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CLUB MEETINGS are held at the Challa Gardens Primary School, Humphries Terrace (off Torrens Road), Kilkenny on the first Thursday of every month except January. Meetings commence at 7.30 pm.

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Patrolling the Editor's Desk

Welcome Spring!!

A new season and we have three new adverts – Patrolapart have updated theirs, Snowy's with a full page colour advert (a half page column will appear from December magazine), and John Smedley's FPR Slot Car advertisement on page 10 - Welcome!

Please read about the November photographic competition on page 19 and hear about it in Wayne's Presidents points column.

It's coming up to AGM time again on 1st December and you will find a Nomination and Membership renewal form in this magazine. Also, remember the Family Picnic in the Park on November 27th and the final Club event for 2016 -Breakfast in the Park on December 18th.



Cheers - Kate

30 YEARS AGO - 1986

OCTOBER LONG WEEK-END QUORN

This trip arranged by Gary Thompson was a duel club event, the Nissan & Toyota Clubs, 20 vehicles in all. I met with two fellow members Friday morning to get an early start to the week-end, these PDO days are great when put on to long week-ends. We travelled up via Clare and Wilmington, the rain the previous week was evident with a few wet creek crossings. On arrival at our camp site we were greeted by our host. Friday afternoon was spent erecting tents and collecting firewood. Around the camp fire we met everyone which was quite a task, as you got sorted out, another couple would arrive.

Saturday we arose to a sunny day. Our plan to go out to Lake Torrens was postponed until Sunday to give the roads time to dry out. Quorn and surrounding areas had 50mm of rain the week prior, so after a briefing from G.T. it was off for the day, up Mount Arden. Out through Warren Gorge, through a gate and up the hills ahead. It was interesting and enjoyable, up hills and down creeks, along ridge tops, fabulous views. Then the climax of the day, up to the summit of Mt. Arden. The weather was kind and we could see from Mt. Remarkable to Wilpena Pound and out to Lake Torrens. Back down and we headed for home but a shattered clutch from one of the vehicles saw a team effort to recover the car and see it home safely. Harold's generosity of a shed and many willing hands, saw the offending clutch out and a replacement found in Whyalla in a few short hours. The evening was filled with a couple of films shown by Colin Brown and after around the fire to discuss the days trip.

Sunday we were off again for a run out to Lake Torrens. Permission had been granted to travel through private property. It was on one station where to our surprise, we came upon the set of the film "Light Horse". Further down the track on the Hookina Creek we saw another set of tents and wagons for the same film. We had lunch out at the lake and came back via a gorge with a permanent water supply. If only one could camp in that spot, how beautiful. However back to camp for tea and a film by Colin, "Northern Safari" another top movie and back to the fire for some, and bed for others. It was a still warm night but I'm afraid it was the calm before the storm. The wind blew up during the night and I along with many others were up and down all night with the hammer, banging in the pegs. The morning showed not much damage to the camp but it put a dampener on to Monday so a lot of our company departed early. It was gratifying to see and meet people from both clubs and all getting on so well together. This added to an already great week-end. Our thanks to Gary and Jenny Thompson and his cousin Harold and Betty for an exciting 4WD look at the Flinders Ranges.

The Dodsons.

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 DECEMBER ISSUE IS:- 18 NOVEMBER 2016

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

FUTURE TRIP PLAN

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: 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: Family Christmas
Picnic:

Trip Social: Committee
arrange

Date: 27th November

What to expect: SANTA,
FUN & GAMES

Trip Name: Breakfast in the
Park

Trip Social:

Date: 18th December

What to expect: Christmas
Cheer!

Trip Name: Murbko Lagoon

Trip Social: Brian & Judy
Cook

Start Date: 26th Jan 2017-
29/1/17

What to expect: Bush camp-
ing, socializing, kayaking,
canoeing, fishing, swimming,
opportunity to get to know
other members & visitors

Trip Name: Otways

Trip Leader: Helen & Dave

Start Date: 14th April

End Date: 25th April

What to expect:

Trip Name: Venus Bay

Trip Leader: Janice Lamkin

Start Date: 24th April-

End Date: 21st May

What to expect: Fishing,
socialising, walks, drives, Fun

(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 President's Points

Hi Fellow Patrollers,

Welcome to another magazine - the year is rolling on & hopefully winter is nearly over. The warmer weather makes outdoor activities more enjoyable & we have a number of trips coming up to make the most of the best time of the year- spring. There is room for more if you are interested in running one - help is available if you need it.

The committee have decided to hold a come & try day early next year at Peake. This will be an opportunity for people wishing to try some 4wheel driving with the assistance of experienced drivers. There will be requirements that their vehicles must meet & they will be required to attend a meeting prior to the day. The hope is that they will enjoy what we do & join the club. Keep a look out for more information on this.

Also coming up in November is our photo competition. We have had our thinking caps on to find ways of freshening up the event. We have a few ideas to make it an interesting night but we need your photos - the article further in the magazine has all the details.

Also in this edition of the magazine we welcome Snowy's. They are a long established camping & outdoor activity store who along with advertising with us are contributing a column on camping each month.

Cheers for now



Wayne [NPC 389]

Regarding Ladder Safety

A Media Release on 14th September 2016

Ladder safety matters - don't let this be your last step

A new national education campaign encourages older Australian men to consider the consequences before engaging in risky ladder use.

"Launching the campaign today in South Australia, Acting Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, George Kamencak, said about 1,600 men aged over 65 were hospitalised annually across the country with ladder-related injuries, with most occurring while doing DIY and maintenance work at home."

For more information and to watch the stories of ladder fall victims Mick, John and Paul, visit: www.productsafety.gov.au/laddersafetymatters.

(Extracted from Media release from Government of SA Dept Consumer and Business Services)

(Reminder also that not only older men have been known to fall from ladders!)



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**EARLY REMINDER OF NPC
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 26th - 29th January 2017
 Come for a day or the entire period**

The cost is \$10 per day per vehicle through a self-registration system at the gate. The camping area has no facilities and no toilets. The Club toilet tent will be available or bring your own facilities.

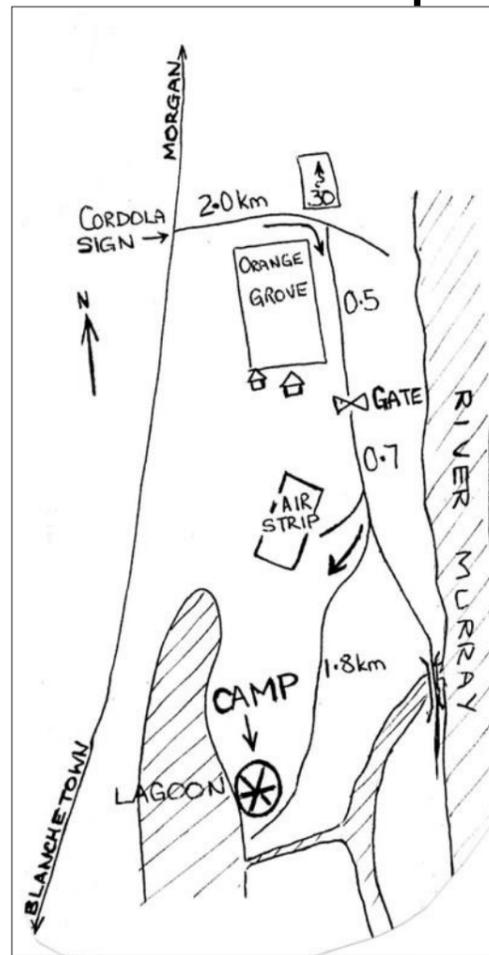
Bring your own food, water and drinks.

Be prepared to dress up for happy hour on Sunday evening, in either Green and Gold, or Red, White and Blue, or be adventurous and **dress up as a famous Australian.**

Bring nibbles for a pre-dinner happy hour, which are colour co-ordinated with Aussie colours, and an "Australian" dessert to share.

Bring your swimming, canoeing, fishing etc. gear

Note:- This is a Fruit Fly exclusion zone, which means you must not bring fruit or vegetables into the area unless you have an itemised receipt from an Adelaide retailer or risk an on the spot fine of \$375.



Skytrek on Willow Springs Station
 (Taken from a presentation by Pat Trowbridge)

We bought our first 4WD in 1989 and promptly joined the club. Soon afterwards, I casually mentioned to a work colleague, Tess, that we were looking for places to explore and she suggested the property on which she had been raised in the Flinders Ranges. We went courtesy of Tess's brother Brendan and found Willow Springs to be simply beautiful.



While there, we discovered an old, run down pine and pug hut called Moxam's Hut after its past occupant, and Brendan told us that he would like to have it restored. We volunteered our services immediately; thereby starting a liaison with the family which has lasted ever since. We strengthened and restored Moxam's Hut, created a 2km walking trail through Wintininnie Gorge, and assisted Brendan in making steps down to Skull Rock (and creating a flattened out pathway through a rock fall just after the steps).



After Old Tom (Tess & Brendan's father) agreed in 1995 to having a 4WD track cut through the property to link up the sheep paddocks and make rounding them up easier, Brendan invited us up yet again to assess the new track for its potential for 4WD tourism.



We pronounced it to be brilliant, since it took in an excellent display of Aboriginal etchings on rocks, proof that the entire area had once been under the sea; the beauty of the peak of Mt Caernarvon, a working Baryte's mine, and lookouts on Prominent Hill, Kibble Hill and Murray's Peak. The name Skytrek was chosen and advertising was created.

The Skytrek brochures always included references to our club's involvement and assistance.

In response, our club has been privileged to enjoy many trips to Willow Springs.

Camping at Green Well Valley, a bowl-shaped depression within steep hills which provided perfect acoustics, we enjoyed a Music Under The Stars weekend, shared with Brendan and Carmel. One time they brought a sheep for us to barbecue and share.

Just recently, we repaired Moxam's Hut again. We enjoyed many, many circuits around Skytrek until March 2001, when the Yellow Footed Rock Wallaby Preservation Association acquired the Bunkers Block, effectively removing all of the highest peaks and lookouts, as well as some gorges from Skytrek. This initiative is part of Operation Breakback which is aimed at returning native animals to the Flinders Ranges, and it is working insofar as Echidnas have returned to Willow Springs lately.

So there you have it. From a casual remark to a workmate all those years ago, our club has benefitted from many years of wonderful enjoyment. How about that?
NPC 219

Nissan Patrol Club of SA - 2016/2017 Trips and Events Calendar

-  School Hols
-  Public Hol
-  Social Trip
-  4WD Trip
-  4WD Trip
-  Committee
-  Club Meet

2016	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon				
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Saunders Gorge Trip Sunday 31st July 2016

It was a fresh start to a Sunday morning that saw 12 vehicles make their way up to the meeting point in the main street of Birdwood. The weather looked ominous with low cloud, some fog and misty rain being encountered through the suburbs and into the hills. Surprisingly, the closer we got to Birdwood, the better the weather became.

Once at Birdwood, we completed the check-in and standard safety briefing and a couple of ICE forms for some first time 4WD drivers and passengers. It was great to have some new people joining in and wanting to experience some 4WD action.

From Birdwood we made our way up the Torrens Valley Hwy to Mount Pleasant before turning off towards Sanderston. 15 minutes down the road and we turned left into Three Chains Road and headed into Saunders Gorge. Upon arrival at the homestead, we were greeted by the property owner Brenton who helped to complete the necessary consent forms and provide an update on local track conditions. Surprisingly, they had virtually no rain the entire week despite Adelaide having one of the worst rainfall weeks in a long time. Everyone on the trip was geared up for mud and there wasn't going to be much about. Brenton also put in a quick plug for the Homestead, B&B and animal sanctuary which coupled with a couple of hundred inaccessible acres of natural scrub, was on the market for close to \$1.2m. He advised they will be retaining the land on which the 4WD track is on and are in the process of rebranding it to be known as Eagle View 4WD Track.



Once aired down, we started steadily checking we had tyre pressures right and how to engage 4L for some of our newer drivers. We had a quick stop at the gold mine but, sadly, no golden nuggets were found despite kicking over a few rocks.

From here the 4L gears got a work out as we made the first of the hill ascents for the day. It was a steep, rocky, shaly track which required good concentration, the right gear selection and picking the right line. A great introduction to our first timers to Saunders Gorge and all did a great job.

The first of four rough track options awaited just around the corner. This one took in a steep creek entry, a quick drive along the creek before hitting a quick hill and then a second, but much steeper, narrower, rocky creek entry. All drivers who chose to tackle this one got out of their vehicles deciding on the right line to tackle this beauty, while most passengers chose a viewing point across the creek to watch the action. The last time I felt this sort of pressure was backing the caravan in at Moonta Bay Caravan Park, but alas, there were plenty of spotters to help get down safely and slowly. The first vehicle down demonstrated a line which most others decided against and as more came down, the confidence levels grew.



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Next came Rough Track Option 2, a climb to Rocky Point Lookout. Last time we visited, the lone tree at the top of the lookout stood proud. This time however it was laying on its side – a victim of SA's recent severe weather. We descended down the other side of the hill which was very rough, filled with loose rock, some steps, ruts and definitely required a level of driving skill and passenger nerve. Once safely at the bottom, we called lunch and gathered for a sandwich and hot cup of coffee.



From here on in, the tracks opened up with some more rocky hills, some taking in side slopes and tricky corners, open grasslands and a stop at Shepherds Hill Lookout. We stopped here for a quick team photo before moving along the track towards Rough Option 3. The open country homed plenty of kangaroos and wallabies at every turn.



Rough Track Option 3 was short but no means sweet. A sharp, steep, rocky descent with several step downs and off camber holes requiring a smart line. Again the observation crew gathered at the bottom of the hill while drivers discussed a track line. AJ went down first with mixed success and set a path for others not to follow. Our next vehicle tried a different line under the guidance of one too many and before we knew it, was hung up with a rock sitting fair and square on the front diff. A quick review of the situation called for a rear winch out back up the hill and thanks to Tony Moran's Patrol, we had it sorted in a matter of minutes. Every vehicle from there on in took a slightly different line and all got to the

bottom safely to the cheers of the onlooking crowd. With the sun getting low in the sky and the cloud cover building up, a decision was made to leave Rough Track Option 4 for another day. The last thing we wanted was to get stuck on the most challenging hill of the day and in the dark.

Back at the homestead, we aired up, shared a few stories from the day before heading back to Adelaide. It was a great day out, close to Adelaide and provided some great experience for our visitors, new drivers and experienced 4WD'ers alike. Keep an eye out for this trip on the 2017 calendar. It's well worth the trip out and always provides for some fun on the ever changing tracks.

kindest regards AJ



PEAKE—12-14TH AUGUST 2016

Friday after work, 7 vehicles and 12 people with caravans, campers, tent, and swags arrived and set up camp before making a huge bonfire and enjoying a mild night before the clouds opened up and the temp dropped dramatically to be a freezing cold night.

We woke to a very cold morning and cooked our egg and bacon rolls before 2 vehicles from Border Country 4x4 and two friends of AJ arrived. We had 11 vehicles and 18 people joining our weekend.

This weekend was to be a social weekend and no driver training was planned for this trip

After the compulsory safety paper-work was completed, AJ led us out on to the sand dunes where we played for a few hours before heading back to camp for lunch.

The fire was lit again and stoked up to supply enough coals for three camp ovens.

While that was happening some of us went back to the dunes for some fun before coming back to camp for happy hour and to prepare the camp ovens.

Craig and Ben cooked Roast Beef covering it in tomato chutney with roasted carrots and spuds. Michael and Brenda cooked Roast Lamb and veg while AJ cooked Roast Pork. After dinner the guys from Border Country 4x4 along with my son Ben and the two friends of AJ left and headed home. The rest of us enjoyed a roaring fire, cheese kransies and a few drinks before we all headed off to our beds.

Sunday was a brisk morning and a slow start getting moving as we packed up camp and then headed to the dunes for one last play in the sand before heading back to the campground and the long drive home.

Thanks to all who attended making this Social weekend another successful NPCSA trip away.

Cheers

Craig Wood (NPC 382)



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**NPC - FIVE DAY PORT HUGHES CARAVAN TRIP
18-23 August**

Unfortunately two couples were unable to accompany the group due to unforeseen health issues; they were definitely missed by all during the trip activities.

Seven couples made the destination, six on the Thursday (Bob & Janice Lamkin, Frank & Roz Foster, Dave & Gloria Foster, Dave & Lyn Alyward, Des & Pat Trowbridge and Brian & Judy Cook) and (Alan & Marina Langer) on the Saturday.



The group who made the trip on Thursday had to contend with being buffeted with strong winds either on the nose or cross winds, but this added to the adventure.

We all met at the camp site and made ourselves very comfortable with the facilities being very acceptable.

Friday was spent by all individually checking out the features of the area around Port Hughes, Moonta & Moonta Bay and returning to the park for the traditional 4 pm

Happy hour get together in a very comfortable camp kitchen.

Saturday was the Kadina Show so we all headed in that direction, checked out the show and had a look around the town, then back to happy hour.

Sunday was a mixed day with five of us booked on a fishing charter out of Wallaroo heading out into the gulf, while the others generally socialised in and around the Port Hughes area.

At the caravan park we met up with a couple who were on site from the Southern Flinders 4WD Club (Hugh & Carrol) who joined us for some of the activities - in fact Hugh came on the fishing charter with our group.

The fishing unfortunately was not as good as we were hoping for, mainly due to the weather being rough for the past few days stirring up the water and a reasonable swell on the day, but we did catch between us 28 good size King George Whiting, better than nothing.

The last day on site was generally a quiet social day with several walks around the area and out onto the jetty plus much chatting and maybe planning.

All in all a pleasant few days at a reasonable cost due to Holiday Auctions with great company.

Thanks to those who attended and for Colin Goodrich for the organising.

Member 019

(Photo's from Alan's drone)



Photo Competition

2016 Annual Photo Competition

November Club meeting

**This year we are doing something different!!
No need to print your photos just send them to us.
We will do the rest
Closing date: - Thursday 20th October 2016**

4 Categories to enter:-

**People, Nature, Sunset / Sunrise & new this year:-
VEHICLES - not the car looking pretty but in action:-
bogged, bent, airborne or even going for a swim**

Also, we have a "Guess Where" category :- Send in a photo of an identifiable landmark, town or natural feature

Send the photos to Jeff:- schapelj@adam.com.au, with a note saying which category they are in. The guess where will be kept confidential.

Prizes given for all winners.

PS. Anyone know where the photo above is?



Family Christmas Picnic with Santa

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER

Commencing 10.00 am with fun filled activities occurring during the day for Young and Old!

Father Christmas has been booked to arrive after lunch



For Santa's sack; please bring a present to the value of \$10-\$20 for your child/children or grandchildren. Please remember to wrap and mark the gift with the child's name.

Location: Hazelwood Park (Northern Side)

The Club will be providing cool drinks, sparkling wine, lollies and ice creams.

Please BYO food, chairs etc. to ensure you have a happy day.

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RECIPES WITH THE DUCHESS

Cranberry Oat Cookies

INGREDIENTS

- 4 Weetbix crushed
- 2/3 cup rolled oats
- 3/4 cup wholemeal SR Flour
- 1 cup Cranberries
- 50g margarine
- 2 tbsp honey
- 1/4 cup boiling water

METHOD:-

Preheat oven to 180c (160c fan forced)
 Add weetbix, oats, flour and cranberries to a large mixing bowl and stir.
 Add margarine, honey and water to a small pan over medium heat and cook until the mixture comes to the boil, stirring occasionally.
 Add this mixture to the dry ingredients and stir with a wooden spoon.
 Roll mixture into small balls (heaped teaspoon size) and place on oven tray lined with baking paper. Press down with a fork. Bake for 15 minutes or until golden brown.
 Cool on the tray before transferring to rack to cool completely.



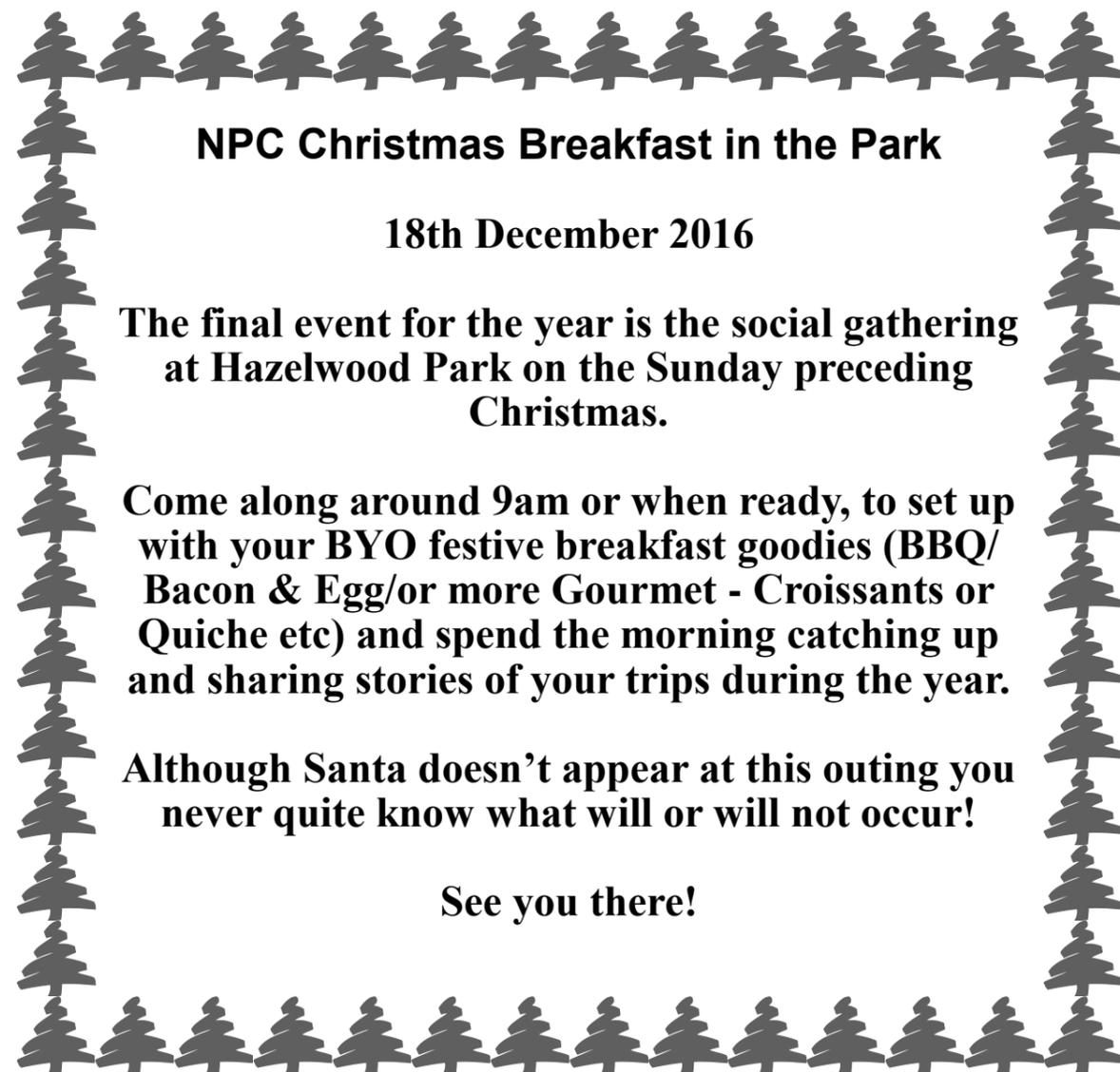
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Nissan Patrol Club sticker: Large circle \$2.20.

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NPC Christmas Breakfast in the Park

18th December 2016

The final event for the year is the social gathering at Hazelwood Park on the Sunday preceding Christmas.

Come along around 9am or when ready, to set up with your BYO festive breakfast goodies (BBQ/ Bacon & Egg/or more Gourmet - Croissants or Quiche etc) and spend the morning catching up and sharing stories of your trips during the year.

Although Santa doesn't appear at this outing you never quite know what will or will not occur!

See you there!



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