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## Patrolling the Editor's Desk



Hi Everyone

Here we are heading into Winter again.... I hope some of you are heading up to the Northern parts of our gorgeous country to soak up some warmth and glorious sun-shine for a while. - ENJOY!!

**In this issue, please take a look at Cotton Tyres new advert for Cooper Tyres on Page 2 and Page 11 - Next Theatre Night advert for "The King & I".**

I am still hoping perhaps for one of our "Newer" members to email me with a Member Profile before the end of the year. It would be nice to learn a little more about each other, don't you agree?

Keep warm and enjoy the next few months.....Kate

## 30 YEARS AGO - 1986

### KATARAPKO

Malcolm & Juleen must have put in their order for nice weather extra early for this week-end, because you could not have asked for nicer weather. Along with Trevor, Lorraine & Corrie, we drove to Katarapko Game Reserve (of which we'd never heard of) on Saturday morning. (We're not too sure what Corrie did to upset Mum & Dad, but he was locked in the back of the Navara for the trip!). After numerous 'shop stops' for various items, including pasties, ice-creams, a chicken and worm, we arrived at the camp-site just in time for lunch.

The first event on the program was a 'dry-boat-launching' by Bill. He insists that if one I going to make a mistake, to do I with confidence, and we all commend Bill on his proficiency at this. Ken (Harry Butler) Feilding proved this week-end that snakes can be found anywhere and everywhere. (We were all very cautious while conversing with nature!!!)

After lunch those who were game (or silly) went skiing or board-riding. At this point we highly praised our wonderfully competent boat driver, who did a great job, even though he did make one board-rider fall off right on top of a bee! Through-out the afternoon, we each did our own thing, whether it be skiing, fishing, walking, sitting or drinking. Sunset and dusk were beautiful, especially for the raucous laughter of the Kookaburras, who won a battle to be heard over Scrumpy's country music. As the Kookaburras nodded off to sleep, the croaking of the bullfrogs took over. (There seemed to be a particularly large one near the camp.)

The evening was completed by the usual sit-around-the-camp fire, (although this one needed a battery). One prominent committee member was caught on camera, warming his hands by a torch with twigs on it! Dawn saw a few fishermen up and about, although only one landed a fish.

After breakfast, the boat was back in action—but not for long. Trevor Beythien, after previously giving up the attempt, finally got up on one ski, only to have the motor give up under the strain. This was quickly rectified by the brilliant, mechanically minded Malcolm, who made sure Trevor didn't ski again.

Every-one agreed the week-end was a wonderful success and I'm sure we will all be there next year. The weather was lovely, the camp-site was excellent and the company was even better. Thanks to all for a great week-end, and especially Malcolm and Juleen for organizing it all.

**(Author—Unknown)**

### 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:- 22 JULY 2016**

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## FUTURE TRIP PLAN

**Trip Name:** Robe to Beachport  
**Trip Leader:** Andrew Jackson  
**Start Date:** 3/6/16  
**End Date:** 5/6/16  
**Contact No:** 0458 263 739  
**What to expect:**

**Trip Name:** Border Track  
**Trip Leader:** Andrew Jackson  
**Start Date:** 23/9/16  
**End Date:** 25/9/16  
**Contact No:** 0458 263 739  
**What to expect:**

**Trip Name:** Peake  
**Trip Leader:** Dave & Helen Richards  
**Start Date:** 17/6/16  
**End Date:** 19/6/16  
**Contact No:** 0405 189 628  
**What to expect:**

**Trip Name:** Octoberfest in Whyalla  
**Trip Leader:** Dave & Helen Richards  
**Start Date:** 30/9/16  
**End Date:** 3/10/16  
**Contact No:** 0405 189 628  
**What to expect:**

**Trip Name:** Saunders Gorge  
**Trip Leader:** Andrew Jackson  
**Start Date:** 31/7/16  
**End Date:** Day trip only  
**Contact No:** 0458 263 739  
**What to expect:**

**Trip Name:** Deep Creek Cons/Park  
**Trip Leader:** Wayne Dunn  
**Start Date:** 21/10/16  
**End Date:** 23/10/16  
**Contact No:** 0417 816 213  
**What to expect:**

**Trip Name:** Peake  
**Trip Leader:** Craig Wood  
**Start Date:** 12/8/16  
**End Date:** 14/8/16  
**Contact No:** 0419 865 656  
**What to expect:**

**Trip Name:** Morgan Quarry  
**Trip Leader:** Dave & Helen Richards  
**Start Date:** 4/11/16  
**End Date:** 6/11/16  
**Contact No:** 0405 189 628  
**What to expect:**

**Trip Name:** Port Hughes Caravan Pk  
**Trip Leader:** Colin & Tricia Goodrich  
**Start Date:** 18/8/16  
**End Date:** 23/8/16  
**Contact No:** 0418 322 071  
**What to expect:**

**Trip Name:** Family Christmas Picnic:  
**Trip Social:** Committee arrange  
**Start Date:** 27th November  
**What to expect:** SANTA, FUN & GAMES

**Trip Name:** Jakem Farm  
**Trip Leader:** Andrew Jackson  
**Start Date:** 11/9/16  
**End Date:** Day Trip only  
**Contact No:** 0458 263 739  
**What to expect:**

**Trip Name:** Breakfast in the Park  
**Trip Social:**  
**Start Date:** 18th December  
**What to expect:** Christmas Cheer!

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.

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

## The President's Points

Hello Fellow Patrollers,  
 The year is flying by, half of it gone already - They seem to go quicker as one gets older  
 Since the last magazine, there have been successful trips to Warraweena, Willangi Bush Escapes, Venus Bay & a working bee at Deep Creek Conservation Park.  
 There are a number of trips coming up in next few months, some are fully subscribed & others have plenty of spaces available - have a look on the trips table at the next meeting.  
 In the magazine there is an article on the 40 channel UHF radios & the legislated changes to their use. Those with these units need to read this, - it does affect them.  
 The committee have been reviewing the constitution with a view to update & modernise it. A Sub-committee has completed a draft which after review by all committee members, will be sent to all members for their feedback. The hope is to vote on it at the general meeting in August.  
 The issue of changing the name of the club to more reflect who we are and what we do is ongoing. The alternative to changing the name is to rebrand the club or the way we present it, better reflecting what we do; what we mean to others.  
 This is an important decision to which all members should have a say - I ask that you all have a think about it & let myself or any other committee member know your thoughts.

Safe Driving till next time  
 Wayne Dunn [NPC 389 ]



### 40 Channel UHF radio

Recently at the club our guest speaker told us of the impending changes to the UHF radio system & its effect on the 40 channel radios that many of us currently have.  
 There was some confusion as to the exact date these changes will be implemented & what they meant. To that end, Don Grigg along with Johns Kerr & Smedley, made some enquiries after which I emailed ACMA the government department that manages the system & received the following email from Stewart White – senior policy officer

**Thank you for your enquiry. I trust the following answer, answers your enquiry.**  
**Clause 5 Class Licence of the attached Radio communications (Citizen Band Radio Stations) Class Licence 2015 specifies under what conditions a person may operate a CB station.**  
**Clause 5 (1) (b) states “until and including 30 June 2017 – of a kind to which subsection (6) applies.**  
**Subsection (6) at (6)(a)(i)(ii) states a CB radio that operates on (i) on a carrier frequency mentioned in item 4 (UHF – 25 kHz channels) in Schedule 1; and (ii) subject to the restrictions mentioned in the item;**  
**This means the old 40 UHF wide bandwidth (16 kHz), 25 kHz spaced channels (AS/NZS 4365:2002) can be used up until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017, after which operation is limited to channels as listed under Item 7 (the new 80 channels with 10.1 kHz bandwidth on 12.5 kHz channel spacing (AS/NZS 4365:2011)).**

This in basic terms, means that 40 channel radios cannot broadcast on any channel except 22 & 23 which are set aside for data transmission, so those with these radios need to replace or upgrade existing units before June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, to 80 channel units.

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# Easter at Warraweena 2016



11 cars and 19 people attended the weekend and had a sensational two days on the tracks. We all made our own way into the Flinders and a small group of us met at a favourite little free camping spot just out of Spalding where we stayed the night. We set up and had coffee and a chat before we headed off to our caravans, campers and swags before the rain came in the early hours waking most of us up.

Some stayed at Orroroo in the caravan park and others came up on Friday morning.



Friday morning six vehicles left Spalding and picked two more vehicles up at Orroroo before heading to Hawker where we refuelled and had lunch before the final drive up to the Station. After setting up camp happy hour followed as usual before we headed off to cook our dinners.

AJ had a little hiccup with his car at Orroroo, turned around and headed for home, determined to get it fixed and be back up

there by Sat morning. True to his word he found some information and fixed the issue and was back up there Sat lunchtime.

That's what you call keen lol.

Sat morning we started out on the Dunbar Cockatoo track which proved to be a long and exhausting day. One nasty little rock attacked Dave's tyre as he drove past and tore the sidewall. While a few stayed and changed the tyre the rest of us slowly made our way to the planned lunch stop

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at the huts. Having lunch we heard the familiar voice of AJ calling over the two way to say he was on the station and almost at the campsite.

After lunch we finished the track and returned for showers and happy hour before dinner and chats around the campfire.

Sunday we were up and on the tracks again this time doing the Mt Gill track and once again it was a long and sometimes demanding track which we all enjoyed with amazing views of around 914 metres above sea level before descending down the mountain and back to happy hour and dinner and the usual chats of the day around the campfire.

Monday morning most were up and packing early for the long drive home.

Another fantastic weekend away, in a beautiful part of the Flinders with a great group of friends. Thanks go to Angelo for planning and leading this long awaited trip.

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See Jeff for tickets now!



# MUNDULLA / BORDERTOWN DIESEL & DIRT DERBY WEEKEND – 1-3 April 2016

John Smedley and Sue arranged a wonderful weekend get-together in the Bordertown region of Mundulla. The lucky participants were Geoff and Marie, Jeff and Jeanene, Brian and Christine, Barrie and Denise, Don and Kathy with friends Jo and Lyndon, Bob, plus Jim and Pauline.



We camped on a grass oval at the Mundulla Show Ground Caravan Park, a little distance from the caravans and horse floats of the Cutting Horse Championship participants, who were holding competitions on that weekend. There was plenty of room, and the horses provided us with entertainment whilst we were in camp.

On the Friday, as there were no activities planned, John's cousin Neil Smedley invited any who were present and interested, to visit the "Men's Shed" at Bordertown.

By late afternoon on Friday everyone had arrived at Mundulla, and of course we all participated in a pleasant "Happy Hour".

On Saturday morning we set off to Keith for the DIESEL & DIRT DERBY. The weather was perfect. The venue catered for the ladies with some stalls and cooking demonstrations, but the excitement of the dust, noise, action and fumes etc of the cars and tractors was the highlight. There were several events happening at the same time, and one had to choose between watching the Tractor Pulls, lawnmower pulls, ute circle work, lawn



mower racing, jump cars, motorbike racing, ute spud races, Monster truck events, Centurion tank demo, Header demolition derby and more. There were aerobic displays by Chris Sperou, and vintage car displays.



It was a full-on day and those who stayed till the end came back tired and dirty.

However, the day was not finished, as we had all booked into the Mundulla Hotel for dinner that evening. We sat out the back of the hotel in the enclosed courtyard and enjoyed a well cooked meal and sweets. That night we were treated to an extra hour of sleep as we had to turn our clocks back for the end of daylight saving.

On the Sunday morning Neil Smedley took us on a tag along tour, with commentary on interest-

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ing history and sites around Bordertown by local resident Wally. We visited an art gallery to view paintings by local painter Glenda Rowett. We saw old farmsteads and heard their history, viewed the many sink holes caused by the limestone and the channels made for draining water during times of floods.

We called in to visit the Buckingham Church/School building, which was both a place of worship and a school from



1885 to 1956. Church services are still held there from time to time. We had time to sit inside the quaint old church and reflect on its past.

Lunch stop was the Bordertown Bakery, with just time to re-fuel ourselves before heading east across the border to Serviceton to visit the historic railway station.

For the price of a gold coin donation we were able to go inside to view what life may have been like in the late 1800s. Our guide was a local resident of Serviceton. Some of the residents of Serviceton (there are not many!) are keen on

preserving the railway station for its historic value. It was interesting to see the Ladies Waiting Room, with a servery hatch for drinks from the bar area next room.

We viewed the basement area, and were told that prisoners were held in the "dungeon" area whilst waiting to be transferred by train from one state to another. We drove around what was left of Serviceton and as we headed back towards Mundulla, we also saw historic Wolseley – another near "ghost town"

Unfortunately at this point we had to pack up and head home for baby-sitting duties the following day, but the others headed to historic Clayton Farm near Bordertown for a tour of the yards and farm machinery, blacksmith shop, chaff shed, woolshed, museum and homestead etc. This was followed by a BBQ dinner and sweets provided by members of the Bordertown and Districts Agriculture Museum.

Thank you John and Sue for organising such an eventful weekend for us to attend.

**NPC 319**



**WILLANGI TRIP REPORT**  
22 - 25 April 2016

**Happy Participants -**

- Helen and Dave Richards: - Trip leaders and track leaders for day 1
- Andrew Jackson and Mitchell: - Andrew track leader for day 2
- Geoff and Marie Dalitz, John and Maddie Day, Bob Johnson, Phil and Sue Reeve, David and Julie Roe, Jeffrey and Jeanene Schapel, - Renewed membership Patrollers:-
- Jeff and Jenny Ranford and sons Kealan and Emile

By 9.30 pm on the Friday evening everyone had arrived and successfully conquered the mystery of opening the gate using the key pad to the entrance of the Willangi property. The next obstacle was to navigate the track which led to the camp site through the woolly sheep and lambs that were running in the paddock.

The camp site was excellent, plenty of space for all campers, fire ring, wood ready for burning and most importantly 2 very clean drop toilets. So by bed time on Friday evening everything was ready for a fun weekend.

Friday was also a very eventful day for Aileen as it was her birthday. To celebrate Rob had "whipped" up a birthday cake, or was it he had merely visited the Cheese Cake Shop? It did not matter as the cake was delicious and enjoyed by everyone around the fire.

**Weather** - The entire weekend was blessed with perfect weather. There was a full moon on the Thursday evening, so we saw a beautiful yellow moon rise each evening. However, as there was no cloud cover the first evening was freezing cold. During the days we experienced clear blue skies.



**Tracks** - By 9 am on Saturday morning everyone had deflated their tyres, packed their lunches and were ready for a challenging day. Firstly Helen took us up the Eldortrilla Track to the crest of Grant's Hill. Whilst enjoying the panoramic 360° view two eagles soared low and near us – what a magnificent sight. Incidentally "Eldortrilla" was the original name of Willangi station. Onward we travelled, along ridges, over rocks or were they boulders, down hills, up hills and along the flat. In all we traversed all of the tracks for experienced 4WD drivers and enjoyed every minute.



Sunday was a later start – 9.30 am. Andrew took us over to the Miller's tracks which were to the west of where we were camped. Shorty's Loop, Lofty Loop, Paddy's Drive and I Lean Tracks were all tackled. At one stage someone asked at which angle did a vehicle have to be before it toppled over! This area was possibly a little more challenging than Grant's Hill tracks. Lunch time was spent on a ridge, overlooking a valley and surrounding hills.

Whilst Dave Richards was left in charge of the roasts on Sunday evening the remainder of the group followed Neil and Antoinette Sleep up Grant's Hill to watch the sun set over the distant hills. Even though there were no clouds to enhance the colours, it certainly was a beautiful scene and interesting to see the various shades appear. John Day felt it was a Ground Hog Day experience as on the Saturday we had arrived at the same point three times.

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When the sun had set Neil steered the way for a night drive. Now, that was interesting, up and down again and only having head lights to distinguish any hazards.

**Eating** – as usual this is a great and important event on any trip. Happy hours happened on Friday and Sunday evening. Dinner on Saturday at the Peterborough Railway Hotel organized by Helen was very pleasant. Breakfast on Monday morning turned into a great feast as due to the great fire the previous evening the remaining coals enticed people to cook on the fire. Bacon, Eggs, tomatoes and anything else which could be cooked on a campfire was being consumed.

**Wildlife** - Many kangaroos were seen during the weekend, especially at dusk whilst the convoy was making its way to Peterborough for dinner. Jeanene moved a sleepy lizard to safety as it seemed happy to just waddle along the track where everyone was driving. Mitchell spotted a dead kangaroo on the track. Healthy looking sheep roamed the main area of the station and along the road to Miller's tracks and as with all sheep they did not know which side of the road they wished to be.

**Fireside chatter** - Many stories old and new were shared around the campfire. Rod seemed to have an unending supply of jokes to share. Phil made mention of the Willangi Witch. I cannot recall where he saw her but she must have made an impression.

**Oops moments** - Firstly, on the Friday evening, Helen had broken her chair, so after a coffee at Jamestown a visit was made to the hardware store where she found a suitable replacement. On returning on Saturday's trip Jeffrey noticed that his solar panel had tyre prints on the middle panel. Horror upon horror – who would do such a thing. Oops, closer investigation revealed the tyre imprints looked very similar to the Schapel's Nissan. Oh dear, at least two out of the three panels were undamaged. Rod had an encounter with the Police Drug Testing Unit whilst travelling into Peterborough for the Saturday evening meal. As there had been a race meeting at Yunta, the Police were taking the opportunity to undertake random tests and out of all of the group only Rod was selected for testing. Of course, Rod was found to be clear of any drugs.

**Congratulations and Thank you** – Well done to Helen and Dave for organizing a great and successful weekend and congratulations to Andrew for his leadership for the Miller's tracks. A big thank you to Neil and Antoinette for supplying excellent information regarding our stay at Willangi, giving everyone maps of the tracks, ensuring the campsite was clean, the toilets and showers A1. The supply of fire wood was appreciated, especially when Neil delivered a huge stump Sunday evening.

In all a great weekend.  
**NPC 31**



**VENUS BAY**  
**15 April - 15 May 2016**

**DAVID & GLORIA FOSTER**

This year at Venus Bay saw another year of celebrations and Happy Hours. Firstly was David Foster's 79<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 20<sup>th</sup> April with the usual cake and candles. This coincided with our Wednesday BBQ in the Camp Kitchen so it was a full on evening. The next event was Brian & Judy's 52<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 25<sup>th</sup> April which we celebrated with cake and Bubbly & the usual "cork catching" challenge when the bottles were opened resulting in a slight mishap when Gloria went sprawling while trying to catch one. Tricia managed to "catch a cork" while Renae also took up the challenge. John's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the 29<sup>th</sup> April was celebrated at the Port Kenny Hotel with a few drinks and a scrumptious cheesecake Birthday Cake with candles.



Because most were leaving the park on 6<sup>th</sup> of May, we made a double celebration of Janice's 74<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May and Des & Pat's 49<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May. These were again celebrated with cake, candles and a few more drinks. **NPC 375**

**LYN & DAVE**

The Annual trip to Venus Bay – For some it was eventful and others just routine. Over-night stops were Port Augusta, Nut Bush and Kimba and finally 25 people arrived at Venus Bay with 5 tinnies and 5 push-bikes plus one big trailer boat and 3 Kayaks.



Sight seeing - there were big pods of Dolphins at the Head of the Bay. The grave site in the sand hills was revisited along with cliff top walks viewing the ocean.

On one night walk, Lyn & Dave spotted a live snake warming itself on the road to the Look out. Then after that, down to the Jetty to see how the night fishing was going, we spotted a huge seal with a white head suddenly attacking a Sting-ray and tossing it into the air and of course the seal won. When it was all over we walked back and in the shallows another smaller seal was attacking a school of fish. This was seeing nature at its very best. **NPC 272**

**PAT & DES**

The first part of our stay was very disappointing with regard to the fishing. Hardly anybody seemed to be catching anything. However the jetty remained crowded with people trying, partly due to the school holidays. We went down to Mt Camel beach for surf fishing and were pleasantly surprised to find it more accessible than had been the case last year when we were stopped by a drop of a few metres due to recent storms. This time the drop was a mere metre and so we were able to catch salmon, trevally, mullet and the occasional tommy ruff at each visit, even though the process involved soaking trouser legs when surprised by the occasional freak wave and the long, stiff climb back to the carpark with the extra weight of the fish to carry. Then, on Anzac Day, we caught 17 good salmon - our luck was back! **NPC 219**



**TRICIA & COLIN**

**Balcony & Barbecues**

These 'events' are now becoming somewhat of a ritual. The Balcony is an area outside the Park's Kiosk for patrons to sit and have 'coffee' or a meal and overlook the large Venus Bay. From here, you can see the smaller boats and tinnies being launched and where the fishermen & women are returning from a lovely day out in the bay. The Pelicans don't waste too much time surrounding the boats hoping for a feed of fish. Last year Bob & Colin went out in one boat for a day's fishing, leaving Janice and Tricia to find their own entertainment, and so they went for a coffee and chat up at the balcony. The coffee doesn't last long but

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the chatting could take 1-2 hours! Occasionally, others join in. The other option is to go to the nearby General Store where we can sit and have scones and coffee, with a good view from the balcony/patio. Barbecues are now entrenched as a weekly activity on a Wednesday held at the Park's Camp Kitchen.

This is a large area to sit and eat. Happy Hour starts at 4pm and flows into a 'bring your own BBQ food/salad etc. for the evening meal. Meats are cooked on the adjacent BBQ hot plates. This is a very special time where special celebrations can be held. We have a few Birthdays and Anniversaries to celebrate during the time this trip is on. There is a lot of chattering, discussions and laughter going on lasting perhaps as late as 8.30pm, before the members finally retire to their caravans. **NPC 138**



**KATE & JOHN**

**Golf 2016** - Was played over two consecutive weeks on a Wednesday morning – 10 people played the first round and obviously enjoyed it enough to play the second round of nine holes the



following week. Much frivolity occurred – you couldn't possibly believe it would be any different following on from last year's initial game. We arranged 3 Teams this year with the winners being the Red Team – Paul was presented with the special Nissan Golf Club Perpetual Award to share during the coming year with fellow members of his team. Anne was presented with the Novelty prize (a golf ball!) for her "rather quaint approach at one particular golf swing" – hopefully encouraging her to participate again next year! I believe several of the players have improved over



the past twelve months! It was fun for all and many thanks to Daniel from Port Kenny Community Club for all of his assistance. **NPC259**

**JANICE & BOB**

I believe this is our 11th visit to Venus Bay and the group in 2016 was the largest we have had attending with 11 vehicles and 23 participants from our club. This is 7 more participants than ever before. We have daily happy hours at 4.30pm. This is when we have nibbles and drinks and exchange stories of our daily activities, especially the fish tally for the day. Two or three participants are rostered each day to provide the nibbles. I can highly recommend that. There were a few days when the fisher- people didn't have much to brag about!!! Other participants visited the markets at Streaky Bay, the Talia Caves, the seals at Point Labatt, and other local tourist highlights in the area. **NPC 84**



**BRIAN & JUDY**

The fishing situation at Venus Bay this year was somewhat short of what we have been used to in previous years, although the people we spoke to who had been there the weeks before we arrived indicated there had been good catches. Coupled with a shortage of biting fish in the immediate area there were days when wind and rain limited the times we could launch our dinghys. The really keen fisher people withstood the weather and had some good catches off the jetty, plus there were those of us who drove out to Mount Camel Beach just along the coast to try our hand at fishing the surf and we did quite well.

The following total catches were registered only for the 14 days we went fishing out of the 21 days we were

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on the site:- All up between us we caught:- (121 King George Whiting), (85 Tommy Ruffs), (89 Trevally) and at Camel beach a total (186 fish, the majority being Salmon and some Mullet).

Even though the fishing was not as we had achieved in the past years, all the other activities we are involved in still made it another enjoyable trip and as usual the entertainment at the fish cleaning station with the friendly Pelicans and Sea Gulls was still on going. (some people like to feed them their fillets).

**NPC 19**

**ROZ & FRANK, ANNE & IAN, ROBYN & PAUL, RENAE, IAN, CRAIG, CODY & TAYLA**

The weather was typical of Venus Bay during autumn. We had calm and sunny days to fish, walk, canoe, cycle and play "golf". Other days were windy or damp. It rained overnight on a couple of occasions. Fisher folk and fish aren't fussy about these things and with such good company I think we all enjoyed the elements.

The weekly pub meals around at Pt Kenny were also had in enjoyable company and the staff did a good effort of coping with such an influx. If anyone gets a chance the gummy shark was to die for.

The waitress is cheeky and loves her job so the atmosphere was fun. Birthdays and Anniversaries were celebrated in the pub and at happy hours. The happy hour is a fabulous way of getting to know each other and share some delicious nibbles and a little drink or 2 or 3. You get the picture. We also made good use of the camp kitchen for BBQ 's. These sessions had some interesting show and tell. While the coffee shop did some good business from the club the best scones (with homemade jam and cream), were supplied by Tricia.

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**Nissan Theatre Night Outing 6th May 2016**



***Wow what a night!!!!!!!***

The NPC members, family and friends enjoy a night of fun & laughter at the latest theatre production of Sugar! The Musical Based on the Classic Marilyn Monroe Movie SOME LIKE IT HOT.

The costumes, choreography, dancing all came together to make this one of the best musicals.

Thank you to the Metropolitan Theatre Company.

After the show we enjoyed a coffee & cake at Café Milano.

**NPC364**

**RECIPES WITH THE DUCHESS**

**FRUIT SLICE**

- Large packet of Fruit Medley (450gm)
- 1 packet slivered Almonds
- 2 tbsp. Plain flour
- 3 beaten eggs
- 2 tbsp. Sherry



**Method:**

Combine all ingredients. Spread evenly into a slice tin and bake in a 180° Moderate oven for 20 minutes. Slice when cold.

**CLUB MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE**

**Nissan Patrol Club sticker:** Large circle \$2.20.  
**Nissan Patrol Club cloth badges:** \$6.00  
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**Water Bottles:** Light stainless steel, \$8.00 each or 2 for \$15.00. Contact Marina



**Venus Bay**

We've come again to Venus Bay  
 We come here every year  
 To catch the King George Whiting,  
 Which we hold very dear

Those who live here all the time  
 Are keen to give advice  
 On tips to catch the lovely fish  
 Which is very nice.

The choice of bait is crucial  
 Choice of burley even more  
 Just get them right and you will catch  
 The whiting by the score

Cockles are the very thing  
 or squid, pilchard or prawn  
 With mulched up fish guts, or maybe oils.  
 To which they will be drawn

Of course the hooks must be correct  
 Using Paternoster rigs  
 Long shank, or better, suicide,  
 Size four, or maybe six.

You can fish down off the jetty  
 But better from a boat

Cast waaaay out, or drop it down  
 But just don't let it float.

And when the whiting take the bait  
 Just give the rod a pull  
 Or give it time to really bite  
 And your bucket will be full.

Morning times, of course, are best,  
 But evenings work for some  
 Boats come and go from dawn to dusk  
 There's fish for everyone

Well, if that's the case and I obey  
 All the rules I hear,  
 How come my buckets empty still?  
 How come they don't come near?

Still, we drive again to Venus Bay  
 Still trying, every year  
 To catch the King George Whiting  
 That we hold very dear.

By Pat Trowbridge, NPC 219

**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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