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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.

Signing off for one last time

ello Patrollers! It was pleasing to see so many entries for the photo completion in November. Thank you to Jeff Schapel for organising this, and Aileen and Rod Kitto for hosting the mystery location and getting the gift cards and chocolates. Well done to all winners.

We ran a day trip in October to Yankalilla for the Lions Yankalilla to Cape Jarvis charity run. All enjoyed the splendid views over the countryside and ocean as we travelled. Thank you to the seven members and four visitors who supported us.

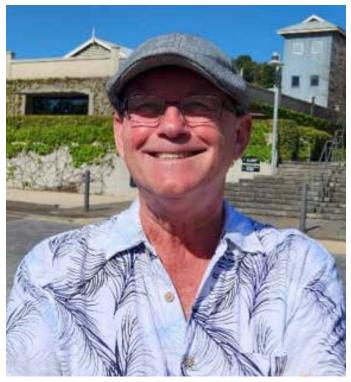
The Theatre Night, The Boy from Oz, in October was very well attended. Thank you again to Jeff Schapel for organising this and to Carmen Riddle for organising the coffee/cake after.

The Burra trip organised by Wayne & Dallas was well attended over the long weekend in October. This was a very interesting tour of the area and Clare, with a lovely pub dinner on the Friday night, pub lunch on Sunday and visit to Sevenhill winery.

Deep Creek was well supported. Thank you to Helen Richards for organising this with the ranger. It was unfortunate we could not support Helen for this, but as we have a dog we are unable to enter conservation parks with Polly.

Thank you to Helen Richards for initially organising Morgan. Due to ill health in the Richards' household, Maddie & I took over the running of the trip, which was well attended by both Club Members and Members of the Mitsubishi Club. Some enjoyed frolicking in the quarry whilst others either toured the area or visited a winery. The meal at the Terminus Hotel was well attended as always.

A reminder that there is no subscription this year due to the wind-up of the Club. If not already submitted, a gentle reminder that Membership Forms are due. You are required to be a Member to vote at the EGM in February on the Special Resolution to wind the Club up.



Unfortunately we will be away for the Committee Meeting on Monday 18 November, the AGM on Thursday 5 December at 7.30pm and our final event of the year, Breakfast in the Park, on Sunday 15 December due to my daughter getting married in the UK. I would, therefore, like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Happy Travels in 2025 and beyond and stay safe out there.

Signing off as Your Club President.

John Day NPC 407

From the Editor's Desk

Time to bid a sad but fond farewell

So here we are, the last magazine of the year – and nearly the last *Patrolling* of all time as we prepare to wind up the club in the early part of 2025.

But what a way to go out! With a near record number of trip reports and the winners of the annual photography competition, it is a bumper issue.

See the dertails of the rmeianing trips in s tore on page 7 – specially our Breakfast in the Park. Trip reports include Burra, page 9, Yankalilla to Cape Jervis, page 18, with some breathtaking shots of the green hills meeting the coast, the Deep Creek working bee, page 22 and this year's trip to Morgan, page 24.

There are three spreads of the winners and runners up of the

photography competition on pages 12 to 17 and a review of *The Boy from Oz*, the theatre night in October.

There will be a final magazine published in February which will cover Breakfast in the Park and provide an opportunity to publish any material looking back over the years of the club so if you would like to contribute to that, please get in touch. However, we have decided to make this issue, with its many trip reports and wonderful pictures, a full colour issue. We hope you enjoy it.

Finally, it has been an honour and a pleasure to work on the magazine for the club. Thanks for the memories!

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Breakfast in the Park, 15 December

Our usual get-together in Rymill Park

Contact: Rod Kitto



Douglas Scrub, Girl Guides complex, 7-10 March 2025

This trip is all about socialising, having fun, no driving once at the campsite, and generally relaxing. The cost for 3 nights is \$66 per caravan.

Friday 7 March - Happy Hour and BYO dinner at the campsite. After dinner a random quiz.

Saturday 8 March - various games during the morning, followed by BYO lunch. There will be a cooking competition of entrees for dinner. Afternoon is a chance to visit local wineries, towns, etc. whilst we set up for dinner. .

Sunday 12 March - games during the morning, a visit to a local winery for lunch and wine tasting, followed by

Happy Hour and BYO dinner at the campsite. After dinner we will hold another quiz.

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 Day

The gatekeepers

Not only did John and Maddie organise the club tour from Yankalilla to Cape Jervis on the tracks less-travelled, they kept the convoy moving by ensuring the many gates along the route were opened and closed as our vehicles passed. For that they were awarded a NOA at the November meeting.







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Patrollers gone bush in Burra



The magnificent deep red alluvial cliffs along Baldina Creek with unique fossil deposits of megafauna.

Burra 4-7 October

n Friday 4th October 2024 we set off to enjoy the Labor Day long weekend in Burra. We stopped briefly in Tarlee for a coffee before arriving in Burra mid afternoon.

The 10 vehicles arrived at different times during the afternoon and after settling in some wandered around the Paxton Square Precinct while others explored the town.

At 4:30pm we gathered in the camp kitchen for happy hour and Wayne gave a briefing on plans for the weekend. At 6:30pm we headed to the historic Bon Accord Hotel in north Burra for dinner.

This is an old country pub built in 1874 and it originally provided stabling for horse and trap. The publican has used antique furniture and fittings and even has a pianola with many, many piano rolls to enjoy.

Carman and Alan entertained with a short play! Around the walls of the bar were articles and information on the history of

the hotel. We had the dining room to ourselves, the menu was limited but the meals on the whole were good. We returned to the caravan park and retired for the night.

Next morning some took a short stroll across Burra Creek to look around the markets that were set up in Market Square in the centre of town.

Following this the 10 vehicles gathered in front of Paxton Square cottages at 10am to explore Burra and the surrounding area. Our first point of interest, along the Goyder highway on the outskirts of town, was a memorial to Thomas Pickett whose discovery of copper led to the opening of the Burra Burra Mine in 1845.

We then turned off the highway and headed along dry dusty roads through undulating grazing country until we turned into Red Banks Conservation Park. Here we explored the magnificent deep red alluvial cliffs along Baldina Creek. These stunning red cliffs with unique fossil deposits of megafauna were absolutely amazing.

From here we continued through private grazing properties and a couple of closed gates until we reached Caroona Creek Conser-



The historic Bon Accord Hotel in north Burra was built in 1874 and it originally provided stabling for horse and trap while below another shot of the cliffs along Baldina Creek



Trip Report: Burra, Cont'd

vation Park. We stopped at the big corrugated iron shed to enjoy our picnic lunch before continuing another 7km further into the park to Touralie Gorge. Here we left our cars and put on our walking shoes to take a stroll along a small scenic section of the Heysen Trail through the gorge.

This was an easy and very pretty walk. Following our walk we back tracked through the park until we came to the 4x4 exit track from the park. Along this section we saw many stumpy tailed lizards either sunning themselves on the track or scurrying into the bush on either side.

This track included a steep climb to witness beautiful views back over the Olary plains and then an interesting descent before we followed Dares Hill Summit Road tourist drive. We stopped at the summit of Mt Dare for more photos over the Olary Plains. Along this route we saw goats, sheep and kangaroos.

Our next stop was Sir Hubert Wilkin's Homestead. This is the restored isolated childhood home of Hubert Wilkins at Mount Bryan and the restoration was inspired by Dick Smith and supported with funds provided by Australian Geographic, National Trust and Regional Council of Goyder.

Sir Hubert Wilkins was born in 1888 and had an amazing life as a war correspondent and photographer, polar explorer, naturalist, geographer, climatologist and aviator. He lived 50 of his 70 years outside of Australia. We then visited the Mt Bryan East Old School and Church before joining the Barrier Highway back into Burra.

Unfortunately as we arrived back into Burra we had to stop as we had a rear flat tyre.

Thanks to Brian and Judy and John and Maddie for their support as we negotiated the intricacies of lowering and fitting the spare tyre on our new car. We arrived back at camp at 4:50pm and enjoyed happy hour as well as celebrations for Marie's birthday.

Following breakfast next morning we enjoyed a walk around the town before again meeting at 10am. Today we drove past the miner's dugouts along the Burra creek that were constructed between 1846 to 1851. Our next stop was to the lookout over the town.

Our drive then took us along good dirt roads past the new Goyder South wind farm onto Farrell Flat where we stopped to look at the beautiful silo art and have morning tea. The silo art at Farrell Flat is the 9th silo to join the South Australian silo art trail.

It was completed in November 2020 and depicts the last train to pass through this historic township.We continued onto the Seven Hills Hotel in Clare for lunch.

Following lunch we drove to Seven Hills Winery where we explored the grounds, Church and history trail while others indulged in wine tasting. We returned to the Burra caravan park and gathered for happy hour drinks and nibbles.

Monday morning we woke to a beautiful day, the strong wind of the past couple of days had subsided. We packed and said our goodbyes before heading home.

Thank you Wayne and Dallas for leading a wonderful weekend that was enjoyed by all who attended.

Rod and Aileen Kitto

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Historic buildings at the Seven Hills Winery

First Prize: "Dirty New Car", John Day

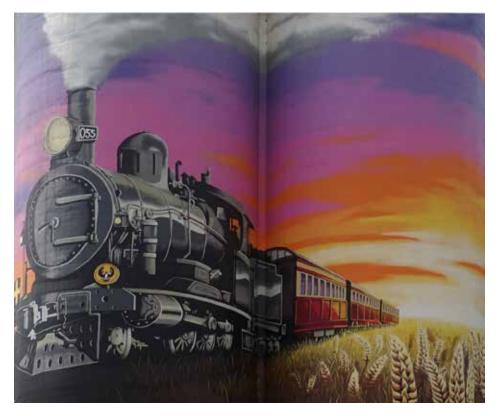




Equal Second Prize: "Oh no another RAA holiday",



Equal Second Prize: "Loco RX055



First Prize: "Red Sky at Night", Helen Richards Second Prize: "Moonrise", Aileen Kitto





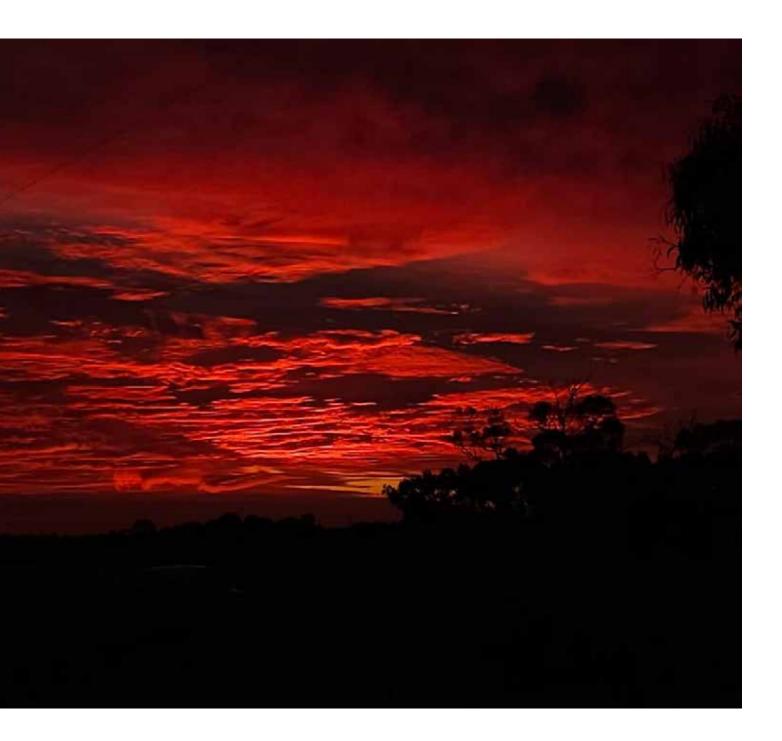


Photo Competition: Nature

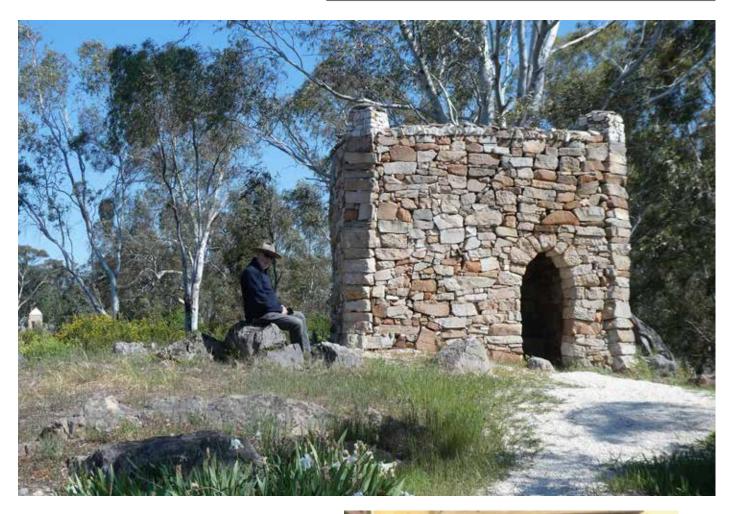


First Prize: "Redtailed Black Cockatoo", Helen Richards

Second Prize: "I was enjoying the serenity until you came along" Renee Garrett



Photo Competition: People



First Prize: "A gnome and his home", Michael Garrett

Second Prize: "Yep I did it all", Helen Richards



Trip Report: Yankalilla to Cape Jervis



Where the hills of the Fleurieu Peninsula meet Gulf St Vincent

The scenic route to Cape Jervis

Yankalilla Day Trip 13 October

fter an early morning departure for those of us who were not making a weekend of it, we arrived at the meeting point at Yankalilla Oval. As this was a shared trip with the Mitsubishi Club, there were many cars already lined up. 9 vehicles from our club were attending this day put on as a fundraiser by The Lions club in the area. They had gained permission from local landowners to gain access to their properties and tracks so not the usual drives the public can do.

After registering our club and being given a prepackaged slice of delicious Lion's fruit cake to enjoy later, our group set of last with 3 groups of Mitsubishi club members preceding us. We had Jim and Margaret leading us out. Jim is the president of the Lion's club.

We travelled along some public roads such as Chinamans, Bald Hills, Sampson Hill and Dairy Flat roads getting nice and dusty. Lots of rolling green covered hills to enjoy. Into The Torrens vale area which was once know as the 'Bread Bowl' od Adelaide. Carmel sighted a fox carrying its prey (rabbit) in its mouth. Others saw it too so it was not just her eagle eye seeing things. She did sight a lot of wildlife! Passed by "The Olives" which is a venue for weddings etc.

Stopped to lower tyre pressures after entering private property. John and Maddie had their work cut out for them as being Tail End Charlie, they had many gates to close. Luckily The Lolly Fairy rewarded them well! (good one Jeanene)

Had lovely views over Carrickalinga from on top of a hill. A view that is not usually seen. We could see the silos over on Kangaroo Island. Jim B decided to play cow pat footy. Watch out Jeff!! At least they were dry ones.

Morning tea stop on top of a flower covered hill with 360-degree views. Lots of Cape Tulips which are a problem but they did look pretty with their orange colouring. Slight cow aroma but we were getting used to that. A pop-up toilet tent was put up for those in need thanks to Jim and a helper or 2.

Continued along the ridge top for views of the coast and Wirrina.



An old gold mine site near the ruins of the miner's cottage. Below, the gang's all here

Had to be mindful of a herd of cows blocking the road. Apparently, there was 1 bull in the mob who looked very happy! Quite a few calves around.

Following along more tracks in 4WD we stopped at an old gold mine site after passing the ruins of the miner's cottage. Had a wander but no one stumbled over a nugget.

Into Second Valley for lunch under the huge pine trees. A group ahead of us were just finishing up with their lunch. Out came the pre made lunches and drinks and of course our camp chairs to sit on. The obligatory group photo taken at the end.

Headed off again up Shearing Shed Track and through gates into a sheep paddock.

Up a steep hill for lovely views over Rapid Bay. Weather had been perfect for us with some cloud to cut the glare. Good view of the quarry from up high.



Trip Report: Yankalilla to Cape Jervis Cont'd



Rapid Bay from the coastal track, above, while fellow travellers share the experience, below



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The convoy chooses a grassy spot for the morning tea line-up

Steep track down again and then onto Starfish hill to join a herd of cows enjoying the site of SA's first wind turbines. Jim gave us an interesting talk about these while the cows looked on at the 2 dogs brought along for the day. I think the cows thought that the dogs were calves of some description. Watch out Polly.

More views then stopped to inflate tyres back to normal before heading to the end point of our tour at Cape Jervis Lookout.

Here we said goodbye and thanks to our tour leader and to each other. Some were heading back home while others were going back to their vans at either Wirrina of Normanville Caravan Parks.

We had 20 people in our group with Jeff and Jeanene having their son and granddaughter with them. Actually, their granddaughter was the chauffer for the days drive so good on her.

Thank you to John and Maddie for organising this trip for us to enjoy. It was a great way to check out the area and see beautiful views usually hidden from us. Good to support The Lions Club as well.

Weekend extension. Wirrina Cove

Saturday afternoon Maddie, John, Carmen, Colin, Aileen and Rod met at Wirrina Cove and set up for a short two-night stay.

A pleasant afternoon was spent exploring this vast property that includes an oval and nearly 100 camping and caravan sites. The owners have invested in brand new toilets and showers which are excellent.

Late in the afternoon we noticed flathead and chips were on offer from the reception/kiosk area for \$12. Despite having taken our own food we indulged and enjoyed these excellent meals. During the afternoon there was a lot of activity, measuring and staking out sections of the park as next weekend they are hosting the 2024 Tom Quilty Gold Cup a 160km Equestrian Endurance Event.

Sunday, we met those staying at Normanville plus all who drove from Adelaide for the day at the Yankalilla Oval.

NPC 388 Aileen Kitto

NPC 182 Renee Garrett

Work and some play at Deep Creek

Deep Creek 26 October

The Nissan Patrol Club of SA held its second working bee for 2024. Brian and Judy, Jeff and Jeanene arrived Friday while Mariki, Bill, Dave and I arrived at Trig Campground early Saturday morning.

We had noticed the park was a lot greener. The kangaroos were quite friendly. Even posed for a photo. Magpies were everywhere. T

here were a lot of new signage posts and signs with maps giving directions for walkers, hikers, and general public. The tracks have been maintained by cutting back the foliage for easy access into camping sites for larger vans as well as tents. There were quite a few people staying in the park.

At 10am we made our way over to Gate 7 which was 150 metres south from the Goondooloo Ridge Picnic Area to meet up with Simon the Park Ranger.

After a brief talk that included an insight into the revegetation process there was a safety briefing, (including the correct method of cut and dab). Simon also provided equipment, loppers, gloves, and poison. Most of us had bought some of our own equipment from home.

Our task for this weekend was to help eradicate the Apple of Soddom and Cotton Bush within the revegetated area. Most of



The working party gets down to business. Our task was to help eradicate the Apple of Soddom and Cotton Bush.



the Apple of Soddom has gone and there is a lot of Cotton Bush abundant. Simon took us into this locked area where we parked up. We divided into 4 groups of 2.

One member would cut either using loppers, saws or secateurs and the other dab with poison. I must admit, I was teamed up with Mariki. Well, Mariki cut and dabbed, and I gabbed. However, I was able to dab a few weeds.

Soon it was lunch time, so we made our way to a new picnic bench and table which has been provided for hikers who are walking on the Heysen Trail.

There are massive areas covered in Cotton Bush up this way. So much more than back in May.

Deep Creek Working Bee Cont'd

We had a beautiful panoramic view overlooking the Pages Islands, although a little windy. After a delicious lunch it was time to head back, passing 3 women hikers, and resumed cutting and dabbing. After a couple of hours, it was decided to head back to Trig Campground where we enjoyed Happy Hour. Simon returned to the campsite and collected paperwork and the equipment we had borrowed for the day. Mariki, Bill Dave and I headed back home, while Brian, Judy, Jeff, and Jeanene stayed another night.

Simon was as usual incredibly pleased with our efforts and is grateful for the work the Nissan Patrol Club do. He is keen to continue these volunteer weekends as we are making a difference.

Thank You to all who volunteered this weekend.

Helen Richards NPC 364







Morgan madness and wine too

Morgan 1-3 November

We had a great weekend at Morgan, The Nissan Patrol had 21 people attend, that was six visitors and 15 members. We were joined by the Mitsubishi that had 16 members at the caravan park.

We had four members who stayed at the caravan park, three groups of members went to the gorge with the Mitsubishi group while 10 of us went on a wine and wetlands tour at the Burke Winery.

At the winery we went for a ride in the 1972 Chevrolet truck, with a guy named George. George gave us lots of information about the vineyards, avocados that he grows, the wetlands regrowth and the history of the Murray. We went on the truck for an hour and 15 minuets then went back to the winery and had cheese platters and wine tasting. Once we left there we went to the Blanchetown pub for lunch, then we went back to Morgan to catch the ferry to the caravan park.

We got back to to get ready to go to the pub for dinner at the Terminus hotel, we sat outside with out dogs.

We went back to the caravan park and had a great catch up with the Mitsubishi and Nissan Patrol members.

On Sunday we had a leisurely breakfast and then a few of the members went to the quarry the rest of us packed up ready to go home. We had a great weekend away and the following pages of pictures tell the story!

Carmen Riddle NPC 420



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Everything old is new again



Members of the Nissan Patrol Club SA and friends attended the Metropolitan Arts Theatre production of the BOY from OZ on Friday the 18th of October 2024.

This is a musical biography/tribute to the late, great Peter Allen, The Boy from Oz tells his dazzling, funny and heartbreaking story, from humble beginnings growing up in the Australian outback through a historical rise to fame and international stardom. Peter Allen became a superstar in the 1980s, best known for hits like "I Honestly Love You," "I Go to Rio" and for winning the Academy Award for the theme song from the film Arthur, as well as having been discovered by Judy Garland, marrying her daughter, Liza Minnelli, and his record-breaking runs at Radio City Music Hall.

It was a brilliant show with Peter Allen capturing the audience with his one liners. The costumes were brilliant, the singing was excellent and Peter himself from past to present and back again. The whole cast can be commended on a wonderful performance.

Helen Richards NPC 364





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