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The Nissan Patrol Club of South Australia was founded in 1979, to provide a meeting place for individuals and families with an interests in four wheel driving and associated activities. From the beginning we have promoted safe and environmentally responsible, four-wheel driving as a way to enjoy our great country.

The club welcomes all makes of vehicles, and has drivers with all skill levels. For the novice there is a wealth of experience to draw upon. Some members have had formal training, many more have had years of experience.

We run many trips each year, offering members a chance to learn new skills or practise old ones. We also have events that range from the extreme to the sedate, with a social program throughout the year

We participate in a volunteer program of environmental care work in one of our national parks, allowing us to give something back to the bush we enjoy so much.

Club Meetings are held at Challa Gardens Primary School, Humphries Terrace (off Torrens Road), Kilkenny, on the first Thursday of every month except January. They commence at 7:30pm

The Nissan Patrol Club is a member of Four Wheel Drive SA Inc, which is a member of Four Wheel Drive Australia Pty Ltd.

Thanks for the memories!

Here we are at the end of another year which has gone off fairly well with reference to Covid restrictions. Apart from not being able to have our normal supper to share after the meetings, we have still had a tea or coffee with a sealed nibble allowing us to socialise.

Unfortunately, we haven't been able to have many speakers at meetings this year, but hopefully next year some of the pressure will be off and it will be much easier to organise.

There has been a good range of club trips and many of our members have managed to have extended trips to interesting locations around the country.

Club trips have varied from the real 4WD adventure trips to test drivers and vehicles, plus the opportunity to be involved in interesting outback country.

There have been well-organised social trips involving camping experiences, fishing, kyaking, canoeing, sand driving, 4WD drive education and much site seeing. Thanks must go to those members who have put the time and effort in to organise all of those events.

The mid-year dinner weekend at Goolwa was again enjoyed by all that attended.

We have also attended our two theatre nights at the Arts Theatre presented by the Metropolitan, both well attended and enjoyed by all, thanks to Jeffery for organising the booking of these evenings.

Disappointing that the Deep Creek working weekends had to be cancelled due to bad weather and the availability of members, but I am sure next year the club will be keen to continue the effort we have been contributing to National Parks in the past years.

I must thank all the members of our committee for their efforts during the year. The team have all worked together very smoothly to achieve what we have. Special thanks to our secretary who has



been a great support to me and this club in particularly.

We should also add thanks our fundraiser for the effort she has put into that role during the year.

I am sorry Judy and I have not been able to be part of many of the club activities during the year, due to our daughter-in-law's passing requiring us to spend considerable time interstate supporting our son and granddaughter. I also had a shoulder operation which restricted my activities for a while.

I extend sincere thanks to all members who have supported the club by their attendance at meetings, functions and trips throughout the year and look forward to you all supporting the incoming 2023 committee.

Thank you for giving me the honour of being the President of this club for 2022.

Brian Cook NPC 19

From the Editor's Desk

See you all in Rymill Park

A bumper issue to wrap up the year with reports of the Clare Valley trip, adventures in the Gammon Ranges, our tenth anniversary visit to Morgan with the Mitsubishi club and even an afternoon karting in Gepp's Cross. On top of that, the winning entries for the phot competition are reproduced on the colour centre-spread. It's an action-packed end to a year which saw life return to something approaching normal.

From the magazine perspective, do let me know if you would like to see any changes in the New Year, or any topics you would like to see covered and keep contributions coming.

Email any pictures of articles you would like to see in print to me at editor@nissanpatrolclubsa.org

Helen Richards has asked me to remind everyone that our traditional Christmas get-together in Rymill Park is on and, following some gloomy covid-years, much more like the old days. So do try to come and see out the old year with club members and old friends.

With that I wish all members a happy, safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year with plenty of getaways.

See you all in Rymill Park!

Bill Condie NPC 423



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Breakfast in the Park

19 December

Social

As usual we end the year with a gathering in the park. With COVID restrictions finally lifted this is a chance to return to normal after two years that were anything but!

Contact: Helen Richards



Murray Mouth Run

19 February 2023

It's back to the Murray Mouth after last year's successful run - this year with reduced speed limits!

The tides are favourable and the agenda open - a spot of fishing, a BBQ, chill in the sun by the sea. It's up to you.

Contact: Paul Ware



Douglas Scrub (McLaren Vale) 11-13 March

Versatile campsite in the McLaren Vale region

This trip is all about socialising, having fun, no driving once at the campsite, and generally relaxing.

Saturday 11 March - arrival day and set-up, with Happy Hour and BYO dinner at the campsite. After dinner we will hold a random quiz for those who wish to partake, with a prize for first place. Get those thinking caps on.

Sunday 12 March - there will be various games during the morning, followed by BYO lunch. Whoever wishes to

partake can make a dessert for dinner, with all judging the desserts. There will be a prize! Lunch time may be a good time to do some preparation work for desserts.

The afternoon will be a bit of orienteering around the camp whilst we, and one other chosen couple, will set up a dinner surprise for later. We will require your table and chairs for the set up, and it will be bring your own plates and cutlery. You may wish to dress for dinner as there will be a prize for the best dressed as voted by all.

Monday 13 March - leisurely pack up and head for home by no later than 11am.

We will be staying on powered sites at the Girl Guides complex. There is a toilet and shower block available for our use. We have been advised by the venue that no pets are permitted. If you are intending to come please complete your details on the trip sheet and we will organise the sites with the Girl Guides Association on behalf of all.

Contact: John & Maddie Day

**Mt Cole,
East Pyenees,
Victoria**

7-10 April



The Indigenous Australians, the Beeripmo balug people, called Mt Cole Bereep-ber-eeep, which means wild.

We're hoping the tracks will be too.

Contact: Helen Richards



Walhalla and Surrounds

Easter 6-11 April

4WDDriving, social - No Caravans

A return to the Victorian High Country after last year's successful - if long - outing to some of the most beautiful and toughest tracks in the country. This time more focused on one area around picturesque Walhalla.

No Caravans

Contact: Paul Ware

Argadells

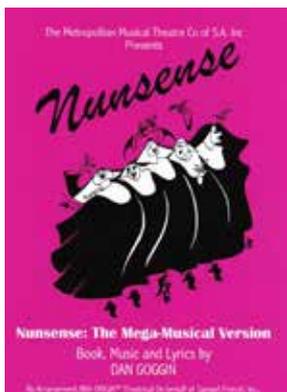
12-14 May

An historic working sheep property set amongst 32 square kilometres of spectacular scenery, just 28 kilometres north of Quorn. A network of 4WD tracks criss cross the property, from the deep winding gorges to the heights of Mount Arden. .

They range in difficulty from straight forward to challenging.

Cost is \$70 per vehicle to do tracks, \$15 per person per night, \$5 per child, camping, \$5 for a shower.

Contact: Paul Ware



Theatre Night - Nunsense

19 May

Five nuns from the convent of the Little Sisters of Hoboken try to raise money to bury four of their colleagues who are being stored in the school cafeteria's freezer. The unholy issues all began one night when 19 of the sisters went to play bingo. On their return, they found the other 52 nuns lying face-down in their soup. The cook, Sister Julia, had mistakenly served a double dose of botulism.

After a greeting-card sale, there was only enough money to bury 48 of the sisters, which is why four bodies are in the freezer and a group of nuns are on the stage singing, dancing and contributing Roman Catholic comedy routines to the show.

Contact: Jeff Schapel

Sequoias in the Otways

10-12 June

The Californian Redwoods, or sequoias, of the Otway Ranges is a small sheltered grove about 5 kilometres south of Beech Forest in the Otway Ranges in southwestern Victoria.

The trees were planted in 1936 by the Forests Commission Victoria. They were initially slow to establish but have thrived and grown to a height of more than 60 metres. Measurements in 2004 showed the trees have the potential to be as tall as their Californian counterparts.

The Otways is also rich in challenging 4WD tracks and magnificent views.

Contact: Paul Ware



Peake

16-18 June

4WD driving, Sand driving, social

Back on the sand. Peake doesn't need much introduction. As usual we are sharing this weekend with the Mitsubishi Club for this long-standing and popular mid-winter outing with a chance to get the Dutch ovens fired up.

Contact: Dave & Helen Richards



Mid-year Lunch

25 June

Save the date for our annual mid-year lunch. The destination is yet to be set but it will be a guaranteed good meal with great company. See you there!.

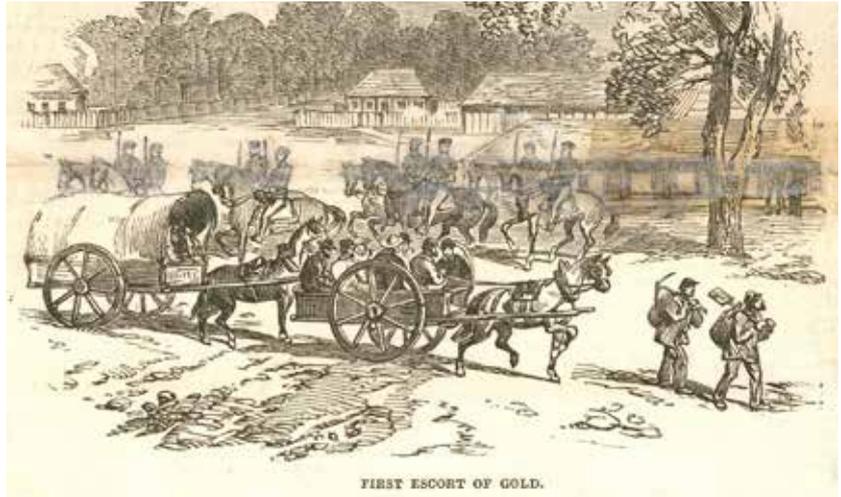
Contact: Helen Richards

Gold Escort Route

16 July

The Gold Escort Route was the first direct route between Adelaide and Melbourne. It followed tracks used by pioneer settlers in the mid-1840s and was used to transport miners' gold back to Adelaide. While it only served that purpose for two years the route continued as the Adelaide-Melbourne Road for another 70 years. This day trip explores a small part of it.

Contact: Paul Ware.



Gammon Ranges

29 September - 2 October

4WDiving, social

Contact: Paul Ware



A return after this year's successful trip.. Explore the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park before it gets too hot.

No Caravans

Yorke Peninsula

29 September - 2 October

If you're not in the mood to travel all the way to the Gammon Ranges, join club members on a relaxed and easy long weekend taking in the silo art - and undoubtedly the odd bakery or two - closer to home on the York Peninsula. Strictly social.

Contact: Helen Richards



Theatre Night October

Details to be determined

Contact: Jeff Schapel



3-5 November

Morgan

4WDiving, social

Contact: Dave & Helen Richards

Now in its second decade!

Test your skills, drive the tracks, catch up with your friends on the Murray.

Site bookings can be made now at the Morgan Caravan Park - phone 8540 2207. Quote the reservation under Helen Richards (Nissan Patrol Club).

Breakfast in the Park, December

Our usual get-together in Rymill Park

Contact: Helen Richards

Meeting Highlights



Two NOAs were awarded last meeting. One to Paul Ware, left, for providing an unexpected treat of apple pie and whipped cream on the Eagleview trip and one for Carmen Riddle, whose tireless efforts at fundraising this year have contributed so much to the club. Well done to both!



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Crazy karting and laser tag



The race is on: The club made a good showing of the competition on the track

Kartmania Gepps Cross

On Saturday 19 November a group of eight thrill seekers and a spectator met at Kartmania Gepps Cross. We arrived at 1:30pm and registered six of our participants. Due to small miscommunication two participants were a little late in arriving.

Once all registered and paid the track fees we were told there would be a delay of about 45 minutes before we could have our first race. While we waited we were offered a free game of Laser Tag which was eagerly taken up by Kobus, Mariki, Rod, Karen, Caleb and Zali. The Laser Tag maze is set out over 2 stories and is painted black in a space theme with UV lights to enhance the feeling of being in another world. The computerised laser vests interact with you throughout the game and update you as you play. A fun time was enjoyed by all and it filled in the waiting time.

At 3:30pm Kobus, Mariki, Paul, Sara, Rod, Karen, Caleb and Zali donned their helmets ready to participate in the next race. Unfortunately three quarters through the race before them the rain came down and these drivers were brought in for safety reasons. Following a short delay the organisers decided the weather radar looked clear enough to continue but the track had to be swept first. There were 14 participants in carts in event 18 with 8 being Nissan Patrol Club members and family. Caleb was the best placed of our participants finishing second with a best lap of 56.787, Rod was fifth with best lap of 59.134 and Kobus was seventh with best lap of 60.301. At 4:15 pm Kobus, Mariki, Paul, Sara, Rod and Caleb donned their helmets ready to go again. There were only 11 participants in carts in event 20 with 6 being Nissan Patrol Club. Results this time Caleb was again placed second with a best lap of 47.986, Kobus was fifth with best lap of 50.565 and Rod was seventh with best lap of 51.871. It was great to see the confidence grow in their second races.



Once we had finished this part of the afternoon we headed to Coopers Ale House across the road for a celebratory drink and chat.

Thank you to those who attended and I am sure all enjoyed a different Saturday afternoon!

Aileen Kitto NPC 388

NATURE

1st prize: Helen Richards - Spread your wings and fly high

2nd Prize: Alison Annells - Skeletons in the mountains



5. SPREAD YOUR WINGS AND FLY HIGH



1. SKELETONS IN THE MOUNTAINS

VEHICLES

1st prize: Colin Riddle - Oops!!

2nd prize: Helen Richards - The fun begins where the



2. OOPS!!



4. THE FUN BEGINS WHERE THE BLACKTOP ENDS

PEOPLE

1st prize: Rod Kitto - Just a temporary setback

2nd prize: Aileen Kitto - Oooh that's nice



11. JUST A TEMPORARY SETBACK

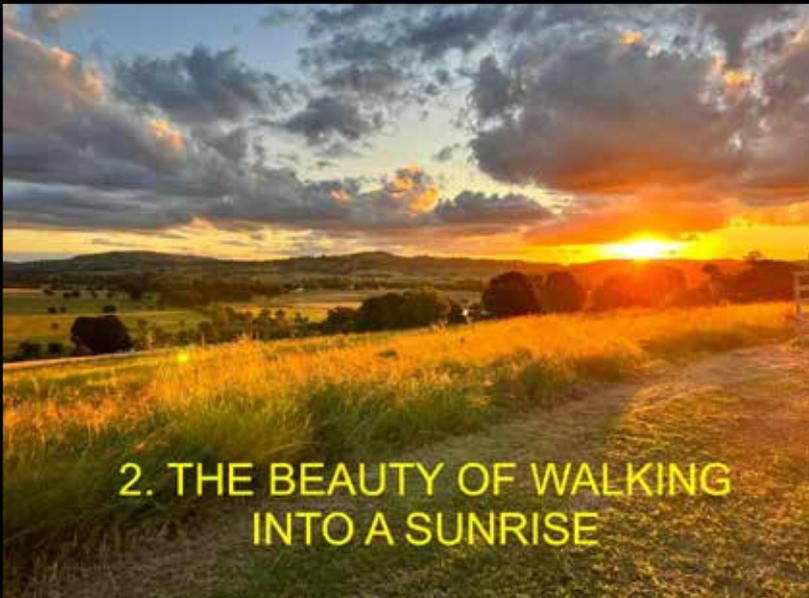


10. OOH THAT'S NICE

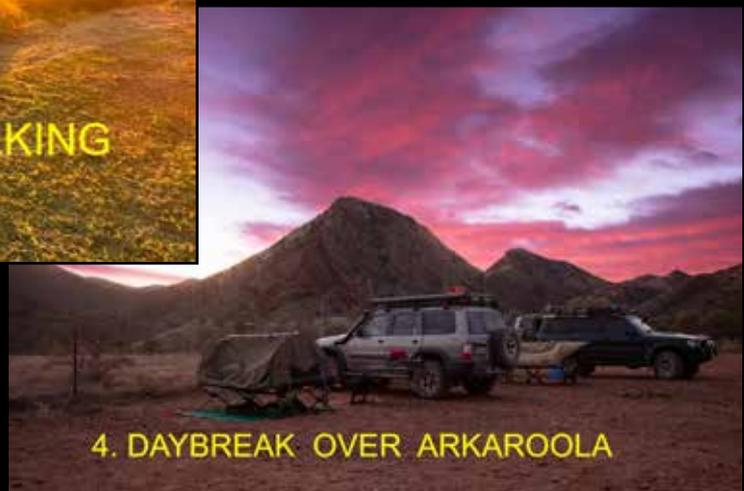
SUNRISE/ SUNSETS

1st prize: Helen Richards - Walking into a sunrise

2nd prize: Kobus Mostert - Daybreak over Arkaroola



2. THE BEAUTY OF WALKING
INTO A SUNRISE



4. DAYBREAK OVER ARKAROLA



Green and pleasant: The Clare Valley was in fine form after a wet winter

Beauty and magic in Clare

CLARE VALLEY, 30 September - 3 October 2022.
Clare Valley Caravan and Cabin Park.
Trip Leaders- John and Maddie Day.

Attendees: Colin and Carmen Riddle; Jeff and Jeanene Schapel; Rod and Aileen Kitto; Geoff and Marie Dalitz; Don and Kathy Grigg; Wayne and Dallas Dunn; Brian and Judy Cook; Dave and Helen Richards

Friday 30 September – It was a perfect day for travelling. We all arrived at the Clare Valley Caravan and Cabin Park. After setting up camp we made our way to the camp kitchen for Happy Hour and for John to brief us for the weekend ahead. All safety issues were addressed. Our first night was a dinner at the Rising Sun Hotel, Auburn at 6.30pm. We enjoyed good old-fashioned hospitality, great meals. Loved the décor and the ambience of the room. It was perfect.

Saturday 1 October – We were asked to pack a BYO morning tea and line up outside the caravan park at 9am where our first bit of history was to be found. A monument was laid at the site of the Leasingham Hotel 1856-1891. It was built by Charles William

Walton who was the licensee from 1856-1864, and again 1873-1879. It was a stopping point for the bullock teams with their wagons of copper ore from Burra to Port Wakefield.

We then all set off with John and Maddie leading and Colin and Carmen TC. We travelled along an original main road from Watervale. Taking in views of crop farming, (Grain barley and wheat) sheep farming, cow farming and goat farming. We realise how extensive farming is here with Lupin on one side and Canola on the other. We headed up to Quarry Road via Pearce, Fairfield, Morrison, and Spring Farm Road where we saw our first look-out. Clare Valley Rocks. We were standing on the western limb of a giant fold which was approximately 500 million years old. There were 4 diverse types of rocks that make up the Clare Valley. (Sandstones, mudstones, dolomites, and limestones.)

The views were spectacular and especially the sun over the plains. Never seen it so green with all the rain up here. After a few photographs we made our way back to the cars and headed up a steep track to Richardson Park where we had morning tea and amenities were available.

John presented us with a brief talk on the history of Clare. The



The Valley's famous vines resting ahead of the next growing season while Aileen and Helen enjoy the view

first European settlers arrived in 1840 led by John Horrocks. It was established in 1842 by Edward Burton Gleeson. It was first named Inchiquin after his property. The district Council of Clare was then established in 1853 and was then made a corporation in 1868. Leaving our morning tea spot we made our way along some beautiful back roads, making our way through some water crossings due to the abundance of rain. We all spotted goats, kids, alpacas, cows, lambs, sheep, kangaroos, horses and even a lizard. By this time were on our way to our next stop Porter Lagoon. It was originally the territory for the Ngadjuri people. The lagoon is very salty and thousands of water birds (pelicans, cormorants, terns, and silver gulls) habited here. A beautiful shadow of the canola fields was evident on the lagoon, a great photo opportunity.

Back to the cars we headed along Flagstaff Road with the view of the Black Springs Wesleyan Methodist Church which was built in 1869 It then became an Anglican from 1898 and then Lutheran from 1962-2016.it is now empty. We arrived at our venue in Mintaro, The Magpie and Stump Hotel where we were treated to tasty food, excellent wine and great atmosphere in our own private room nicknamed The Doghouse.

John gave us some information on the Merildin Railway Station the Burra line opened in 1870 and the station was named Mintaro. The sandstone shed was erected in 1873 and the bluestone building in 1899. The station name was altered in 1917 and the last passenger train used this line 1980. Making our way back to our cars the scenery would only get better. The views of the



Trip Report: Clare Valley

Waterloo Wind Farms were in sight. We all got out of our cars as John had some interesting facts about this windfarm. It uses 43 Vestas wind turbines to generate electricity. It is located 30km from Clare.

It started with 37 Vesta in 2010 costing about \$300 million and generates now 131MW. It feeds the grid for homes in South Australia and Victoria.

We are now heading our way back to Leasingham. Members had a choice to return to camp while some of us ventured on to some more back roads. Here we saw vineyard country. The vineyards looked splendid, the fresh air and everything looked green and luscious. Time now to head back to happy hour where our hosts Michael and Hayley welcomed us with a fire pit and wood. They have only recently taken over this caravan park in early April and are doing a lot of renovations to improve the park. They are a lovely couple, and we wish them well. With a few drinks and nibblies under our belt we made our way back to our caravans for dinner and settled down for the night. Round trip for today was 203km

Sunday 2 October –Today we needed a packed picnic lunch and morning tea as we were leaving at 9.30am due to day light saving. We head off in a completely different direction today, travelling at 45km along the Upper Skilly Road parallel to the Horrocks Highway with lots of dust and some sharp corners, passing more wineries and headed up Neagles Rock Road to view Neagles Rock Lookout. For some of our members it was a bit of exercise to climb the short steep climb to magnificent views of



Taking the back routes through vineyard country.

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The gang celebrate Happy Hour at the Clare Valley Caravan and Cabin Park

the Clare Valley. A photo opportunity with amazing countryside. Neagles Rock is 455 metres above sea level. From the earliest days, the rock was a favourite picnic ground and a rendezvous for lovers and was known as "Lovers Retreat". Lookout for the lovers' plaque poem at the top. We all agreed if the lovers climbed up to the top they would have been too tired to do anything up there. We travelled further along to Brooks Lookout which was opened on the 21st of October 2001. Again, more beautiful visions of green plains, canola, winding roads, wildflowers, and a directional marker giving directions from where we were standing to many places, North South, East and West. An information board about the history of the area was remarkably interesting. A fire swept through here in April 2019. We made our way into Blyth for morning tea and use of amenities before heading along a few more roads, arriving at the Bungaree Hill Radio Site where we took some photos in front of the canola fields. Bungaree hill

is 462 metres above sea level, has a population of 12 residents and heaps of sheep. The biggest property is Bungaree Station. After more driving and taking in some views, we arrived at our lunch spot in Clare and ate our lunch under the Cork Oak trees, which was either BYO or could be purchased at various eateries. Further driving ensues again, with more views, on route back to the campsite including the Blue Gum Lookout, which overlooked Clare. Heading back to camp through the ranges we arrived back having done a 122km day. Some of us took a short walk and visited the Claymore winery for a glass of wine and I bought a couple of bottles to take home to enjoy. The fire was lit. It was time for happy hour. Jeanene then bought out 2 sponge cakes decorated with strawberries and cream to share as it was Jeff's birthday. We all sang a rendition of Happy Birthday and Jeff thanked us with a short speech. After a while we all had dinner and most of us returned to the fire for the night and sat round with a few ports, a few whiskeys and reminiscing over the past 2 days. Most headed to bed by 10pm.



Excellent food and wine in our private 'Doghouse' at the Magpie & Stump

Monday 3 October – Up showered, breakfast and a leisurely pack up. We all went around to say our goodbyes and headed for home.

Thank you to our Trip Leader John and Maddie Day for an amazing weekend. A lot of hours and arduous work went into making this trip so successful. I know as a group we really appreciated the effort made.

We Came, We Saw, We Ate, We Drank, We Experienced the beauty and magic of the Clare Valley.

**Helen Richards
NPC 364**



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Small party has big fun



Recent rain meant Arkaroola was a green oasis for our second night's camp.

**30 September - 3 October 2022. Gammon Ranges
Trip Leaders- Paul and Sara Ware**

Attendees: Korbus and Mariki Mostert, Bill Condie

The group had dropped in numbers down to three vehicles and five participants for the weekend in the Flinders/Gammon Ranges due to some people having other commitments or not being able to come. So this meant more fun for us as we didn't have to share it around.

Friday 30 September: The plan was to meet at the Steamtown Railway Museum at Peterborough to have a look at what was on offer before heading further north. Obligations to work for some meant a later start to our journey.

One vehicle arrived at the appointed time and looked at the Museum and waited for the second to catch up before heading over to Black Hills near Orroroo to take a look at Magnetic Hill where vehicles appear to roll up hill from a stationary position defying the Laws of Gravity. After rolling "up the Hill" a few times we then headed over to Orroroo to visit one of the galleries exhibiting art work which was part of the 'Flinders Ranges A Brush with Art'.

After looking at the art on display we proceeded to Hawker for refuelling and then onto Wilpena Pound to set up camp for the night where last vehicle of our group finally arrived.

Saturday 1 October: With an early start we packed up and set

off to Blinman with stops at the Cazneau Tree, Hucks Lookout, Stokes Hill Lookout and the Great Wall of China on arrival we looked at the art at another Brush with Art gallery before going to the Miner Crib Café Bakery for some retail therapy and coffee.

Then on to Balcanoona to the National Parks Office and had a look at some of the old buildings including the Woolshed and yards. Opting out of going to have a look at Lake Frome we set off to visit Grindells Hut before heading to Arkaroola for our second night's camp. After setting up camp and watching the sunset we showered dressed up and made our way to the Native Pine Restaurant for an enjoyable evening meal. Then back to camp for



Sturt's desert peas on the way to Grindall's Hut



On the track to Grindell's Hut, which can just be seen in the middle distance above and up close below.

a night cap before hopping into our swags for a well-earned sleep.

Sunday 2 October: Once again up early to watch the sun rise over Griselda Hill, a memorable sight before packing up and going over to the Resort Office for a morning coffee and by chance a chat with Doug Sprig the owner, and signing the Visitors Book. Then off to Woltana Cave where in the 1930's guano deposits from ghost bats were extracted for use as fertilizer, this is the deepest cave in South Australia, Unfortunately the Safety

Police had been there some time before us and erected a fence and Do Not Enter signs which impeded our way to have a closer look at the cave and associated mining works. Setting off again we made our way to Copley via the Gammon Ranges Road through Nepabunna to the Bush Bakery & Quandong Café for a bite to eat and a couple of their famous Quandong Pies. Then onto Arroona Dam for a quick look before making out way to Prairie Hotel at Parachilna, taking the less travelled road following the Old Ghan Railway

to Beltana and then onto the main road at Nilpena. On arrival at Parachilna we looked at the outdoor metal representations of the Ediacran Fossils before making our way across the road to the Hotel to be warmly greeted by Jane Fargher the Proprietor and settled in for a pleasant dining experience in the Gallery Restaurant. After lunch we proceeded to into the Parachilna Gorge to find a suitable campsite for the night beside the creek.

Monday 3 October: After packing up we drove up the Glass Gorge Road to a lookout with views to Mt Mary and Mt Franklin, then returning to Parachilna and onto Brachina Gorge and the Bunyeroo Valley Scenic Drive back to Wilpena Pound for some fuel. After refuelling onto the Woolshed Gallery to again view the art works on display before making our way south back home.

**Paul Ware
NPC 421**



A favourite weekend for 10 years



The two clubs celebrate 10 years of freindship at the 4-6 November 2022 Morgan

Attendees: Paul & Sara, John & Maddie, (Polly the dog), Rod & Aileen, Dave & Helen, Bill S, Colin & Carmen, Brian & Christine, Bill C, Alison, Peter & Helen, Thomas, Jai, Hayley, Maddie, Jaxon.

The Nissan Patrol Club and Mitsubishi Club held their annual Morgan Quarry trip. This year was special as it being the 10th Anniversary. A few of us left straight after our club meeting on Thursday night and stayed overnight in Bower which is approximately 30km out of Morgan. Arriving around 12.30pm we set up camp and enjoyed a leisurely afternoon. Most participants arrived soon after with Happy Hour at 4pm. The forecast for the weekend was warm and plenty of sun. We decided on A Fish and Chip dinner from the local fish shop, so I took the



Everywhere we looked the water was much higher than usual - with worse on the way in coming weeks

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Everyone catered for in Morgan

opportunity while we were gathered to go over the Safety Briefing with the club.

On Saturday morning, the clubs congregated at the Boat Ramp at 9am before heading to the Morgan Quarry. Once there, the clubs broke into groups comprising the Mitsubishi Club, NPC Members. Due to medical reasons I am no longer capable of handling rough tracks, so I became a tourist of Morgan with Sara, and we enjoyed a ride on the Ferry with Jaxon and Maddie, There was some fun and laughter on the boat in the playground as well as visiting the Information Centre and Craft Shop and boosted sales for Morgan with a bit of retail therapy.

Not long after the members from the quarry were back for lunch. Decisions were made some would return to the quarry while others would do a Mystery Tour. Col took us out as a group on a 'Mystery Tour' with Dave and I as TC (Tailend Charlie). The tour took us around the area to the northeast of Morgan. The highlight of the afternoon was a stop at the Bryan Creek Historical Look-



Another successful quarry mission accomplished

Fun by the river

On the 4th of November the Mitsubishi and Nissan clubs decided to make a trip to Morgan for the weekend. Which was a lovely idea as the weather the whole time was amazing, we got to do many activities within the time of being up there

On the first night we set up our swags and camper and I made my way over to Nan's caravan to eat all of her food while the adults sat around and just had some chats and us kids were fishing and playing in the water.

Then 4 o'clock came around and we all sat around for happy hour and the adults had some drinks and eat food but mainly all the kids stole all the food. The next day we had some breakfast and met all the Mitsubishi and the Nissan group to plan about the day and we set off on our first little adventure.

We went in little groups adventuring around in the quarry and one of the drivers from the Mitsubishi lot was going up and down many hills and had an accident and did quite a lot of damage to his car. After about three hours, we headed back and started getting ready for happy hour while some people went on the mystery drive.

My sister, brother, and I decided to go back into the water and did some kayaking and fishing. After a long day we all headed to bed. The last day of camp everyone was up bright and early and got all packed up and we left. Overall it was a really good experience for all of us and have a couple days to ourselves and just to relax, Thanks to everyone and I hope you all had much fun.

Hayley Ratcliffe

out. The rains we have encountered this year were evident in the scenic drive, as everything was green and luscious than previous years. There was a vast difference from the lookout from last year. Plenty of water was visible.

Then it was back to camp for everyone to enjoy another happy hour before preparing for the evening meal at the Terminus Hotel.

Fifty-four members and visitors enjoyed their meal while we celebrated our 10 years at Morgan together sharing a cake and a couple of speeches. After dinner, the festivities continued into the late evening back at the campsite.

Sunday was an even warmer day, with some trip participants headed back into the Quarry for a bit more education and familiarization. Returning at midday and returning to the caravan park where most people were then packing to leave. A few members stayed on for an extra day or two,

What a fantastic weekend. The interclub friendship of 54 members of the Nissan Patrol Club & the Mitsubishi 4WD Club is to be commended.

Helen Richards NPC 364

