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"The Cooper STT is still saving me dollars because it's the toughest off-road radial I've ever driven on... bar none" - Ron Moon - 4WD Journalist and Adventurer

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The Nissan Patrol Club is a member of Four Wheel Drive SA Inc (FWDSA), which is a member of Four Wheel Drive Australia Pty Ltd (formerly the Australian National Four Wheel Drive Council Inc (ANFWDC)).

UHF Channel 21 is recognised as the official Club radio channel.

Patrolling the Editor's Desk

We are only half way through this year and already we need to plan for next year! I hope that all members can get involved in the Club's 35th Anniversary celebrations next year and make it a resounding success - see the item below

Thanks to the contributors we have some good reports and photos in this edition. In fact Chris Moran said that Aileen's Willangi trip write up was a "a perfect job".

If you missed the SAPOL lecture I have included a précis on p20-21.

Don't forget to pay for the mid year dinner on or before 6/6/2013; the whole weekend organised by Tricia and Colin should be very enjoyable.

Don

34 YEARS AGO - "The News"

The article to the right appeared in the now defunct Adelaide afternoon news paper, *The News*, on Friday July 27 1979 page 57

This clipping reminds us that the Club will be celebrating its **35th Anniversary next year.**

The Club intends to mark the occasion at next year's mid year dinner. Planning for the event is in its very early stages and any suggestions you may have for the event and the activities will be appreciated by the committee.

All current and past members will be invited to attend and to bring any NPC photos or other memorabilia to the event, or perhaps submit this material to the editor to be incorporated in a 35th Anniversary edition of the June 2014 *Patrolling*.

To attract the maximum participation we expect that we will try to get a venue in the metro area. **Do you have any favourite eating and drinking locations, with or without entertainment?**

Let us have your great ideas!

NPC Committee

New club set for busy time

Nissan Patrol Club of SA has been active since it was formed last month.

NISSAN PATROL — August 2, monthly meeting, Datsun, Dudley Park. Visitors welcome. Phone 264 1538.

Already it has held a field day at the Pines, Kapunda, plus a relaxing round of technical chat.

The club was formed with the help of Datsun Distribution and meets at the company's offices, Oxenham St, Dudley Park, at 8 pm on the first Thursday of each month.

Full membership is available to any owner of a Nissan Patrol and associate membership to owners of other four-wheel-drive vehicles.

Secretary Mrs June Spence (264 1538 after 6.30 pm) said today the primary aims of the club were social activities involving four-wheel-drive vehicles.

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 AUGUST ISSUE IS 19 JULY 2013

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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
7 - 10 Jun 2013	Black Cockatoo Bush Camp	Dave & Helen Richards	31 May 2013
7 Jul 2013	Mid Year Lunch - Strathalbyn come for the day or weekend - See details p8 April 2013 <i>Patrolling</i> Money to be paid in full by 6 Jun 2013	Colin and Tricia Goodrich	6 June 2013 at General Meeting.
17 - 18 Aug 2013	Peake - Sand driving and social	Dave & Helen Richards	10 Aug 2013
5 - 7 Oct 2013	Octoberfest Weekend - Willangi - see Helen's email for flyer and application form or go to our web site "Event"	Dave & Helen Richards	31 Jul 2013
19 - 20 Oct 2013	Coorong cleanup	Dave & Helen Richards	12 Oct 2013
25 Oct 2013	<i>Grease</i> Arts Theatre 53 Angas St Adelaide 8:00pm - coffee after at Milano - see advert P19	Jeff Schapel	1 Aug 2013 (Gen. Mtg)
24 Nov 2013	Family Picnic	President	
22 Dec 2013	Breakfast in the park	President	
18 - 25 Apr 2014	Otway Club combined trip	Angelo Tsirbas	11 Apr 2014
26 Apr - 2 May 2014	Victorian High Country -Immediately following Otways Easter Trip. See P21	Wayne & Dallas Dunn	7 Feb 2014

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 have been very busy and productive time in the last couple of months. A great attendance at the SAPOL Driver Safety Lecture "Road Safety Centre" at Thebarton was very informative.

Some of our members made their inaugural journey to Venus bay for a month to enjoy the fishing, relaxing and venture around the area.

Peake sand driving and social trip was a weekend of fun, food and good company.

A guided and informative tour around Kingswood and lunch was attended by a few of our members.

Theatre night "Brigadoon" was enjoyed by all who attended with a coffee/cake at Cafe Milano after the show.

A few members including Dave and I have recently returned from a 4x4 Training weekend at Morgan. Everyone who attended had a great time including a prospective new member.

Black Cockatoo Bush Camp is next on our trip list. Make it a date and spend the weekend with your fellow members and enjoy the attractions of nearby Naracoorte as well.

I have sent out an email to all members, but for those who have not either seen or read it.....here it is.

To All my Friends at the Nissan Patrol Club SA

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the lovely flowers, visits, phone calls and gifts you gave me upon hearing of my illness. They really did add wonderful moments to my days and helped me get back on my feet literally. I am now on my way to rehabilitating myself back to full health. I do get tired and fatigued easily. Most of all it is great to be alive. I am very grateful to all of you for your Love and Support. I attended the last General meeting and it felt great to be back amongst my friends again.

The next half of the year should be very busy too. Hope you are all going to enjoy the Mid Year Dinner at Strathalbyn. Come for the day or for the weekend.

Well I would like to leave you with a parting message.....

"If you can dream it, you can do it."

Your club president,
Helen Richards (364)

Date	General Meeting Guest Speaker or Activity
July 4	Pat Trowbridge - Parkinsons Disease
August 1	Steve Johnston – VKS737 Radio Network
September 5	Penny Kazla – CFS Fire Prevention
October 3	Helen Vonow, Collections Manager, DENR—Plants of the desert
November 7	Photographic competition
December 5	AGM – Wine & Cheese



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Member profile - Rod Kitto

After high school I joined Dulux Australia as a junior chemist in the raw materials laboratory and embarked on 8 years part-time study of 19 subjects at the SA Institute of Technology and University of Adelaide, finally gaining a degree in Applied Science in Chemistry.

During my nearly 20 years with Dulux I was moved to many different departments, and eventually became Distribution Manager for SA before leaving to pursue other interests.

I had a brief stint working with intellectually disadvantaged children before a full time year at Adelaide Uni gaining a teaching diploma. Then followed 11 years at two high schools where I taught mainly computing subjects having gained a Computing Education diploma at UniSA Mawson Lakes. After having had enough of teaching I worked for a computer training organisation for three and a half years, but decided I could work for myself, and so started my own one-man business contracting my services as a computer trainer to training organisations around Adelaide. I retired from training a couple of years ago, and now fill my time with the occasional job creating databases (helps buy bits for the Nissan Patrol which Aileen and I now have) and other things that Aileen finds for me to do.

During all this time I managed to get married to Aileen who after some 44 years is still my biggest achievement, apart from our two wonderful children. On completion of a Computing Science degree our son has lived and worked in San Francisco in the US for around 10 years in the field of computing (not sure where he got that from!). We regularly chat over Skype (great invention!). Our daughter is a physiotherapist who worked at the Adelaide Children's Hospital before marriage and motherhood intervened, and we now have 3 marvellous grandchildren who keep us on our toes with all their energy, and we regularly baby-sit one, two, or all of them.

Aileen and I have been members of NPC for two years now and enjoy meeting and getting away with other friendly people on club trips. We have been to places we have not even heard of before joining the club and we certainly look forward to seeing even more places and meeting lots more people in the coming years.



Rod and Aileen

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WILLANGI - EASTER 2013

The Easter camp for 2013 was held at Willangi Bush Escapes approximately 10 kms from Peterborough. A few members left Adelaide on Thursday and spent the night at Terowie or Spalding while the rest made the trip from Adelaide on Friday. It was necessary for everyone to sign in with Neil and Antoinette by 3 pm at their Peterborough property, before heading out to camp. A total of 19 members in 10 cars, together with 4 guests from the Otway 4WD Club in 2 cars set up camp during Friday.

Some who arrived early in the day and were set up took a drive to Magnetic Hill on Friday afternoon while others went exploring Peterborough and visited the craft and paper mache exhibition. Everyone enjoyed happy hour with nibbles while chatting with each other and getting to know a little better some of our new members who had joined us for the weekend. Following tea we gathered around a campfire on a perfect evening.

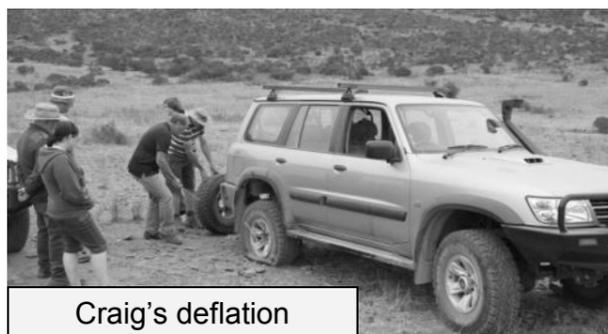
Saturday was a beautiful fine morning and after packing picnic lunches we gathered for Craig's briefing on the proposed activities for the day. All 12 vehicles set off for the tracks at 9:30am, making the Slate Pit Hills tracks our first stop. After entering the gate



Inside Slate Pit

Outside Slate Pit

we took a turn to the right and followed the Hooked and Wilya Tracks before stopping at the Slate Pit for a look. The slate from this pit was used for some of the footpaths and to line the kerbing in the Main St of Peterborough. From here it was on to Deb's Track which was a little more challenging, and unfortunately we suffered our first tyre casualty of the morning. **Geoff changed his tyre** while others helped and also enjoyed a cup of morning tea. Once mended we continued further along the track before suffering a second side wall cut, this time on Craig's vehicle. The track was a little rocky and wheel placement was tricky. **Craig replaced his tyre** and it was then onto the Grant's Hills area of the property.



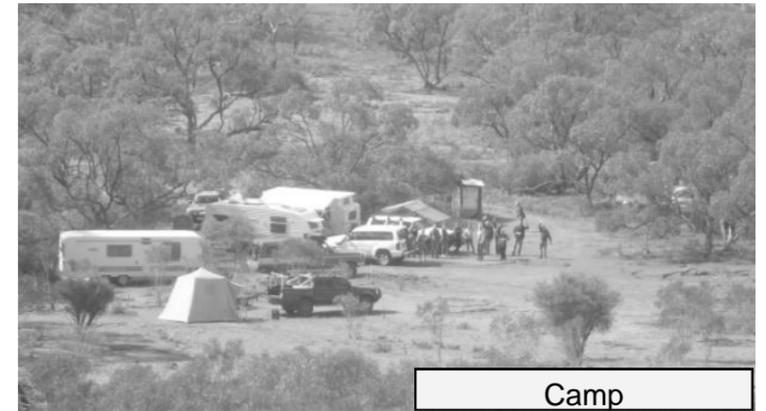
Craig's deflation

We followed the Kalara Loop onto Eldortrilla Track and then into a dead end where Grant's springs and the ruins are located. The spring appeared to be dry as no one who went investigating could locate it, but the ruins were visible on the side of the hill. We stopped and ate lunch here while the sky became overcast and just a few spots of rain started to fall.

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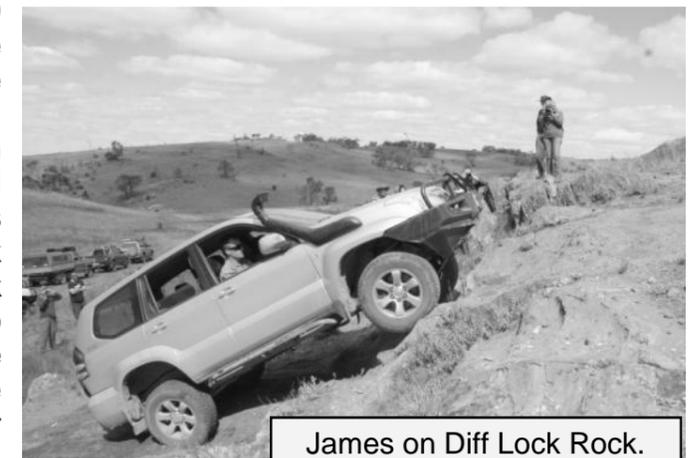
It was then decided to take Jodie's Track up to join the Eldortrilla Track which crosses along the ridge top, but 4 vehicles decided they would head back to camp. The remaining 8 vehicles made it safely up Jodie's Track and along the ridge top and finished with the difficult sections of Tumburra and Ham's tracks. From here we headed back to camp as the weather was closing in. While it rained steadily for the remainder of the afternoon we got ready to go into Peterborough for our evening meal. As it was quite cold we headed off an hour earlier than booked to the Railway Hotel where it was much warmer and drier. The evening was spent enjoying each others company and also a delicious meal before returning to camp.



Camp

Sunday morning was fine again but as everything was a little damp a decision was made not to head out at 9:30 am as planned but to rest for the morning. A few enjoyed a walk up the hill behind camp to the ridge top and a little way along it, while it was also a great sight to watch the Euro's jumping across the slopes.

After an early lunch at camp, 10 vehicles headed over to the Miller's Tracks located on another property approximately 10 kms away. Just inside the gate were some ruins but it was decided these could be investigated on our way out. Once at the tracks we headed through Dave's Pass to the Euro Loop and onto Scrubber Track and Shorty's Loop. On Shorty's Loop is Diff Lock Rock which is a big lump of rock which they say you need diff locks to help you negotiate the climb. We had 2 willing drivers take on the challenge but unfortunately neither succeeded in climbing over the rock, however, there were plenty of onlookers who obtained some great photos and video.



James on Diff Lock Rock.



Geoff tests the F150 approach angle.

We completed Shorty's Loop by going up and down a very steep hill before trying "I Lean Tracks". As the name suggests we thought this may have quite an incline on the track but although it followed the side of the hill it was not too bad. Three cars however decided they would take an alternate route and we all met again for afternoon tea just below the old eagle's nest on Emu Track. Following afternoon tea Neil called

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us on the radio. He had suggested the previous day we could help him by putting our vehicles over Sallies Track which is a new track he was setting up. Neil met us on the Ridge Top before leading us to the bottom of the hill and the start of Sallies Track. We witnessed him hammer in new track signage and then followed him over a very rough creek bed. Unfortunately while negotiating the creek bed Neil obtained a side wall slice on a rear tyre (our third for the weekend)! Some decided this new track may be too rough and opted to head back to camp to either put on their camp fire roast or enjoy happy hour. After Neil had fixed his tyre six vehicles followed along behind him to try and define this new track. Some sections he let us do on our own as he said his ute would not make it. It was certainly much more difficult than anything most of us had tackled before, but the adrenalin kicked in and kept us going. We were certainly all on a high by the end of Sallies Track!

Following this fantastic climax to the day's driving it was back to camp, stopping at the ruins for a bit of a look around along the way.

Back at camp there was a lovely fire burning which Brian and Judy had kindly started earlier in the afternoon. Happy hour was enjoyed by the fire while watching the lamb roast cook! Following tea we again gathered around the camp fire to share stories and memories of the weekend experiences.

Monday morning dawned fine but it had been quite moist overnight so those under canvas had to wait awhile for their tents to dry. Everyone had packed up and left camp by lunch time after enjoying another fantastic weekend of great company and excellent four wheel drive experiences.

Story written by Aileen Kitto (NPC 388)

Pictures by Marie (400), Rod (388)



Lazy Hazy History Walk

'Twas an unusually warm day for May when five friends met at the Torrens Arms Hotel (c 1857). They were joined by ten others and a tour guide from the Mitcham Historical Society. At 11am they started on a one hour walk through the streets of Kingswood. Looking at prominent buildings, houses and maisonettes of the mid 1800's. Learning of the people who lived and worked in what was then part of Mitcham Village.

At lunchtime they were met by another friend who joined them for a delicious meal at the "Waverley House Cafe" situated on Belair Rd. The cafe occupies a few rooms in the newly restored mid 1800's two storey residence of C. E. Mallen. This being the only building left of his brewery business.

From there the six friends regrouped at the Mitcham Cultural Village. This complex incorporates the Institute Building (c1870) and another cottage of the same era. Both having been restored by the Mitcham Council to house the Historical Society and Gallery One. A new section of the complex has a purpose built very well equipped community shed. Here the group talked to some of the local folk who were busy working on various projects from furniture restoration to making wooden toys.

They then wandered into Gallery One and were greeted by the manager Julie. The gallery was showcasing an exhibition for the month of May called "To Mother with love....." A delightful look at "mothering" gifts from the 1900's. There were sewing boxes and quilting ephemera on display as well as a treasure trove of vintage and traditionally inspired quilts. One a replica of the oldest quilt in Australia, made by convict women, which is housed in the National Gallery. It was then time for a coffee and home made biscuits. Enjoyed while relaxing in the ambience of the gallery atrium.

Being such a beautiful day the group decided to do a self guided heritage walk around Mitcham Village. This took in many beautifully restored and well signposted heritage listed buildings. there were opulent residences of prominent South Australians to shops, schools, hotels, stables, coach houses and many bluestone and sandstone cottages. They crossed the old keystone bridge over Brown Hill Creek and walked through the Village Green.

Standing under an old gum tree Jeffrey, Jeanene, Rod, Aileen, Marina and Diana reflected on the day. A few of them had lived in the area for most or part of their lives. It was lovely to stop and "smell the roses" go back to yesteryear and try and imagine a life gone by.

Diana Bradshaw (NPC 378)

Foot note

The South Kingswood Walk was conducted by a Mitcham Heritage Research Centre volunteer on Thursday 9 May 2013. The volunteer was well-versed in the stories of the suburb's oldest dwellings and other buildings, and in the long history of land acquisition and conveyance in this area. This walk was part of the 'About Time' SA History Festival May 1 – 31 2013, for which there were hundreds of events held state wide.

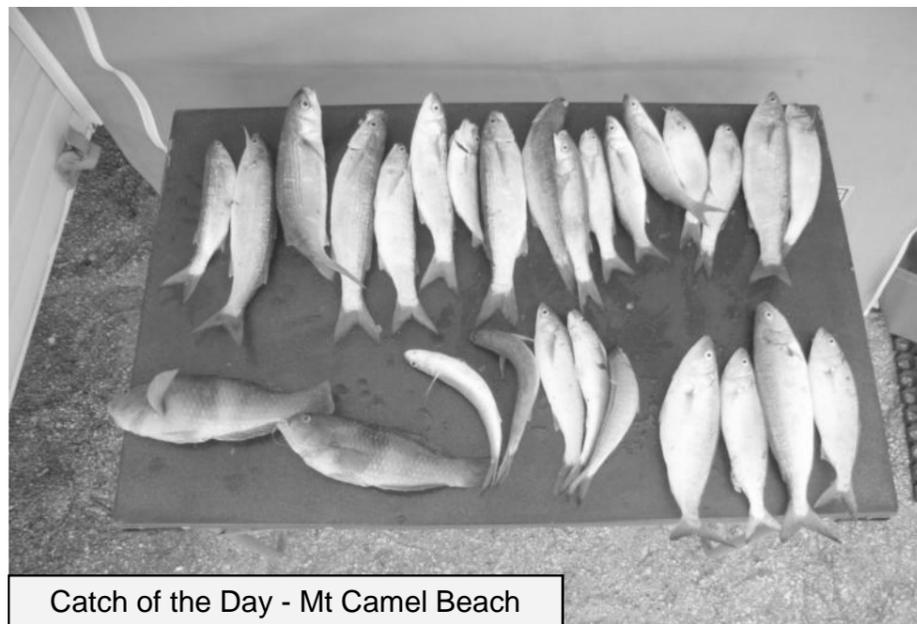
Happy Hours, Laughter, Eating and Drinking. Oh! - and a little Fishing Venus Bay Trip 2013



This one didn't count

The well established annual Venus Bay Fishing trip has come and gone for this year. Now grown to 10 couples from the club for varying duration of 10 days to 4 weeks at the Venus Bay Caravan Park, the socialising by far outweighed the fishing results. The fishing reports in the

Advertiser said that the fish were jumping at Venus Bay and Mt Camel but I am now convinced that these reports are put in by desperate accommodation providers and tackle and bait suppliers. Attending were Roz and Frank, Pat and Des, Janice and Bob, Judy and Brian, Kate and John, Gloria and Dave, Anny and Bob2, Lyn and Dave, Heather and Doug, and Tricia and Colin.



Catch of the Day - Mt Camel Beach

We were a couple of weeks later than in past years in the hope that the Winter Whiting would be on the bite, but to no avail. While the weather was generally warm with only a few days of light rain, the wind prevented all but

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the most hardy from launching the boats on about half the days. All was not lost though as the strongest wind came from the North which allowed reasonably sheltered conditions for surf fishing at Mt Camel Beach. We all did manage to catch enough to bring home some feeds to supplement the diet but it was



Yahtzee tournament

hard work with most days catch in the single figures. The exceptions were Frank and Roz and Brian and Judy each getting around 18 whiting on one day.

While fishing may be the promoted purpose of the trip, the socialising is by far the highlight. Each afternoon was capped off with a communal Happy Hour. Wednesday nights, happy hour flowed into a joint BBQ tea in the Camp Kitchen. Fridays were Pub night at the Pt. Kenny Hotel and Mothers Day was celebrated with a sumptuous Luncheon at the Venus Bay Licensed Café.

Some individual memorable moments were:-

- ◆ Kate had all the men running for cover one day when she announced that she wanted to learn how to **"CASTRATE"**. She later explained that that she wanted to learn how to launch her fishing tackle in the intended direction – "cast straight".
- ◆ Bob 2 eventually got his satellite TV working after- 1) Buying a new TV in Streaky Bay. 2) Getting the next visitors to Streaky Bay to buy a HDMI cable for him, and 3) after Dave F spent about three hours uploading 99 software updates.
- ◆ Janice met up with some old friends.
- ◆ Janice met up with some more old friends.
- ◆ Janice met up with even more old friends.

It's obvious that we all enjoyed the time together as almost everyone has booked sites again for next year. Maybe the fish will be more obliging.

Thanks go to Roz for organising this year's trip and all the previous years'. She has now handed the baton over to Janice for coming years.

Story and Pictures by Colin and Tricia (NPC 138)



Peake - Talinga Sand hills 4 - 5 May 2013

Our Peake trip was a sunny weekend of fun, friendship, food and tackling the sand dunes. Trip Leaders were Dave and Helen Richards and fourteen people in seven vehicles attended.

Arriving late Friday night, we all set up camp then came together for a few drinks and to discuss our expectations for the weekend ahead. After a few laughs and introducing Jak from Bordertown 4x4 to our group, we decided to retire for the evening ready for the day ahead of us.

Saturday morning we awoke to a beautiful blue sky and decided today would be "Jaks Day". He had bought a new Nissan Patrol recently and wanted to try out the dunes to see what his car was capable of doing. (New model has diff lock as standard). The Safety Brief sheet was read out and with all "airing down" done and flags attached, we made our way out to tackle the dunes.

A few members achieved most of the dunes, after a few hours we headed back for lunch. After about an hour the "Girls" decided to stay back at camp with Tayla and Cody and let the "Boys" have an afternoon out. Well boys being boys, they had a lot of fun including Dave leading them into dead end tracks. He then was nicknamed "Dead end Dave" for the rest of the trip. Not to mention Dave managed to get into a little bit of a situation, which he got out of. Back at camp, the girls entertained Tayla and Cody with sandcastles, digging holes for bunny rabbits and having a "Cuppa" together.

The boys returned to camp and Jak packed up ready to return to Bordertown as his son's birthday was being held later that afternoon. Happy Hour was soon upon us, as we sat back to talk about the day's events. Later that evening we had our meal together

at the local pub the "Overlander Hotel". All orders were placed in and as the meals came out David was pinching chips off most people's plates. Of course he was last to be served. His nickname was "Seagull" for swooping off with chips. Once his meal came out he really could not eat all his. Even the waitress was in on the joke and quipped give



Aileen



Kallie and Peter



all the left over chips to "Seagull" We all returned later back to camp, sat by the campfire for a couple of hours, most of us



Chris and Tony

heading for bed after a fun filled day.

Sunday morning was soon upon us with the arrival of Peter Stewart and his daughter Kallie. After breakfast we again headed out to the dunes. This time the girls were having a turn at the wheel. All said they were surprised how easy it was, and not too difficult. Some even managed the Widow Maker (a steep dune.) Very happy with their first attempts and succeeding, they then handed the wheel back to the boys, except for Kallie who loved the experience of being behind the wheel. A few more dunes to cover and it was time to head back to camp for lunch. It was then time to pack up and head back home. This weekend was filled with so much fun, laughter, great company and good food.

At the end of the weekend I asked everyone state their highlight of the weekend; see responses below.

Pictures and story by Helen Richards (364)



Aileen Kitto - Loved the company and small group. Enjoyed digging rabbit holes and playing with Tayla and Cody. Best of all conquering the Widow Maker on first attempt.

Rod Kitto - Enjoyed the food. First attempt to conquer the Nemesis (steep dune) and succeeded.

Craig Wood - Great Company and weather. Enjoyed the sand dunes.

Chris Moran - Building sandcastles with Tayla, great company and conquering the Widow Maker on first attempt.

Tony Moran - First to arrive at camp and relax. Great company.

Ian Steed - 4WDiving. Achieved what he wanted to do. Great company.

Karen Steed - Great company, good fun, lots of laughs, driving the dunes was excellent.

Tayla - Loved the Sandhills, digging holes for the bunny rabbits and making

sandcastles.

Cody - Going up the sand dunes. Got to use Helen's camera. Had a nice meal at the Hotel.

Justin (Jak) Cornish - Enjoyed the chance of tackling the sandunes with his new vehicle, enjoyed the company. He had a blast...of a time.

Peter Stewart- Seeing Kallie experience and enjoy 4WDiving.

Kallie Stewart- Everything including learning to drive with Dad's tutoring.

Dave Richards- Rod's company, happy to see everyone enjoying the weekend and making milestones with their achievements.

Helen Richards- Loved every single minute of the whole weekend. Taking photos again was awesome. Just having the love and friendship of friends and sharing a meal together.

Training at Morgan - 18-19 May 2013

On Friday 17th May after work I packed the car and headed off to the Morgan caravan park for the week-end. After the rain lately I decide not to take my camper but to hire a cabin. We did not get any rain but the nights were very cold so I think that I made a good decision.

Later in the afternoon and early evening more people started to arrive. In all there were 10 cars from the Land Cruiser club and 6 from the Nissan Patrol club. After breakfast on Saturday we all headed down to meet by the ferry where Geoff Green (DTU and Land Cruiser Club) outlined the day's activities.



When we got to the quarry Dave took the inexperienced drivers through some of the basic skills. As I was not using my car Dave asked me to go with one of our visitors who had not done any 4WDing. As Helen was not feeling up to the drive I was nominated to fill both roles as advisor and photographer, and I must say that I enjoyed both roles. We headed off in two groups and encountered a variety of very challenging terrains.

One member cheated by using his diff locks; well done James! I was very impressed with Garry (my protégée) who even managed a particularly difficult rocky section that a more experienced driver almost had to be winched from. (Sorry Dave I said that I would not mention that). At about 1pm we headed back to camp for a break and some lunch.

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Dave Richards and Geoff Green

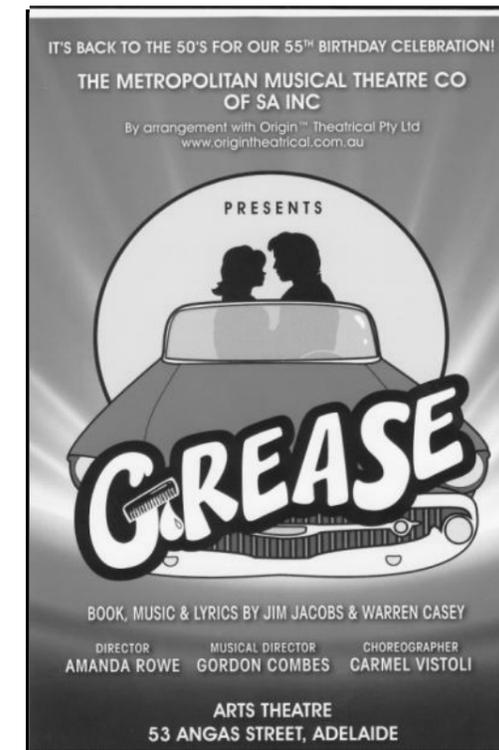


Reviewing the day's pictures

After a short break we went back for some more play time. After a happy hour that gave both clubs a chance to socialise we headed off to the pub for dinner. I do not know about anyone else but my meal was pretty good.

Sunday morning after breakfast some of the group went back for more play time. I stayed in camp talking to some 4WDers that were not part of our group. I would like to thank Geoff Green for organising a great week-end and the members of both clubs for making it so successful. I am looking forward to the next one and hope that next time I am able to drive my car.

Brian Donaldson (NPC377)



Friday 25 October 2013 at 8:00pm

A show not to be missed!

Jeff Schapel will arrange a group booking for NPC members and friends

Ticket price is not known at time of printing but is assumed to be around \$25 per adult.

Get your name down on the trip list and be prepared to pay the Treasurer on or before the August General meeting 1 Aug 2013

The traditional after show **coffee and cake** will be at *Milano Cucina* 80 Hutt St Adelaide (NE corner of Hutt St and Wakefield St)

SAPOL Driver Safety Lecture 18 Apr 2013

About twenty members attended the Driver Safety Lecture by Senior Constable First Class Paul Bryant, at the Road Safety Centre within the Thebarton Police Barracks.



To gain our attention, Paul outlined the history of the South Australia Police (SAPOL) which commemorates **175 years** of policing this year. SAPOL is the **oldest centrally controlled police service in Australia** and one of the oldest in the world.



An early 1900s recreation of the first 10 mounted officers in 1838

The original recruiting poster for the South Australia Police was issued on 19 April 1838. Subsequently the swearing-in of the inaugural 10 foot constables and 10 mounted constables occurred on 28 April 1838.

South Australia Police had a variety of roles during the early years of settlement beyond simply preserving law and order. In addition to running the gaol and delivering the mail in remote areas, they also conducted the first state census in 1839. Over the first century police roles also included acting as ambulance operators, inspectors of mines, wild dog scalp collectors, harbour masters and registrars of births, deaths and marriages. The Police Fire Brigade operated from about 1838 until 1860.

The main points from Paul's **safety talk** were to make sure that your vehicle's stability and handling were not compromised by **modifications** and **overloading**.

One of the most common modifications is to raise the vehicle to **increase ground clearance**. Police have a list of manufacturers' "eyebrow" heights and in the interests of vehicle stability and road safety may defect your vehicle if these heights are exceeded by more than 50mm.

The "eyebrow" height is the vertical distance from the centre of the axel to the bottom of the mud guard.

Vehicle eyebrow height may be raised by 50mm without engineer's certification. This height increase may be achieved by a combination of up sizing rims and tyres and also by raising the suspension. However, any change to the rims and tyre size must result in a variation of less than 15mm in the diameter of the wheel from the vehicle manufacturer's tyre/rim placard.

Paul stressed the **importance of not over loading** because not only is an overloaded vehicle and any over loaded tow trailer/caravan a hazard on the road, but in the case of an accident, your comprehensive insurance and your compulsory third party (CTP) insurance are also voided. (Clause 2 (e) of your Motor Accident Commission CTP policy states, "A person so insured warrants that he or she will not drive the vehicle while the vehicle is **overloaded**, or in an unsafe, unroadworthy or damaged condition...")

You may be able to afford \$100k for damage to some one else's vehicle and yours, but

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personal injury and death compensations can be \$million plus!

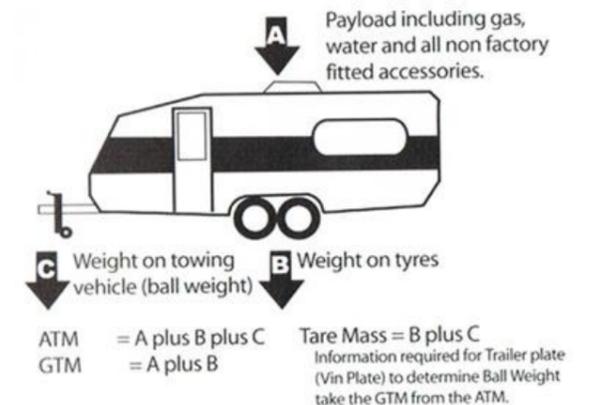
When towing there are three load limits which must not be exceeded to ensure that you are not overloaded, namely, GROSS VEHICLE MASS (GVM), AGGREGATE TRAILER MASS (ATM) and GROSS COMBINATION MASS (GCM).

UNLADEN MASS (Kerb weight) - the mass of the vehicle in running order unoccupied and unladen with all fluid reservoirs filled to nominal capacity including fuel, and with all standard equipment.

GROSS COMBINATION MASS (GCM).- value specified for the vehicle by the 'Manufacturer' as being the maximum of the sum of the 'Gross Vehicle Mass' of the drawing vehicle plus the sum of the 'Axle Loads' of any vehicle capable of being drawn as a trailer.

GROSS VEHICLE MASS (GVM) - the maximum laden mass of a motor vehicle as specified by the 'Manufacturer'.

AGGREGATE TRAILER MASS (ATM) - the total mass of the laden trailer when carrying the maximum load recommended by the 'Manufacturer'. This will include any mass imposed onto the drawing vehicle when the 'Combination Vehicle' is resting on a horizontal supporting plane.



Many large 4WD vehicles e.g. the new Nissan Patrol come with a carrying capacity (= GVM minus UNLADEN MASS) of about **850kg**. However, this can easily be exceeded. For example, add two adults 160kg, tow bar 20kg, roof rack 30kg, draw system 40kg, Fridge and contents 40kg, second battery 15kg, tools, spares and recovery equipment 50kg, long range fuel tank and additional fuel 150kg, wheel carrier 20kg, canoe 45kg, 2nd spare wheel 35kg, 60 litres of water 65kg, tent 20kg, tow ball weight from caravan 150kg equals a total of **840kg!** Therefore you have 10kg for your snacks, cameras, mobile phones, GPS and first aid kit unless you can jettison some of the above items, or go on a personal weight loss program.

Paul provided us with an entertaining and informative presentation which left us all with the best of intentions to take our vehicles and caravans to a weigh bridge and to get our load facts. Thanks Paul for reinforcing the message to us about the potential dangers of driving an overloaded vehicle both from the personal safety and a financial loss points of view.

Don (NPC 260)

Victorian High Country 26 Apr - 2 May 2013

Follows on from Otways Easter Trip

Caravan park or Free camping based at separate sites, the groups will join for day tours. 3 nights at Mansfield area, and 5 nights at Porepunka / Bright area.

Itinerary will include Howqua Historic area, area around King river / Craigs Hut , Blue Rag Ridge Track, Wonnangatta Valley, Mt Selwyn, Day Food & Wine tour of Miliwa / King Valley / Beechworth - Talk to Wayne for further details.

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.

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Cameron heavy duty 4x4 camper trailer in excellent condition



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with 2 bedside storage boxes. 60 litre water storage and pump 40 litre Engel fridge. included

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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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