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Patrolling the Editor's Desk

Hi Folks
Ian and I had a wonderful time in England, France and Europe and once again have managed to avoid the worst of winter. I do hope that the early burst of heat we had in September is not an omen for the summer ahead.
I have really enjoyed putting this magazine together for the last 12 months. I thank all of those who contributed and hope more of you will send in articles or information to share with the rest of us. Don and Wayne's mechanical angle in the October magazine was of much interest to me who has absolutely no idea about cars and the way they work
I wish all of you and your families a wonderful festive season
Cheers, Anne

30 YEARS AGO-1987

THE BORDER RUN WITH N.P.C. VICTORIA

After meeting the 9 South Australians at Eagle on the Hill early Saturday morning we travelled to Tintinara where we were to meet the Victorian Club at 10.30. We were a little early so after refuelling we took cover under some shade as the temperature in Adelaide that day was 39deg. Shortly after the Victorians arrived (all 12 vehicles Nissans) we said our greetings, name tagged everyone and reminded them about snakes this time of the year and to clean out any grass from under the vehicles so they wouldn't catch fire.

We then headed off towards Mt. Rescue. On reaching the turn off it was decided half the vehicles would have lunch and the other half would run to the top, then on their return vice versa. Kay from Victoria found the sun extremely hot and burning so Bruce got out an orange and green flowered beach umbrella which Kay took everywhere for the rest of the weekend.

It was about this time that Vicki Wenham put on her iridescent pink socks to keep the snakes away and it must have worked because the only snake we saw all weekend was the one that came out from under the car after Chris had been laying there to clean out dry leaves.

Saturday night we camped at Bucks Camp amongst the bees. It seemed they were after any bit of moisture. After the sun went down they went and we had a pleasant evening around the Gas Light.
Sunday we were up early to miss the bees then set off across Mt. Rescue, Mt. Shaugh and Ngarkat Conservation Parks to the border. Trevor had another fire under the vehicle, but was well prepared this time with two fire extinguishers. At the border we deflated our tyres and made a very hot trip to our camp just short of Trig Hill. The day was extremely hot with the temperature at 5pm at 44deg. After a chat around the gas light, it was decided to plan a trip to Victoria for Easter so the Victorians could show us their type of country.

Monday we headed to Scorpion Springs then to Pinnaroo where we stood in the spray of a fountain to cool off. We then said our thanks and goodbye to a great group of Victorians and headed home through a dust storm then rain. We had a fabulous weekend except for the extreme heat and all hope to see the Victorians at Easter
Lorraine Beythein
NPC 65

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 FEBRUARY ISSUE IS:- 20th JANUARY 2018

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

2018	Future Events	Leader	Activity
7th January	Day trip to Goolwa and Murray Mouth	Wayne Dunn	4W Driving
26-28th January	Australia Day weekend at Murbko	Brian & Judy Cook	Camping & Social
29th March – 2nd April	Easter – Big Desert	Dave & Helen Richards	4W Driving with Otways club
23rd April – open ended	Venus Bay	Janice Lamkin	Camping & Social
11th May	Theatre night - *High Society*		Social
20th – 30th May	Trip with Friends of the Simpson Desert	Don Grigg	Park maintenance Camping & Social
Dates undecided	Deep Creek - working bee		Park maintenance Camping & Social
2nd – 30th June	Canning Stock Route	Dave Roe	4W Driving
16th – 17th June	Peake		Driver training/social
24th June	Mid-year lunch		Social
12th October	Theatre night – *Can Can*		Social
2nd-4th November	Morgan Training weekend	Dave Richards	4W Driving Social
Dates undecided	Deep Creek – Working bee		Park maintenance Camping & Social
25th November	Xmas family picnic		Social
16th December	Breakfast in the park		Social
Expressions of Interest	Maralinga		

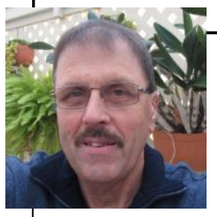
(Remember to complete your ICE form prior to commencing on your Trip.)

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



Another year is all but gone, it has been an interesting 12 months and the club has enjoyed a range of trips and social events.
One of the highlights was the Come and Try Weekend at Peake, a number of visitors joined club members to experience sand driving on the dunes of Tallinga Downs . There was a mixture of experience amongst the visitors, from the rank novice to the more experienced. All enjoyed the driving along with the camaraderie of the fellow participants. Whilst we did not directly get any new members from the weekend, we most certainly raised the profile of the club, I think it is a weekend most worthy of repeating
Already for next year there is planned a number of trips to varied locations, including one planned to the Canning Stock route. This is on the bucket list of most avid Four-Wheel drivers and a challenging trip for any level of experience. Other trips have been proposed so there already there is something for everyone, the usual events are planned – Deep Creek Working Weekends, theatre night etc.
I am not standing as President next year, Dallas & I have decided to retire so we can see more of the family in the UK, enjoy this great country and most of all 'not go to work'.
I would like to thank the members of the committee for all their assistance during this year and especially for their work in making our club function. It has been a challenging year with regards to member numbers, clubs in general are struggling to remain relevant in this instant spontaneous world of social media. Attracting new members will continue to be a task that the new committee will need to focus on
I wish you all a healthy and safe festive season, followed by an equally great New Year
See you around the club
Wayne
NPC389

NISSAN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVER AWARDS

Belatedly presented to Brian Cook at the November General meeting.

In January, following the floods, Brian went to reconnoitrer the campsite at Murbko Lagoon to ensure the safety and comfort of the NPC members who attended this longstanding annual event

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Redarc 4WD Octoberfest -October long weekend

Trip leaders:	Helen and Dave Richards
Tag-Along Tour Leaders:	
Saturday:	Craig Wood
Sunday:	Andrew Jackson
Venue:	Willangi Bush Escapes
Organising Club:	Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club

NPC Participants: Helen and Dave Richards, Craig Wood, Rod and Aileen Kitto, Maddie and John Day, Jeffrey and Jeanene Schapel, Andie O'Donohue and Sue Jackson, Andrew Jackson with Mitchell and the twins, Margaret and Samantha McCallum

On arrival at the registration area each registrant was issued with an ARB sample bag filled with all types of goodies and information leafets. Also displayed on the walls were all of the tag-along tours on offer to which one could add their name. The tours were all rated on their difficulty and a description of the terrain.

By late Friday evening all Nissan Club Members had arrived and set up camp amongst the other 70 plus cars. Each Club was allotted their own camping space which meant we were all located together which made organising the group very easy. Friday night showed us how cold it could be. Of course many friendships with various other club members were renewed, particularly with John and Jane Jansen who were situated across from our group. They sent their best wishes to all past friends in the Nissan Club.

Saturday was full on with tag-along tours. The Richards, Days, Schapels, and a couple from the Murray Bridge club chose to be on Craig's tour to the Terowie 4WD Park, Paaroo. Helen was the navigator for Craig and Dave acted as "Tail-end-Charlie. Craig, Andrew Jackson and John Kerr had previously visited this venue twice to check the tracks and set the route. The anticipated excitement we all felt regarding the upcoming trip was certainly achieved. The route provided many good challenges, especially when someone suggested to Dave after he had crept down a steep step-down he could probably reverse back up!! Oh no, as quick as a flash he reversed and up he flew.

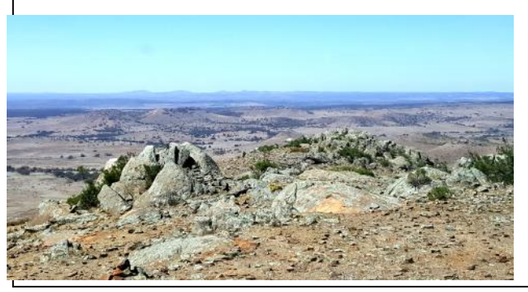
The social side of Saturday started off at 4.30 pm with the TVan Hire SA Nibblefest sponsored by Trade Show. This was to provide an opportunity to all present to mingle with other club members and sponsors. After a quick dinner it was time to convene around one of the three camp fires and be entertained by the Strickland Road Band (using the alias "The Redarc Band" and being dressed in Redarc T-Shirts). Despite the evening being freezing it was a great night of singing, jokes and dancing.

Sunday Andrew was leading the Terowie tag-along. Sadly someone didn't realise that it was day light saving so Andrew's team were somewhat delayed in their 8.30 am departure. Rod and Aileen acted as tail end Charlies for Andrew.

Many of us chose to do the Black Rock tag-along led by a member of the Mount Barker Club. This tour was more extreme than the Terowie trip with many steep up and downs. Of course when a track takes you high you enjoy fabulous views of the surrounding country side. In the distance on one side of the range we could clearly see Orroroo. We were literally 'up with the eagles' and were treated to watching two small birds harassing a soaring eagle.

Those who were participating in the Camp Fire Cooking Competition were pleased that we arrived back at camp in time to prepare for the big event. Activity was strong around the camp fire with the cooks checking and rechecking the progress of their dish. The winner of the ARB award for the best dish was announced the following morning - what a tense evening for the cooks waiting for the results. The children were treated to a Children's Movie night in the shed and I believe popcorn and lollies were handed out.

For those who were brave an ARB Navigation Drive was organised for Sunday evening. Very few braved this but according to the leader some did complete the course but achieved it by going in a completely different direction.



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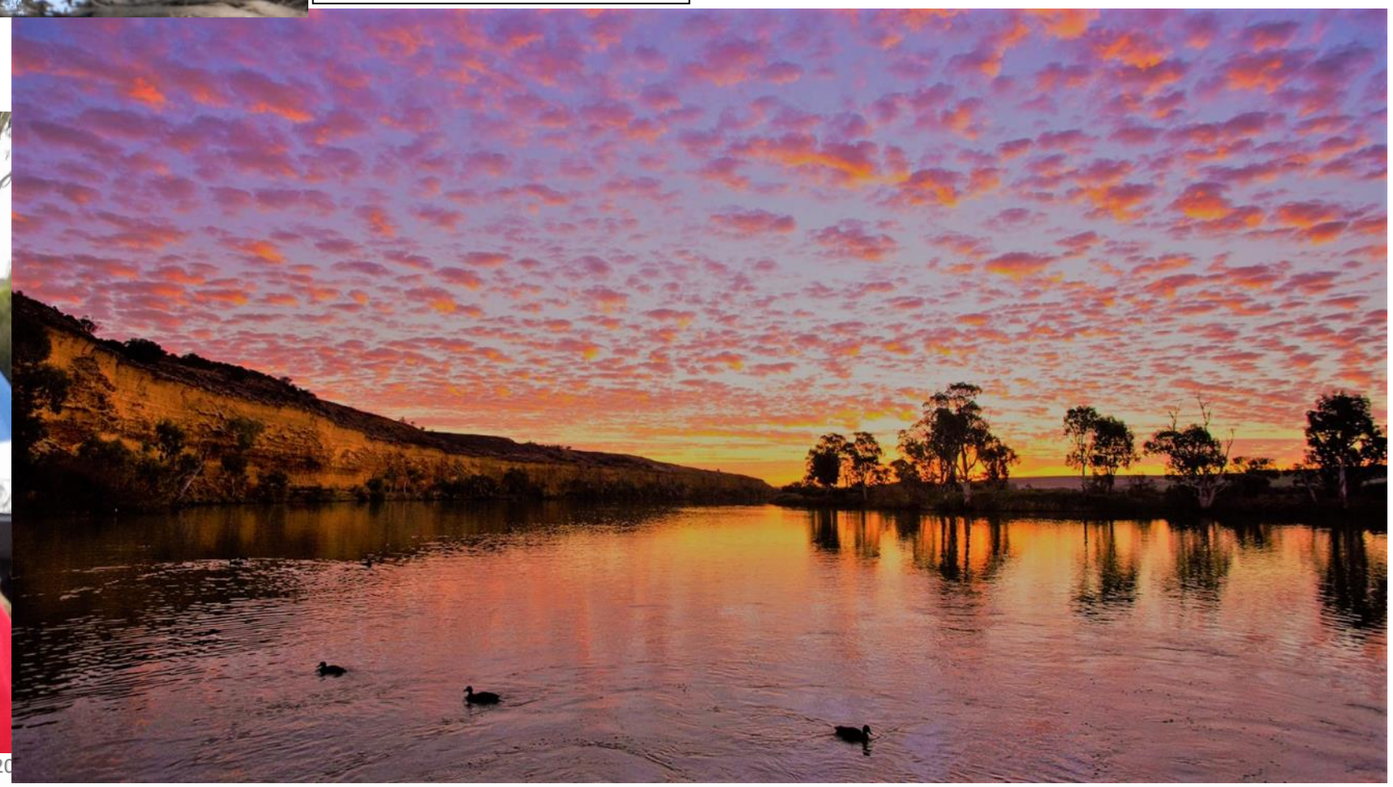
2017 Photograhic Competition

The Winners are:

Vehicles:
"Wet wheels"
By Rod Kitto

Nature: by Helen Richards

Sunset/Sunrise:
Morgan
by Helen Richards



People: Frank and Roz
by Helen Richards

MORGAN TRAINING WEEKEND TRIP OCTOBER 2017

Brian and I arrived at the Morgan Caravan Park on the Thursday before the rest of the group and settled in for the weekend. On the next day, Friday, Dave and Helen, John and Lorraine, Sue and Nick, Craig, Paul and Robyn and Phil and Lisa arrived to make up our crew, fifteen in total, (seven vehicles).

Friday had been quite hot but the Saturday was a lovely day as we gathered near the boat ramp to meet up with the Mitsubishi Club who were going to join us training today. The Mitsubishi Club had an extra eight vehicles and twelve people making a total of 25 in all that proceeded to the quarry.

Once at the quarry we split into two groups let our tyres down and in our case see if the car knew what 4WD was. The quarry is a perfect place to find out what the car is safely capable of and the idea is to check out before you go up or down a slope to look for the pitfalls.

Phil and Lisa led us up and down hills and in and out between trees with only a couple of mishaps, on the first slope one of us couldn't tell when he was in 4WD, the light was on but……

Lisa contributed to the radio chatter by entertaining an eight legged friend of which she took plenty of photos.

But it was left to Dave to provide the entertainment for the morning by not looking before he leapt and wedging his car firmly between two cliffs resulting in a winching out by John with Craig adding a tow to John's vehicle so it wouldn't slide forward. Fortunately the car was still driveable.

Once we had freed ourselves from that situation we made for the gate and back to the caravan park for lunch.

In the afternoon the combined group went on a mystery tour in the bushy back blocks of Morgan where it was Col, the Driver Trainer from the Mitsubishi Club's turn to provide the entertainment for

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the afternoon by getting a flat tyre. He had a few willing helpers to change the tyre while the rest of the group went up and down the sand hills to practice sand driving.

We arrived back at the Caravan Park about 5.30pm and tidied ourselves up for a night out at the Terminus Hotel in Morgan which provided a good feed.

The Sunday was a hot, very windy day and some of us stayed and packed up slowly and made our way back to town.

A group went back to the quarry for an hour and a half led by Dave and Helen.

Brian and I had a great weekend, it is always good to get out with our friends from the NPC. We wish we could do it more often. Brian had a chance to put the Landcruiser through its 4WD paces and had his happy face on all weekend.

Thank you Dave and Helen and also the rest of the group for the great weekend.
Christine Robinson
NPC 270

BYE BYE BIRDIE
Friday October 13th

Over 30 members and family of the Nissan Patrol Club SA enjoyed an evening at the Arts Theatre to see the production of "Bye Bye Birdie."
Coffee and cake finished of a fantastic night.

The story of "Bye Bye Birdie"
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Deep Creek Working Weekend Report

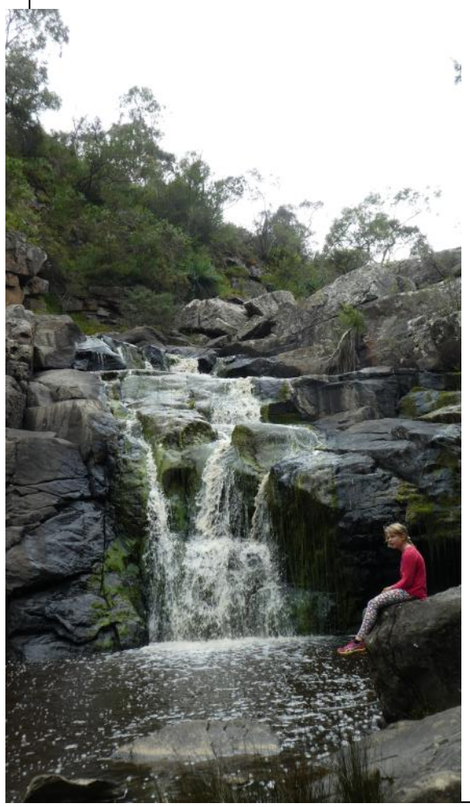
October 20-22nd

The second of the working weekends at Deep Creek Conservation park began, as is becoming the norm, by the group meeting for lunch at the Yankalilla Bakery. The offerings lived up to past standards and were enjoyed by all. Seventeen members camped at Trig Campground over the weekend, with 2 coming down for the day on Saturday.

The rangers this time offered us an alternative worksite to the usual Sea Spurge removal at Blow Hole beach. This was removing wire from an old fence line on Tappanappa road.

Jim was keen to continue our work at the beach, so we decided to have two groups, which ended up being of equal size. The fencing group removed about 600 metres of wire from the fence line, leaving about 900 for another day, it was dusty work, standing next to the road where not all cars had the courtesy to slow down when going past.

The beach group enjoyed a recently repaired access road down to the beach, last time it was a slow crawl avoiding rocks and pot holes. They found the area where we had concentrated before with some regrowth but much reduced from the first time. Next working bee the intention is to concentrate over the creek in the dunes, as this has considerable infestation



The weather was cool on Friday and Saturday but fine, the campfire was the place to be for happy hour and afterwards. This changed Sunday, we woke to the sound of rain. Both groups planned to continue their work but decided to cancel because of the weather. Coral the ranger turned up with a pleasant surprise, she had picked up an orphaned joey which she was taking to the animal rescue people, it was very calm and did not appear injured.

We ended the weekend with either a walk to the waterfall on Deep Creek or others drove to the carpark at Boat Harbour. Everyone then broke camp and headed for home, some could not resist the bakery at Yankallila !!!

Another successful weekend was had. There are two working bees planned again next year, so, please come along. it is a very good weekend in a great place

Wayne Dunn

NPC 389

Membership Fees are due:
Any members who wish to pay membership via a direct bank transfer and require Bank BSB & Account numbers can email or telephone Maddie Day for the details
Members are reminded that for insurance purposes drivers on club trips need to be part of a membership

NPC
Breakfast in the Park
17th December 9am onwards

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BYO Breakfast and festive goodies to share

This is the final social gathering of 2017and a chance to chat and reminisce about the year and to look forward

1st General meeting
4th January 2018
BBQ commences at 6.00pm

Snags and deadhorse with bread is provided but please bring a salad to share
The rest is BYO

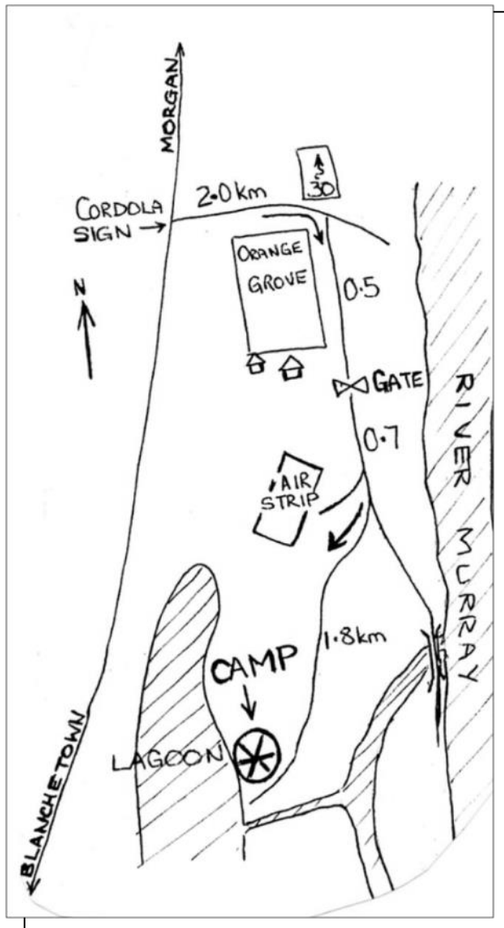
EASTER AT RAINBOW 2018

Trip Leaders: Dave & Helen Richards

Combined trip with the Otway's Club

The popular Easter 4-wheel drive adventure for 2018 starts at western beach camp ground, Lake Albacutya Park, on Thursday the 29th of March. The park is 14km north of the small town of **Rainbow** in NW Victoria and its main feature is the lake, presently dry, which fills from Lake Hindmarsh when the Wimmera River is in flood. This occurs about every 25 years

The Big Desert will be explored over the next 3-4 days and the trips will be planned by 2 locals who will be showing us their backyard. Wild life, plants, Chinamans Well, the Big Rock and the history of dessert crossings will be featured



REMINDER - NPC AUSTRALIA DAY LONG WEEK-END ANNUAL MURBKO CANOE/FISHING /EVENT

Thursday 25th - 28th January 2018

Trip Leaders: Brian & Judy Cook

The camping area has no facilities and no toilets although the Club toilet tent will be available or bring your own facilities.

The cost is $10 per day per vehicle through a self-registration system at the gate.

Join us for the weekend or a day and don't forget your swimming, canoeing, fishing gear etc

Australia Day will be celebrated at the Saturday evening communal happy hour by dressing up in out-back Australian bush attire or what-ever turns you on. After individual main meals there will be a gathering for all to bring Australian deserts to share. We will spend the evening together making entertainment as best we can

A fishing competition will be organised for those interested during the Saturday.

*Restrictions apply for taking fresh fruit and vegetables into the **Riverland fruit fly exclusion zone** from other parts of South Australia.*
You can only take:
- *fresh fruit and fruiting vegetables purchased from a South Australian shop, providing you have an itemised receipt as proof of purchase*
- *cooked, processed, preserved, stewed, dried, frozen or canned fruit and fruiting vegetables*

From the pir.sa.gov.au website

Caravan roll-over (Venus Bay article June magazine)

I would like to add a warning. Twelve months before the accident, which resulted in the loss of our caravan, tyres were changed on the van. The old tyres were badly worn on the outside of the tread. The new H. D. tyres caused gyrations on the road and the final capsizing of the van. This could have been avoided by ensuring that a wheel balance had been performed following the change

Frank Foster
NPC 279

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Monday saw the culmination of the weekend – the draw of the raffle, the naming of the winner of the night Navigation Drive, the winner of the camp cooking competition and of course the Big Brekky sponsored by 4WDSA and MLR. The Big Brekky was a fund raiser for both the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Beyond Blue.

The Nissan Club provided 4 members to assist with the breakfast. The cooks were required to be on duty at 6.30 am to cook the sausages, eggs, bacon, and baked beans. To cope with the number of breakfasts to be served there were 6 BBQs, 1 bain marie and many cooks.

Guess who won the camp cooking? Helen Richards for her Strawberry and Rhubarb Crumble, with Maddie Day receiving an Honourable mention for her meat dish. Well done ladies.

Octoberfest proved to be a great event, plenty of 4WD tours on offer, plenty of time to socialise, great entertainment, an abundance of wood for the fires, and loads of prizes in the raffle along with an opportunity to talk with the sponsors. The Willangi venue was ideal with its pleasant surroundings. The bush toilets and bush showers worked well, especially at night time when the toilets were lit by solar fairy lights.

Thank you to Helen and Dave for organising the trip and a special thank you to Craig and Andrew who represented our Club by leading the tag-along tours.

Jeanene NPC 31

RECIPES WITH IAN

Gingerbread men

Beat
- 125gms butter,
- 100 gms brown sugar

When pale and creamy beat in
- 125ml golden syrup
- 1 egg yolk

Stir in
- 375gms plain flour
- 1 tablespoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon mixed spice
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

Knead until smooth and rest covered in fridge for 30 minutes
Preheat oven to 180 degrees and grease 2 baking trays
Roll out the dough to $^1/_4$ inch thick and cut with cookie cutter
Bake for 10 minutes

The fun part is decorating with icing made with the egg white and icing sugar and smarties etc

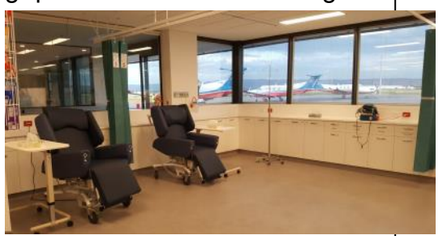
Visit to Royal Flying Doctor Service

On Wednesday evening 18 October, 41 members of the Nissan Patrol Club and Mitsubishi 4WD Club SA met at the new Adelaide base of the Royal Flying Doctor Service at West Beach. We were welcomed by Anthea and Kristin, two RFDS fundraising employees, who gave us an insight into the 24 hour, 7 days a week operations of the base.

The service was founded by Reverend John Flynn on 15 May 1928 and will therefore celebrate the 90 year anniversary in 2018 with special promotions around the state. Special celebrations will be held in Port Lincoln, Port Augusta and Mount Gambier.

Polaris 4 blade prop planes are used by the Central/NT base. Each plane is purchased for around $6m and then requires another $1.5m to fit it out for service. The planes are stripped of seats upon arrival and fitted with two stretchers and necessary medical equipment. A new 5 blade prop jet costing over $10m is due for delivery at the end of next year. This plane is currently being tested to make sure it can make a successful dirt landing. There are 69 RFDS planes Australia wide.

Each plane carries a flight crew of one pilot and one nurse, and in dire emergency situations a Medi Star doctor will be deployed as well. The nurses are required to have tremendous experience in critical care and emergency, midwifery, country service and mental health. The pilots also require extensive experience in small planes and larger ones. If a pilot or nurse lives more than 10 minutes from the base they are provided with sleeping quarters at the base during their shifts.



We were first taken briefly into the critical care patient transfer room but as a plane had just landed with a patient on board we were moved on to allow patient privacy. We were then shown the high roofed hanger where a plane was currently being over hauled. The height of the roof will allow the new 5 blade prop jet to fit in. The polished white floor allows mechanics to always find dropped parts or tools and equipment is suspended and drops from the ceiling.
We were then taken upstairs through the well equipped staff lunch area which opened onto a large viewing deck. From here we could see the RFDS planes parked on the $1m asphalt tarmac as well as the coming and going of commercial planes on the main runway. All RFDS planes use the main runway to take off and land.
Thank you Anthea and Kristin for your time and a well presented informative evening. Some concluded the night with drinks at McDonalds.

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