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Patrolling the Editor's Desk

Hi Folk

I'm sure you've all made it through this period of isolation. I have taken time to revisit and reminisce over old photographs. I've been to museums and fine art galleries and been to locations around the world that I'll never have time or money to visit in person. There has been fabulous music, opera, ballet and musicals and comedy. And all this in the comfort of home, with no crowds and in short or long versions. I really enjoyed Antartica, Montezuma and Venice. Isolation is not so bad..

And now we are (Are we?) nearing the end I am so looking forward to getting back to going on trips, jumping in a dragon-boat for a paddle and lots of coffee and socialising. But please remember to stay safe as this virus is still around
Cheers, Anne

30 YEARS AGO-1990

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TRIP TO FLINDERS RANGES

There was a group of nine vehicles arriving at the Quorn campsite at various times. All were up bright and early Good Friday morning ready to head off at 8.30 when trip leaders Jenny and Garry Thompson arrived..

We took our places in the convoy and headed west through some private property, with permission. By now it had started raining lightly, which lent a beautiful aroma to the countryside, as we drove through a very scenic track to Depot Creek. On the way we stopped for morning tea and a walk along the creek where we watched several spiders busy in their webs. Another stop was made to observe an eagle drying out its wing feathers, and the occasional goat was spotted high on the hill sides. We stopped to read the monument near Depot Creek and learnt that the water in this area was found by Eyre. Then we went out to the main road which was quite wet and muddy and that made for some very dirty vehicles. Rain had stopped so we thought it was a good time for a lunch stop. We were lucky as we saw no more rain for the weekend and had beautiful days. After lunch we followed our leaders through Warrinda Siding, stopped for a look around Warrakimbo Wool Shed and then headed towards Hawker with views of Mt. Eyre to the east. While travelling this section of the road Garry commented that there was a red Toyota parked on the side of the road and he thought it looked like Sharon Pippos and children. Janice and Bob confirmed this, so, it was about turn and we all went

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back to say hello. Sharon joined our convoy to Hawker and supplied hot water for

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

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2020 onwards			
6 th -8 th June	Farina	Paul Ware	
12 th -14 th June	Peake	Dave & Helen Richards	Sand driving/Social With the Mitsubishi Club
28 th June	Mid Year Lunch	John Day	Social
2 nd -5 th October	Whyalla	Still to be decided if going ahead	
13 th October	Theatre Night "Nice work if you can get it"	Jeff Schapel	Social
16 th -18 th	Deep Creek	Wayne Dunn	Working bee/Social Community service
30 th October-1 st November	Morgan	Dave & Helen Richards	Quarry driving With the Mitsubishi Club
29 th November	Family Xmas Picnic Challa Gardens Primary School		Social
20 th December	Breakfast in the Park Rymill Park Rose Garden		Social
2 nd -5 th April 2021	Otways	Dave & Helen Richards	With the Otways 4x4club 4W Driving

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T.B.A.



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

All participants must register their name and vehicle registration on the trip sheet, or advise the trip leader of their participation. Registration is required to comply with the Club's public liability insurance policy. Visitors are welcome to join most trips and social events; simply register your name on the sheet in the trip folder or see the Trips Officer. Visitors must also sign the Club "Warning" forms if participating on a trip.

All participants must confirm with the designated Trip Leader by the Confirmation Date that they still wish to attend the event or trip. Failure to do so will indicate to the Trip Leader that you do NOT wish to participate.

If at the last minute you are unable to join a trip for which you have registered, please make every endeavour to advise either the trip leader or someone else joining the trip. This will ensure the group is not held up waiting for a non-arrival.

The Presidents Points

Hello Patrollers,

At last, the country is beginning to get back to some form of normality and the state is open for travel again. However, it appears to be more a case of packing up the vans with winter woollies and wellies as opposed to sunglasses and sun tan lotion. The long weekend cannot come soon enough.



We do hope we will be able to travel. The Patrol is in for a bit of much needed work: beefing up the braking and back suspension, new starter motor and alternator, full service, and getting that really annoying squeak from under the bonnet sorted. The garage has had the car three weeks now and has assured us it will be ready for the long weekend. Watch this space!!

I do hope that you are enjoying the monthly Virtual Meeting emails. Thank you to all the Committee Members for their input.

The Committee is continuing to review the COVID-19 situation. With the pubs reopening on the 5 June, hopefully we will be able to have the June Committee meeting as normal, provided more than ten people are permitted to gather, but it looks like the June General Meeting will still not be permitted under current guidelines.

Unfortunately Legally Blonde was cancelled and I understand that Nice Work If You Can Get It in October is also cancelled. It's such a shame for the actors and actresses who would have worked so hard to prepare for these shows. Roll on the 2021 shows. Such a great night every time.

On a cheerier note, the weekend at Peake on 12 to 14 of June is going ahead. A good chance to catch up with some of the Club Members and have fun in the sand. This is always a good weekend, with camp oven cooking and much camaraderie.

Happy Travels at last and stay safe.

Your Club President

John Day (407)



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Our Easter Holiday

Well!! Finally after all the preparation, there we were on a fine sunny day ready for our NPC trip to Googs Track

Hmph!! We would have been if it hadn't have been for Covid 19. What an innocuous name for a really nasty germ.

So!! We decided to go on a virtual tour of our own from the comfort of our home.

Ian and I leave home late-ish for a leisurely drive to Kimba for a free overnight stay at the Recreation Reserve where a nice new toilet/ shower block awaits us. Tea tonight is at the Kimba Gateway Hotel and I'm sure the food would be as delicious as the last time we visited. Sleeping in the tent is very comfortable but it was a bit on the cool side. Since we have lots of time we inspect the Pink Galah and the silo mural and head off for Ceduna. The country is dry and tired. *(The Big 4 Caravan Park in Ceduna actually refunded our money very cheerfully so we will visit them again when the opportunity arises).* We fill the diesel tank in preparation for an early morning start.

History of Googs Track

In 1973, Goog (John) and Jenny Denton decided to build a track from their farmhouse at Lone Oak to Tarcoola. Their assistants were their children and Denis Beattie (Jenny's brother and Goog's mate)

The beginning was done with a front end loader but as the sand-hills got bigger and steeper a bulldozer and four-wheel drives were needed. Working weekends it took months to progress 55kms up the road where a shack was built, which served as a base camp for the rest of the road through to Mount Finke. Near the site where the shack once stood are memorials to Goog Denton and eldest son, Martin "Dinger" Denton. It took 2 years of hard work and the track traverses more than 300 sand dunes in its 200km length.

The sand hills can be challenging and 4 wheel drivers should have some experience. Sand flags are a good idea but not mandatory, and with UHF tuned to Channel 18 communication with and monitoring of other track users could avoid the need to reverse a long way to be able to pass on the narrow track. We lower tyre pressures to 18-20psi to steadily climb the steep dunes and ease the way over numerous corrugations.

Ha! Ha! We are definitely not going to meet anyone sitting in the study researching this trip

Yumbarra Conservation Park is managed by the Yumbarra Co-Management Board and is a way to connect people to their land. They welcome visitors to country and want to safely share some of their stories and many important cultural sites, plants and animals that occur across this Mallee region, from the coast Ceduna to the Yellabinna region. Visitors are asked to show respect by not touching or removing anything, and make sure to take all your rubbish with you.

We are fortunate as we head out as due to recent rain (not much) the track is sandy but firm on the first day. Passing into the Yumbarra Conservation Park the gate is re-closed behind us. There are wattles and eucalypts and we see kangaroos, camels, wombats and mallee fowl. We passed Googs Lake after taking a right turn to go out to Childara Rockhole. There is a long low wall built on this granite rock to collect water, presumably for watering stock. It is very quiet in camp and the night sky is magical

Returning to Googs Lake we camp overnight. The flies are numerous enough to carry us off into the scrub and the constant buzzing could drive one doolally, but once the sun sets all is quiet. There is a Super Moon tonight rising early and appearing huge and red. The stars are not so visible with such a bright moon but we can manage to get around camp without torches. The large salt lake is a trap for vehicles as the edges are soft but a walk around some of the perimeter shows changing vegetation and a rim of sand dunes. There are no facilities so we pack up every little bit of rubbish to take back with us.

The next day the track north to Mt. Finke is more arduous, the dunes are steeper, the sand softer and the corrugations continue. This is the kind of driving I like. Of course I don't get bogged which is something I've managed to do on most real sand driving trips. The mallee is beautiful and ever-changing. The campground at Mt Finke is amongst the Mallee with many clearings for pitching a tent privately. The flies however are still way too familiar. The overnight temperature is 9°. The following day being a rest day we climb 170 metres up Mt Finke for a 3600

view of untouched wilderness. *(In my dreams)*. From Mt Finke to the end of Googs track is not very far and we come off the dunes to the gravel last section and head to Tarcoola where we have morning tea with a family of emu by the Trans Australian Railway. Today's 300km is along the Trans Access Road to Kingoonya which although almost deserted has a hotel with food and fuel available; then we go north to the Stuart Highway and camp at the Bon Bon rest area which has toilets. Yippee!! The following day is also easy as there is no traffic on the road (because of travel restrictions) and we end up at Cadney Park.

On the way, we stop at Coober Pedy for a couple of hours to explore and have lunch. The name comes from the local Aboriginal term Kupa-Piti, which means "boys' waterhole". Although European Coober Pedy, founded in 1915, supplies most of the world's gem-quality opal, tourism is now its main industry. We take a tour of Fay's Underground House which was excavated in the 1960's using pick and shovel and then out to the fields which look like a moonscape and are very dangerous. I return my bits of potch collected umpteen years ago for someone else to find on a random mullock heap, one of thousands. The annual Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show is on at the Croatian Club but I'm afraid no opal for me.

This is the best 4 wheel drive holiday ever. I am enjoying the fun bits of the driving, out in the wilderness, still have my shower and loo at home in my house, and don't mind driving the highway which can be really boring. And so far the weather has been perfect, temperature in the high 20's. The tent had only to be erected the once and I much prefer my comfy bed indoors

Cadney Park Homestead is a wayside inn and has a roadhouse and caravan park. Fortunately we filled the tank at the last stop as the price of diesel here is higher. Tomorrow we head off to Arckaringa Station to explore the Painted Desert. 80 million years ago this area was an inland sea and now the hills worn by erosion are white, yellow, red and brown and sunset reveals a brilliant orange. My favourite geographical landform when I was in school was a mesa (probably from watching American cowboys and Indians) and I get to see a whole range of them in the Mirackina Range. The Arckaringa Hills state heritage area is best explored by foot but we stick to the paths and find the scenery spectacular.

We drive to the defunct Algebuckina Railway Bridge, which opened in 1892. It was built to replace tracks that ran through, and was frequently washed away, by the Neales River. The extreme conditions suffered by the workers caused several deaths and it was the longest bridge in South Australia for a century. 19 spans of 30m make up the 590m. Wrought iron lattice styles it Victorian. Travelling to Oodnadatta and then down the track through William Creek to camp at Curdimurka. The famous William Creek pub is about halfway between Oodnadatta and Marree and one of the remotest in the world. Originally built to service the old Ghan railway line, the timber and corrugated iron structure dates back to 1887 and has a unique and quirky atmosphere. Being the nearest town to Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre it is the best place to take a spectacular scenic flight.

The Oodnadatta Track follows the ancient Aboriginal trade route, famous for its permanent springs. It is mostly red gibber plains with saltbush and is quite stony. South of William Creek and a short uncomfortable ride off the track we stop to look at ruins. Strangways Springs Overland Telegraph Station is a nationally significant heritage site. One of 300 repeater stations constructed in 1870-1872, which connected Southern Australia to Britain by telegraph, it was located at a mound spring where the waters of the Great Artesian Basin naturally came to the surface. However, due to the sinking of too many bores it is now dry. The ruins are well worth a look. Our camp for the night is at the site of the Curdimurka Outback Ball which was held every 2nd years in the 1980's as a fund raiser for the Ghan Railway Preservation Society. The last remaining abandoned railway siding on the Old Ghan route has a restored fettler's cottage and water tank. It is also very near to Lake Eyre.

Next day we are awake early and pack up quickly to beat the flies and head off toward Roxby Downs. After a few kilometres we turn left onto the Borefield Road and head south for 90km more and look for a 4wd track out to Andamooka where I have always wanted to go. This unspoilt and historic opal mining town developed after opal was found in the 1930's. The track is 34km of sand and sharp rocks and is very uphill and downhill. We fix a flat tyre and set up camp for the last time in the campground which is unspoilt and surrounded by native vegetation - in other words fairly barren. There is plenty of time to chat in the camp kitchen except there is no one here.

Early in the morning we head off for Roxby Downs; only 30km on a sealed road. This is a modern mining town built in 1987 to support the Olympic Dam Mine. Copper, uranium and some

gold and silver is mined in a huge underground complex and the ore processed to metal by BHP. An airport facilitates F.I.F.O. miners and there are many houses for sale in Roxby Downs. Richardson Place in front of the Roxby Downs Visitor Information Centre displays sculpture and community murals and we spend an hour wandering the Emu Walking Trail. We see Olympic Dam and native fauna and fauna while getting some exercise around town and up a sand dune. Passing through Woomera we stop for a brief look at the Woomera Rocket Range Museum. Ian has a wander around the rockets and aircraft while I nosy in the Heritage Centre. Woomera has a chequered history as a long range weapons research range in a joint effort between Australia and Britain. Then the US Air Force built the Nurrungar Joint Tracking Facility. In 1999 the Woomera Immigration Detention Centre was established. This only lasted until 2003 and is now in Australian Defence Force hands.

We have travelled through drought affected arid lands of gibber plains, sand dunes, dry swales and clay and salt pans under cloudless skies and now we see in the distance the darker blue of the Flinders Ranges and eventually the turquoise of the gulf. Port Augusta is a place I have driven through on many occasions but this time we decide to stay overnight and have a look at the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden and Wadlata Outback Centre. This visitor information centre covers the Flinders Ranges and Outback. The interactive display has fossils, dreamtime, and European exploration and settlement stories. The importance of the Royal Flying Doctor, School of Air, the heroic Tom Kruse and builders of railways and telegraph are explained. The theatre experience of underground Olympic Dam is as close as I needed to get. Later we take a guided tour of the arid gardens which has marked walking tracks and spectacular views of Spencer Gulf and the ranges. Our guide is passionate and very knowledgeable about the flora and the many birds. The Sturt's Desert Pea was magnificent. We find our way out and are homeward bound just after lunch. There is plenty of green as there was a fair amount of rain down here a couple of weeks ago.

At home there is nothing to unpack as we haven't really been anywhere. Definitely my kind of holiday. All the fun and no effort and very cheap as well. Maybe in the future I will get to do Goog's Track and I'll enjoy it even more having done some research

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My Covid Garden

The garden has given me another outlet in this time of isolation. While we walk frequently and have explored our area extensively gardening is the only other exercise I enjoy at the moment.

The soil in this house is very water resistant and very poor in nutrient. I have been trying to improve it for 12 months now and so COVID 19 has done the garden a great favour as I have much more time to spend in it. A silver lining? The simple soil improvement method I use is to compost vegetable scraps in a bucket with lid. The bucket which has no base and large holes drilled low around the side to allow worms and other creatures (not vermin) to move in and out is buried in the garden. It is moved about every three weeks and the hole filled with soil. It is amazing that the patches so treated have much better moisture holding capacity and the plants seem to like those areas.

This year, due to the expected heat waves, I grew tomatoes under a tree. However, it was too shady and the most prolific bearers were some tomato plants that I shoved in against a west facing fence, because, I can't throw anything remotely useful away. The capsicum and summer herbs were fabulous and just kept on keeping on, as I am here to take care of them. The watering system

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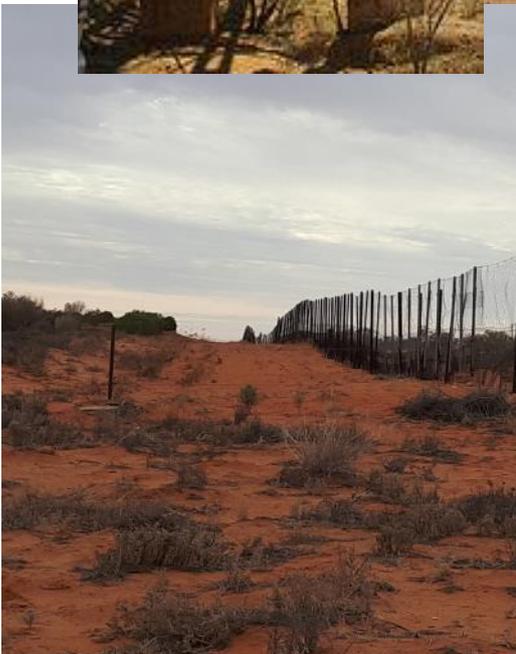


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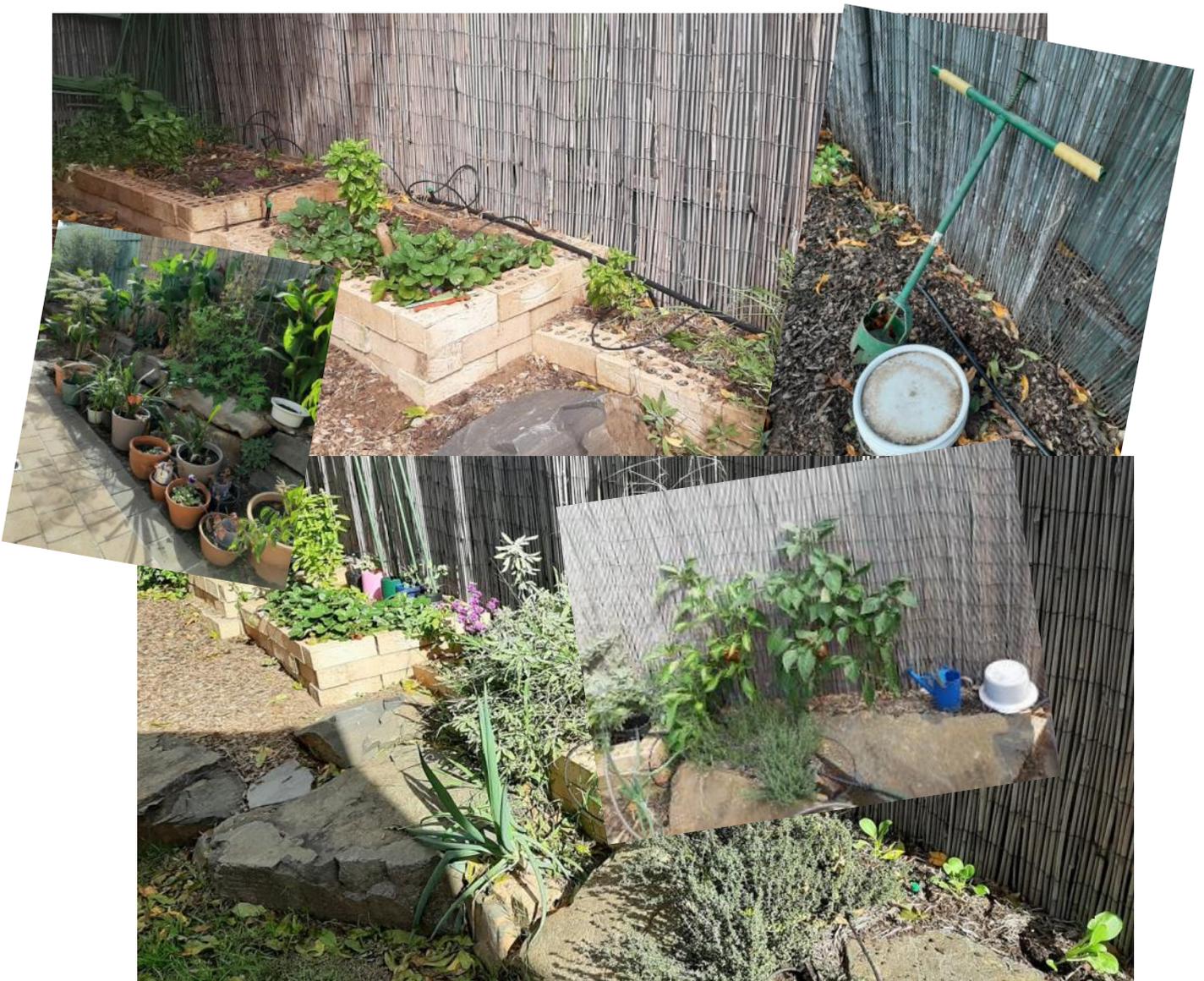
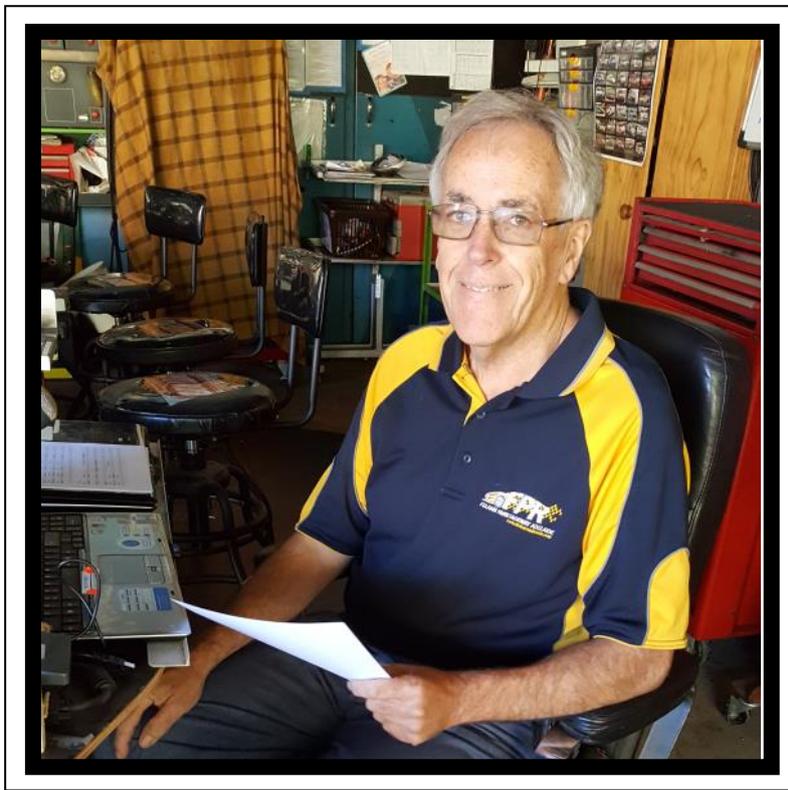
An interloper—and not only the flies





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VALE JOHN SMEDLEY NPC 321

Long time Club member John Smedley passed away at home after a long illness on 30 March 2020. Our condolences to his partner Sue and their families.

John and Sue joined the Nissan Patrol Club in 1998. They were the proud owners of a 1989 short wheelbase Ford Maverick. One of John's passions was amateur radio and his Maverick and caravan bristled with aerials. John and Sue introduced Club members to the historic town of Mundulla near Bordertown, a place of John's youth, with tag along tours of the district including visits to the Serviceton Railway Station and the Keith "Diesel and Dirt Derby".

John was also involved with Lindy Hop, a form of swing dancing. You may have wondered why his email address was 'swingdance'.

John had a great interest in cars, especially those competitive ones. In his early years he worked with his father at the Torrensville Service Station. This was followed by a period of home mechanics. On retirement this left him with a large three door garage with a car lift. He put this space to good use and built several slot car race tracks. The car lift was used to store a track that was not in use at the time. John opened up his facilities to anyone who was interested. The tracks became known as the Fulham Park Raceway and John organised many championships for slot cars of different classes.

Our Club members will remember many occasions when John invited our Club and other 4WD clubs to participate in competition nights with free use of his tracks and cars. These nights were often preceded by a do it yourself BBQ.

John lived by the maxim "Be kind, be calm, keep busy." We will remember him as a kind and generous man.

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that I put in wasn't very successful as the water just ran into the neighbour's yard which is about 1mt lower. Luckily, she was very understanding and now with all the soil improvement and soil wetter product that situation is resolving.

The only winter vegetables I could obtain in the midst of the panic buying were one brussel sprout (Ian likes them-a lot), beetroot, rhubarb, broad bean seedlings and spinach seeds and some weeks later some peas so I have fingers crossed. I haven't bothered much with the garden in winter before, as we are not normally at home, so this will be a new experience

I'm afraid I had to decimate the best lemon tree due to gall wasp last year but now have great hopes for it as it looks happy. There is a mandarin tree with one fruit on it and the oranges are plentiful, however, another lemon has some gall wasp. We have only just finished the lemon juice that was frozen last year so luckily yet another tree at the front has a lot of fruit beginning to ripen.

The pots in the photographs have my sentimental old favourites preparing to move to a permanent home, some have been in pots for years. The limonium (the pots of dead stalks) did not appreciate the rough treatment it received being removed and then left for 2 days before replanting. Still, my fingers are crossed!

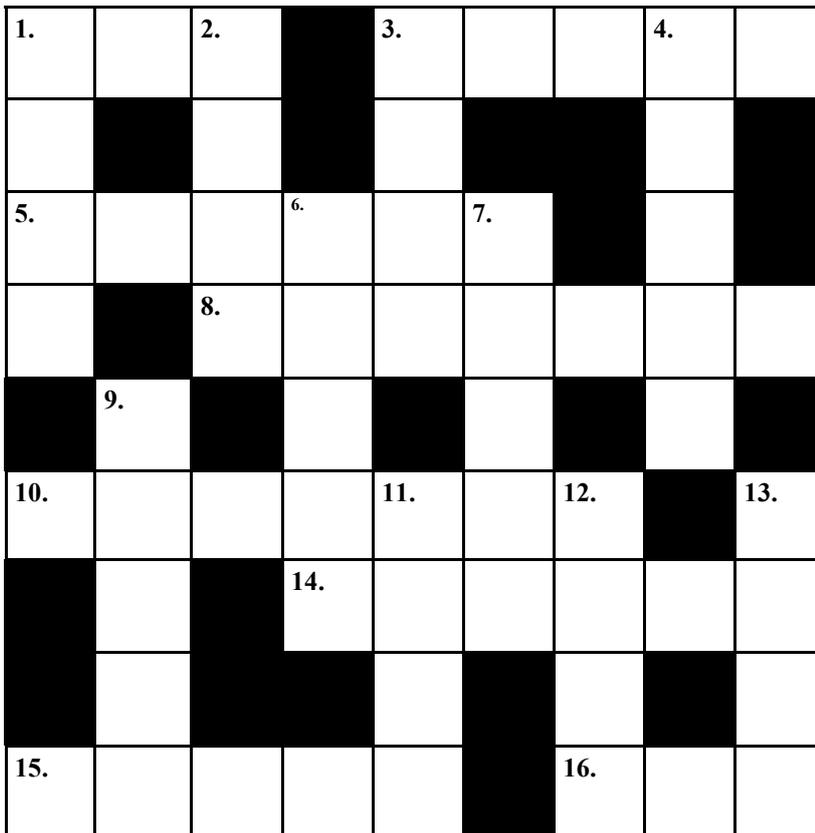
Darn!! Today we received a letter from PIRSA and all of our lovely fruit has to be destroyed as there is fruit fly in the area. So now I will try boiling lemons in the skin to kill any eggs and then juicing them

There is always something to do in a garden and I do enjoy it. The photos show the progress which is quite pleasing in this cold weather

Anne Fritsch

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Down

1. Armed force
2. Throw
3. Faint
4. After sunset
6. Principal
7. Swallowed
9. Fellow
11. Fishes, breathing organ
12. Burst into song
13. Bottom of face

Puzzle Answers page 19.

Across

1. Small insect
3. Clip
5. Brawn
8. Cover
10. Asserts
14. Complete
15. Part of a flower
16. Firearm

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Spot the Difference

Can you spot
the ten differences
between these
two pictures?

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1. See if you can unscramble each word and write it in the box below the word. The circled letters are also a scrambled word. See if you can unscramble this word as well.

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PINEAPPLE CURRY is a traditional dish from Sri Lankan cuisine. It is a sweet and spicy hot curry.

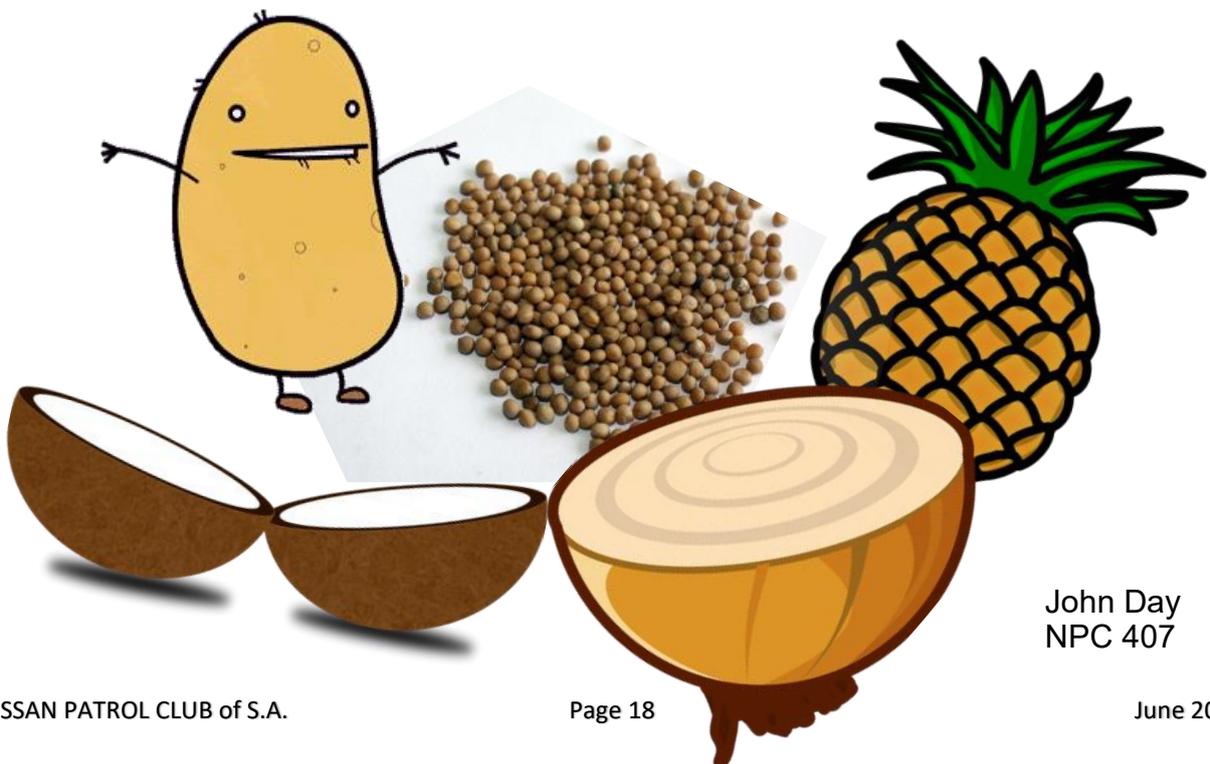
Prep: 25 minutes Cook: 45 minutes

Ingredients:

2 cups brown rice or quinoa, to serve	2 tbs vegetable stock powder, optional
4-5 medium potatoes, washed and cut into quarters, unpeeled	1 teaspoon yellow mustard seeds
2 teaspoons curry powder	1 1/2 teaspoons turmeric
1 teaspoon cinnamon	1 1/2 tablespoons coconut oil
1 teaspoon lemon pepper	4-5 cloves garlic, crushed
1 medium brown onion, diced	1 green capsicum, seeded and cut into strips
1 tablespoon ginger, finely chopped	1 small pineapple, cut into small chunks
400ml coconut cream	
1 teaspoon salt	

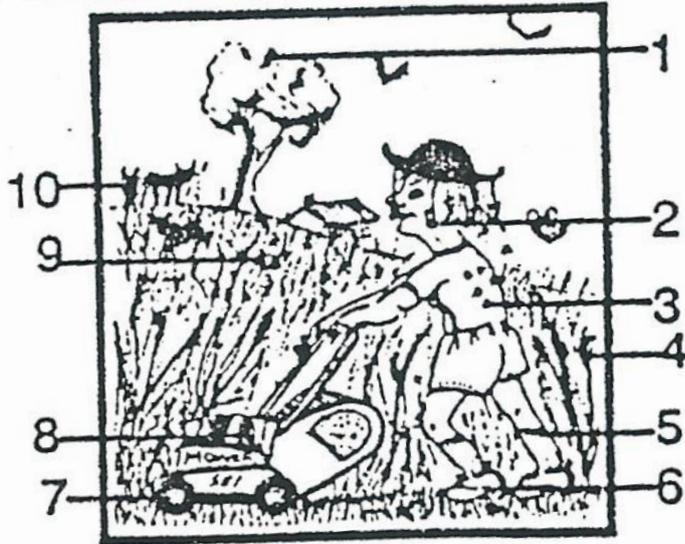
Preparation method:

1. First, rinse and prepare your brown rice or quinoa base. Making use of the vegetable stock powder (rather than just water) will greatly boost the flavours of either.
2. In a medium-large saucepan, cover potatoes with water and bring to the boil. Simmer for 12-15 minutes, until potatoes are slightly soft (check with a fork, be careful not to overcook). Drain and place aside.
3. Grind curry powder, mustard seeds, cinnamon, turmeric and lemon pepper in a pestle and mortar until mixed and until mustard seeds are ground.
4. Melt coconut oil in a large pot. Add onions, garlic, ginger and capsicum and cook until onions are soft, stirring constantly.
5. Add the coconut cream, potatoes and spices from the mortar. Gently stir until colour is consistent.
6. Add pineapple pieces a few at a time, stirring to ensure all pieces are covered.
7. Add salt and taste. Feel free to add more curry powder, turmeric or ground mustard seeds if more spice is needed. (In doing so, ensure that the extra spices are very thoroughly stirred into the mix.)
8. Let simmer for a few minutes then serve over rice or quinoa.



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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



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$$\begin{array}{r} 75 \times 4 = 300 \\ +8 \\ +7 \\ +1 \\ \hline 316 \end{array}$$

2

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \times 25 = 75 \\ +100 \\ +2 \\ \hline 177 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \times 2 \times 100 = 900 \\ -50 \\ -5 \\ \hline 845 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 5 - 3 = 2 \\ 2 + 10 = 12 \\ 12 \times 2 = 24 \\ \times 25 \\ \hline 600 \\ + 1 \\ \hline 601 \end{array}$$

5

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \times 2 = 4 \\ 4 \times 25 = 100 \\ 100 + 8 \times (9 - 1) \\ = 864 \end{array}$$

6

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \times 100 = 1000 \\ -50 \\ 950 \\ - (75/25) = 3 \times 4 = 12 \\ \hline 938 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \times 3 = 6 \\ (100 - 6) \times 7 = 658 \end{array}$$

Thinking is Fun

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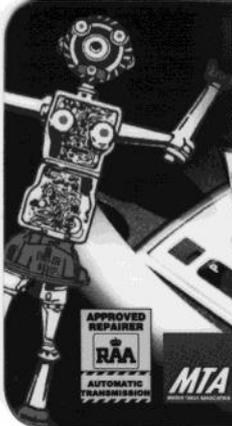
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SUPERANNUATION

Given these strange times we live in, I thought it prudent to put a few points together about superannuation.

COVID-19 Measure – reduced withdrawals.

For those of you in pension mode, one of the COVID-19 measures was to reduce the minimum pension drawdown by 50% for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 tax years.

COVID-19 Measure – early release of superannuation up to \$20,000.

Up to \$10,000 in the 2019-2020 tax year and up to \$10,000 in the 2020-2021 tax year may be withdrawn from super prior to what is called your preservation age.

To be eligible you have to be either:
 unemployed; or
 eligible for JobKeeper, parenting payment, special benefit or farm household allowance; or



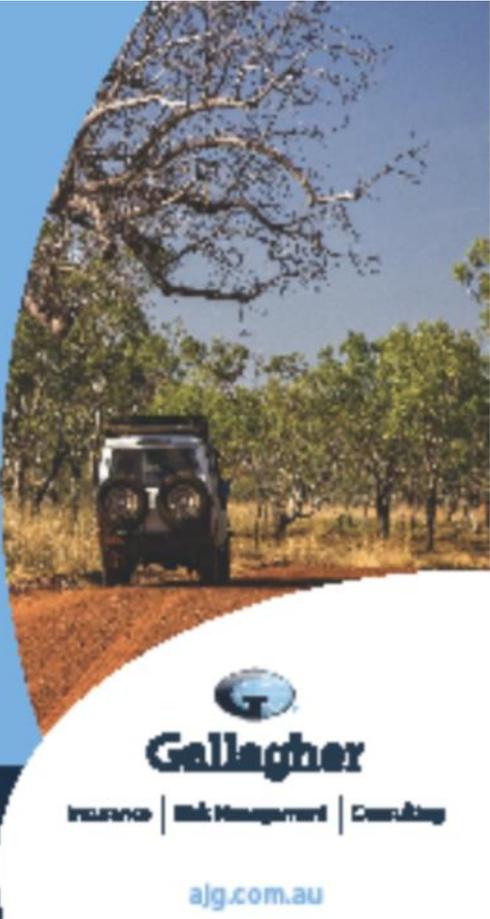
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SUPERANNUATION (cont)

after 1/1/2020 you were made redundant, had your hours reduced by more than 20% or;
if you were a sole trader, your business was suspended or your turnover dropped by 20% or more.

You have to apply to the ATO via your myGov account. If you are eligible, the ATO will issue a letter

These amounts can only be withdrawn from an accumulation account, not a pension account.

General Tax Planning.

You are able to pay \$25,000 into superannuation per annum and claim a tax deduction via your personal tax return. However, a few points to note:

- the \$25,000 includes any super guarantee amounts paid by your employer and salary sacrifice amounts;
- you must obtain a Notice of Intent to Claim from your superannuation fund;
- if you are aged 65 or over, you must satisfy the work test of working 40 hours in a 30 day period; and
- be careful not to over-claim an amount if it results in a loss of the tax free threshold amount of \$18,200.

John Day
NPC 407

us to have tea or coffee. Thanks Sharon, it was a most welcome cuppa. Angelo is now based at Hawker after being at Ceduna for several years. Leaving Hawker we headed north and set up camp for the next three nights east of Wilpena Pound on Wilpena Creek. Saturday morning we all went for a walk along the creek stopping along the way to review an old ruin, several more spider webs and a mass of swallows nests while the odd kangaroo kept an eye on us as we passed by.

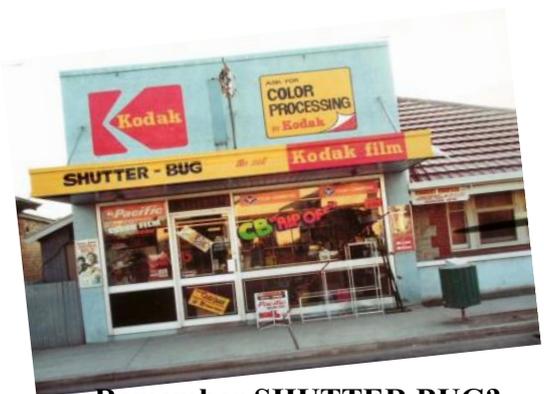
After lunch we went for a very interesting and challenging drive which involved going up a very narrow rocky track. At the top we had a magnificent view of Wilpena Pound and surrounding area. The drive down the other side was just as interesting. Then, back to camp in time for happy hour before dinner. It was good to have the company of Angelo, Sharon and children who joined us. During dinner Geoff and Jason had a friendly fox visit their camp, too friendly for my liking. Then during the evening Jean and June went up the creek to try their hand at yabbing. A few jokes were passed around the camp fire and an early night was had by some. Sunday—we left camp at 9am and drove east for several kms then headed north. Along this section we had a view of Chambers gorge in the distance. After a morning tea stop and an Easter egg or two we visited Brachina Gorge, Aroona Valley and ruins. Colin showed us some fossils by pouring water over the rocks in one section. We found our way back to camp along part of the tourist route with traffic. Several stops were made for photos but we were back in time for happy hour. After dinner it was more chit chat around the fire then bed.

Monday— we agreed to pack up and leave camp at 10am with a creek walk west along the creek at 8.30. Those who were ready went for the walk which gave one a beautiful view of Wilpena Pound. Ian and Debbie stayed on as they had an extra day, some left early and the rest of us moved out at 10

Garry and Jenny left us at Hawker and six vehicles headed for home through Craddock. After lunch at Orroroo the convoy split again as the 2 Subarus joined by Michael and Renee and children had an interesting detour on the way home.

I think this weekend was a whole new experience in 4W Driving for Peter Ellis. He joined George in the Subaru and had to get used to sitting close to the ground, a little different from his HiLux. Thanks to Garry and Jenny for leading the trip. I'm sure everyone enjoyed it . We certainly did.

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