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Brad Newham's verdict: Cooper STT tyres guard against punctures and tears, like no other 4WD tyre.

JUDGE AND JURY

4WD judge and expedition mechanic, **BRAD NEWHAM**, won't go bush without his Cooper tyres.

Brad has tested dozens of 4WD tyres for harsh outback driving. Running the isolated Birdsville Auto Repair Centre on the eastern edge of the Simpson Desert taught him what works and doesn't work in a harsh outback environment. Brad carried out every aspect of 4WD maintenance and repair work and led countless recovery missions deep into the desert and along the notorious Birdsville Track and other remote tracks in the region.

His experience and knowledge make Brad a much sought after outback specialist for 4WD magazines including 4WD judge for 4X4 Australia and he joins many expeditions as chief mechanic.

Now based at Gawler in South Australia, Brad is still close to the action. His 4WD accessories and service centre, ARB Gawler, is within a three hour drive of Flinders Ranges and a day's drive of the start of the

Birdsville and Strzelecki Tracks. So why does Brad use Cooper STT tyres? He puts it this way, "Since testing Cooper STT's in 2005, I now use them exclusively. When you go bush, the last thing you want is a puncture and especially a puncture that tears. The Cooper STT guards against punctures and tears, like no other 4WD tyre. Their unique technology called Armortek plus the stronger sidewalls mean I can go bush and not be concerned about my tyres. In all my years on Cooper STT's I've had just one puncture - I staked a tyre with a piece of wood on the Madigan Line trip in the northern Simpson. I plugged it and away I went."

But it's not just the puncture and tear resistance that make Cooper STT Brad's pick.

Brad explains, "The STT's grip better than other brands - especially on loose gravel roads, rough stony roads, mud, rocks and sand. Whenever I head out

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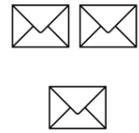
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CLUB MEETINGS are held at the Challa Gardens Primary School, Humphries Terrace (off Torrens Road), Kilkenny on the first Thursday of every month except January. Meetings commence at 7.30 pm.

The Nissan Patrol Club is a member of the South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc (SAAFWDC), which is a member of the Australian National Four Wheel Drive Council (ANFWDC).

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



From the Editor's Desk



In this edition we have the sad news of the death of John Gibbins who was a member for twenty years. See John's obituary on page 12.

It is worth while reflecting on the President's Points on pages 6 and 7 of the previous edition of *Patrolling* and looking at the concerns expressed by our member number 1, Roger Spence exactly 30 years ago. (See article below.) Roger was penning his note in the second year of our club and apparently the "continue as we are" option got us another 29 years. Will this option get us another 29?

Our March Guest Speaker Glenn Smythe gave us an excellent presentation on his project to build a full size 3' 6" gauge steam locomotive; see page 10.

Many of you will already be enjoying your Easter activities by the time that this edition is available and there is a lot more to enjoy in the coming events

Best wishes

Don.

30 YEARS AGO

Patrolling Volume 2 Number 3
March 1980

Dear Members,

By the time this goes to print we will., be somewhere "out west" and simply following our noses.

Before leaving we would like to give our thanks, for your initial support in starting the club, for your advice to one another, for your continuing enthusiasm, (the only 4WD club who actually had an election for committee office bearers).

The news from other 4WD clubs is that membership is fast declining, and of course the price of petrol is being blamed. However whether you grow to 100 members or remain around 20 — 25 we wish you goodluck, keep up the "mateship" and always keep the communication channels open.

We possibly wouldn't have been able to get away quite so soon without the Club.

June, Roger and Kim. (Spence)

Patrolling Magazine

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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Front cover designed by **Marie Schultz**, Advertising Graphic Designer.

COMING EVENTS

Dates	Trip	Leader	Confirmation Date
11 April-1 May	Venus Bay, Eyre Peninsula, fishing.	Roz Foster	4 April
16-18 April	Ngarkat CP working bee - see <i>Patrolling</i> Feb 2010 page 16 for details		
6 May	General Meeting Guest Speaker John Gitsham Topic: Wreck Crossing and Coorong National Park		
8 May	Slot Car Racing	John Smedely	
14 May	Theatre Night, "42nd Street" see page 22 Payment \$20-50 required to Helen 1/4/10	Helen vice Jeff	1 April
22-23 May	Peake Sand-driving Training	Dave Richards & Craig Wood	15 May
3 June	General Meeting Guest Speaker David Newell Topic: Bird Photography		
12-14 June	Willangi/Peterborough Sound & Light Show	David & Helen Richards	5 June
4 July	Mid-year lunch Dolphin Cruise Payment required June Meeting see advert P9	Helen Richards	3 June
21-22 August	Peake Sand-driving Training	Dave Richards & Craig Wood	14 August
2-4 October	Long Weekend in Whyalla see advert P??	David & Helen Richards	25 September
16-17 October	Coorong Crossings and Beach clean up	David & Helen Richards	9 October
23-24 October	Bindmurra Country Music Campout	Bob & Janice Lamkin	16 October

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

Vale John Gibbins

It is with sadness that we advise of the death of club member John Gibbins after a long fight with illness. Our thoughts and condolences are extended to John's family and friends. The committee has approved a donation to the Leukaemia Foundation in John's memory.

By the time you read this, the 4WD Association AGM weekend will be over. The committee has decided to put the Club's hand up to organise the AGM weekend in 2012 – if no other club expresses interest. We last organised the AGM in 2000 at Eudunda and it proved to be something that brought many club members together during the planning and staging of the event. While it can be a lot of work, we will have 2 years prepare and I'm sure that by sharing the workload we can make it another success. Watch this space for further news.

In the past few months I have received a number of electronic files of other SA 4WD Club magazines. While I much prefer a hard copy of a magazine to pick up and read bit by bit when it suits, these email versions are readily available to one and all and they do give an insight into what other clubs are doing. Perhaps you can pick up ideas for trips and activities. While not all clubs offer full magazines on the net, trips and news can be found on the website <http://www.saafwdc.asn.au/members.htm> and then click on a club's link.

The weather is cooling down and there's a big country out there to explore – as many are doing over the next month or so. Enjoy it.

'til next issue,

Colin

Marg's Membership Matters

I hope you enjoy reading this month's committee member profile. Perhaps we can all learn a little more about our lives and interests this way.

I have had notice that Michael and Lyn Buxallen will not be renewing their membership with the Club this year, so I wished them well on behalf of the club.

Our membership now stands at 45 members with one membership on hold.

This is made up of:

23	NISSAN (one member on hold)
5	MAVERICK
1	ISUZU
10	TOYOTA
2	LANDROVER
3	HOLDEN
1	JEEP
1	HYUNDAI

At the point of writing this, there is only one un-financial member and they have said payment for their renewal will be made shortly via EFT. Just a reminder that payments are now accepted via this method and with the new membership forms, the bank details

will be printed on there for your convenience. Your **name or membership number** is to be used for the **reference** so that appropriate allocation of your payment can be made.

Would the following members, please see me at the next meeting to complete their renewal forms? On the back page - last section, requires 'cross out' the statement regarding insurance that does not apply.)

If you are unable to come to the meetings, please call me on 0400 440 530.

- Jeff McFarlane
- Josef Bajsi
- Jeff Lowrey
- Gill Polomka

Peter Stewart

Please feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions towards possible content for this column.

Till next time,

Marg Cunningham



Member Profile



My name is Helen Richards, 49 years of age (nearly 50) and happily married to David Richards for 20 years .We have two sons Daniel & Adam. We own a Nissan Patrol GU and joined the Nissan Patrol Club in 2004.

I am in my 5th year as Secretary, and enjoying the position.

My hobbies are scrap booking, cooking and photography (as you all know). I enjoy travelling, making the most out of club trips and also

caravanning. Hoping to do a trip to Cape York in the near future, as well as the top end of Western Australia.

I love to interact with people and have just started a new career in floristry, which is most rewarding. My slogan is "Live, Love and Learn" and that Life is just what you make it; and if you aim high enough you will achieve your goal. My good traits are my intuition and imagination. I am driven and like to take charge of the matters of the heart, and business matters; and normally do with organic ease. I like to help people when they need someone. I can be cautious, very protective and sympathetic while sometimes I can get touchy and don't want to let go.

Some interesting trivia about myself; favourite colour is pink; lucky number is four; love Chinese food, pasta, seafood and homemade scones....mmmmm! Enjoy listening to most types of music mainly easy listening (songs I can sing along with and understand).

Outside activities; like to shop (retail therapy); go to the pictures; long lunches with the girls; and don't mind a game of ten-pin bowling. I make the most of weekends and, when not busy, head away for a couple of days; Deep Creek, Burra Gorge; and even done a trip up to the Flinders Ranges, to have dinner at the Ghan Restaurant on Saturday for dinner only to return Sunday



I consider myself to be a happy-go-lucky person. My family and my friends are most important. Looking forward to the future wherever it takes me.

Helen Richards (364)

CLUB MID YEAR LUNCH



The Port River Dolphin Explorer Lunch Cruise Sunday the 4th July 2010.

We board the Dolphin Explorer from 11.00am and depart at 11.30am. Cruise is 2 hours long, while having lunch.

"Captains Lunch Menu" at \$14.00 is one of the following:

- Beer Battered or Crumbed Fish.
- Vegetable Pattie or Chicken Nuggets
- Crumbed Calamari or Crumbed Sausages
- Beef or Chicken Schnitzel
- Veggie Rolls or Chicken Nuggets

All Captains meals are served with chips & fresh garden salad.



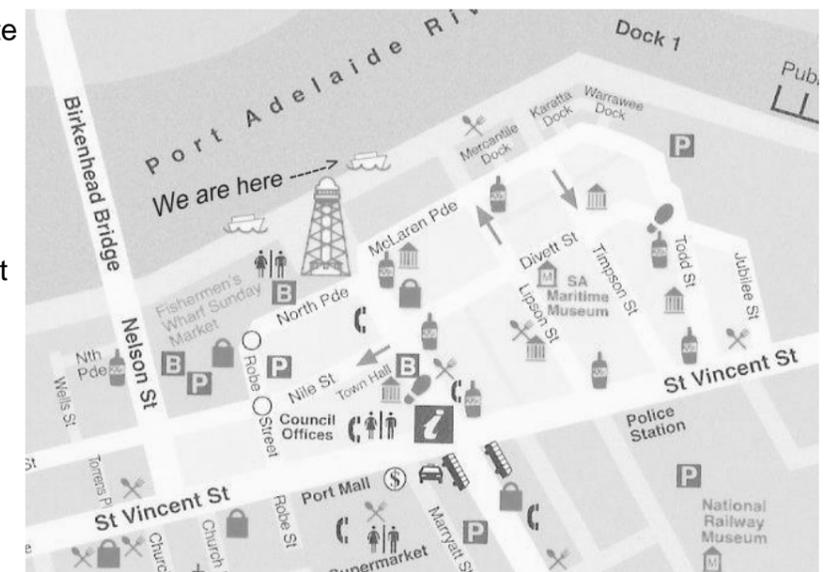
Desserts at \$4.00 include either Pavlova, strawberry cheesecake, or black forest cake.

Price is \$18.00 per person. Buy own drinks on board. **Money to be paid to Tricia our Treasurer no later than Thursday June 3rd (General Meeting).** There will be no exceptions.

The Dolphin Explorer is located on the Wharf at the end of Commercial Road, Port Adelaide, immediately to the right of the Red Lighthouse
There is also a Blue Ticket Van immediately in front of the Dolphin Explorer.

The Dolphin Explorer is white in colour and the name "Dolphin Explorer" appears on the front of the Vessel

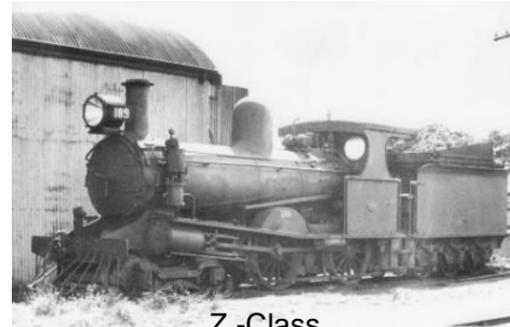
Ample free parking exists at the end of Todd Street and other paid parking sites exist around the Wharf area



GUEST SPEAKER GLENN GOES FULL STEAM AHEAD

Our March meeting guest speaker Glenn Smythe gave us a fascinating overview of his 20-year project to build a full scale 3' 6" gauge steam locomotive in his shed at his home in Ironbank.

The locomotive is a replica of the South Australian Railways (SAR) Z-class 4-4-0. In the 1880's ten of these were built in South Australia; most at James Martin of Gawler and a couple at the SAR workshops at Islington. After many decades of service and reaching mileages upwards of 800,000 on the Broken Hill to Pt Pirie and the Bordertown to Mt Gambier lines, they were all scrapped.



Z -Class

Although Glenn's father John was a Telecom buildings technical officer, in his spare time he built one-twelfth scale steam locomotives and drove steam engines; originally for Steam Ranger and later for the Pichi Richi Railway.

Perhaps it is no surprise that Glenn took on a fitter and turner apprenticeship with ANR at Islington in 1985 and remains employed in the maintenance of diesel locomotives today.

While Glenn and his father were with Steam Ranger, Glenn spent 10 years on the restoration of a broad gauge steam engine, which had been vandalised in a northern



suburbs playground. See before and after photos.

Once this project was completed he obviously was looking for a new challenge and he chose the Z-class. He was able to get a copy of a full set of drawings which originally were produced by an SAR Engineer in the late 1800's, from the Port Dock Railway Museum.

The Australian Steam web site reports that:

"Construction of this replica began in 2003 and significant progress (has been made) including main frames, smokebox, chimney, air compressor, wheel arches, motion bracket, cabsides, and various fittings. The headlight is original to loco Rx 199 and hence the replica will take this number. Pony wheels have been sourced from a SAR "MCN" bogie, and the main driving axles from scrapped diesel loco. a new boiler is now

expected to be made. The spare SAR Y-class tender built in 1888 has been loaned by the Pichi Richi Railway and will be restored for use behind Z199."

Glenn illustrated a few problems, which he has encountered when using modern materials, and home workshop based metal working machinery to reproduce some thing designed to be built in a large industrial workshop of the 1800's.

The sides of the main frame are called up as $\frac{3}{4}$ inch plate on the original drawings but Glenn has to use the 20 mm plate available today. The critical dimension for the chassis is the outside to outside dimension sides. The difference between 20 mm and $\frac{3}{4}$ inch is 0.95mm, and hence the lengths of all cross members on the chassis have to be reduced by 1.9 mm from the dimensions on the original drawings.

He does not have the ability to use the original hot riveting techniques and has substituted modern hydraulically set cold rivets, which are stronger and more reliable.

Glenn brought along a sample of a connecting rod which had a large bulbous offset slider piece on one end which was connected to a forked bearing on the other end by a length of flat bar. In the 1800's three relatively small lumps of steel would have been welded together to produce this by blacksmith forging techniques. At home Glenn can only carve these complex shapes out of solid billets, which often results in more steel cut away from the billet than is retained in the finished product.

His budget for material is \$100,000 and fortunately he has found a steel supplier sponsor who is willing to sell him the steel (was it 40 tonnes that he needed?) at his cost and also provides numerically controlled flame cutting service for his steel plate.

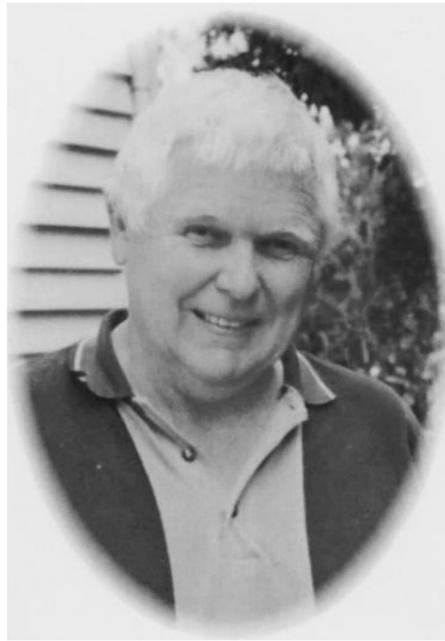
He is 7 years into the project and estimates that he is 2 years ahead of schedule. If he can keep this rate up we can look forward to a ride in 2020! He intends that the locomotive have a run on the Pichi Richi Railway line.

We thanked Glenn for his very interesting talk and pictures on his project. We were very impressed by his dedication to, and the amount of time and effort to put in to achieving this difficult task.

It is good to see that Australian history being kept alive for generations to come through his work.

We wish him well in his endeavour and look forward to checking on his progress every few years.





OBITUARY - JOHN GIBBINS

29-11-1943 ~ 21-3-2010

John and Judy were welcomed into the club in June 1990 at membership number 223, and have had continuous membership for close on 20 years. John joined the Nissan Patrol club because he had a Nissan Patrol 2 door SWB. He later changed to an 80 series Toyota.

John enjoyed the Club meetings and was a frequent attendee over his years of membership.

Judy did not enjoy the same level of passion for four-wheel drives and four wheel driving and therefore John quite often undertook the tougher trips on his own.

Club events in which John participated were; Peake sand driving; clean ups; Coorong (lots), Mt Crawford

and Second Valley; trips; Simpson Desert, High Country, Googs Track, 2004 Anne Beadell Highway, 2006 Canning Stock Route, and he even went to one Square Dance.

John was meticulous in his vehicle preparation and was fiercely independent when he was faced with his own repairs; although at the same time was happy to help others.

After working for 32 years in the Commonwealth Public Service, John retired at about age 50 (16 years ago) when he was advised that he might have a pre-cancerous condition in his blood. There after John became a disability care worker and very active with his four-wheel drive; and he and Judy travelled extensively overseas. Therefore at NPC meetings, it was always interesting to compare notes with John on destinations which he had visited; England, Europe, Russia, Turkey, USA (West Coast), Canada, Alaska, China, Thailand and Vietnam. Due to ill health, they had to cancel a New York trip, which was booked for early this year.

John had lived with cancer and cancer treatments since retirement. Unfortunately he recently suffered renal failure and his quality of life degenerated rapidly. John was John in control to the end. A few days before he died, he courageously ordered no more medical intervention apart from the offer of food, drink and pain relief.

John was a much-loved brother in law of Pauline and Jim Byfield. One of John's last comments to Jim on their final visit to him in hospital was the question, "How is the Nissan Club going?"

Eleven members of the club, unrelated to John, attended his funeral at noon on 25/3/2010. Daughter Kerri and son Steven provided a comprehensive and humorous biography, which served to illustrate John's epitaph.

*A man of principles and integrity.
Thoughtful and generous with
his time to people of all ages
who crossed his path.
Trustworthy, conscientious and
always giving of his best.*

BOOKS MISSING - INACTION

Can you help find these missing books? Check your shelves and coffee tables!

Book	Title	Author
17	Coorong	Colin Thiele/Mckelvey
26	The Silver Miners Son	Max Altman
28	Nation Parks of W.A.	CFH Jenkins
48	Telegraph Tourists	Frank Wright/Penryn Goldman
52	Explore Aust. by 4wd	BF Goodrich
70	Arid Zone Environmental Book	Santos Delhi
73	Into the High Country	Dept. Cons. Env.Vic
74	Living Australia Magazine	Bay Books
76	The Stuart Highway	Tourist Info Dist Aust
78	This Is Australia	GJ Coles
79	The Flinders Ranges	Penguin Books
80	In The Footsteps of a Legend	Holden Jackaroo
81	Common Ground Conservation Lands	Don Hewett
82	Historic Hill End	Mullins Martin Baglin
83	Time on Kangaroo Island	Allan Osterstock
84	Western Aust. in Colour	Morcombe & White
85	National Parks Vic SA Tas	Readers Digest

Our Librarians, Doug and Heather, have carried out an audit on the library and are anxious to get some *re(turn)action* on the books listed above.

Should you know where any of these are, please let Doug or Heather know as soon as you are can, thanks.

'Seniors Step into Nature'

Enjoy... nature at your doorstep... being active... and a healthy life.

From March through to October, the Department for Environment and Heritage is facilitating a series of eight guided walks aimed for seniors. The **Seniors Step into Nature** walks will be conducted throughout Adelaide's greater metropolitan area, highlighting our unique natural environment, from our conservation parks and gardens through to our metropolitan coastline, taking in some of Adelaide's most breathtaking sights, heritage and conservation areas.

For more information and to register your interest in this or future **Seniors Step into Nature** walks please contact Lynn on 8124 4841 or by email lynn.newman@sa.gov.au by Monday 29 March.

Spaces on each walk are limited so please register early to avoid disappointment.

An initiative of the Department for Environment and Heritage, Office for the Ageing, Department for Families and Communities.

AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND JAN 22nd – 26th 2010

Since January 1980 this weekend has been a water activities trip for the Nissan Club when a large percentage of the club joined the Cookies at Hogwash Sandbar on the River Murray.

Then in 1982 at Hogwash several members had brought along canoes and it was decided to introduce some competition, Bob Morrison a member at the time put up the first trophy and so the canoe races were introduced.

These canoe races became an annual event enjoyed in conjunction with social and other water orientated activities. This tradition over the years has been upheld at several venues.

The weekend venues have been 1980 to 1984 at Hogwash Sandbar, 1985 & 1986 we were on the Finnis River near Clayton, 1987 to 1991 at Haylands Station Lagoon upstream from Blanchetown, in 1992 we moved to Murbko Lagoon where we have just completed our nineteenth January long weekend.

Because the competition became so great during those earlier years it became necessary to locate identical canoes and these were firstly hired from the Parks Community Centre at Angle Park and had to be transported to the venues, then we were able to hire from the Roonka Scout camp down river from our venue.

In 1995 Roonka changed policy and would not let the canoes off their site so the club decided not to pursue other canoes as the enthusiasm for racing had declined.

But as many of our members had purchased canoes, kayaks and other marine craft the January weekend and the venue have continued to be popular as a relaxing get together trip.

This year Judy and I were again lucky to have Lillian our grand daughter from Queensland with us for the weekend, we arrived Friday late afternoon bringing with us a slight drop in temperature for those members who had arrived earlier and braved the very hot and windy conditions.

As is the norm most afternoons happy hour begins about 4.30 when we all gather for nibbles and a couple of drinks, so Friday evening was no different and the evening proved to be quite comfortable for sitting around and also for sleeping. The next morning was pleasant with the pied butcherbirds piping their tuneful notes plus the general background of other bird noises.

The majority of people were on site by Saturday and had their kyaks, canoes, rubber ducky and a sailboard on the water, plus many bodies in the water cooling down and odd fishing lines in the water.

There were at the weekend 11 caravans, 1 folding van, 1 folding camper, 3 tents, 8 kyaks, 2 canoes, 1 rubber ducky, 1 sailboard, 1 jet boat, 26 members, 5 visitors in 15 vehicles.



The public holiday was actually not until Tuesday but the decision was made for us to celebrate Australia day on the Saturday evening due to

some not being able to stay over till Tuesday.

Saturday evening celebration went off very well with an excellent variety of food contributed by all and bubbly to enhance the very jovial atmosphere.

Most of us wore a range of Australiana attire to compliment the occasion, but I think the vote for best attire went to Sister Mary McKillop in her habit and Tony Abbot in his budgie smugglers and life savers cap.

Geocaching was an interesting exercise on the Monday for some of us with Trish Goodrich at the helm we located three caches with our GPS's, and had a look around the local area in doing so.

Features for the weekend were Jeanenne being bitten by ant and dropping Jeffrey's drink along with the table she was carrying, Frank having a disagreement with the wind and not paddling back to camp, David's new kayak not being ready for the weekend.

But generally there was a considerable amount of distance paddling done with trips around the island and up and down the lagoon and many dips into the lagoon.

Thanks to Brian and Chris Robinson for bringing the club toilet and associated gear and installing these facilities etc. and to all who attended and made the weekend a success, the company as always is first class.



NPC Member 19

CANOEING AROUND WEST LAKES 7/2/2010 and 14/2/2010

We intended to host only one canoe day around West Lakes and originally organised it for the 14th, but life intervened. Our front garden was to be re-constructed and the tradesmen gave February 8th as a starting date, so..... But then some people said "Oh, no, if only you could have kept it to the 14th ..." so we ended up with two consecutive Sundays, and the weather was just lovely for both of them.



On the first Sunday we ended up with twenty people. Sixteen appeared first up for the paddle; David Watkins and his friend Meryl, David Newell and Cherry, Mike and Renee Garrett, Frank and Roz Foster, Brian and Judy Cook, Lynne and David Alyward and Don and Kathy Grigg and in glorious

conditions we set off heading northwards for a paddle around Delfin Island.

Of course as we reached the eastern side of Delfin Island those who remembered Kate and John Church started asking where their house was and as we passed it Kate and John popped out to say hello. We invited them to the BBQ which was to follow and went on our way. The paddle was easy, there being minimal breeze, and it was interesting to us insofar as we passed about 10 or 12 individuals fishing from canoes which were set up to be pedalled by foot, thereby keeping the hands free. In all the years we have lived on the lake we had only noticed this phenomenon of canoe-based fishermen over the past year, and never so many of them on the one day. It is obviously a growing trend.



We pointed out Leyton Hewitt's house, still unsold, and his parents new house on the opposite shore as we passed the Rowing Association headquarters with its permanently set-up rowing lanes and start- and finish-lines, and we pattered about looking at the artificial owls, pelicans and hawks people use (unsuccessfully) to keep the seagulls off their pontoons.

After the paddle we all settled down for a communal BBQ and were delighted to see not

only Kate and John turn up but also Doug and Heather. David Newell showed me his wonderfully created photographic record of his trip through China. Not only does he take all of his photos (on a 250 times zoom camera, drool, drool) but he prints the photos and them binds them into beautiful albums.

We all had a lovely day, with the last of our guests leaving just before 5 pm.

The second Canoeing Around West Lakes day was a week later and this time we had fewer takers, partly because life also got in the way for three other couples, so we ended up with Frank and Roz Foster again, Jeffrey and Jeanene Schapel and Wendy and Dave Ferguson. Dave does not paddle, so he opted for walking around the lake during our absence. And instead of paddling around Delfin Island yet again, we instead visited Point Misery.

At the northern end of the lake Point misery is the landing place for South Australia's first visitors. According to the plaque Col William Light et al landed on 16th November 1936 at what was then an outreach of the Port River and named it Point Misery due to the stinking mud and the mozzies that inhabited it. When we landed there it was beautifully sunny and clean and we sat on a lovely clean bench seat in the light breeze

to watch the dragon-boat races nearby – what a difference!



Having sat there long enough we hopped back into our canoes and paddled down towards the Bower Road outlet past the dragon boat races and the school-kids propelling every type of craft from life-boats to kayaks and eight-man sculls. It was a short run back to our house again, passing Dave striding it out on the pathway as we went. This time, instead of a BBQ we had shared plates: sausage rolls, a delicious zucchini flan and mixed meats and cheese platter, followed by a delectable chocolate cake. Lovely.

We had a really delightful time on both occasions, enjoying both the exercise and the friendly company, and most of our guests expressed similar feelings. Canoeing around

West Lakes is a nice experience, one which we are sure to repeat, and we would like to thank everyone who came and urge those who could not to join us next time — whenever that may be.

Oh, by the way, work has not started on the front garden yet.

Pat Trowbridge NPC 219.



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FWDSA Clubs at the 2010 Caravan & Camping Show

So how does the Caravan Show affect your Club? Well all Clubs were promoted at the FWDSA display stand and Club brochures were handed out too.

The DTU provided a daily seminar and thrice-daily "Live Recovery Demonstrations".



At this show the FWDSA stand had an integrated display with an exclusive club focus.

It was staffed by 40 Club Members from 10 Clubs.

The creation of display material and stand construction was co-ordinated with an ongoing show committee of 12 Clubs under the auspices of the Association Executive

FWDSA was among the exhibitors in the Stirling Angas Pavilion which formed the SA Outdoor Adventure Show segment of the Caravan Show.

The official blurb described this area as "...an added dimension....to appeal to the more active self-drive travellers".

The potential exposure to upwards of 40,000 show patrons over 5 days makes this a significant promotional opportunity.

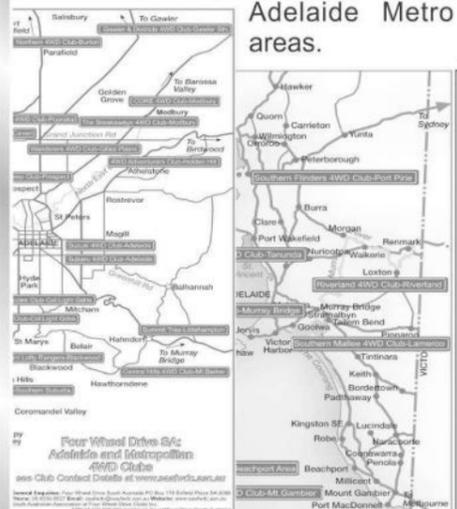
come and try us out

New FWDSA Brochure

4WD Clubs of SA

The new FWDSA Brochure had its first outing at the Show and proved an attention grabber on our stand.

The brochure has Club location labels positioned on maps of SA Country and Adelaide Metro areas.



The concept is to give potential members some idea where our Clubs are located, but to refer them to the FWDSA website for Club contact details.

A photocopied download of the website detail was handed out at the Show.

Thank You List:

The following organisations contributed in various ways to our presence at the Caravan & Camping Show:

- Tourism SA
- Keep SA Beautiful (KESAB)
- ARB 4X4 Accessories - Regency Pk.
- Terry Howe Printing - Blair Athol
- Opposite Lock - Mile End
- Fourplay 4x4 - Holden Hill
- Caravan & Camping Industry Assoc SA (CCIASA)

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Caravan and Camping Adventure Show

The Caravan and Camping Adventure show was held from the 24th to 28th February 2010. Our club members Bob and Janice, Jeff, Helen, and Don and Kathy staffed the stand for various four hour periods over the four days.

A display was erected and constructed by the Show Committee(club members) and the Association Executive. Also the DTU provided a daily seminar and three Live Recovery Demonstrations. Overall it was a very good show and we should be pleased with the results.



Guess who was there?



Kathy talks to some potential members.

Hans Heysen's 1931 caravan and Ford Model A



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If you wish to attend the Theatre Night, would you please make sure that Helen Richards receives your money by the 1st April general meeting. Jeff will not be there due to Easter Trip.

2010 4WD WEEKEND
in WHYALLA (WW6)



2nd, 3rd & 4th of October 2010



Activities include:

- Camp-oven Cooking Competition • Mt. Laura Circuit
- Get to know your GPS Session • Tagalong tours
- Night Navigation Challenge • Andrew's Canyon
- Camping with all facilities at Whyalla Showgrounds

Visit **www.whyalla4wd.org.au** for more details.

This event is open to all financial members of the South Australian 4WD Association. For Insurance purposes all weekend participants must be financial members of a SAAFWD Club, and register this event with your Club as a Club Trip.

TRADING PAGE

Where members can buy, sell, exchange, request items or get buying guidance .

FOR SALE

30th ANNIVERSARY MUGS

30th Anniversary coffee cups (Special Limited Edition) are available for \$6.00 each or 2 for \$11.00. See Tricia.

FLEXIGLASS CHALLENGE UTE LID

Ute lids are the perfect way to secure valuable tools or cargo in the back of your ute and protect them from the elements.

This one fits the 2004 HiLux. Colour is white with fully lined underside, rubber seals, stainless steel fittings, 2 lockable handles, 12V halogen light in the lid. Similar to the black one pictured here.



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Medium circle, plastic coated Nissan Patrol Club stickers \$1.20

Nissan Patrol Club Key Rings \$5.00

CHEAPER BATTERIES

After reading the article re batteries (p25 *Patrolling* Feb 2010), NPC 182 has drawn my attention to "Peter & Rick's Auto Workshop" at 14 Provident Avenue, Glynde, phone 8365 5100.

They have a website where you can check the prices of the different batteries; www.batterydiscounters.com.au

For instance the web site advertises the N70ZZL4WD OVERLANDER at almost 25% less than price shown in the article. (Mike - why didn't you tell me this before I bought mine?.....Ed.)

THIS SPACE Available for your advertisement in the next magazine

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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