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

Before long weekends and trips, I used to change my on-road tyres for my off-road tyres. It was something I'd always had to do. Then earlier this year, Cooper's new tyres were flown in from America to be tested in our conditions. After taking them through Victoria's High Country, testing them at Beyond Hotham and driving on them ever since, I can report that Cooper has somehow managed to make a tyre that is genuinely great off-road AND on-road. It suits everything I do. For the first time, in all my years of driving, I have found the one set of tyres that does it all.

Tough Test
 If you've been to Beyond Hotham in Victoria's High Country, you'll know it's a tough test for any tyre. We had snow,

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

mud, clay, serious mountain inclines, treacherous tracks, ruts, corrugations, bitumen and endless sharp rocks to throw at the new tyres.

The verdict?
 These tyres are definitely Cooper's next great leap forward. For a start, they have amazing grip. The company had promised better grip than the STT - I thought the STT would be hard to beat but Cooper has done it. Puncture resistance - excellent. The mountain's sharp rocks usually mean

a flat tyre at some point, but the S/T_{MAXX} tyres just kept rolling. Self-cleaning? We got some great slow motion footage of the tyres going through slop and you can see them cleaning mud out the back. You can see them gripping and cleaning as they go. Road noise? Very low which is surprising as S/T_{MAXX} tyres look aggressive yet they don't whine on the road. These new American tyres are truly great off-road and on-road. Put it this way - I'm not taking them off!

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Patrolling the Editor's Desk

In our esteemed Editor's absence, I have had much pleasure in compiling this edition of Patrolling and here is your copy - no trip reports unfortunately, everyone must still be away enjoying themselves in warmer weather or else—Nothing is happening at the present time—Oh well, I'm sure things will pick up shortly!

As well as a Membership list/Discount Offer sheet, a copy of the Club Membership Renewal form and a Notice of the AGM which includes a Nomination section for Committee positions has been enclosed.

As there has been sufficient room to do so, I have entered reminders for upcoming events. Enjoy! Kate

30 YEARS AGO - Patrolling Volume 4 October 1982

**R.I.P.
SOME-ONE ELSE**

We were saddened to learn of the death this week of one of the Club's most valuable members—some-one else.

Some-one's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with the Club since its beginning.

Whenever there was a job to be done, a class to teach, a Committee to be Chaired, one name was on everybody's lips—let Some-one Else do it, and if it wasn't Some-one Else, the person in the job was no good anyway.

It was common knowledge that Some-one Else was among the largest contributors of his/her time to the Club. Whenever there was a need for volunteers, everyone just assumed Some-one Else would volunteer.

Some-one Else was a wonderful person—sometimes appearing super-human, but a person can only do so much. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Some-one Else.

Now Some-one Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do. Some-one Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to do the things that Some-one Else did? When you are asked to help, remember—we can't depend on Some-one Else anymore.

Origin Unknown.

****Perhaps an appropriate time for this little memorial from 1982 to reappear as we fast approach our AGM and require nominations for Committee.—Guest Ed.**

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 23 NOVEMBER 2012

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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
20 to 21 Oct 2012	Coorong Clean Up Australia 2012	Dave & Helen Richards	
Fri 26 Oct 2012	Theatre night - "Copacabana" - Arts Theatre 53 Angus St. Adelaide at 8:00pm See advert P 22 of June <i>Patrolling</i>	Jeff Schapel	2 Aug 2012
1 Nov 2012	General meeting - Photo Competition display and judging at this meeting.		
25 Nov 2012	Family Christmas Picnic with Santa from 10:00am Hazelwood Park - northern side. See page ??	President	
6 Dec 2012	Annual General Meeting - Wine tasting and nibbles provided.		
23 Dec 2012	Christmas Breakfast in the Park from 9:00am Hazelwood Park - northern side. BYO	Janice	
7th Feb 2013	Sausage Sizzle at 1st General mtg for The year. 6.00pm—BYO drinks and a Salad to share-Great start for the year!		
26th—28th Jan 2013	Australia Day Weekend at Murbko.		

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 are now three quarters into 2012. This year a few of our members have had the opportunity to travel within Australia or overseas. We have had a few new members join our club. This is an opportunity to make yourselves known to them. We have not had any trips, although the CCIASA was held in August with 4 volunteers from our club. Thank you to Jeff Schapel, Brian Aldcroft, Brian Donaldson & Helen Richards who volunteered to man the stands at the show. It was well attended. By the time this goes to print, some members would have been to "Weekend in Whyalla". This has always been a successful trip. We love having fun & mingling with other clubs, as well as evening meals together and participating in the activities organised by the Whyalla 4WD Club.

Our photo competition is on at our November meeting. Hopefully we have a few happy "camera clickers" entering. With Christmas not so far off in the distance I would like to remind you all of the "Family Christmas Picnic" with Santa on the 25th November as well as our Christmas in the Park on Sunday 23rd December. Please mark these up in your diaries. Please look at the trip folders for further information on these events. Trips have been a little sparse this year so perhaps for 2013 you might like to organize a club trip. Just remember "You" are the most happiest when you're making the greatest contribution.

Happy travels,

Your club president

Helen Richards (364)



Nissan Outstanding Achievement (NOA) Award

July 2012

Presented to: DAVE RICHARDS

For towing Craig Woods in his Nissan Patrol and caravan to the Homestead to receive Road Side Assistance at the July Peake week-end.

Dave's Show'n Tell—September Meeting

1. Use empty wine cask bladder to blow up and place in partially empty fridge to stop rattles.
2. Use empty small cardboard cartons to put jars in to prevent shattering.
3. Return to using cardboard egg cartons instead of plastic ones.
4. **Remember:** Use an empty Berocca metal cylinder to store gold coins in for laundry fees when away camping/caravanning.



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Caravan, Camping and Off-Road Sale (CCIASA)

The CCIASA was held at the Wayville Showgrounds from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th August. We had 4 volunteers from the Nissan Patrol Club. We issued out in excess of 800 brochures and club lists – a significant new record and at a mid-year show too!!!! – Final show figures were 24,625 vs last year at 23,181.

Helen

NPC 364



Thank you to Jeanene Schapel for selling tickets at the door for the July and August meetings. The raffle to date has nearly raised \$300. This money will be put towards a fun day at the Family Christmas Picnic to be held on the 25th November at Hazelwood Park. There will be games, prizes, lollies, ice creams, drinks etc. It would be fantastic to see as many members and their families attend.

Regards
Diana Bradshaw—Fund Raiser



September Guest Speaker

Our President, Helen introduced Bob Johnson who she met at the Caravan & Camping Show and invited to attend our General meeting to talk about his first 4WD trip which was in celebration of the “50th Anniversary of the first Simpson Desert Crossing by a Nissan G60 4WD.

Bob and a mate travelled in a GU Nissan Patrol via Mungerannie to Birdsville where they spent a few days whilst waiting for parts to arrive for his vehicle. Unfortunately they missed out on a few Tag-a-long day trips but were very pleased with their Helicopter flight viewing a huge lake which swelled due to the recent rains in the area. A group of thirty five had settled in at Birdsville and a photo of all was taken outside the Pub marking the Anniversary of the crossing.

Following the repairs, Bob set off with the company of another vehicle and headed for Big Red. They covered the popular areas visited by 4WD groups including; Poeppel Corner, Purnie Bore, Dalhousie where Bob thoroughly enjoyed the hot springs and a bit of R&R time; Mt Dare, Oodnadatta and Marree before heading for home. On reflection of his trip after arriving home, Bob realized he had in fact thoroughly enjoyed his experiences.



Annual Club Photographic Competition

Now that you have brought along your photo's for the upcoming competition at the November General Meeting and handed them to Trudy to organize the event—Don't forget to come along on the night and support others for this very exciting display and perhaps go home a very happy winner with a prize in your hands.



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Member Profile - Brian and Judy Cook

BRIAN COOK

Born Adelaide 1941 lived in the suburbs majority of my life.

Interests during School years were scouting, gymnastics, Adelaide College of Music Band, competition swimming, tennis, rugby and army cadets.

School holidays spent on friends and relations farms developing skills in horse riding, off road driving, shooting, tractor and truck driving, general farm work. All of these activities had a strong influence on my lifestyle through the years.

Working career began as an apprentice then a tradesman, advancing through the engineering workshops into various Technical Officer Positions until retirement in 1997.

Spent seven years in Civilian Air Force (Squadron 24) attached to RAAF squadrons in Queensland & South Australia servicing Meteor, Canberra, Sabre and Orion aircraft.

Since retiring from Defence Science Technology Organisation I have worked my own back yard engineering workshop.



MOTOR CYCLING.

Purchased my first motor cycle when I was 15 years old, since then I have owned:

AJS 500cc single, a dusting sidecar, AJS 350cc, 100cc Suzuki, Honda 250cc RS, Yamaha TY 175 Observe trials bike and rode competition with AJS club for four years.

BMW R65, Jawa 350cc with Velorex sidecar and toured Europe for 16,000kms., BMW R100RT, BMW R100RT Classic, Honda CB 250, BMW R1100 RT. (still got it) I have been a member of the Ulysses club for the last twenty years.

Judy and I still travel on the bike to all states of Australia to attend Ulysses club AGMs, motorcycle rallies and social weekends.



BRIAN & JUDY COOK

I met my first and only true love (Judy) in 1959.

In 1964 Judy and I were married and have made travelling a serious part of our lifestyle.

We have owned several camping trailers over the years

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and our first caravan was purchased in 1982.

In 1965 we started building our own house and we hope to put the finishing touches on it in the near future. Our first child (a son) arrived in 1968 and the second son in 1969

SAND BUGGIES

In 1964 we were part of the group who formed the South Aust Sand Dune Buggy Club Inc. for which I held the Presidents position for a number of years then the Treasurers position for a while We built our own sand buggy and used it in both the Coorong and Peake areas until 1975.



FOUR WHEEL DRIVES

Purchased our first 4WD, a 1974 Nissan Patrol G60. We built our second camper trailer and began our off road adventures.

In 1979 we joined The Nissan Patrol Club. Later changed our 4WD to a 1982 Toyota Landcruiser HJ 60

In 1994 both Judy and I were honored with Life Membership of the Nissan Patrol Club SA.

Our next vehicle change was to the Nissan Navara twin cab which we are still running. Over the past 30 years I have had the honor of serving 13 years as the President of the club and 2 years as Treasurer. On and off I have spent several years as the 4WD Association delegate for this club.



4WD TRAVELLING

Our first big 4WD adventure back in 1975 was into the Maralinga area made possible by Len Beadell a good friend who I knew through work. Len was the surveyor of the Woomera and Maralinga areas and has written several books about his experiences.

He organised permission for us and two other vehicles to travel on some of those roads he had put in place which gave us the opportunity to visit and enjoy the features mentioned in his books "Blast the Bush" & "Too Long in the Bush."

Over the years we have been lucky to

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have toured the outback and been allowed into many places now difficult to access.

A great number of our trips have been with other Nissan Club members to Queensland, the Alice Springs area, Northern Territory to Darwin, Kakadu, the Kimberlys, Broome, Pilbara, Perth and Southern West Australia, Simpson Desert in from Oodnadatta road to top of Lake Eyre then north along the Kallakoopah to the French line and out to Birdsville. Centenary Races at Birdsville, Simpson Desert Oodnadatta across to Birdsville, Simpson Oodnadatta via Colson track to Alice Springs, Gunbarrel Highway, Fraser Island, Flinders Ranges just to mention a few.

BOATING

We started back in 1972 with a 16ft Canadian canoe which catered for the whole family including the dog, this we paddled for many years on the inland rivers systems. In 1980 we upgraded to a Catamaran (Windrush 14). In 1983 exchanged the Catamaran for a 6.5 metre Trailer Sailer. (Court 650)



which we raced Saturdays with the Largs Bay Sailing club, plus general cruising along the coast and up the river Murray and raced special events.

During those years we were members of the Sth. Aust. Trailer Sailer Association; Largs Bay sailing club; the Cruising Yacht Club; the Clayton Bay Boat Club and the St Kilda Boat Club and enjoyed many cruising holidays on both inland and coastal waters until the sale of that craft in 2007.

Today we have only a 14ft. Kayak along with many other Nissan Club members and a small aluminium Dingy to keep up with the Nissan Club fishing group.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

In 1991 with friends who have also belonged to the 4WD Club; Sailing Clubs; AJS Club; Observed Trials and the Ulysses Club.

We purchased a round the world ticket and ordered a pair of motor bikes with sidecars attached to be picked up in England to tour UK and Europe.

On the way around we visited New Zealand, Rarotonga in the Cook Islands, Papeete in Tahiti, The United States and then London.

We picked up the two brand new Jawa's fitted with Velorex sidecars and toured England, Scotland, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland then back to England a total distance of 16000Km. sold the bikes and came home via Singapore.

In 2004 Judy and I took the opportunity to go overseas again for a three month trip to

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England, Ireland, France Belgium, Germany and Malaysia on the way home.

We travelled in a friend's camper van but used our own camping gear.

GRAND CHILDREN

We have a 26 year old married step grandson and a 21 year old grandson in Adelaide and two granddaughters one 12 years old and one 2 years old who both live in Queensland.

THINGS YET TO DO:

We hope the future will continue to be kind to us and allow more 4WD touring, motor cycling, caravanning, camping, cycling, boating, paddling and any other opportunities that may come along.

Also I need the time to restore our 1927 Chevrolet started nine years ago,

I have been extremely lucky to have a partner who has enjoyed the same activities as I and sincerely thank her for her love and support. Also we thank all the clubs and organisations that have offered us so many good friends and good times along the journey to date.

Sincerely

Brian & Judy Cook

Member No 019



ScanGauge II for GU Patrol

Being the owner of a GU Patrol I was interested in monitoring what was happening under the bonnet as Nissan had decided that all I really needed to know was the water temp and fuel level. To this end recently I purchased a device called a ScanGauge II from the US via eBay. This little device has three functions which you may find useful in your vehicle if it does not already come with a factory Trip Computer. The cost was just under \$200 delivered from the US and it only took 8 days to arrive.

The ScanGauge offers the following features:

Trip Computer – all the basic Trip Computer functions.

Digital Gauges that display information that is collected by the engines computer such as average fuel consumption, instant fuel consumption, turbo boost, water temp, alternator output etc.

Scan Tool – The ability to display and clear error codes. This can help in diagnosing any problems that your car may be having.

For more information about the ScanGauge II and all its functions visit their web site at: <http://www.scangauge.com/>

I have only had the ScanGauge for about 4 weeks and since this is not my daily driver I have not used all the functions, especially the Trip Computer as it needs to be calibrated to the fuel tank of individual vehicles.

So far I have been using the Digital Gauges and it is very interesting to see how much fuel is being used and the boost at different times. The ScanGauge will display 4 gauges at a time and you can cycle through the available gauges to select the ones you want to monitor.



It is also really easy to mount the ScanGauge on a GU Patrol. I have used Velcro to attach the unit just in front of the instrument cluster without obscuring any of the warning lights (see photo). This makes it easy to glance at when driving. There are other devices

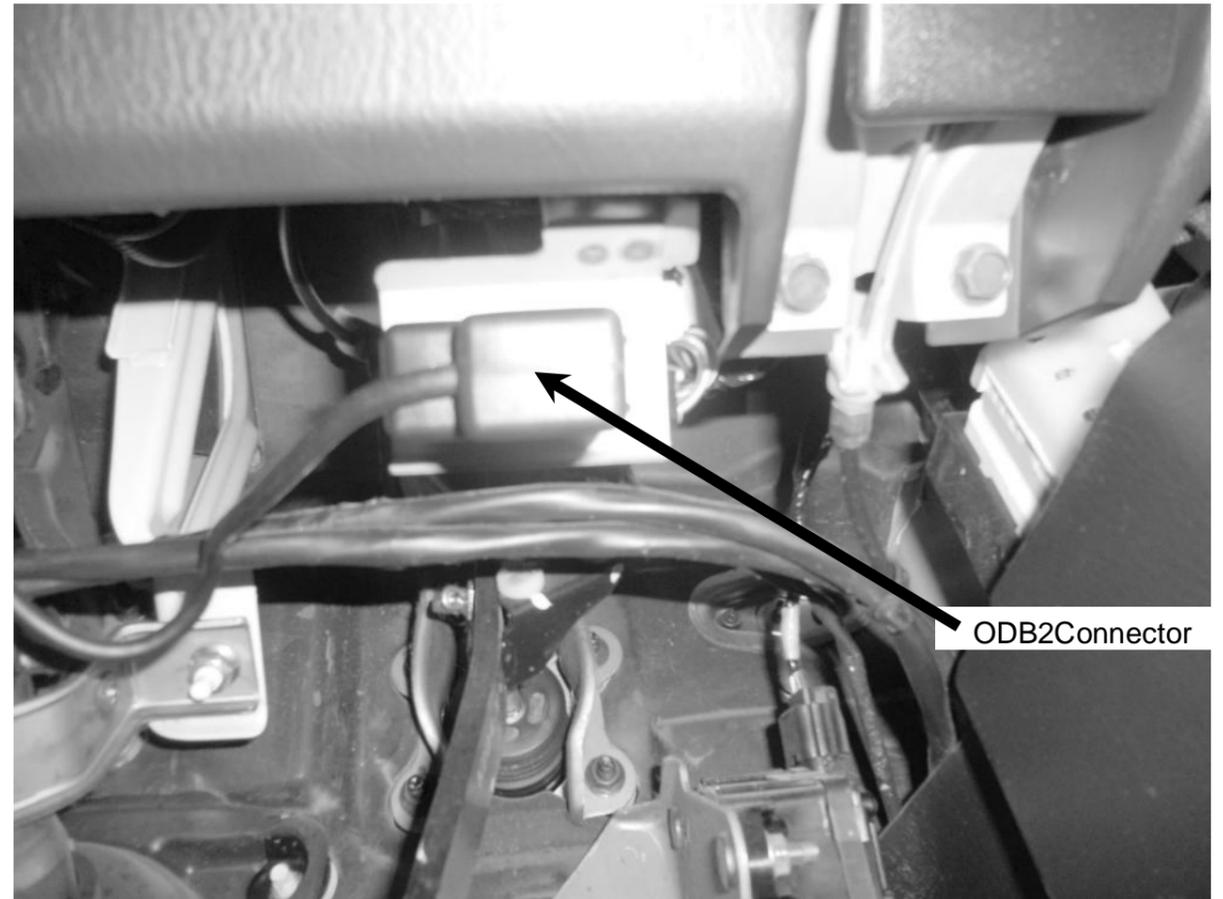
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that do a similar job but are larger and need to be mounted somewhere else such as on the windscreen via suction cup. I prefer a more discreet position so that I do not need to remove it when parked away from home.

Photo 1: ScanGauge mounted on dash of GU Patrol showing current fuel consumption, turbo boost, average fuel consumption (engine just started so not calculating yet) and radiator water temperature.

The thing I really like about the unit is that it plugs into the On-Board Diagnostics (ODB)2 plug found on Common Rail Diesel (CRD) Patrols (2007 +) and so there is no cutting of wires etc. The ODB2 plug supplies power to the ScanGauge and is found under the dash



just to the right of the steering column. Most modern cars now have an OBD2 connector and can use the ScanGauge. Unfortunately for owners of pre CRD Patrols, their vehicles use a different interface and cannot use the ScanGauge.

Photo 2: OBD2 connection under dash (just to the left of the bonnet release)

In summary, the ScanGauge II is a useful little gadget that helps you understand what your car is doing and can also help you drive in a more fuel efficient way. It was a real surprise to see what the engine management system monitors and how much information it uses to control the combustion cycle. The only downside so far is that it is very tempting to keep on glancing down at the gauge rather than the road.

Angelo Tsirbas (NPC390)

SAPOL: 4WD MODIFICATION & THE LAW**Notes from Presentation on 14th Sept 2012 conducted by: Senior Constable First Class Paul Bryant , Road Safety Educator**

Subjects covered:- Road Safety; 4WD/Towing; 4WD modifications and loads; Insurance

5 main reasons for crashes:

1. Seatbelts not being worn
2. Speeding- generally not an issue for 4WD vehicles
3. Distractions- GPS/Mobile phones etc
4. Drink/Drug Driving
5. Dangerous Road users

Hazardous projections:

1. Additional side or towing mirrors—The Law is that they be removed after towing.
2. Fishing Rod holders on bull-bars are illegal - danger to pedestrians
3. Radio aerials fitted to bullbars eg: "L" bracket should be facing rear of vehicle
4. Towbar hitches to be removed after towing—can cause injuries

Commonsense re: 4WD accessories:

Large HF aerials should be mounted onto rear of vehicle so as not to impede driver's vision
 Fuel containers may be carried on rear of vehicle generally as high as possible.
 High lift kits - 50mm is legal in SA - that is body and springs in total. Approval by DPTI (old Transport SA) if greater than 50mm applies. Requires engineering report and approval eg: Lane change test etc. by a professional engineer. Then final inspection and onroad approval by Regency Park and copy of exemption needs to be kept in glovebox.

Eye brow height:

Centre of rim to base of wheel arch moulding. Bridgestone Tyres have height measurements available for all makes and models.

Tyre sizes

Only 15mm above the largest dimension noted on tyre placard usually in glovebox of the vehicle is allowable. If any greater than 15mm an engineers report is required.

Wide Tyres:

Refer to Universal Tyre Guide - available on Internet; Tyredealer and vehicle tyre placard.

Driving Lights:

Should be in multiples of 2 or 4 and it is illegal to mount on roof racks. Rear work lights only to be used when stationary and wired independently of high beam and reverse lights. LED lights may be mounted on front bull bar in pairs.

Comprehensive Insurance Implications:

Owner must notify Insurance Co. Re: any modifications carried out to vehicle. If a modification is a major factor in an accident Police will be involved and Insurance could be void.

CTP Insurance

Will not cover the following:- Driving under the influence; Driving an unroadworthy vehicle; Intentionally causing injury or death; Having an overloaded vehicle; Driving in an unsafe manner. (refer to document you receive with your Annual Registration renewal)

4WD loading/Ball weights/Towing:

Ensure Kerb weight of vehicle is measured correctly:- ie: unloaded vehicle but including full tank of fuel and all other accessories such as:- Bullbar, roof-rack, cargo barrier, drawer System and fridge.

Safety chains & Shackles

Rated "D" shackles are the preferred option.

Finally, a quick calculation of the GVM minus the Tare Weight (including any towball weight eg: usually 10% of trailer weight) may indicate a very limited amount of load you may carry in your 4WD. Any figure which the GVM exceeds would indicate an overloaded vehicle. Insurance issues may be encountered.



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MEDIA RELEASE**4WD DRIVERS UPSET AT PERMIT CHANGE ON CANNING STOCK ROUTE**

From 30 September 2012 the Australian National Four Wheel Drive Council (4 Wheel Drive Australia), will no longer issue travel permits for the Canning Stock Route (CSR), one of Australia's iconic and most challenging four wheel drive routes.

"In future travellers will need to apply for permits through Kuju Wangka which represents native title areas along the CSR," said Council President Eric Morey.

The Council regrets the change which ends a successful collaboration with the Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation.

Since 2007 the Council has helped the Martu people with a permit system to help manage access across their traditional lands. Permit funds were originally targeted for community improvements and potentially to employ Indigenous rangers responsible for preserving significant areas while educating travellers.

"We are disappointed with Kuju Wangka's change and think permit fees could rise in future."

"We are concerned the new managers have ignored our efforts to develop culturally sensitive information about travelling the CSR and co-opted our materials without acknowledgement."

The CSR is a major tourist attraction for all Australian citizens. In recent times many four wheel drive clubs and other groups have put a lot of effort into preserving significant areas and facilities along the CSR.

"We hope they are not treated in a similarly dismissive manner."

Mr Morey said that in the past five years the Council has returned more than \$56,000 in CSR permit fees to Native Title Holders but received no feedback on how the money was spent.

The not for profit Council represents incorporated four wheel drive clubs throughout Australia. It covered the costs of developing and managing the CSR permit system and provided an around the clock online service for travellers including after-hours contacts.

For more information visit www.anfwdc.asn.au

Media Contact: Council President Eric Morey 0427 772 601



Grow seedlings to help South Australia's environment

Trees For Life is looking for volunteers to grow native seedlings this summer.

Through the award-winning Tree Scheme, volunteers are asked to grow and care for the seedlings for landholders and revegetation projects in South Australia.

The Tree Scheme operates by annual seedling orders being taken for landholders, councils, government projects and private enterprise, with Trees For Life then linking up orders with volunteer growers.

Trees For Life provides all the propagation materials – seed varieties, tubes, boxes, soil and mulch – free to volunteers, along with easy-to-follow instructions. Once sown and raised, seedlings are handed over for planting in the winter months.

The seedlings provide food and habitat for our native wildlife, help counteract some of South Australia's Greenhouse gas emissions and help rehabilitate land that has been degraded.

Each year volunteers raise hundreds of thousands of seedlings in a bid to help continue to revegetate SA, and with the community's support, Trees For Life is again hoping to reach this target.

Those interested in volunteering don't need to have a green thumb – it's a perfect way for people to do something positive to help our environment, it's free and it's a feel-good experience!

People interested in becoming a volunteer grower can phone the office on 8406 0500 or log onto the Trees For Life website: www.treesforlife.org.au

For more information phone Communications Manager Tania Kearney on (08) 8406 0500.

Celebrating in Style

At the September General meeting those present were able to read a Postcard from Tricia and Colin who are holidaying in England and surrounds. They have spent time with their daughter, Kerrie and her husband and little daughter and travelling around the English countryside visiting "Goodrich" castle and various towns. An absolute highlight must have been "tripping" across the channel to France where they had pre-arranged to celebrate their 40th Anniversary on 2/9/12 by dining at the Eiffel Tower—*Oooh! How Romantic!!*



CLUB AWARD NOMINATIONS

Do you know of some-one very deserving of receiving one of the following Awards at our AGM?

- **Bogger Award:** Awarded to the member who has got themselves bogged the most.
- **Rubber Award:** Awarded to the member who has had tyre problems.
- **Burnt Valve Award:** Awarded to the member who has had mechanical problems with their vehicle.
- **Fish Award:** Awarded to the member who has caught the most fish in the Murbko competition.
- **Golden Spike Award:** Awarded to the member who has run the most trips.

If you know of the perfect person/persons, remember to get in early and tell the Trips Officer by November General meeting.

"Looking for a tent campsite." -According to Tim

1. Somewhere that pleases the wife (Diana)
2. Preferably a natural setting with no other campers in sight.
3. Elevated with a view over water would be good.
4. The ground must be level and not in a low spot.
5. With not too much gardening or stones.
6. The area must be large enough for the tent and position of car.
7. Shelter from the wind of direction.
8. But no trees to the East (to dry the tent in the morning) This then changes in warmer weather you need shade from the East when taking the tent down in the morning.
9. Ideal soil for tent pegs.
10. Plenty of firewood.

Tim says all this criteria must be fulfilled to wife's satisfaction night after night for 3 months.

Diana says all this criteria must be endured by wife night after night for 3 months!

Happy camping!

Regards

Diana Bradshaw. (NPC 378)

Camel movement cameras detect rare pigeon

(The following article has been partly reproduced from "Across the Outback" and appears in "Patrolling" as the Flock Bronzewing is sponsored by NPC of SA through the Adelaide Zoological Gardens.)

Nick Secomb, Project Manager, State Feral Camel Management Project

Motion detector cameras at Purni Bore, on the edge of the SA Simpson Desert, have been used to monitor the movement of feral camels and other visitors to the water – and we've been collecting some interesting records courtesy of some itchy animals! The cameras have been in place for the last 12 months to monitor changes in feral camel impact with studies underway to link camel visits (activity) with measured environmental impact and to look at how this relationship changes as feral camels are removed. However, we have an ongoing problem with animals rubbing against some of the cameras and dislodging them, resulting in photos of blue sky, moving branches and plenty of red dirt. While scrolling through a number of repeat records of blue sky we happened to note a shot of a very large flock of birds, which a subsequent site visit confirmed to be a rare occurrence of the Australian Flock Bronzewing Pigeon. The flock at Purni Bore has been estimated to contain over 2000 birds! Along with camels and other large feral herbivores, the cameras have confirmed the presence of Barn Owls, Australian Bustards, Mulga Snakes, Variegated Fairy Wrens, Lesser Long- Eared Bats, Rainbow Bee-Eaters, and Spotted Harriers. These records supplement the feral camel activity data being captured by the remote cameras, reminding us of the range of species that rely on scarce watering points in the Simpson Desert that stand to be affected if feral camel impact is not controlled.



FLOCK BRONZEWINGS

According to Reece Pedler, SAAL NRM Community Fauna Officer, Flock Bronzewings (*Phaps histrionica*) are an uncommon visitor to the Western Simpson Desert, usually only making an appearance during favourable seasons. This species has declined markedly since European settlement, with explorers and early pastoralists recounting tales of flocks of hundreds of thousands blackening the skies. Flock Bronzewings still can be seen in immense flocks in areas further North such as the Mitchell Grass downs of the Barkly Tableland in the Northern Territory and adjacent parts of Queensland. Over recent good seasons they have been frequently seen along the Birdsville Track and Channel Country areas in large flocks of several thousand and in smaller groups south of these areas.





Family Christmas Picnic with Santa

SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Commencing 10.00 am

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.

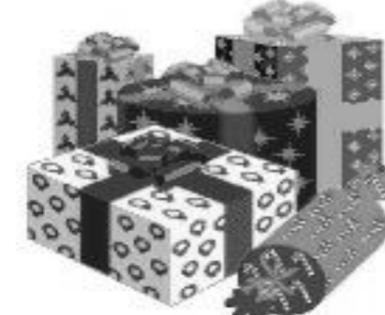


Location: Hazelwood Park (Northern Side)

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.

***Remember to place your name on the "Trips list" for catering purposes! - (Did I mention Bubbly??)**




FOR SALE	
<p>Nissan Patrol Club stickers: Large circle \$2.20; Medium circle \$1.20 Medium circle Nissan Patrol Club cloth badges \$3.00</p> <p>Nissan Patrol Club Key Rings \$5.00</p>	<p>30th ANNIVERSARY MUGS 30th Anniversary coffee cups (Special Limited Edition) are available for \$6.00 each or 2 for \$11.00. See Marina. Steel jerry cans - 20L, good condition \$10 each. Contact Brian 0414 422 545.</p>

FRIDGE AND STORAGE TIPS

If you have space and you're planning a camp fire, a decent sized roast is wonderful in the camp oven. When leg of lamb or pork is on special buy them, trim them, marinade them in zip lock bags and freeze them for camping. If you can be bothered taking a few minutes with a sharp knife to bone out your roasts you will save fridge space, save cooking time and make carving easier. The Womens Weekly Greek style Cookbook has a lovely roast lamb with garlic, lemon and rosemary and a sublime pork roast with orange, ouzo and olives! If you don't go away they are a marvellous meal in the Weber.

Zip lock bags are ideal to marinade in, freeze in and thaw in. Whip them out of the freezer, wrap in six sheets of newspaper, over wrap the paper with a supermarket bag and stash it in the bottom of your fridge or your Waeco/Engel. They will take at least four days or more to thaw and make a change from chicken fillet and grilled steak. Better yet, they sit in the marinade drip free and leak free.

(For caravans Ed)

To create a vegie crisper drawer, use a tape measure to measure the cavity below the lowest shelf in your fridge. Buy a plastic tub of some sort that most closely fits the depth and width. Don't worry about height. Use a hack saw or Stanley knife to adjust the height. To access vegies slide it out like the crisper drawer at home.

Do you have a griller space not being use? We do!

A kitty litter tray (err—new of course) is now used as an auxiliary drawer in our griller space and it holds the large odd shaped kitchen tools that don't fit anywhere else.

(The above tips were sent in by Jacqui Viner)

Landcruising Australia Wide July 2006

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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