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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.

# Back and firing on all cylinders

**H**ello Patrollers, I'm am glad the Club has accepted me as President again this year. This will be my fourth year as your President of the Club. Where is the time going !!

Maddie and I are "firing on all cylinders" again and looking forward to the Club year ahead.

I would like to thank all those who have volunteered to be Committee Members this year, and thank the 2023 Committee for their sterling work. Hopefully the new Committee will be able to "steer" the club steadily and safely through 2024.

Again, this year I would especially like to thank Carmen for taking on the role of Vice President. We have a two month trip planned for America and another back to the UK for my daughter's wedding and Christmas with Mum. If all goes to plan we will only miss one general meeting, two committee meetings and the AGM.

This is the 45th year of the Club. It's fantastic to think that a few Members got together forty five years ago and formed the Nissan Patrol Club of SA Inc for all to enjoy since. It will be great to see as many Members as possible at the 45th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday 29th June 2024.

The club has a good and varied trip agenda already this year, with off-roading, touring, and social trips included. It is good to see some of the Members putting forward some day trips, of which I believe there are two already.

There is a wealth of travelling experience within the club. If any Members have been to a place of interest near Adelaide, please consider putting it up as a day trip, whether at the weekend or even during the week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have renewed their Membership of the Club, and wish all those who have not renewed well for the future.



Contributing and actively participating in the Club is a great way of getting to know your fellow Members. Remember that the Nissan Patrol Club is your club. Please always feel free to contribute any ideas you have about the Club, trips, meetings, etc to the committee. By actively participating you are helping to shape the Club you want.

Let's enjoy life, make new friends, travel far and wide, and make 2024 a year to remember.

Happy Travels, as far as you can, and stay safe out there.

Your Club President

**John Day NPC 407**

## From the Editor's Desk

# An exciting line-up of trips for 2024

Welcome to 2024 and the first issue of the magazine. Due to a technical hitch, last year's photo competition winners do not appear in this issue but will feature next time. As a taster, the cover is an edited version of Rod Kitto's winning shot.

This month, with few trips to report on we focus mainly on the road (and tracks) ahead and they are many and varied. Take your pick from the run down Goolwa Beach to the Murray mouth for a picnic and fishing to the old familiar winter outing to Peake, there's something for everyone.

New to our line-up is Willangi Bush Escapes, a working 9500 acre grazing and cropping property with a wealth of 4WD tracks

to sample. There is a day trips, too to the Old Tailem Town Pioneer Village as well as the favourite Theatre Night and trips to Cowell and Burra. But there is still room for more and if you want to add a trip, or even suggest one that others might organise, make sure to get in touch with trips officer Rod Kitto.

It is also good to see President John Day taking over leadership of the Deep Creek working bee weekends after Wayne Dunn retired from the role after years of devoted service. Finally, this year marks the club's 45th anniversary which we will celebrate with a special dinner. Make sure to book early.

**Bill Condie NPC 423**



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### **Goolwa Breach Run** **18th February**

Kick off the year's club trips with a relaxing picnic at the Murray mouth. Bringing the fishing gear or sit and relax with old friends

**Contact: Rod Kitto**

### **Willangi Bush Escapes**

**Easter, 29 March - 1 April**

4WDDriving, social

**Contact: Helen & Dave Richards**

The following is information provided by the Willangi website <http://willangi-bushescapes.com>

Pronounced: will an jee, Willangi is an Aboriginal word meaning "The Wind".

Willangi is a working 9500 acre grazing and cropping property with a focus on cell grazing and pasture cropping. Willangi is situated 15 km North of Peterborough on the Dawson Road. Peterborough is 260 km from Adelaide.

You need to be self-sufficient. Willangi is suitable for caravans, camper trailers & tents.

#### **CAMP AND 4WD PRICES**

Normal site minimum of two nights. Minimum \$35.00 per night 1 couple. \$50.00 per family 2 adult and 2 children (4 years to 15 years of age) per night and \$6.00 per extra child per night. Extra adults or children over 15years \$17.50p/p

All sites have a drop toilet and firewood supplied

#### **4wd Tracks**

\$40.00 per vehicle for the length of your stay.. The tracks will take us a good 2 days to do as others will be on the tracks and we all need to take care for our safety and others.

ALL Tracks WILL be closed on Raining days and Fire



ban days and days of extreme wind and heat.

#### **Showers:**

Showers are coin operated \$1.00 for 3 minutes and they located at the main shed.

#### **Itinery.**

Friday: Set up camp and relax. Sit around the campfire. Discuss weekend's activities.

Saturday: Day out on the tracks, bring morning & afternoon tea as well as lunch.

Saturday night: Dinner at the Railway Hotel ph.86512427). 7pm.

Sunday: Day out on the tracks, bring morning & afternoon tea as well as lunch.

Sunday Night: Around the campfire for an extended Happy Hour come Dinner.

Monday: Pack up & head for home.





### Old Tailem Town Pioneer Village

**14 April, 10:00 am**

8552 Princes Highway, Tailem Bend, 5260.

Cost will depend on numbers.

Adult - \$28

Pensioner - \$25

Students over 16 - \$23

Children 4-15 - \$10

1 Adult & 1 Child - \$33

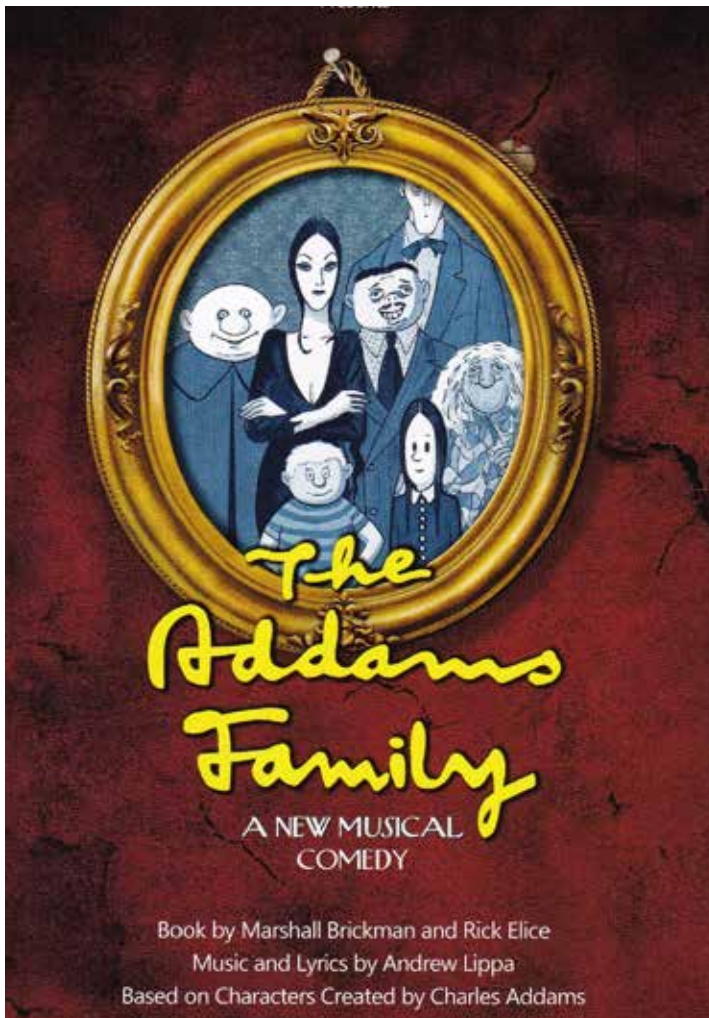
1 Adult & 2 children - \$48

Family (2 adults and up to 4 children) - \$66

Groups over fifteen and over - \$26 pp

**Contact: Helen or Dave Richards**

We are given a map to explore about 115 buildings. It is a self-guided tour. Lots of history. Approximately will take about 3 hours. Please bring your picnic lunch and afternoon tea. We have been allocated the Town Hall at the village to enjoy our lunch. Family and Friends are welcome to attend.



### Theatre Night The Addams Family

**17 May 2024, 7.30 pm at the Arts Theatre Angas Street Adelaide**

In the kooky, upside-down world of the Addams Family, to be sad is to be happy, to feel pain is to feel joy, and death and suffering are the stuff of their dreams. Nonetheless, this quirky family still has to deal with many of the same challenges faced by any other family.

The Addamses have lived by their unique values for hundreds of years and Gomez and Morticia, the patriarch and matriarch of the clan, would be only too happy to continue living that way however, their dark, macabre, beloved daughter Wednesday, has fallen in love with Lucas Beineke, a sweet, smart boy from a normal, respectable Ohio family — the most un-Addams sounding person one could be! And to make matters worse, she has invited the Beinekes to their home for dinner. In one fateful, hilarious night, secrets are disclosed, relationships are tested, and the Addams family must face up to the one horrible thing they've managed to avoid for generations: change.

Cost per person is \$32 provided we get at least 30 tickets.

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**Contact: Jeff Schapel.**



### Deep Creek Working Bee

**24-26 May**

The first of two of our regular working bee weekends at Deep Creek. Now under new "management" after Wayne Dunn bowed out after years of great service. But there's plenty of work still to be done as well as enjoying a great weekend away with friends.

It starts as usual with a meet-up at the Yankalilla Bakery.

Make sure to contact John Day to make sure there are enough campsites booked.

**Contact John Day**

### Mid-Year Dinner 45th Anniversary

#### Glenelg Golf Club

**29 June**

Arrival from 6:00pm for 7:00pm Dinner

Glenelg Golf Club Dining Room James Melrose Rd, Novar Gardens SA 5040

The cost is \$60 per person.

The alternate drop three course meal will consist of:

- Entrée
- Main course
- Dessert
- Tea or Coffee and chocolates

All attendees will receive a memento of the evening.

There will also be a club quiz, prize winners and a lucky door prize.

The 40th anniversary dinner time capsule will be opened and a selection of the contents read out. Bring along or send us your club memorabilia/photos.

Local Accommodation on Military Road:

Big 4 West Beach Parks caravan/cabin park (08) 8355 7320; or



The Retreat at West Beach Parks cabins (08) 8355 7360.

Please reserve this date in your diary and indicate your intention to attend by emailing: [45dinner@nissanpatrolclubsa.org](mailto:45dinner@nissanpatrolclubsa.org). Please advise of any allergies and/or dietary requirements when responding. Your early reply is appreciated for planning purposes.

Forward payment to the Treasurer, Maddie Day, by 1st May 2024.

- EFT Details: BSB: 105-042
- Bank Account: 181 313 840
- Bank a/c Name: Nissan Patrol Club of SA Inc
- Reference: Your surname & initials

**Contact: John Day at  
[45dinner@nissanpatrolclubsa.org](mailto:45dinner@nissanpatrolclubsa.org)**





### Peake 14-16 June

This popular mid-winter weekend, where tackling the sandhills meets Dutch oven cook-offs needs little introduction



### Cowell Weekend 7-14 September

A weekend of fishing, sight-seeing, with the possibility of some possibly 4wd-ing in the mix

**Contact Carmen Riddle**



### Burra Weekend

**4-7 October**

Details to follow

**Contact Wayne Dunn**

### Deep Creek Working Bee

**25-27 October**

The second working bee weekend for the year at Deep Creek. Contact John to make sure enough campsites have been booked at the Trig campground.

**Contact John Day**



## Trip Planner

### Morgan

1-3 November

Now in its second decade!

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

**Contact: Dave & Helen Richards**



### Breakfast in the Park, 15 December

Our usual get-together in Rymill Park

**Contact: John Day**



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**Jeanene Schapel caught up with Life Member Janice Lamkin (NPC 84 ) before Christmas. Janice wishje club members a Happy New Year. Below, Phil Standley on snapped this picture of our sponsored Red-Tailed Black Cocka-too a recent visit to the Adelaide Zoo.**

## Remote Area First Aid

The next FWDSA facilitated Remote Area First Aid course will be held from 16 to 18 February at Belair National Park, at a cost of \$225.

As with the last course, attendance is restricted to 2 per club. There is a waiting list to make sure we capture name of those who could join this time around. **The URL for booking is <https://www.trybooking.com/CNQUM>**

## Ngarkat Conservation Park Interclub Working Bee

**23 & 24 March 2024**

Each year a group of volunteers from FWDSA affiliated clubs meet at the Ngarkat CP to undertake a number of tasks that have been developed in conjunction with the Senior Ranger,

This year the work to be undertaken is again generally on or near the one-way and two-way section of the Ngarkat CP Border Track and includes trail marking & clearing, fencing (repair, replacement or installation), fireplace & rubbish clean-up, track maintenance, signage, vegetation trimming and painting.

**For further information contact Peter Harper [peter\\_harper@bigpond.com](mailto:peter_harper@bigpond.com), 0410 526 317**





## Trip Report: Christmas in the Park



### Goondooloo Ridge where Club workers tackled the weeds

We had just over thirty members of the Nissan Patrol Club SA attend their inaugural "Breakfast in the Park" for our 35th Christmas breakup at the East end of Rymill Park by the rose bushes.

It was a perfect sunny morning sitting at about 24 degrees under the Elm Tre. It was fantastic to see a good attendance at this event including members we had not seen for a while. as it is our last one for the year.

As more members arrived the circle of chairs and tables grew larger. With decorations of Santa hats, Christmas Lights around, we knew Christmas is just around the corner.

Members bought their breakfast of Subway, coffee, and drinks. Nibbles were popular, fresh fruit, Christmas cake, slices, and Chocolates. Celebrating the Festive Season, we mingled and had a few photos taken. It was a lovely morning to be together.

We would like to wish all our club members and families a Happy New Year for 2024.

**Helen Richards NPC 364**





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Photos, video, details of upcoming trips and guest speakers

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