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Patrolling the Editor's Desk

Hi All,
Well, here we are at the end of 2019. Where has it gone and how so quickly?
We have friends coming to visit from France and I am looking forward to the festive season.
I really feel for all the people in NSW, Queensland and now closer to home, Port Lincoln who are enduring the terrible fires. I see the bush as somewhere I love to visit but for them it is their lives. The people of the several emergency services involved are amazing and certainly deserve a lot of respect. So, lets spare a thought for all of those affected in any way.
Next year's trips and events will again offer something for everyone
See you again in 2020
Cheers, Anne

30 YEARS AGO-1989

Coffin Bay

September 31th—October 6th 1989

Trippers: Leaders L. & T. Beythien—J & D Hedley, G Lapthorne, Don & Joanne, T. & B. Cox, B. & B. Branford

30th Sept. We met at Gepps Cross and got rolling at 8.30am heading to Pt. Augusta. Along the way we picked up an extra Nissan who joined us for smoko break at Crystal Brook. Our next stop was our camp at Lake Giles. Happy Hour was a double celebration of the birthdays of Trevor and Brian. Lace table cloths, crystal vase and a red rose were a lovely touch for the bush

1st Oct. Nice easy day, found our way to Buckleboo. Picked up a good track, met a few locals and had a chat. Lorraine decided to camp at Corunna Well, only 4kms off the main track. IT TOOK AN HOUR TO REACH THE SITE.....
But worth every minute when we finally got there, spotting a few magnificent specimens of Spider Orchids & Donkeys Ears on the way in

2nd Oct. We were all up early and went for a walk. It had to be the loveliest spot I've camped at. We saw a rather large wild cat but not a lot of game considering how untouched the spot was. The exit trip over the same track was a bit quicker. Lunch was at Cummins and we pressed on to Coffin Bay. The drive in was a treat for us as this was my first trip to this part of the country. A howling gale caused us to drop back to the relative quiet behind the dune instead of the Spring campsite. Other campers were more professional fishers than us. Ho, Ho Ho

3rd Oct. Rest day!! We went for a walk to find Black Springs and I think we did.

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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 FEBRUARY ISSUE IS:- 27th JANUARY 2019

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2019	Future Events	Leader	Activity
15th December	Breakfast in the park	President	Social
2020			
24th-27th January	Murbko—Australia Day Weekend	Brian & Judy Cook	Social
2nd-4th Februaury	Mannum & River Cruise on Mayflower	Pat Trowbridge	Markets, Monarto, River Cruise
12th-16th February	Caravan & Camping Show	John Kerr	Club Promotion
7th-9th March	Bushies at Tintinara	Chris & Tony Moran	Sand driving/Social
6th-18th April	Googs Track Trip closed -18 vehicles	Dave & Helen Richards	With the Otways 4x4club 4W Driving
8th May	Theatre Night 'Legally Blonde'	Jeff Schapel	Social
15th-17thMay	Dorado Downs	Dave & Helen Richards	Sand driving/Social
12-14th June	Peake	Helen & Dave Richards	Get aquainted with your 4WDSand driving/Social
28th June	Mid-year lunch Location TBA	President	
1st October	Theatre - Arts Theatre 'Nice Work If You Can Get It'	Jeff Schapel	
2nd-5th October	Whyalla Weekend	President	
2021			
2nd-5thApril	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

Hi Patrollers,

This is the final President Points for 2019. We have had a busy last ¼ for the year with quite a few events.

This past October at Deep Creek Conservation Park we did volunteer work at the Blowhole Beach. Both events for Deep Creek this year have been a success and the Ranger is very pleased with our contribution in keeping the Conservation Park protected and weed free and welcomes us to maintain our volunteer work with them. The Nissan Patrol Club of SA should be very proud of ourselves. We are making a difference.

Our night at the Arts Theatre was attended by 46 members (a record number) friends and family to see Mamma Mia. We all agreed that this is one of the best performances the MET has put on. Coffee and cake were enjoyed at Caffe Bocelli after the show. Our Familiarisation with 4WDriving weekend in Morgan at the quarry with the Mitsubishi Club was well received. You will find more information & pictures on these trips in editions of the magazine.

Our photo competition was a success with thanks going to Jeff Schapel, Marie Dalitz and Rod Kitto for their contribution into running the event. The winner's photos will appear in an edition of Patrolling. We would have held our Family Christmas Picnic on November 24th after this goes to print. Please look out for photos and write-up in further editions of Patrolling. Our final event for 2019 is our inaugural "Breakfast in the Park" This event is always a chance to sit back, relax over a wine or a cuppa & breakfast & enjoy the friendship of our fellow members. Hope to see you all there.

Looking at our trips for 2020, we have a great start. Murbko, Venus Bay, Theatre Night, Peake, Googs Track and Beyond, Deep Creek Working Bee, Mid- Year Dinner, Weekend in Whyalla & Morgan Training. If you feel the opportunity of running a trip or have an idea, please let us know. Perhaps a day trip, a winery tour, a beach run.....it's up to you. We look forward to your participation & suggestions.

Don't forget our first meeting will be Thursday February 6th, 2020. This will commence with our inaugural "Sausage Sizzle" at 6pm followed by our General meeting at 7.30pm.

I have decided it's time to step back and make way for someone else to take the reins. I have loved being your President. Once again thanks to all of you for your help. This made my position so much easier & enjoyable. Thank you again to all the past and present Committee & my husband Dave for your love & support.

Just a message to you all..... As you celebrate the glory of this miraculous season, may your home be filled with love, peace, and joy. May 2020 be a year of celebrations.

Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Happy travels,
Your club president
Helen Richards (364)

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Morgan 1st-3rd November
Combined Nissan Patrol and Mitsubishi Clubs

Over the weekend the Nissan Patrol Club had 7 vehicles and 16 people and the Mitsubishi Club had around 14 vehicles. Most people arrived Friday to a nice warm sunny afternoon and set up camp.

I caught up with Colin, Mike & Derek of the Mitzi Club and we went out to the quarry, to check on the conditions of some of the tracks. The place was pretty dry and chewed up in some sections.

A few of the Nissan club members got together for happy hour, then went for dinner and back after for a bit more banter. This was cut short as it started to rain and we had a massive lightning and thunderstorm for most of the night. I'm glad we hired a cabin and weren't in a bloody tent!!!

Saturday morning, we met at 9:00 o'clock out the front of the caravan park, did our trip spiels and then headed off to the quarry. It was amazing the difference from Friday, & then with all the rain overnight, there was some good puddles in the Quarry. It was a nice change to see the place damp and not so dry.

We divided up into 3 groups, let our tyres down and headed out to the tracks for a great morning. Headed back to the caravan park around 12 for lunch and then met at 2:00 o'clock for the mystery tour in the afternoon. The mystery tour took us around the back blocks of Morgan and then back into the quarry where we divided up into 3 groups again, for more fun.

We all met for 6:30 at the Terminus pub for dinner, which this time, some of the service and size of meals, was disappointing. After dinner, some of us had a get together to finish off a great day.

Sunday morning a lot of the Mitsubishi club headed back out to the quarry, but most of us, had a relaxing morning packing up, heading for home, after a great weekend.

Phil Stanley and Lisa Patterson
NPC 399

The 2019 Photographic Competition has been run and won.
Photos in this and future magazines

Nature

Rod Kitto "Hop off – this is my territory" - first

Helen Richards "Fly away home" – second

Vehicles

Helen Richards "Who need a tow?" – first

Jeanene Schapel "A sad story" - second

People

Jeanene Schapel "I like icecream" – first

Jeff Schapel "This looks serious" – second

Sunset/sunrise

Renee Garrett "Sunset on the lagoon" – first

Helen Richards "Sunrise!" - second

Mamma Mia
Friday 25th October

46 members & friends of the Nissan Patrol Club of SA enjoyed a night of song and dance to the musical Mamma Mia. It was the ultimate feel good show. Full of colour, energy, the characters were amazing. ABBA classics to sing along to. We had the time of our lives.

We enjoyed our coffee and cake at Bocelli Caffe after the show.

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Helen Richards NPC 364

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Deep Creek Conservation Park
18th—20th October

As is now normal procedure, a group of participants met at the Yankalilla Bakery for lunch on the Friday at around noon.

Wayne & Dallas, Jeff & Jeanene, Brian & Judy, John & Maddie, and Rod, had a hearty meal before undertaking the remainder of the journey to Deep Creek Conservation Park. Upon arriving it was time to set up the caravans and then have coffee and nibbles for happy hour. Ranger Simon arrived and the necessary paperwork was exchanged, followed by a short briefing about safety and the tasks for the weekend. Then it was time for the evening meal, followed by some time sitting under Wayne's awning as it was rather cool and breezy, and then into bed.

Next morning (Saturday) everyone was up (some earlier than others) and Jim & Pauline joined us, having driven form Adelaide. After breakfast we all headed to Blowhole Beach to attack the remaining sea spurge. It was nice to see that the area we first concentrated on some years ago had very little evidence of regrowth, and so this time we concentrated our efforts across the creek in the sand and a little way up the hill. Lunch was had around noon, work on the area continued after lunch and we eventually dragged ourselves up the hill to the cars around 3:30pm. John and Maddie had a small drama with their car on the way back which required application of Wayne's mechanical skills, but eventually we were all back at camp. Jim & Pauline headed home and we all had tea, followed by some happy time sitting around a lovely fire.

Sunday morning following breakfast we went back to Blowhole Beach after seeing John and Maddie's car and caravan transferred to Yankalilla by a friendly RAA contractor. This time we worked near the carpark cutting and dabbing cotton bush which the ranger had identified for us. Apparently this bush attracts Monarch butterflies, which tend to displace the native butterflies, and is therefore not wanted. At around 12:30 we joined two other groups who had also been working nearby on the cotton bush at Cobblers for a lunch of sandwiches and bun, very kindly provided by the Rangers.

Finally it was time to pack up and make the trip home, after another successful weekend of volunteering and socialising.

Wayne Dunn
NPC 389

Club Marine SA Boat Fishing & Adelaide 4WD Show
25th– 27th October

A few keen volunteers manned the Nissan Patrol Club stand at the show.

The focus this year seemed to be on the boating aspect and while visitor numbers were reported as being up we only had a little interest in actually joining a club.

However there were lots of interesting people to talk with, including, one original member of our club who came to say hello

While the temperature was mild the wind could have blown us away except for the measures taken by our members during preparation and erection of the gazebo

Anne Fritsch NPC 408

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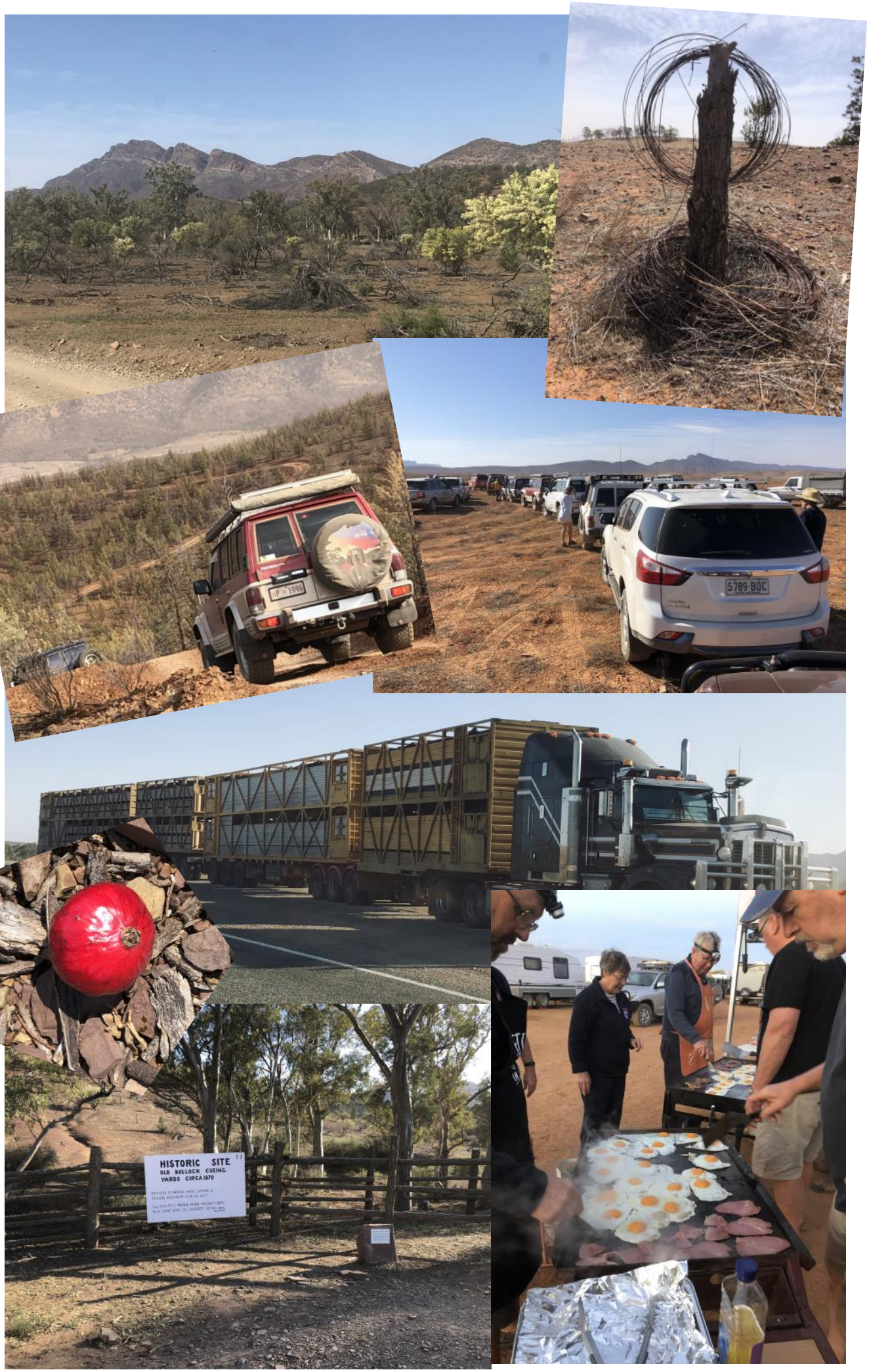
1st Prize—Renee Garrett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Octoberfest 2019
4th-5th

23 intrepid club members set forth to Merna Mora Station for the October long week-end. Most of us travelled on the Thursday, leaving in cool conditions. By the time we arrived on the Friday it was hot weather all the way. It's safe to say the 39-degree, high wind welcome was unexpected and none of us were acclimatised to the conditions.

The Mount Lofty Rangers had the parking well under control and we were directed to our sites. There were 95 participants which was far more than originally planned for and the majority had forsaken tents for caravans and campers.

We all received a welcome pack and a souvenir bottle of port which I am told was "quite a good drop."

To make it fair for all the trips were posted but were not allowed to be signed for until 7.30pm. To the organisers surprise we dutifully queued in an orderly fashion to have our turns. Some trips proved so popular that extra trip leaders were found to satisfy all.
The majority of the NPC decided on the Arkipena and Bunbinyunna tracks; while the 'Woodledo' contingent opted for Sky trek.

The land in the Flinders Ranges has been ravaged by the drought. The Merna Mora cattle were away in other parts of the country grazing due to the lack of feed. Merna Mora offers powered sites in their caravan park and air conditioned units. The pool looked very inviting too.

The Arkipena track, taken by this writer on Saturday was an easy to moderate drive. It gave opportunity for some of the ladies to get behind the wheel. There were some stunning views, however, some photo opportunities were spoiled by the dust that didn't stop blowing. We had the pleasure of sharing the day with Marie Dalitz and celebrated her Birthday in the evening with a lovely cake that she supplied.

The band for Saturday night was postponed until Sunday due to the heat and wind, however the Happy Hour was well attended with great wine and snacks made available for all to enjoy. The Mad Hatter competition had Maddie & John, Phil & Lisa and Helen in the finals, however it was won by a very inventive hat from another club. The children watched a movie and most campers relaxed after an enjoyable but hot day.

The Bunbinyunna track on Sunday was a moderate track. It was a popular choice and we split into 3 groups with staggered start times. Paul McGregor led the trip this writer participated in. We saw the original bullock cuing yards and Paul shared his knowledge of the area. This trip had a couple of steep climbs. Elsie's lookout held the remnants of an old house and we signed a visitor book while we were there. More than once we were reminded of the harsh conditions the early settlers faced as they worked their land.

Sunday night saw the 'Concert in the Creek' come to life. It was a great place to hold it and gave some relief from the wind. The camp cooking competition was cancelled due to the weather conditions.

On to Monday morning and most of the club were cooking up a storm for breakfast. Eggs, bacon, and baked beans were cooked for 200 people. There was the usual banter and harassment of fellow workers with HR called into settle industrial disputes!!
Following breakfast, the raffles were drawn. There were plenty to go around as the unused camp cook off, major prizes were also part of this draw. The station owners put

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up a powered site for two as a major prize. The NPC did very well bringing home multiple minor prizes on the day.

All participants left having had a wonderful time with plenty of laughs along the way.

The Mount Lofty Rangers have asked for feedback on the event as they tried some new things and want to improve as years go by.

Chris & Tony Moran
NPC 384

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NOA presentation to

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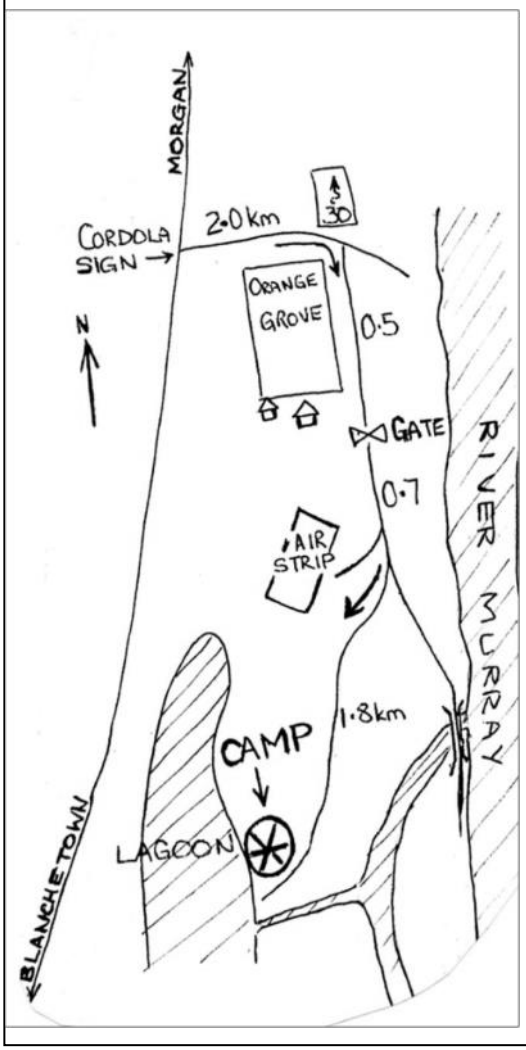
REMINDER - NPC AUSTRALIA DAY LONG WEEK-END ANNUAL MURBKO CANOE/FISHING /EVENT



Friday 24th - 27th January 2020

Trip Leaders: Brian & Judy Cook

All members of the club and visitors are welcome.

The weekend is generally for a relaxed time camped on the bank of the lagoon with either caravans or tents just enjoying the company and the activities.

Such as kayaking, swimming, fishing, yabbying, walking, socializing, games, Australian theme happy hours and any other activity we may wish to introduce.

Sunday evening we celebrate Australia Day with happy hour then after the evening main meal we all gather again with a Australian desert to share and enjoy our sweets together .

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1ST GENERAL MEETING 2020

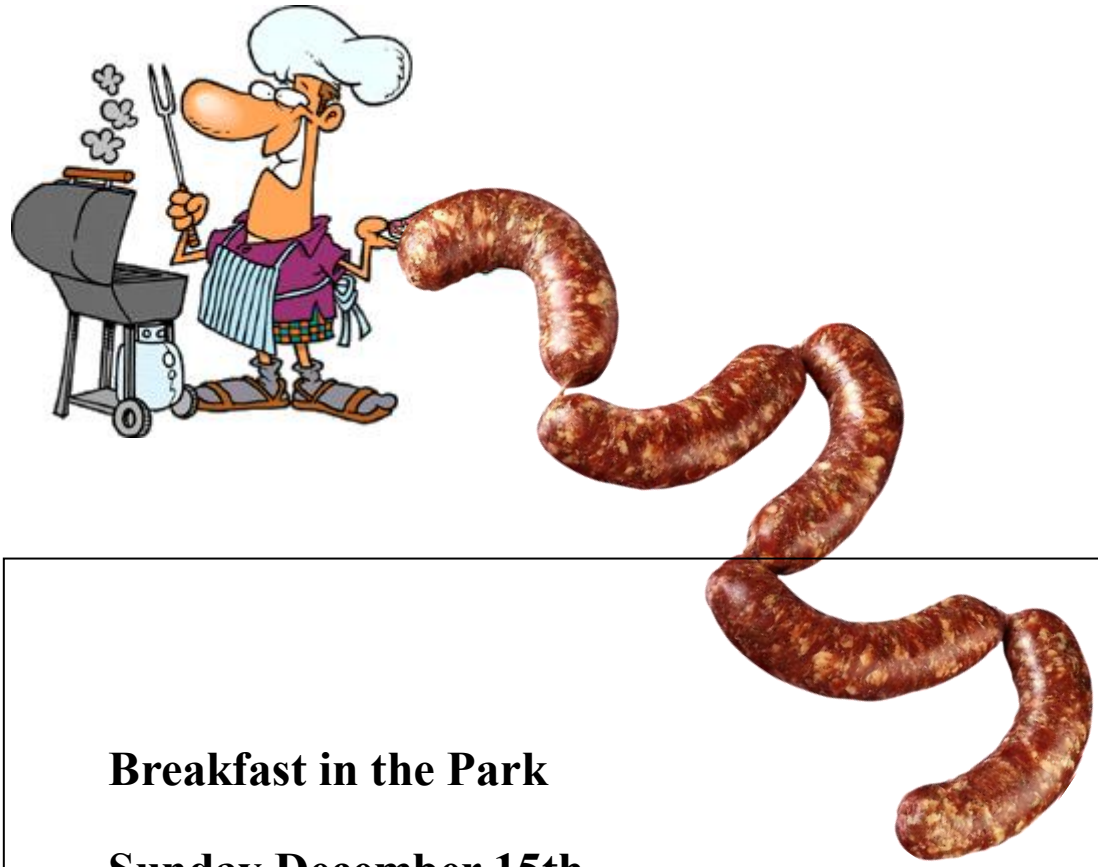
THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

Sausage sizzle commences at 6pm and this is a lovely opportunity to catch up with fellow members after the festive break

The club will provide gourmet sausages and there will be able chefs to sizzle them to perfection

Please bring along a salad to share and your drinks

The meeting will commence at the usual time of 7.30pm



Breakfast in the Park

Sunday December 15th

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The October General meeting speakers were Kym McKenney and Kaz Herbst from Sporting Shooters Association of Australia talking on SSAA Conservation and their role in keeping wildlife at manageable levels with anecdotes and a slide show

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Our NPC archivists, Jeff and Jeanene Schapell, have safely stored the time capsule from the 40th Anniversary Dinner and everything is tickety-boo

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The Easter trip to Goog's track has proved very popular with trip leaders closing off the bookings. Further information will be emailed to participants by the trip leaders

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The 90th birthday of our member Frank Foster was acknowledged at the November general meeting and celebrated by family and friends at a lunch .
Roz Foster turned 89

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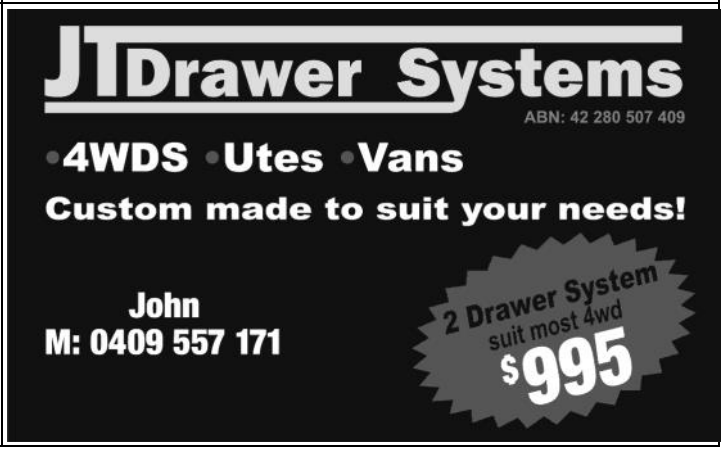

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1 cup currants
1 cup sultanas
1 cup raisins
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
¼ teaspoon mixed spice
Pinch salt
Make well in centre and add:
2 oz butter in ½ cup hot water
1 teaspoon carb soda in ½ cup cold water
Fold in 1 beaten egg
Mix well and leave to stand covered in fridge overnight
Spoon into a well greased (non stick) large pudding basin in the morning and boil in saucepan of water for 3 ½ to 4 hours. Make sure the water does not boil dry and also it does not go over the top of pudding basin and into the pudding!
2 teaspoons brandy or sherry can be added to mixture or poured over when cooked

Spent the afternoon fishing with my hand line. All I caught was a few rocks eventually having to wade out to free my line. I smelt so salty they nearly fried me for tea. The evening was pleasant but spoiled a bit by the noise of the Genny used by the other fishers which went on all night

4th Oct. Took a trip to Point Sir Isaac. On the way we had tea at Morgan's landing. It was appalling the mess made by overgrazing. Sheoaks have been wiped out. It looked like the area had been hit by an atomic bomb. However, it looks like they intend to re-establish Sheoaks. Point sir Isaac and adjoining beaches were well worth the visit. We also had a look at Sensation Beach where we found a dead dolphin washed up on the beach. Nice quiet evening with no unwelcome noises.

5th Oct. We were all ready to leave when Brian discovered he had lost his ignition keys. Panic stations with everyone looking frantically. They were discovered in the vicinity of the early morning walk. We toured around a few bays, each one more beautiful than the one before. Coffin Bay was our lunch spot and from there we made our way to a tiny National Park but found it to be very unsuitable so we decided to try our luck at Wharmin N.P. That was beaut.

Being the 1st Thursday of the month I tried to make contact with the meeting as it progressed but I don't think it was much of a success. Barbara made her marvellous scones and Trevor gave us a rendition of The Eagle and The Construction Worker. We all retired about midnight, after a very enjoyable evening, with aching jaws and shattered. We all slept well

6th Oct. Brian & Beryl left very early as they had to attend a party in Adelaide that night. Our morning spot was in Cowell at the Jade Factory. Then on to Whyalla where we had a look at the tourist attraction the HMAS Whyalla and the museum. Our stop in Port Augusta was welcome as we filled the tanks and had a refreshing shower. On to Bookaloo where we were to meet up with the rest of the weekenders for Pernatty Ridge . That is another story

In closing I would just like to thank Trevor & Lorraine for once again being the instigators of a very enjoyable week

The weather was excellent although we had a bit of WINDY conditions now and again. A couple of the party were new to the type of travelling we do, but they appeared to enjoy the experience and we certainly enjoyed their company. I gather it was found to be very educational, involving sand and rock driving and the necessity to close gates properly which we all know is very important on a trip.

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June Hedley

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