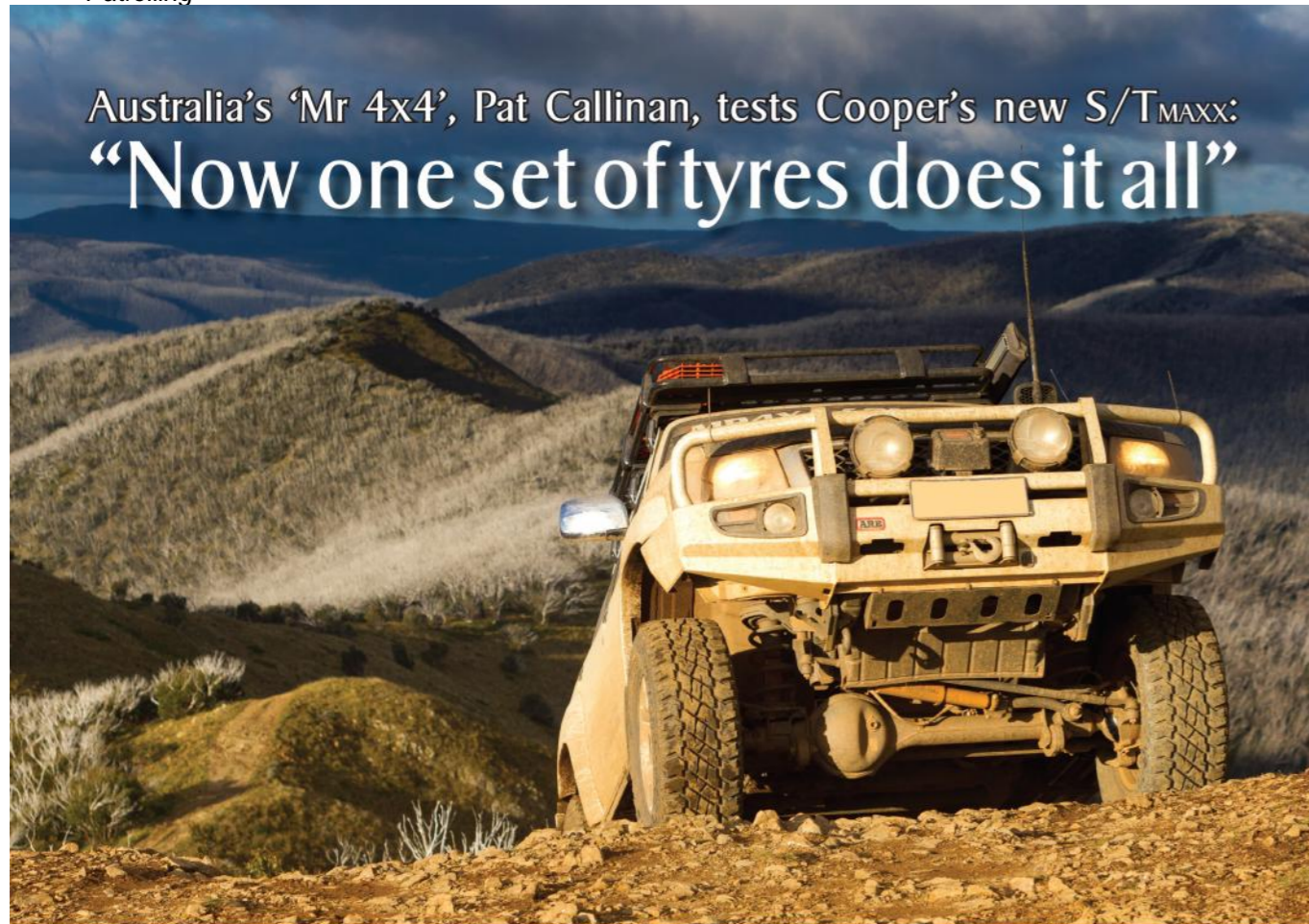


# ***PATROLLING***



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Australia's 'Mr 4x4', Pat Callinan, tests Cooper's new S/T<sub>MAXX</sub>:  
**"Now one set of tyres does it all"**



**B**efore long weekends and trips, I used to change my on-road tyres for my off-road tyres. It was something I'd always had to do. Then earlier this year, Cooper's new tyres were flown in from America to be tested in our conditions. After taking them through Victoria's High Country, testing them at Beyond Hotham and driving on them ever since, I can report that Cooper has somehow managed to make a tyre that is genuinely great off-road AND on-road. It suits everything I do. For the first time, in all my years of driving, I have found the one set of tyres that does it all.

#### Tough Test

If you've been to Beyond Hotham in Victoria's High Country, you'll know it's a tough test for any tyre. We had snow,

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mud, clay, serious mountain inclines, treacherous tracks, ruts, corrugations, bitumen and endless sharp rocks to throw at the new tyres.

#### The verdict?

These tyres are definitely Cooper's next great leap forward. For a start, they have amazing grip. The company had promised better grip than the STT - I thought the STT would be hard to beat but Cooper has done it. Puncture resistance - excellent. The mountain's sharp rocks usually mean

a flat tyre at some point, but the S/T<sub>MAXX</sub> tyres just kept rolling. Self-cleaning? We got some great slow motion footage of the tyres going through slop and you can see them cleaning mud out the back. You can see them gripping and cleaning as they go. Road noise? Very low which is surprising as S/T<sub>MAXX</sub> tyres look aggressive yet they don't whine on the road. These new American tyres are truly great off-road and on-road. Put it this way - I'm not taking them off!

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# Patrolling the Editor’s Desk

In this magazine, my thanks go to Diana for updating and adding to our list of business “Discount Offers”. These are published on the back of the loose leaf magazine insert which has the membership list on the front. The list was correct at the end of February 2012. One company has been re-instated on the list even though it denied that it offered discounts to a member about twelve months ago. Should you have any difficulties let us know so that we can sort out any misunderstandings. In the mean time; happy shopping!  
Don

## 30 YEARS AGO - Patrolling Volume 4 May 1982

### AN OUTSIDERS VIEW OF THE NISSAN PATROL CLUB ("HOGWASH" - AUSTRALIA DAY LONG WEEKEND)

"Ratbags", (so I have now discovered), come from various walks of life. Scientists, yachtsmen, bird watchers, bike riders, Toyota drivers, Unemployed gynaecologists and other assorted types. An appropriate definition of a "Ratbag" is, "one with ideas, attitudes or behaviour eccentric enough to "annoy" his fellows". As an example, when the garbo wishes him a merry Christmas and offers a hand, the "Ratbag" shakes it. It was one such a "Ratbag" who invited the Morrison Group to a weekend rendezvous at Hogwash. Being late starters, Friday afternoon found Marie, Miriam & Bob falling out of the "Tank" and setting up camps well after most others were firmly ensconced. Captain Cook directed us to an area back off the "main drag" which, as will be explained later, proved to be an excellent position to get to know people. Friday Night - time to start to meet the inmates! Many people tend to sit back and try to establish how people tick before admitting them to the party. This is definitely not the case with the Nissan Club members. Right from the start, the comradeship showed through and after a few yarns it was early to bed in preparation for the unknown, unexpected, hardships of the next few days.

Saturday proved to be an excellent day. Practice for canoe exponents, "Hector the Director" Thompson showing how a Jackeroo can look like a dog with a back leg in the air and the "Cider Kid" kicking up a minor sandstorm were but a few of the highlights. During the day, we got to meet most people several times as our camp kitchen was on the beaten track to the toots. This is a great way to meet people and if most were in too much of a hurry to talk on the way down, the trip back was a different story. "Helens Haemorrhoids" were one of the highlights of the evening - the tone had been set. Periods of clowning around and total "relaxation" were the order of the weekend. "Thomo showed his organisational skills and ensured the Canoe Gymkana was a riot. Everyone got on well together and there were no abstainers from the fun (and punishment) dished out. THIS of course, is what people with similar interests revel in, and I must say that all the members of the Club made good Spruikers attracting "customers" as it were, into their fold. As "outsiders" (although we never felt as though we were) , we tender our sincere appreciation to all who attended and now I can say that following our enjoyment of that weekend, we have joined the Club and now excitedly look forward to the next exposure to our fellow Ratbags. Marie, Miriam & Bob.

### Patrolling Magazine

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

**DEADLINE FOR JUNE ISSUE 25 MAY 2012**

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

# COMING EVENTS

Dates	Details	Leader	Confirmation Date
6 to 9 Apr 2012	Easter at Warraweena with the Otways 4x4 Club	Dave & Helen Richards	25 Mar 2012
16 Apr to 14 May 2012	Venus Bay fishing	Roz Foster	
5 to 6 May 2012	Peake sand driving	Dave & Helen Richards	
18 May 2012	Theatre night - “South Pacific” - Arts Theatre 53 Angus St. Adelaide at 8:00pm See advert P 19	Jeff Schapel	Trip is full.
2 Jun 2012	Food & Wine Trail Southern Vales - Day trip - see P 21 for details	Kathy Grigg & Helen Richards	25 May 2012
8 to 11 Jun 2012	Appila Springs	Craig Wood	1 Jun 2012
TBA Jun - Sep 2012	Kimberley Adventure	Rod Kitto	
24 Jun 2012	Mid-year Dinner - Kaesler Restaurant - Nuriootpa at 1:00pm - \$27 per person. Day trip or stay at Nuriootpa Caravan Park	Marina Langer	June General Meeting
5 Jul 2012	General meeting Guest Speakers - Max and Pam Jahn - “Kimberley coastal cruise experience ”		
14 to 15 Jul 2012	Peake sand driving	Dave & Helen Richards	
29 Sep to 1 Oct 2012	4WD Weekend in Whyalla - see Feb 2012 <i>Patrolling</i> P 22 for details - Registration forms available in Trip Folder.	Angelo Tsirbas	22 Sept 2012

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 Club recommends that members have RAA membership to cover mechanical breakdowns on Club trips, and ambulance cover from the SA Ambulance Service or your private health insurer to cover medical emergencies.

## The President's Points

Hi Patrollers,

Well we are in the 4<sup>th</sup> month of the year and Easter is upon us. We have had quite a few events over the past couple of months, all being very successful due to the enthusiasm and friendship of all our members. We are looking forward to the rest of the year with anticipation. Keep checking the trip folders, and keep those important dates with your Nissan friends.

Our committee members, with some old faces and some new, are settling into their positions quite nicely and are enjoying the participation within the group. I like to be an active President and I am enjoying this role.

To all our members I wish you a very Happy & Safe Easter.

Happy travels,

Your club president

Helen Richards (364)



## FUNDRAISING NEWS

Thank you to SNOWY'S OUTDOORS for donating seven items of ENGEL's merchandise to our monthly meeting raffle.

Donations from members to the raffle are always greatly appreciated.

All money raised is for the purchase of ice-creams, drinks, sweets and any other costs involved with the family Christmas party which this year will be held on Sunday 25 November.

Diana Bradshaw.

## Nissan Outstanding Achievement (NOA) Award March 2012

### Wendy Ferguson

"For undertaking Environmental Engineering and supplying Educational Material, at Cost."

*(This translates to "At Murbko, Wendy provided a free rubbish collection and disposal service on her way into Morgan. There she purchased newspapers and delivered them back to those who had ordered them from her.")*



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## Member Profile

### Pauline and Jim Byfield

We met on New Year's Eve 1965/66 at the Oxford Club in the city of Adelaide, dancing to the music of the twilights (Glen Shorricks) pounding out Beatles tunes. Pauline was 16 years and Jim was 17 years. We were engaged at age 18/19, and both were 20 years of age when we married in 1969.

We built our house at Modbury North in 1970 (we still live there) and by 24 years of age had 2 children - Graeme and Sharni. After all this time, we have no grandchildren.

We had many travelling holidays with our kids, and lots of camping holidays in Kuitpo Colony Blackfellow Creek scrub with groups of friends and kids.

We started with a tent, progressed to various camp trailers, HiAce motor home, then caravans.

When Graeme joined Cubs at age 8, Jim became a Cub Leader, then Scout Leader and eventually Venturer Leader. Pauline stayed in the background and joined the committee. Jim enjoyed his Scouting years and learnt many new skills including rock climbing, abseiling and a Canoe Charge course.

Jim worked as a laboratory technician for a Consulting Geologist, before becoming Grounds Supervisor at a Retirement Village. During this time he completed an Associate Diploma in Horticulture. After several years as a receptionist, Pauline decided on a career change and became a Disability Support Worker with Intellectually Disabled People. We made a mutual pact to retire on the same day - 15th November 2006 - at an age of 57 and 58.

Judy (Pauline's sister) and John Gibbins shared many outings with us. "Gibbo" had a Nissan Patrol and often took us on small 'adventures' when we were with them. John was a member of the Nissan Club, so when we got our first 4 wheel drive vehicle, Jim also joined. This was about 1997. John and Jim had fun doing their initial driver training together and attending meetings. Eventually Pauline's work schedule allowed her to attend the club meetings as well and, once we got to know the other members better, we realised that joining this club has been one of the best things we have done.



Pauline Byfield (NPC319)

Our Club Librarians and Lucy

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## Murbko Lagoon – Australia Day 2012

### A new member's perspective

We set off, from Port Noarlunga South, our first trip towing the van with our new Patrol, on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> January. Leaving Wednesday gave us 24 hours to find Murbko Lagoon and the club campsite (I've been known to get lost even with a GPS) before Australia Day. On a 34c day, up towards Morgan, via Eudunda, sitting on 90km/h. All the time my eyes on the temp, fuel and every other thing in the car that blinked, beeped or whistled. I needn't have worried the Patrol pulled the Jayco along beautifully. Turning right just before Morgan and a few km down the road to Blanchetown, we saw the Cordola sign. Made it without a hitch.

We arrived, mid afternoon, on the northwest side of the lagoon and saw a couple of vans, Brian and Judy and their guests Brian and Kerry. Further south Dave, Gloria, Bob and Janice had also set up camp. After introducing ourselves, Lorraine and I set up a short distance from the lagoon, somewhere in between the two groups. After getting organised, it was time for a dip and a chat in the murky waters of the lagoon. By this time the wind had really picked itself up and was blowing up 'whitecaps' across the lake. It was forewarning of what the night had in store! It howled all night and at one point we thought a tree or two might come down.



After a very warm and windy first night, we all woke up to Australia Day. Throughout the morning other vans rolled up and soon we had the company of Colin and Trish, Don and Kathy, Dave and Wendy, Wayne and Dallas and Jim and Pauline. As it should

be, flags on every van and everyone dressed in their celebratory T-shirts, hats, thongs (on their feet of course) and Aussie specs. Cheap as Chips and China should be approached to sponsor the club after this investment in their economies.

A walk down to the bank of the lagoon found Colin, Brian and Kerry at war, trying to outdo each other in the fishing competition.



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The carp were practically jumping out of the water and straight into the holes that had been dug to bury them. Double headers were the norm and this fishing rivalry went on all weekend. Marina and Allan also tried their luck but had the disadvantage of only one rod. Kayaking was clearly a favourite pastime for quite a few long time members of the club. This was a daily activity along with Jim, Pauline and skipper Lucy in their dinghy, touring and exploring the lake and canals. That night we had 'Happy Hour'. This was a regular event over the 4 nights we were there with Australia Day and the Saturday standing out. Everyone contributed nibbles of some description.

On Friday morning, after another warm windy night, Lorraine and I drove into Morgan to have a look around. The town didn't appear to have changed much since we were last there. After lunch we got back in the water to cool down and were quickly joined by others. Plenty of stories circulated, Fishing, camping and a yarn about a giant raft, belonging to the club, that Brian and Judy have promised to bring next Australia Day. Who's got a trailer? Brian and Christine Robinson's generator, the reason they set up at a distance from the main camp area, was discussed. Is Brian considering a new and quieter Honda or a 3-way fridge? If you buy the 3 way Brian, you won't need the generator! That night there were signs the weather was changing.

We awoke Saturday to slightly overcast skies. After breakfast we went for a walk around the canal road and I found a single blade, stainless steel pocketknife. Lots of large carp were still being caught. Dave and Gloria showed a few of us how to



skin and fillet the bottom flank of these fish. Judy quickly had the fillet on the pan and passed it around to sample. Not a bone in sight. Expertly filleted Dave! That afternoon, with the forecast predicting storms for the Riverland area, it began to drizzle. Dark clouds appeared in the East and claps of thunder could be

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# Murbko Lagoon – Australia Day 2012 continued

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It's a bird!....It's a plane!



Bird = 1.....Plane = 0

The happy hour began to break up around 9:30pm and we hit the hay knowing we would be leaving for home in the morning. Around 5:30am we were woken up by an almighty crash. Where some of us had been sitting the previous evening, a large branch had decided to part company with the tree supporting it. We were lucky it wasn't a few hours earlier.



heard in the distance. It didn't deter the kayaks or those who wanted to cool off in the water. Colin and Tricia, who must have shares in an ice-cream factory, provided everyone in the lagoon with chocolate ice blocks. Thanks guys!

At 7.30pm we all gathered for the final happy hour. This was a smorgasbord of deserts that the ladies had prepared for us all to enjoy. Just as we were about to tuck in there was a commotion down by the lagoon. A boat had arrived with three strangely dressed men and two women onboard. One of the men had a Captain's hat on. Had the Skipper and Gilligan finally got off the island? Were they Pirates? They were holding up placards trying to determine where they had arrived.

After being 'interrogated' it was discovered that they were people from an unknown country, looking a new start in a new land. The Captain, formerly in command of the Costa Concordia, denied everything. He had apparently "fallen into the boat" somewhere near Italy. Shortly after those people were moved on, Don, Kathy, Jim, Pauline and Colin turned up. They were completely surprised when told what they had just missed.

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After breakfast Lorraine and I packed up, hitched up the van, and headed off home to await the arrival of our third Granddaughter, Summer Paige, who weighed in at 7lb. 8oz on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February.

When we set off for Murbko, Lorraine and I had some apprehension about 'invading' a well-established group of seasoned campers. We learned a lot. Gathered some great ideas about camping in general, and enjoyed everyone's company. So thank you all for helping us fit in and making us feel so welcome.



John & Lorraine (NPC393)



# Caravan & Camping Show 22 -26 Feb 2012



Here is part of what John Henderson had to say about the show

*"Feb 2012 Caravan & Camping Show - What a Show!!!!*

*One word describes the Feb 2012 Caravan & Camping Show - overwhelming - and not just the temperature extremes.*

*Overwhelming also was the attitude of our Staffers in the FWDSA Recovery Demonstrations and the FWDSA Display Stand coping with the weather on*

*one hand and then enthusiastically helping before, during and after the show setting up our displays, and attending to the general running of the FWDSA areas.*

*It is always gratifying to have the (regular) team come out of the woodwork each time a show bobs up, and also for the offers from clubs and individuals who waited in the background ready to provide assistance if it was required.*

*40 Club members were directly involved with the FWDSA Display Stand and the FWDSA Recovery Demonstration.*

*Special thanks go to them and others who participated in any way."*

John also went on to say that the total attendance over the five days was 22% down on the 2011 figure.

**Our club had a total of eight members each of whom put in a four hour shift on the FWDSA stand. Here are some comments from members 84, 364 377, 319 and 31.**

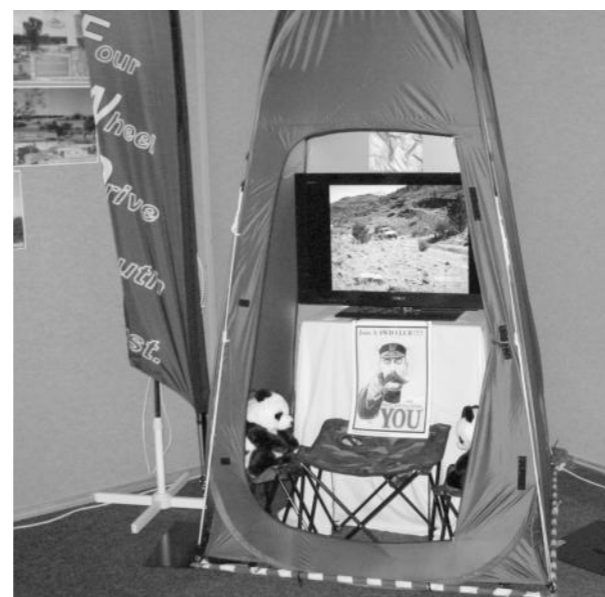
*"We were rostered for duty on Wednesday afternoon. We were thankful that the temperature was only 34 degrees.*

*It was relatively busy during the afternoon chatting to the visitors about the various clubs available and we felt for sure that at least two of these visitors would attend our General Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March, (and one did.)*

*There was a reasonable interest in the SAFWDC display which included a vehicle with a roof top camper. This generated many enquiries, and some of the visitors wanted to know how much we wanted for it?*

*After 4pm the visitors really slowed down. The light on our display, with photographs around the walls and a selection of our various club brochures on the trestles, seemed to be in a dark spot.*

*We thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and look forward to next time."*



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*"I was volunteering on the Friday 24th in the afternoon shift. The stand was in a large pavilion. We had 4WD with a camper canopy on top there to give the appearance of our 4WD recreation side of 4WDiving The weather was extremely hot, which prevented large crowds of people. I spoke to about 5 couples. I feel the vehicle & canopy should have been located in a better position at the back of the stand to allow people to see who we were. More people were interested by the car & canopy. Thank you to all who participated at the show."*



*"I worked on Sunday morning. I spoke to the first person at about 10.00am and must have spoken to at least 15 couples. Some were very keen to join the Patrol club and some just wanted general info. I had a great time talking to the different people, also other members of the Association that I did not know"*

*"Sunday (afternoon) was my turn (with 3 others from different clubs) to represent the 4WD Association at the Caravan and Camping Show. In that time I had good conversations with about four family groups about 4WD Clubs. Many people saw only the display vehicle's roof top camper as the reason for the display area. We could have sold dozens of them if we were there to sell them. All four of us agreed that the display did not attract potential 4WD Club interest, and could have been a waste of time had it not gotten us free entry for the day!"*

*"On Wednesday the overall crowd at show was more than I expected, possibly influenced hotter weather forecasted. I suspect a lot of the crowd left to get free public transport before 3pm! Large overall crowd did not seem to be reflected in number of visitors to the FWDSA site.*

*The site was in the Mega Marquee on a corner; open to walkways on 2 sides and. had 2 back walls with a very good display of photos and posters. Right in the corner was a TV (located in a toilet tent) showing very good photos. In the open corner was a member's vehicle (Pajero with an Italian plastic car topper) which blocked off easy access to the rest of the site.*

*I did not see anyone (except myself) look at the TV screen. Most visitors to the site looked at the vehicle and not the club material. Many thought we were selling car toppers and wanted to know how much and who was the Adelaide agent. The Pajero was there to show what club members can do to a vehicle for camping. It ended up a total distraction.*

*I spoke to possibly 3 or 4 people who showed some interest in joining a club, and not particularly the NPC. Some visitors just wanted to talk about their own experiences or get technical information about 4WDs (which one should I buy?). I think I could say that there was only one visitor that I am convinced will take up club membership. Potential NPC membership from my session: 0 or 1."*



# FWDSA AGM Strathalbyn 23-25 March 2012



The AGM this year was held at Strathalbyn and hosted by the High Range Four Wheel Drive club (and in particular Anita and Greg Bonnett pictured at left.). Our club was well represented with 13 vehicles and 23 members. (not including Lyn and Michael Stacey popping in several times, and visit from Gloria and



David Foster, over the weekend)

There were many and varied activities to occupy us for the weekend. On Friday night there was a Softball club bingo session at which a few of us had no luck at all! On Saturday, we were kept amused and busy for the whole

day. There were tagalong tours with quiz questions, self guided walking tour quiz,(hats off to Roz and Frank in particular), a Bonnets and Boots competition. We also had a morning tea and the AGM meeting followed by a BBQ lunch.

Four different Raffles were on offer with fantastic prizes. Jeff Schapel won a minor prize and Robert and I were delighted to win a three night houseboat holiday.(kindly donated By Willandra houseboats Mildura) Suddenly, friends have come out of the woodwork only to eager to help with our unique predicament of who to take on the trip.

The AGM meeting was very well attended by all clubs, with a lively discussion on the pros and cons of

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changing the current format from the way its being run now to separating the AGM from the 4wd gathering.

Some managed to fit in a "Happy Hour" before we all consumed a three course evening meal of soup, chicken or beef with potato & salad and a dessert, either fruit salad, cheesecake or black forest cake This excellent meal was served in the "Roosters" club rooms. The kitchen staff were extremely efficient and the meals seemed to flow effortlessly from their small kitchen. The entertainment for the evening concluded with a Quiz. It too was well stocked with really good prizes. Our club clawed its way into a nail biting second place resulting in a bonus box of goodies

for our club.

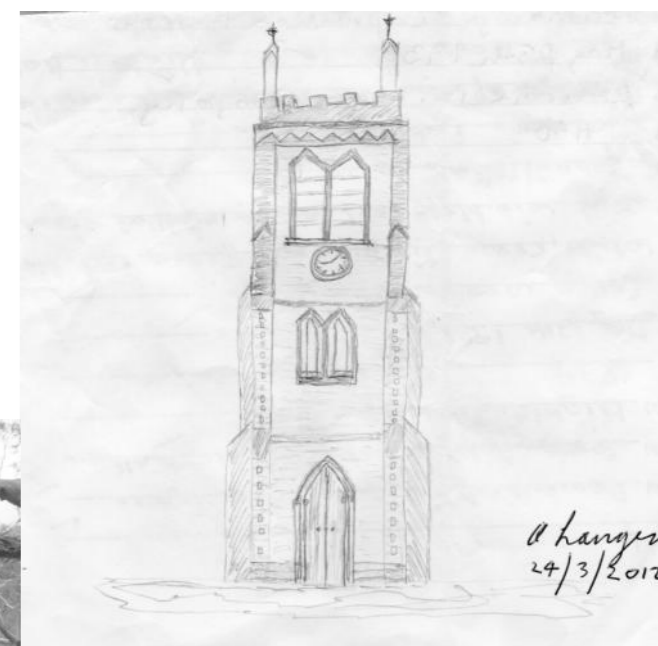
We all had a great night, and congratulate the High Range Club on their much appreciated effort which went into this to make it so successful.

Other NPC prize winners were Helen Richards, Bob Lamkin and Allan Langer who won a Hema Road Atlas by completing the Walking Tour Quiz with the best sketch of St Andrew's Church tower.



rain saw it stuck to the awning. Maybe it has something to do with an upcoming significant birthday? As usual it was a great weekend surrounded by great people and are looking forward to doing it again!

Joy Brittain(NPC218) & Helen Richards(NPC 364) .



A lovely birthday flag banner mysteriously appeared on member 84 caravan, and was gently flapping in the light breeze, until a light shower of



# 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 by email at "robbie@bigbutton.com.au", at a meeting or by phoning on 8248 1186; home address is:-

5 French Place, NORTH HAVEN. Some of the more commonly borrowed items are ;

- \* **Marquee** - (tent) 5.3 M x 3.5 M (17' x 11'), great for club outdoor functions and back yard social occasions.
- \* **Folding Gazebo** - (Temporary Shade Cover) Approximately 3 M square.
- \* **Toilet Tents** (x4) – self-explanatory. (2 with corner poles and 2 light weight and self supporting)
- \* **Posthole Diggers** (x2) – usually go with the Toilet Tents.
- \* **Handheld UHF CB Radios** – One with rechargeable batteries and the other requires 3 x 'AA' batteries, preferably alkaline. Ideal for visitors on club outings.
- \* **Handheld 27 MHz CB Radio** – comes as a kit with various portable aerials and accessories. Due to the age of the Battery Pack however, unit is best used plugged into a cigarette lighter socket or other power source. Again ideal for visitors on club outings if 27 MHz is the primary communication medium.
- \* **Hand Winch and Accessories** – comes as a kit with a couple of shackles, snatch block, tree trunk protector etc.
- \* **Snatch Strap Damper Chains** (x2) – Each 4.3 m and 5 kg approximately.
- \* **Static Display Screens** – 4 double sided screens each some 6'H x 2'W and suitable for use as pin boards. Can be free standing if assembled in "W" formation.
- \* **First Aid Kits** (x 3) – All pretty much just trauma kits as most drugs such as Panadol etc have not been replaced when expiry date reached.

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- \* **Variety of NPC Flags & Banners** – To identify our groups on trips etc.
- \* **Loud Hailer** – (for when you want to yell louder).

Brian Robinson (NPC 270)

## Challa Gardens Primary School Conditions of our Hall Hire

An extract of some of the conditions of our hall hire are presented below. NPC members should be aware of these obligations.

- (6) The user(s) is to ensure that any furniture and equipment moved during the use of the premises is replaced; that the premises will be left in a clean and tidy condition; that proper care will be taken of the premises during use and any damage from such use whether caused by negligence, recklessness or the wilfulness of the user(s), or their servants, agents or invitees, is made good at the user(s) own cost.
- (9) The user(s) must give written notice to the Principal of the school of any accident resulting in bodily injury occurring on school premises or in any way connected with the use of school premises as soon as practicable. The notice must include details of the time, place and circumstances of the accident and the names and addresses of any person(s) witnessing the accident. The Principal shall ensure that notice is effected by completing the Department's Accident/Injury Report Form (ED155).
- (10) The user(s) to observe the following extra conditions:
  - \*No smoking in or around any school buildings.
  - \*Hired areas to be left clean and tidy or an extra charge for cleaning will be incurred
  - \*A11 rubbish to be removed from the premises and not placed in the school refuse bin
  - \*Be responsible for any security callout fees caused by the organisation

## Recipes from Marina

### String Bean Salad

#### Ingredients

500g String Beans or more if you like  
1 onion  
oil  
balsamic vinegar  
salt and pepper

Cut beans into pieces and cook in water until just tender. Let cool and mix with chopped onion. Make a dressing with the oil, balsamic vinegar, salt and pepper. Use quantity to your liking.

### Tea Cake

#### Ingredients

1 cup sultanas  
1 cup cold tea  
pinch of salt  
1 cup sugar  
2 cups self raising flour

Put sultanas, sugar and cold tea into a pot and allow to stand for 2 to 3 hours, stir occasionally. Add flour and salt and mix thoroughly. Pour cake mixture into greased cake tin and bake for 1 hour, moderate oven, 200 degrees or until skewer tested. Can be baked in camp oven or Baby Q BBQ. Baking time might vary depending on oven.



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## Food & Wine Trail Southern Vales - Day Trip Saturday 2 June 2012

Meet at 9:00am sharp on Main South Rd on the eastern side just south of the Black Rd traffic lights at O'Halloran Hill.

Trip includes Willunga Farmers' Market and other Art / Wine / Food view / try / buy opportunities.

Morning tea at Willunga - Lunch at Mt Compass

BYO food or purchase at the Markets and Bakeries.

### MURBKO LAGOON 2012 FISHING COMPETITION RESULTS

Brian C "cooked up" *The Rules de Carp* in order to be as fair as possible, and at the same time, an enigma.

The competitor who scored the most points awarded on the following basis shall be declared the winner.

*One point is scored per mm from the average length of the 10 largest fish caught.*

*One additional point is scored for each fish caught above 10.*

The scores were:-

1<sup>st</sup> Colin Goodrich – 486 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Booy – 346 points

3<sup>rd</sup> David Alyward – 378 points

4<sup>th</sup> Kerry Booy – 367 points

5<sup>th</sup> Brian Cook – 344 points

6<sup>th</sup> Allan and Marina Langer – 315 points

Longest caught on a line in competition 460mm by B Cook

Longest caught on a line 530 mm by Bob Lamkin

Longest caught for week end 545 mm in B Cook's Yabby net.

Did you know?

The Secretary of the Nissan Patrol Club of SA Inc is our Public Officer and is empowered to sign contractual documents on behalf of the club.

# TRADING PAGE

## FOR SALE

### MEMBERSHIP MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

Nissan Patrol Club stickers: Large circle \$2.20; Medium circle \$1.20  
Medium circle Nissan Patrol Club cloth badges \$3.00  
Nissan Patrol Club Key Rings \$5.00

### 30th ANNIVERSARY MUGS

30th Anniversary coffee cups (Special Limited Edition) are available for \$6.00 each or 2 for \$11.00. See Marina.

## Dave A takes a "punt"

Our shy "show and tell" member Dave told us at our February general meeting that the size of the punt in the bottom of a wine bottle indicated the quality of the wine; the bigger the punt the higher the quality. Of course we need more than to be left hanging like this and so it is back to Wikipedia, the free encyclopaedia which says,

A punt, also known as a kick-up, refers to the dimple at the bottom of a wine bottle. There is no consensus explanation for its purpose. The more commonly cited explanations include:[1]

It is a historical remnant from the era when wine bottles were free blown using a blowpipe and pontil. This technique leaves a punt mark on the base of the bottle; by indenting the point where the pontil is attached, this scar would not scratch the table or make the bottle unstable.

It had the function of making the bottle less likely to topple over—a bottle designed with a flat bottom only needs a small imperfection to make it unstable—the dimple historically allowed for a larger margin of error.

It consolidates sediment deposits in a thick ring at the bottom of the bottle, preventing much/most of it from being poured into the glass;[11]

It increases the strength of the bottle, allowing it to hold the high pressure of sparkling wine/champagne.

It provides a grip for riddling a bottle of sparkling wine manually in the traditional champagne production process.

It consumes some volume of the bottle, allowing the bottle to be larger for the same amount of wine, which may impress the purchaser.[12]

Taverns had a steel pin set vertically in the bar. The empty bottle would be thrust bottom-end down onto this pin, puncturing a hole in the top of the punt, guaranteeing the bottle could not be refilled [folklore].

Prevents the bottle from resonating as easily, decreasing the likelihood of shattering during transportation.

Allows bottles to be more easily stacked end to end.[12]

Bottles could be stacked in cargo holds on ships without rolling around and breaking.

Punts are also used to help pour the wine, providing a grip for the thumb on the bottom bottle for easy pouring.

**REMEMBER** - when disposing of your old vehicle, please remove your club stickers, as the person you sell it to may not be as concerned with the do's and don'ts of four wheel driving as you are and therefore will give the Club a bad name.



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