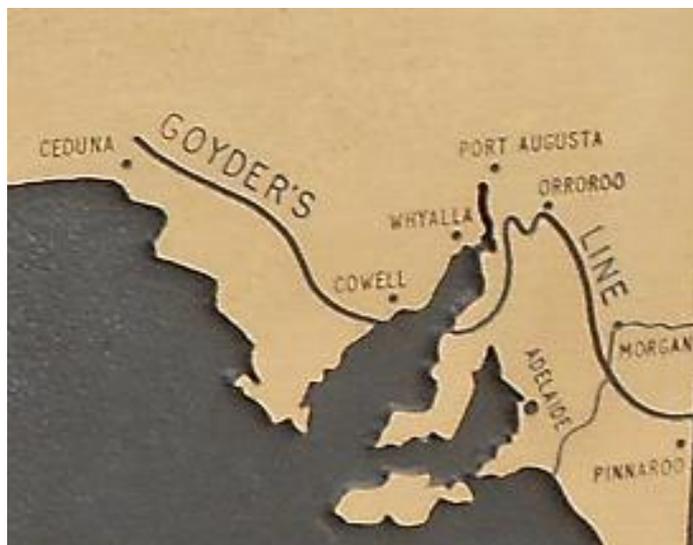
Goyder was instructed to define on a map a boundary between land where crops could be grown and land where drought prevailed. After an estimated 3200 km on horseback he submitted his report and map to the state government. The line runs from the coast near Ceduna across the Eyre Peninsula to meet the coast again near Arno Bay. From Moonta on the Yorke Peninsula the line runs north to Crystal Brook and Orroroo, across to Peterborough and Burra then south to the Victorian border at Pinnaroo. In effect Goyder's Line joins places with an average annual rainfall of 10 inches (250 mm). Goyder based his observations on vegetation type. South of the Line is mostly mallee scrubland and to the north is saltbush country. The resulting line was incorporated into an Act of Parliament regulating land purchase and had a major influence on farming in SA.

The areas to the north Goyder judged as liable to drought, and the areas to the south were deemed arable. Goyder discouraged farmers from planting crops north of his line, declaring this land suitable only for light grazing. Ample rains fell in 1865, prompting farmers to ignore Goyder's report and settle in the north, starting farms and planting crops. The idea that rain follows the plough was popular at that time but within a few years many properties were abandoned. The land was unsuitable for crops, and Goyder was proved correct.

In essence Goyder's Line has proven highly accurate, a notable feat given the limited knowledge of the local climate and vegetation at the time. It has defined the boundary between pastoralism (cattle and sheep production) and agriculture (crop production) and continues to be recognised today.

Taken from Westprint Friday Five – Friday July 3

*It has been said that Goyder's Line is receding south with the changes in climate and extended droughts of recent times*



Map from wikipedia

**Continued from Page 4**

**To the Sand Hills**

After introductions and a brief explanation of the objectives of the weekend by Ainsley, the seven drivers and passengers headed for the starting grid. Ainsley Brittain and Bob Woodcock lead the procession in the Niva , with John Powells' GQ as Tail-End-Charlie. An easy meander around to INTRODUCTION HILL to warm the vehicles up. Then serious business. While those who had ventured into the sand on previous Peake weekends began letting down tyres it was to be full pressure for Des Trowbridge on the first attempt. Jackaroo roared, everyone paused and looked up in anticipation of seeing the vehicle come to a halt only to see it vanish over the peak. I had plenty of practice reversing down that same hill, low tyre pressure and all. Frustration was setting in – four attempts in 2 low and no success. Finally, in 1 high we were over in the long MQ. Even though at the time I thought I was keeping my foot flat to the boards I found out afterwards that I was easing off slightly at critical moments..... and Christine had thought discretion was the better course of action.

Some driving up, down and around sand hills to get the feel of the vehicle and we returned for lunch. Roger Bailey arrived in his short wheelbase turbo diesel Nissan and joined the convoy for the afternoons activity These proceeded without much ado. Except of course when I straddled a hill and was pulled back by Ainsley with the snatchem strap. Later in the afternoon when I turned for the big run I managed to bury the car down to the running boards. Out with the snatchem strap again – another demonstration to reinforce the use of the strap (if only it could have been a different driver) As a consolation I did make it over the sand hill after being freed from the mound.

It was good to see the Volmers enjoying the push through the sand. The driving was shared so that not only Heinz, but also daughter Renee and her friend George could get a feel for what it was like. Unfortunately, along with Gretel Volmer, they had to leave that night so Renate could study for her forthcoming accountancy exams,

**Night Driving**

Rolly Robertson arrived at dusk having driven from Adelaide in his trusty old Land Rover at a sedate 80km an hour. After dark, sitting around the campfire John Powell surprised Sheila with a presentation – a trophy four wheel drive on a slope in recognition of her success at previous Peake week ends. Well done Sheila!!

The noise of motors drifted through the air. Firstly from remote control cars, temporarily fitted with lights, driven by David and Steven Green. Secondly, from “the real thing” as four cars headed off for a bit of night blasting.

**New Arrivals**

Sunday morning arrived and several new faces greeted us. David and Merv Watkins, Garry and Jenny Thompson and Geoff and Mary Watchel joined the fray.

**A Lesson Learned**

Into the vehicles and off we went. It wasn't long and it was out with the snatchem strap again – yes same driver. It came about after a steep decline which had to be followed by a

sharp turn to the left. Well, I got it wrong, and ended up buried to the floorboards at a large angle from the intended direction as I tried to manoeuvre out at the bottom of the incline. Two attempts with the snatchem strap were met with little success as the HQ stalled on both tries. On the third the MQ stalled again as a loud retort echoed through the valley – one of the two bolts securing the tongue to the bulbar sheared. The car was now in a position that with a bit of toing and froing I was out of trouble. The cause of the difficulty? Well. The angle was awkward but within limits – the main cause was that as I left the vehicle to arrange the snatchem I had pulled on the handbrake and then forgotten about it!!

### **Rolly Does It**

Finally, before lunch, the assault on the hill opposite the campsite. The scene of Helen's success. A couple of vehicles attempted the run a few times but decided an alternative track was more suitable. After some comments that Rolly would have difficulty he proved all wrong as he bounced and swayed over on the first attempt!!

### **Retrieval**

After lunch the demonstration retrieval using the hand winch with Roger Bailey parking his car on a steep incline for the action. After making certain the handbrake was off and the car out of gear the demo began with all hands including the ladies giving it a go. The unanimous decision – it is better to travel with a second vehicle.

### **Ladies Turn**

No weekend at Peake is complete without the ladies learning the drift of the sand. Back to the vehicles for a gradual lead in, with small climbs and descents, some driving on the face of a dune to experience the side ways slip and then the assault on the big ones. A slight problem getting the Holden engine started and then keeping it ticking over. A pull start and back to the sand hills for the ladies to tackle the last sand dune for the weekend. All went well

### **Thankyou**

The weekends success and the enjoyment of all was a combination of the company, the helpful advice freely given, in particular from Ainslie Brittain who organised the outing. The land owners, Ross and Clarice Lauterbach were generous and friendly. To all I say Thankyou

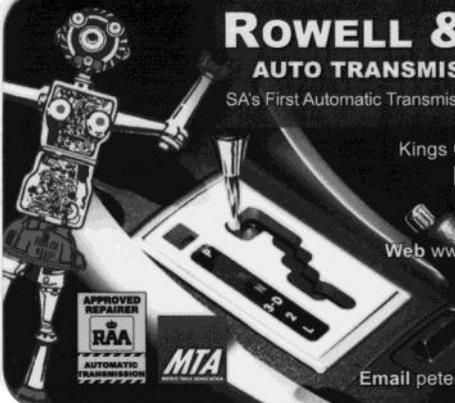
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### *Spaghetti Bolognese*

Serves 2

Dice 1/2 onion, stalk celery, 4 mushrooms, 3 middle bacon rashers, 2 cloves garlic  
Gently fry in a little fat until soft and then turn up the heat to brown a little

Add 250g. mince and cook until no longer pink

Add 1 can crushed tomato, salt & pepper

Cover and simmer gently while cooking pasta

Bring a saucepan cold water to the boil and add a pinch of salt and pasta

Chop some basil, thyme, rosemary, oregano

To test whether pasta cooked drop a small amount in a glass of cold water and taste

Transfer pasta to sauce and coat

Serve with a little grated cheese

Add herbs to taste



## A WALK IN BELAIR NATIONAL PARK

Sunday, June 17th 1990

The weather forecast was not promising but we soldiered on to meet our leaders for the day Bob and Janice Lamkin who had arranged for everyone to meet near the Long Gully Kiosk in Belair National Park—a very scenic spot

As we arrived the sun was peeping its way through the clouds and everyone who was brave enough to turn out arrived well before the 9.30 am meeting time

We all rugged up with our backpacks on and Bob led the way up the steps to the railway line – I named this Coronary Hill. What a marvellous view from the top

Bob led us along a walking trail which took us through a low tunnel under the railway and then up a valley to the lower waterfall. Then we started to climb again to the upper waterfall. We all enjoyed a rest and a morning tea break along the way.

As we continued the weather remained kind to us and we were lucky to see many native plants and birds and by 12.30 we were back at our vehicles. It had been a really excellent walk

Some more members joined us for a BBQ lunch which was very enjoyable although the weather was very, very chilly. We finished lunch celebrating Ken's birthday. It was a surprise and he was very pleased that Janice had baked and decorated a cake .

The keen photographers in our group enjoyed watching and photographing the parrots and kookaburras in the trees nearby.

Some of us had to leave after lunch but the remainder visited Old Government House which they rated as well worth the visit and then into the Woods and Forestry nursery where several plants were purchased

Many thanks to Bob and Janice for organising the day. Your efforts are really appreciated. I look forward to the next one

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