

PATROLLING



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Australia's 'Mr 4x4', Pat Callinan, tests Cooper's new S/T_{MAXX}:
"Now one set of tyres does it all"

Before 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,

I USED TO NEED TWO SETS OF TYRES (OFF-ROAD AND ON-ROAD) UNTIL I TESTED COOPER'S S/T_{MAXX} AND FOUND, FOR THE FIRST TIME, A TYRE THAT IS TRULY DUAL-PURPOSE.

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_{MAXX} 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_{MAXX} 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

Kathy and I missed the October and November general meetings because we were on a fifty four day trip to South America, Easter Island and Tahiti. Although we did not do any four wheel driving, we understand that the Andes, the rain forests and the deserts of this vast continent have abundant four wheel driving challenges. My thanks go to Kate Church for fulfilling the role of editor for the October magazine in my absence.

In accordance with the established custom, this year's winning photo competition entries are published in full colour on the centre pages of this issue.

Thank you to all those who have written trip reports, provided photos and other information for publication. Helen Richards has continued to be our most prolific trips and photo contributor.

I thank Kathy for her support in proof reading the magazine. This is a very important role and despite our best efforts, minor errors inevitably creep in to the final print.

Most importantly, I thank all of our advertisers, who cover our magazine's production and postage costs, for their continuing support.

Judging from the Trips Officer's Coming Events table, next year promises to be another good one!

Best wishes for Christmas and good health in 2013,

Don

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Understanding Management - Glossary of terms

Delegate	Pass the buck	Scheduled	Hoped for
Delegate upwards	Pass the buck back	Ambitious	Ruthless
Filed	Lost	Strategy	Low cunning
Pending	What the hell do we do with this?	Frank and open discussion	Flaming row
Delayed	Forgotten	Deficit	Staggering loss
Urgency	Panic	Industrial by-product	Our waste
Extreme urgency	Blind panic	Environmental pollution	Other people's waste
Analytical projection	Guess	Pilfering	Employee theft
Forecast	Guess	Fringe benefit	Executive theft
Long range Forecast	Wild guess	Adverse consumer reaction	The boss's wife did not like it

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 28 JANUARY 2013

Views and opinions expressed in this magazine are not those of the Nissan Patrol Club of SA, unless specific reference is made to the article

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

COMING EVENTS

Dates	Details	Leader	Confirmation Date
23 Dec 2012	Christmas Breakfast in the Park from 9:00am Hazelwood Park - northern side. BYO everything.	Janice	
25 - 28 Jan 2013	Australia Day Weekend at Murbko. See P8 for details	Vice President	
7 Feb 2013	Sausage Sizzle at 1st General meeting for the year. 6.00pm - Snags, and bread provided; BYO drinks and a salad to share-Great start for the year!	President	
8 -11 Mar 2013	Bordertown - Clayton farm - See advert P8	John Smedley	1 Mar 2013
29 Mar - 1 Apr 2013	Willangi Bush Escapes - Peterborough	Helen Richards & Craig Wood	22 Mar 2013
18 Apr 2013	SAPOL Driver Safety Lecture	Craig Wood	
5 May 2013	Peake - Sand driving and social	Dave & Helen Richards	28 Apr 2013
10 May 2013	Theatre Night - Brigadoon - See advert P22	Jeff Schapel	4 Apr 2013 (Gen. Mtg.)
7 - 10 Jun 2013	Black Cockatoo Bush Camp	Dave & Helen Richards	31 May 2013
18 Aug 2013	Peake - Sand driving and social	Dave & Helen Richards	11 Aug 2013

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,

This is the final President Points for 2012. Well we had a Clean Up Australia event at the Coorong in October and we collected a total of twenty five bags of rubbish and recyclables. As a respite from the clean up, the visit to "Cantara Homestead" was enjoyed by all. You will find more information about this trip in your December magazine. By the time you read this, we would have had our Family Christmas Picnic. There will be more about that later in the February magazine. Well we are now heading into 2013. Looking at our trips for 2013, we have a great start. Murbko, Clayton Farm, Willangi, Black Cockatoo Peake and Morgan. Perhaps some of our members may like to do a "Day Trip". Please think about it.

Don't forget our first meeting will be Thursday February 7th 2013. This will commence with our traditional "Sausage Sizzle" at 6pm and be followed by our General meeting at 7.30pm. I have thoroughly enjoyed being your President and I will expand upon this in my President's Report for 2012 at the AGM. Thank you for your help which made my job so much easier and enjoyable. A special thank you to my husband Dave for his love and support.

Finally both Dave and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Remember, "Gifts of time and love are the basic ingredients of a truly Merry Christmas."

Happy travels,

Your club president - *Helen Richards (364)*

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

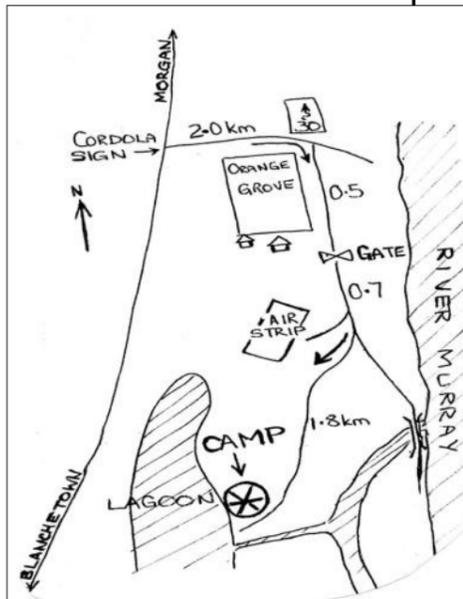
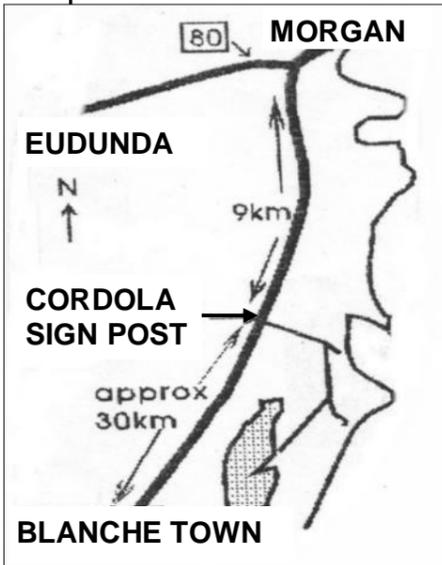
25 - 28 January 2013

Aquatic Weekend at Murbko Lagoon - Come for a day or the entire period

The cost is \$6 per day (2012 prices) per vehicle through a self-registration system at the gate. The camping area has no facilities and no toilets. The Club toilet tent will be available or bring your own facilities. **Bring your own food, water and drinks.**

Be prepared to dress up for happy hour on Saturday evening or both, in either green and gold, or red, white and blue, or be adventurous and **dress up as a famous Australian**. Bring nibbles for a pre-dinner happy hour which are colour coordinated with Aussie colours, and an "Australian" dessert to share.

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Trip to Clayton Farm Heritage Museum.- Rowney Road, Bordertown S.A Adelaide Cup Weekend - Friday 8th to Monday 11th of March 2013

Clayton Farm will be available to the club for camping from Thursday 7th to Tuesday 12th of March.

Amenities, some power, large BBQ.

Close to Bordertown shops .

Camp from Thursday to Tuesday

Friday - Free day for roaming the Tatiara Area

Saturday - Shopping in the morning then meet at the Bordertown Bakery for Lunch Then a tag along tour of the Bordertown

area and its attractions. - Craft and Art - Finish at the Mundulla Hotel for Dinner

Sunday - all day 4WD off road tag along tour. Optional tours may be arranged. BBQ Dinner at Clayton Farm Camp

Monday return home or camp and leave Tuesday.

Trip Leader John Smedley

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Info Chat

Extract from "Cat Chat" MAY 2012 by courtesy of the Mitsubishi 4WD Club of S.A.

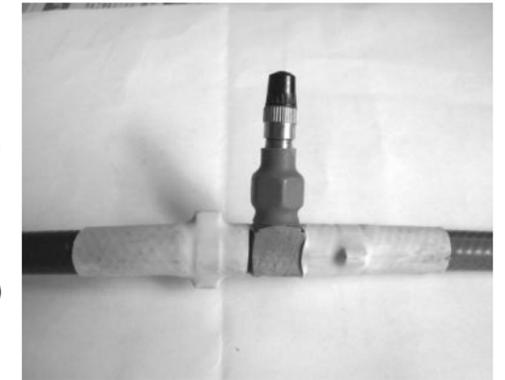
1. Recently returned home from our wet, muddy trip (plenty of dirt and sand tracks). The underside and inner mudguards of our **Nissan Patrol** were caked with dried mud. What to do? Spend a day on the front lawn with the water hose? Not very responsible- water waste. I looked in the yellow pages and contacted a number of vehicle cleaning agencies. I made arrangements to have the Patrol cleaned by IDEAL STEAM CLEANERS, 125-131 Churchill Road North, Dry Creek (phone: 8260 1959) who specialize in cleaning trucks and 4WD's with a purpose built ramp to access under vehicles.
Cost- \$77.00 including GST Time- 1 hour
Result- excellent result . They also cleaned mud splashes under the bonnet
Downside- after 10 years of 4x4 off road trips, I could now see where stone strikes had removed paint on chassis etc, so spent time touching up the paint to prevent rusting.
2. **Nissan 4x4 owners** with 3.0 litre motors who need assistance on West Coast SA, Streaky Bay Mechanical, 23 Flinders Highway (088626 1690) has a **genuine Nissan Electronic Control Unit analyser**. I was directed to this company when I had an unexplained problem while travelling on the Eyre Highway near Kyancutta
3. We were unfortunate to damage a tyre and had to remove the casing and remount a spare casing. We then had a problem of airing up the tyre using a 12 volt portable compressor (ARB). We attempted to use a tourniquet to reseal the tyre on the rim without success, due to lack of volume of air. I had previously inserted a Tee piece and valve into the hose of the compressor near the tyre chuck (see

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picture) so that I could use a pressure gauge while airing up. A suggestion was made that we should connect a second compressor onto this valve, thus doubling the air volume. We had immediate success and will use this idea again if in a similar situation

John Schache (Mitsubishi 4WD Club of SA 687)



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Member Profile - GARRY THOMPSON



GARRY COLIN THOMPSON was born 23rd February, 1938 in Adelaide, South Australia.

He is married, has one child and is currently living in Quorn SA.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

METTERS LTD. - Apprenticeship as Engineering Patternmaker (1955 – 1961)

GENERAL MOTORS HOLDENS - Body patternmaker/motor body developer; WLH/Trade level 4PP2 WLH "B"

Retired from GMH 18th July 1997 after 36 years in lead section on advanced tooling.

OTHER INTERESTS

PHOTOGRAPHY

GMH and WEA camera clubs

South Australian Photographic Federation Inc. Chairman for 2 years

Keen interest in environment and nature photography

Activities included exhibiting, lecturing and judging at amateur photography clubs over a 30 year time span

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE

Nissan Patrol Club of SA Inc. – 1978, chairman for 6 years, life member

Toyota Landcruiser Club of Australia SA Branch Inc. – 1978 to 1997

South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc. – Chairman for 3 years

Involved with coordinating and running the Four Wheel Drive Show – Life Be In It held in Bonython Park, Adelaide, from its inception in 1985 until 1995

Panel Member Natural Resources Advisory Unit of SAAFWDC Inc.

Panel Member of the Recreational Vehicle Advisory Committee between National Parks and Wildlife Service and SAAFWDC Inc

Involved with negotiations of access in the Ngarkat Conservation Park, SA with Parks SA Submission and appearance before Parliamentary Select Committee re Maralinga Lands

PASTORAL BOARD

Negotiation re public access planning and setting up of Public Access Routes in South Australia

Member Wilderness Advisory Committee 1992 to 2001 as the recreational user representative

NATIONAL PARKS

Assisted in upgrade of Ranger facilities at Dalhousie Springs (Built toilet in Port Augusta

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and transported to Dalhousie and erected)

Foundation member of Friends of Simpson Desert Parks – chairman for 6 years, chairing the Friends Forum held in Hawker in 1994. Committee member until 1997

Member of Friends of Great Victoria Desert Parks

ACTIVITIES IN PARKS

Assisted in co-ordination and carrying out of clean-ups in both the Simpson and Great Victoria Desert Parks.

Taken part in plant surveys in Ngarkat Conservation Park, recording the effects of bushfires in the region in early 1980's

Collected specimens of lizards for the South Australian Museum Tissue Bank

Made many journeys in and around the Simpson Desert and travelling across the top of Lake Eyre and along both the French Line and WAA Line and Rig Road

In 1987 a small party and I made a journey along a similar route that Dr C T Madigan and his party followed in 1939 when they carried out the first scientific expedition across the Simpson Desert. I have made a photographic record of my journeys (using a compass and maps and extracts from his journal)

Prepared a replica of Poeppel's Post (SA,NT and QLD border corner) and took part in the placement and dedication of it. Warren C Bonython AO officiated

Participated in bird surveys over many years, travelling in areas which had never had records taken, including 2 years with canoes on the Warburton River when in flood

These trips were organised by a former member of Friends of Simpson Desert Parks and the *Nissan Patrol Club of SA*. One survey was carried out over a period of five consecutive years in the same area and covered many different climates and terrains

VOLUNTEERING IN QUORN

Quorn Visitor Information Centre volunteer and assisted with accreditation process

Conduct Pichi Richi Railway Workshop Tours

Drive for Northern Passenger Transport

Meals on Wheels

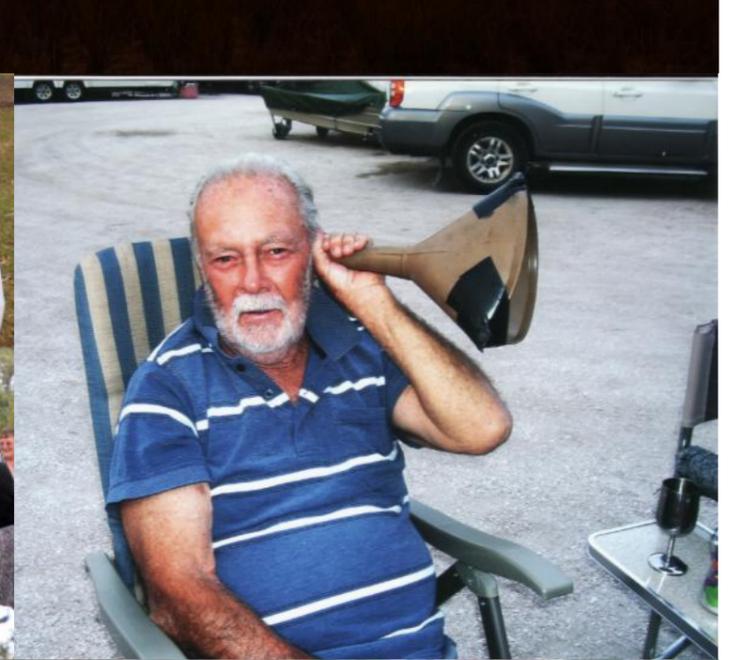
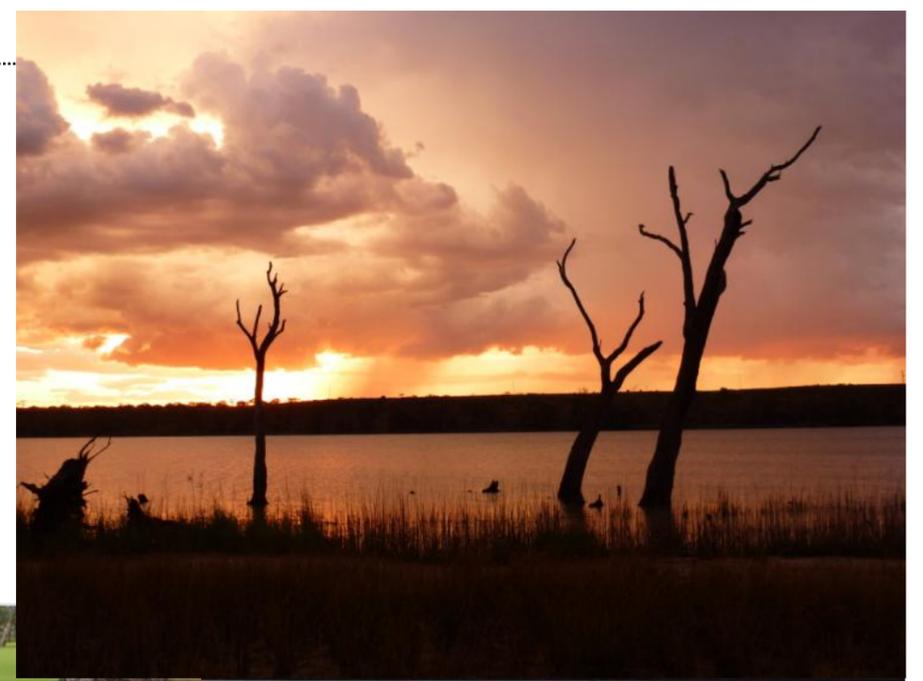
FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL

Councilor since September 2002 to the present time, covering many community projects in that time

In early days I spent a lot of time in a car with Mayor Max and CEO going to meetings trying to get the idea of what local government was about. I have been a council representative in the following areas;

- Northern Passenger Transport
- Air Port Owners
- Integrated Natural Resources Management
- Flinders and Pastoral Rural Counseling
- Animal and Plant Board
- Relocation of the Visitor Information Centre to the Railway Station
- Development Assessment Panel
- Local Heritage Listing and other
- Member of the Outback Consultative Committee 2008 - 2012

Garry Thompson (NPC 9)



Photographic Competition winners

Nature

1st Helen Richards – “Monarch Butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*)”, Peake (*bottom right*)
 2nd Pauline Byfield - “Storm brewing over Murbko Lagoon” (*top centre*)

People

1st Gloria Foster - “Frank Foster's funny funnel hearing aid” (*centre right*)
 2nd Helen Richards - “Easter enjoyment - Otway 4WD Club style” Warraweena (*bottom left*)

Sunrise/Sunset

1st Pat Trowbridge - “Venus Bay sunset” (*top left*)
 2nd Jim Byfield - “Murbko Lagoon sunset” (*top right*)

Open

1st Kate Church - “Old and New members” montage (*centre middle*)
 2nd Pauline Byfield - “Murbko Lagoon ensuites” (*centre left*)

WEEKEND IN WHYALLA 29 SEP - 1 OCT 2012

Over the Long weekend in October we travelled up to Whyalla to join in the seventh biannual event run by the Whyalla and Districts Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.

The weekend provided an opportunity for clubs to engage in joint activities, improve driver's knowledge of four wheel driving techniques, share enjoyment of outback driving and enjoy the wonderful terrain of the Whyalla district. There was also an important aim of raising money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.



Whyalla Club hosts



20 members and 10 vehicles attended from the Nissan Patrol Club. The majority arrived on Friday night but there were a couple of keen members who arrived several days earlier to enjoy the delights of Whyalla. Some of the other clubs that came were from Mount Lofty Ranges, Borders and even 6 vehicles from Tasmania. In all there were 64 vehicles that participated in the various trips over the weekend.

We camped in the Whyalla show grounds, Jubilee Park, that provided powered sites, toilets and hot showers in the basketball stadium, everything a camper needs! The Whyalla club did an amazing amount of work in the organisation of the weekend and in the preparation of the trips and associated activities and should be commended for all their

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Camp site by night and a beautiful new moon ▼

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efforts.

They had a central point set up in the Registration shed with trip maps and descriptions to allow people to choose those they were interested in. The general arrangements for the weekend were clearly visible and participants were given a brochure that contained all the trip information and details of contact people rostered on over the entire weekend. Local tourism was promoted by descriptions of town services and facilities. The Whyalla Club organised dinner on the Friday night, schnitzel and dessert for about \$15 which was very welcome. People could also buy a hot breakfast on the Saturday and Sunday morning if they so chose.

One of the highlights of the weekend was gathering around the campfire each evening. The Whyalla Club provided an amazing campfire of epic proportions using tree trunks, wooden pallets and railway sleepers. Saturday evening the fire



Beginning the journey



Pyromaniac's delight



Camp oven cooking competition

brigade were called out twice by concerned city residents who presumed that the basketball stadium was on fire. However the necessary fire approvals had been obtained

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WEEKEND IN WHYALLA -continued



from the Council and the safety precautions were more than adequate.

There were a number of organised trips to choose from including; day trips, some short trips, and a night navigation option. Many of our club members opted to go together on the Eagle Ridge trip on Saturday led by Wayne (TC Dave) and on Sunday a trip which was a combination

of two trips to Cooks North and Myola, due to lack of track access, led by Jim (TC Kerry).

The Eagle Ridge trip traverses a ridge section of the Minbrie Range approximately 15 kms north of Cowell. It included rocky climbs from the pastoral and through near virgin vegetated sections of the range. From the top of the range the there were views of Cowell and Lucky Bay.

From Eagle Ridge the track went to Utbana Weir known locally as Payne's Weir, located at the far north end of the Minbrie Range. Here we



stopped for lunch. The weir had been the water supply to the early settlements of Ulbana and



Minbrie.

We enjoyed some great moments as relative new comers to four wheel driving, traversing the rocky slopes and descents. We collected a number of mementos on this trip including dents and scratches as well as great memories. The trip was about 200 kms in total.

A local custom we noted was the trip leader and other clubbers left chocolates on the gates as a reward for the TC's kids for closing them. This could lead to major competition for this role if it became a standard practice.

The Cooks North and Myola trip covered the highest peak in the Southern Middleback Range it included steep rocky climbing sections and descents. The reward for this driving were some amazing views, coupled with increased heart rates and adrenalin boosts to the system.

Whilst other members of the trip went on to Iron Cavalier we returned to camp to prepare for the Camp Cooking Competition

Mt Lofty Ranges scooped all the sections of Camp Cooking competition held on Sunday night with a wide range of recipes (see their website for recipes)

Following the competition the band "One Night Stand" entertained us until midnight.

A number of raffles were organised and the proceeds (\$2,000) donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service that evening. Helen Richards was one of the lucky prize winners in the raffle.

We had great weekend and enjoyed all that was on offer especially the companionship of our fellow club members and look forward to doing it again in two years time.



View of the weir ▲

View from the weir ▼



Some pictures by Helen(NPC364)
Story and other pictures Brenda & Michael Colin (NPC394)

Coorong National Park - 28 Mile Crossing Clean Up 20 - 21 Oct 2012.



This year twenty one Nissan Patrol Club and family members volunteered for our weekend at the 28 Mile Crossing for our annual "Clean Up Australia" (CUA) event. They were:- Colin & Tricia Goodrich, Jim Byfield, Pauline Byfield, Brian & Judy Cook, Craig Wood, Angelo Tsirbas, Jeff & Jeanene Schapel, Phil Standley, Bob Johnson, Marina & Alan Langer, Tony & Chris Moran, Michael & Brenda Colin, Ethan Colin, David & Helen Richards.



All members arrived and set up camp on the Friday night. Saturday morning after breakfast, Stuart Hicks the Senior Park Ranger met with us and defined the work to be done. He also reminded us of the OH&S obligations. After reading out the CUA Leader's Briefing Sheet, gloves, white bags for rubbish and yellow bags for recyclables were handed out. With hats, sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent, secateurs, hand saws, spades and a trailer we were ready to tackle both the tracks.



We divided into two groups. One group made their way to the 28 Mile Track to start pruning the vegetation back from the track to get a metre clearance on both sides. The other group pruned and cut back the bushes along the entrance of the track with some mechanical aids. On this part of the track the bushes had grown very densely due to good rains. Colin & Tricia re-instated a couple of marker posts on the walkway to the beach. We all returned to camp for lunch.

Refreshed after lunch, we again divided into two groups; this time clean up the beach and dunes. One group turned right went north along the beach to a point the 10km south of 42 Mile Crossing and collected rubbish along the beach and dunes. The second

group turned left towards Kingston and collected rubbish from the beach and the dunes from an area south of the 28 Mile crossing.

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The rubbish collected included; timber, plastic bottles, berley baskets, shoes, thongs, an esky, lots of rope, a plastic table top, a pallet, old chairs, shampoo and deodorant bottles, old umbrella stand and a crate. Unusual pickups were 3 fluorescent light tubes - all intact, an albatross skull, glow sticks, toothbrush, underwear, flipper, boot, spoon and Arabian Night Massage Oil. All rubbish was placed in bags or on roof racks for transport back to the trailer.

We returned to camp after an afternoon of collecting rubbish, cleaned up and enjoyed our "Happy Hour". Helen decided our brains needed attention so a quiz on Australian Trivia followed. Most questions were answered with a prize of a small packet of Smarties for the correct answer. After the quiz we returned to our camps and made dinner. Some members returned to the campfire to enjoy a few drinks. A few hours later everyone retired to bed.

Next day we headed down the road to the "Cantara Homestead." Stuart Hicks had kindly given us access to visit this property which is situated about 27km south-south-east of Salt Creek off the Princess Highway in the Coorong National Park, at the southern end of the Coorong. When we arrived we were able to unlock the first gate but not the second. So we made a 6km return walk to the homestead. When we arrived we all took a look around.

Port Augusta prisoners worked on Cantara Homestead as part of the prison's Mobile Outback Work Camp program.



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By the side of the road before the entrance stands a monument. It reads, "National Trust Coach Re-Enactment "CANTARA" In memory of John Gall and his wife Anna Maria who were pioneers in the South East for over 50 years. They lived at Cantara from 1883 when John took over the Mail Contract between Meningie and Kingston. Erected by their descendants in 1988."



We returned to camp and then proceeded to pack up. Dave, Bob and Helen then headed for the Transfer Waste Station at Meningie where Colin Smith met us and advised us where to unload our trailer. Thanks goes to Colin for his friendly assistance with the disposal of our rubbish

and recyclables. We unloaded 25 bags and a pallet, which weighed approximately 320kg. The amount of rubbish in this area is gradually getting lower. We don't know what the contributing factors are to this trend, but it is certainly in the right direction. Clean Up Australia is even leaving a positive impression with the fishermen. We even had a comment from the fishermen when they were leaving the track, "We appreciate what you are doing; thank you, and your volunteers"

Another successful weekend, made by having great weather, great companionship and all working together to keep Australia beautiful.

Thank you everyone involved in this weekend's Clean Up. Remember as volunteers you are not paid; not because you are worthless, but because you are priceless. You make a living with what you get, but you make a life with what you give.

Looking forward to 2013.

Pictures and story by Helen Richards (NPC364)

Happiness after being down in the dump(s)

RR in the Springfield Museum

Remarkable Rolls-Royce Owner

The following are various extracts from articles on the internet including Wikipedia and the Springfield History Museum General Museum News January 30, 2006

Mr. Allen Swift, from Connecticut, USA, drove a distinctive green 1928 Rolls-Royce car for **seventy seven years** until shortly before his death in October 2005 at 102. He had received the new vehicle from his father as a gift in return for giving up college to stay with the family's business which included the production of gold leaf.



Mr. Allen Swift and his car

It was reported that Mr. Swift, general manager of his family's precious metals business in Hartford, drove the car carefully around town and sometimes piloted it in the town's holiday parades

In 1994 he had **owned his Phantom I, Rolls-Royce for 66 years**; this was longer than anyone in the world had ever owned an individual Rolls-Royce. In recognition of that fact, Rolls-Royce Motors presented him with a **crystal Spirit of Ecstasy award**.

In 2002, when he was 99 years old, he indicated to the Springfield (Massachusetts USA) Museums that he would donate his car if a building could be found to house it. He also donated \$1,000,000 towards the cost of the building. The vehicle was donated to the museum in 2005 and it was reported to be running "like a Swiss watch" and had travelled **170,000 miles**.

Mr. Allen Swift's **Rolls-Royce Phantom I, Piccadilly Roadster, chassis number S273 FP was manufactured in Springfield, Massachusetts in the United States and fitted with a Brewster Body**. British automaker Rolls-Royce established Rolls-Royce of America, Inc. and opened this factory in 1921 to meet demand. Here a further 1,701 "Springfield Ghosts" were built over a period of 10 years until it closed in 1931.

Note that at that time Rolls-Royce did not make the bodies for their vehicles; instead they contracted established coach/body builders.

Brewster & Co of New York became the main body suppliers for Rolls-Royce in the U.S. In 1925, Rolls-Royce of America purchased Brewster & Co.

Rolls-Royce would have cars fitted with temporary seats and protection, and driven from their Massachusetts plant to the Brewster Building in Long Island City, New York, to have bodies installed. The Rolls-Royce showrooms would soon offer 28 standardized body styles, deliver cars to customers quicker, and for a lower price.

About 60 percent of the Phantoms made in Springfield still exist, most of them in private collections.

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