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## *Werrimul Hotel with Andrew and Trish Eerden*

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At 8.30am on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of March people driving past the Paringa Silos would have seen 33 members and friends of the Riverland 4WD Club standing in the rain, “getting soaking wet”. Present in the damp crowd were the Schobers, Wilkschs, Gatehouses, Nick & Linda, Lester & Helen, Phill & Alison, Ron Wingate, John Sweet, Ern Campbell, the Pfenigs, the Bradtkes, the Dawes, the Petersons, the Jones’s with Neil Jacka and Alec, Trevor & Chris with Trevor’s sister Cheryl and last but not least the Eerden family.

After a few words from trip leader Andrew E. we scurried to the shelter of the vehicles and set off on our day trip to Werrimull. After turning onto the Lindsay Point Road we were relieved to see the horizon was clear and bright.

Once we hit the gravel road Andrew E was heard to say that



“Loxton’s Folly”

the shower of rain that he had ordered had settled the dust very nicely!!! (and as 9<sup>th</sup> car of 14 in the convoy we agreed.)

However before long the road turned into a

squishy, sticky ribbon of grey clay until Lindsay Island where it seemed that it hadn’t rained so much and we soldiered on. We all pulled up to check out the Mularoo



### Meeting Dates

#### Committee

- 7.30pm on Tues  
May 4 @  
Gatehouse’s

#### General Meeting

- 7.30pm on Tues  
May 11 @ the  
Loxton Club

## Committee

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### *From the President*

Greetings – just back from Rock The Mount at Melrose – what a great trip – led by the Wesley's, we started out with 6 vehicles and caravans/campers from Glossop and picked up another car at Morgan. Fantastic setting at the showground's under Mount Remarkable, very enjoyable entertainment at the concert on Saturday and great company throughout the weekend. Some members ventured to other areas come Sunday with 3 vehicles making it back to Berri Sunday afternoon. Thanks Judy and Grant for leading and organising the trip.

The trip led by Sadie and Glenn Pascoe to Broken Hill and surrounds was also held recently with good reports from those who attended – looking forward to hearing the full run down - where they went and what happened – along with the fines of course. Thanks Sadie and Glenn.

The Committee held an event planning meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April and it was pleasing to re-

ceive lots of suggestions from members. We have put together an interesting calendar for the next 6 months – some new areas to visit and different events on offer.

The April meeting at the Monash Club was well attended. Following the meeting, Mike Johnson from the Monash CFS presented a DVD on the Port Lincoln fires a couple of years ago – it really brought home the message of being bush fire prepared no matter where you live.

It really is time to start thinking of the year ahead in relation to the formation of your 2010/2011 Committee. We will have four vacancies at the AGM in June, including the Newsletter Editor. As previously stated in my report and at meetings, it is important that we find an Editor – without a Club Newsletter, how will you receive the Minutes, how will you know what trips are planned, how will you know what is going on in your Club? Trish Eerden is going away in July and

needs to train the incoming Editor – if you can help, please contact Trish or myself for further information on what is involved.

The next general meeting will be at the Loxton Club on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May – starting time will be 7.30 p.m. with a guest speaker, but feel free to get along early and have tea.

Until then – cheers.

Steve Scholefield

Steve Scholefield, President



### *Werrimul (cont)* *with Andrew and Trish Eerden*

Creek, flowing with renewed vigour thanks to the Darling water coming down. The Mularoo is renowned as the best Murray Cod breeding area in Victoria. Phill said that you can almost certainly catch one here in the season. One of the anomalies in river fishing is that for some time now fishers in SA have not been able to take cod, but just across the border in Victoria it's

OK.

After slipping and sliding along in the rain for a short time common sense prevailed and we turned around to go back to the main track. HOWEVER very soon after most of the convoy came to a halt as we watched Ron make a valiant effort to cross a creek in his Subaru Forester. With a few directions from the old hands Ron roared on through BUT

## Werrimull Hotel (cont)

then it was Trevor's turn and it was a very different story. With his two lovely ladies on board he became well and truly stuck. He then suffered the ignominy of his nearly new Pajero being towed out backwards from the mud by Neville (Nifty) who was sporting the pair of blockie gumboots that he just happened to be carrying. However many hands then came to the rescue and some logs (more hindrance than help) were removed from the creek bank and a convenient heap of rocks heaved into the mire for traction.

Once the Loxton Pajero was through, the rest of us followed without any further drama. As we were leaving the creek Phill suggested that it should be re-named "Loxton's Folly".

By the time we drove off we all wished that we had had a pair of gumboots tucked away, as our foot wear was elevated a couple of inches by the sticky clay. Phill was particularly distraught as his

RM Williams suede boots (first time out of the box) had copped a fair bit of mud and Jenny's Doc Martins with deep treads had helped her grow quite a bit taller.

Once we were clear of the river we high-tailed it to the highway – high and dry. The sun even started peeping through and before we knew it we were at the Werrimull Pub.

The Pub did a great job with the lunches, serving all 33 of us without fuss. Although the serves were very generous quite a few members had room to indulge in the Violet Crumble Chocolate Cake. There were many oohs and ahs as, apparently, it was as delicious as it looked.

After lunch we emerged into brilliant sunshine and set out to the southern part of the Sunset National Park. We seemed to be travelling so far west that I felt we would end up in Western Australia (!! ) but our destination was "The Crater" not too far from

the SA border.

After a quick look over it and another cuppa, Andrew bid us farewell and we in turn thanked him for arranging a very pleasant day with, thanks to the weather, a bit of unexpected four wheel driving thrown in. As we set off for home in several different directions, there were many comments over the radios reflecting on the day that we had all enjoyed.

Helen Hall



### Broken Hill and Surrounds



Dead Horse Lake



Vista at Horseshoe

## *Broken Hill and Surrounds* *with Glenn and Sadie Pascoe*

### **Friday April 2: Glenn**

At 8am Glenn & Sadie, Rob & Judith, Trev & Chris, Peter & Pat, Rod & Sue, Ken & Maude, Neil & Alex along with Glenn's friends from Adelaide Derek and Di gathered at Stonehenge near Renmark to head off on a ten day trip up and around Broken Hill. The trip through to Denian was pretty easy with only the occasional dust problem, Derek and Di left us and headed for Broken Hill at the turnoff and we travelled the extra 30k's and found a good campsite at Denian; at around midnight another couple of Glenn's friends from the Murray Bridge Club joined us for the remainder of the trip.

### **Saturday 3 April. Judith**

We had camped overnight at Denian and were joined during the night by Peter and Leslie (from the Murray Bridge Club). The morning started in a leisurely manner as we did not have to be ready until 9.30am. We set off for some sand driving in the hills behind our camp. It started off with some fairly easy hills but we soon found some which were challenging. After coming down a particularly steep hill, Glenn challenged drivers to drive back up. Some were not prepared to try but others insisted on testing out their vehicles. Most made it only a third



Sand hills at Denian

to half the way up. The Nissan (driven by Jones) showed everyone up by almost reaching the top.

We continued driving around the dunes and then headed for a drive around Dead Horse Lake. The lake was empty but the area had obviously benefited from the recent rain as it was very green. We stopped for lunch near the northern end of the lake and then we headed across the top of the lake. We noticed that the lake was full of roly poly bushes which we thought would make an interesting sight when they all dried off and started to blow across the country side. There were some interesting cars which had been abandoned on the eastern side of the lake which brought back some memories for a few older members. After a few more sand hills we headed back to camp. We had a lazy afternoon where some took the opportunity to read and others to have a quiet drink and a chat. The

evening remained fairly warm and we eventually lit a campfire to cook our meal. Relaxing and talking was the order of the evening.

### **Sunday April 4 : Trevor**

We did not intend travelling too far on the day so a late start was the go - from Dead Horse Lake on Denian Station across low country as rough as guts - the first 20k's took 1.5 hours. Wild life and bird numbers improved. Peter appointed Neil as chief goat counter and head trip stockman and he did it well.

We travelled a total of 60k for the day and set up camp on Viewmont Station on the banks of the Darling (with lots of water in it). Ken & Rod promised us a feed of yabbies but let us down badly - but we had roasts with the trimmings and that was a good compromise. Another top camp site.

### **Monday April 5: Maude**

We left camp in sunny fine weather at 9.30am and headed to Menindee. Some of us topped up with fuel and had a pit stop. We then went to the Menindee Weir System; very little water going over the main weir into the Darling. Most of the water we later found was going into filling the Menindee Town Lake.

We also stopped and looked at Bourke and Wills campsite, here Neil and Alec left us due to work on the Tuesday. We had a barby lunch near the regulator that was filling the lake then returned to Menindee for water and an ice cream. On the way back to camp we picked up some yabby bait and when we arrived Rod & Ken went out and put in some nets; later that night Rod & Ken checked the nets and found a measly 7 yabbies.

Some wire got caught under the vehicle and Ken climbed under to clear it and then found he was covered with prickles which Rod had to pull out. Finally Rod cooked the yabbies and ate them, then off to bed around 10.30pm

### **Tuesday April 6: Sue**

This morning we awoke to ominous rumbles of thunder but had plenty of time to pack up our camp alongside the Darling River and head off towards Menindee before it started raining. The wet road gave

## *Broken Hill and Surrounds (cont)* *with Glenn and Sadie Pascoe*

us a few thrills with some slipping and sliding.

We travelled onto Broken Hill which was dry but windy. After stocking up on food and fuel some of the group went onto Nine Mile Station to camp where they enjoyed a peaceful evening while others stayed in a Broken Hill caravan park, going out to dinner at the Musicians club after Pat talked the club into sending out a courtesy bus.

Earlier in the afternoon Ken did his good deed for the day by jump-starting a stranded Holden ute but unfortunately it caused a blown fuse so he had to get another so his fridge would work.

### **Wednesday April 7: Pat**

On leaving Broken Hill there were huge swarms of Locust; we headed out on the Packsaddle road and turned off at Poolamacca and had morning tea at Torrowingee, an abandoned quarry. We travelled on further into Poolamacca looking for a camp site and found one at lunch time; this area is very sparse and rugged with almost a lunar landscape. We did extremely well as most people were towing camper trailers and large washaways and steep rugged crossings were a real challenge; no wonder this is where the 4x4 challenges are held. After setting up

camp (lovers paradise) we went further into this unforgiving land and arrived at an abandoned mine, no wonder this is abandoned considering the country side. We had a huge hill climb which was a real challenge, everyone did very well then onto the water challenge; no one attempted this one and we returned back to camp for a well earned happy hour and after tea lots of stories were exchanged about our challenges for the day. Every one retired to bed early... "no wonder".

### **Thursday April 8: Sadie**

10am start and right into the rough and rocky hills. Trevor Loxton and Chris in a normal clearance Pajero with some guidance had no troubles navigating the rocky terrain, as did all other members of our group. Dozens of goats were spotted along our journey into and up over the ridge lines of Barrier Range. The flies were also incredibly friendly and seemed to be on the same trip as we were. Pleasantly warm and sunny days allowed for clear views of the dry and thirsty surrounding hills and valleys along our trek. During the day Rod Bradtke let temptation get the better of him and successfully climbed a challenging and steep hillside with wife Sue riding as passenger with white knuckle



fever. We explored Umberumberka Reservoir and had lunch there before stopping in at Silverton for a look around

### **Friday April 9: Trevor**

Having camped at the Penrose Park - with all attending all polished and shiny (showers were appreciated) we said goodbye to Peter and Les and headed back to Broken Hill for fuel and minor shopping. It rained quite heavily on the way to Cockburn so we had coffee at the pub. We had lunch near Olary and the rain had stopped.

We heard of heavy rains all round (like Roxby 80 mls.) and a lot of roads were closed. We headed for Orroroo and surprisingly found that pretty dry. Glenn chose another good campsite - the rain went away, and we had roasts again. I noticed a couple of our crew using some liquid gear to help keep the cold out.

Another great day and top night!

### **Saturday April 10: Rob**

### **"aka" Judith**

We left our campsite at 9.00 and headed towards Mockra in the Horseshoe Ranges. We travelled through Orroroo and found a bakery where many of us took the opportunity to purchase some 'nourishing' food. We had morning tea on a side road and then continued on through Carrieton to Mockra where we set up camp and had lunch. We were very impressed by the long drop toilet which was probably the best we've ever seen. After lunch we met the owners of the Horseshoe Range 4WD Track and commenced our drive around the property. The first half of the drive was relatively easy with only one hill climb. We had great views of the Flinders Ranges and could see the silos of Wilmington and Booleroo Centre in the distance. The second half of the track was more challenging with a hill climb up Mt Stokes. We had an encounter with three motor cyclists who were attempt-



## EVENTS CALENDAR



Note: new trips are highlighted in **bold**

DATE 2009	EVENT	TRIP LEADER
<b>May</b>		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Karte, Peebinga CP</b>	<b>Brenton Schrapel</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	Committee meeting	Andrew Gatehouse
11 <sup>th</sup>	General meeting	Loxton
16 <sup>th</sup>	Meringur Museum	Paul & Rosie Pfennig
29 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	Calperum / Winack	Phil and Alison
<b>June</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Committee meeting	Steve Scholefield
8 <sup>th</sup>	AGM	Berri
12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lake Mungo	Steve and Anita Scholefield
<b>July</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Committee meeting	TBA
10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting / Irish new year	Steve and Anita Scholefield
18 <sup>th</sup>	Galga / East Murray	Neil Jacka
<b>August</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	PS Industry	Graham and Joy Stoeckel
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Committee meeting	TBA
10 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Lock 8	Rob Howie
<b>September</b>		
7 <sup>th</sup>	Committee meeting	TBA
11 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Gurra Campout	Andrew & Tracy Gatehouse
25 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Clarence Ranges (Murrayville)	Grant & Judy Westley
<b>October</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Morgan and North	Neville and Barbara Dawe
5 <sup>th</sup>	Committee meeting	
12 <sup>th</sup>	General meeting	
16 – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Canoeing	Brenton and Janet Beal
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	Port Vincent fishing trip	Phil and Julie Turpin

ing to do the track and watched them fall off several times on a very steep hill climb. The hill climb was very challenging as it was very rocky and very steep. Each vehicle chugged up very slowly and those with low clearance were very proud of their achievements once they made it to the top.

We headed back to camp and had our final happy hour. Around the campfire that night we all talked about our highlights of the trip. It was great to hear about the challenges, the growing confidence of some of the drivers, the camaraderie and the great times we had.

### Sunday April 11: **Rod**

Leaving Horse-shoe Range, we back-tracked to Peterborough, looking at the old Hammond cemetery on the way and then stopping for lunch at Peterborough, at friends of Glenn & Sadie's, Willem & Judith Kempen. Judith is an artist, so

showed us through their house and studio and some of her artwork.

Leaving Peterborough we took the scenic route from Terowie to Burra via Ketchowla ruins.

Thanks to Glenn & Sadie for a well researched, very interesting, relaxed and very enjoyable trip away.

## *Redback Ad*

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# 4WD Matters

South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Incorporated ABN 24 036 898 953 - www.saafwdc.asn.au



The FWDSA Back To Burra weekend for the Annual General Meeting was a successful repeat of last year's event.

Nearly 100 club members resplendent in their club colours enjoyed the Saturday activities. Following the morning tea and AGM in the historic Burra Town Hall, there was a barbecue lunch on the banks of the Burra Creek.

Many then joined the Range Rover Discovery Club Tag-a-long tours to various points north of Burra, including Dares Hill and Wilkins Homestead.

Caravans and Campervans from all over the state had made

the Burra Showgrounds their home base for the weekend of 26-28th 2010.

On Saturday night 80 enjoyed the AGM Dinner in the Burra Town Hall followed by the Quiz Night. During the evening trophy presentations, and drawing of various raffles occurred - see the adjacent list.

The Riverland Club showed its true colours for the second year running by winning the bulk of raffle prizes - as the icing on the cake one of their teams won the "wooden spoon" at the Quiz Night (Must be some justice there?? Ed.)

#### Our thanks go to

- Alison and Ian Kinlough (Northern 4WD Club) for organising the weekend (with the support of FWDSA Treasurer John Newman and President Lee Smith).
- Range Rover Discovery Club for organising the Tag-a-long Tours, Bob Harding and Di Newman and many others for help at the Town Hall.
- Peter Kittle Toyota and ARB 4X4 Accessories for their sponsorships
- Burra organisations for their assistance: the Golf Club, Dog Obedience Club, Town Hall Society, Showgrounds Committee, Visitor Centre, and McPhees Butchers.
- Everyone else for rolling up

Best wishes to the Toyota Club in organising the 2011 AGM

#### TROPHY WINNERS - Concourse D'Elegance

- Cleanest Car** - Michael Bull (???? Club)
  - Dirtiest Car** - Tim Lawton (Range Rover Discovery Club)
  - Prettiest Car** - John Newman (Central Hills Club)
  - Most External Accessories** - Ike Andrews (Eyre Peninsula Club)
  - Longest Distance Driven by a Woman** - Sandy Andrews (Eyre Peninsula Club)
  - Longest Distance Driven by a Man** - Jim Pallant (Eyre Peninsula Club)
  - Biggest Club Attendance** - Nissan Club
- MAJOR RAFFLE PRIZEWINNERS**
- ARB Compressor** - Robert Brittain (Nissan Club)
  - ARB Car Awning** - Steve Scholefield (Riverland club)

#### Access -THE Word for 2010

A majority at the AGM voted access as a major aspect of FWDSA activity. Put simply access is the availability of information and 4 Wheel Driving permission on publically owned land.

Increasingly, special interest groups and Local, State and Federal government agencies are using the smallest of scientific or social reasoning and sometimes downright doubtful information to deny us access to areas we legally have a right to drive on. Put simply they want the areas to themselves

and don't want us there.

What to do? For too long now some clubs and their members are not taking ownership of problem areas and representing our chosen activity to authorities who will listen so long as we are prepared to speak up.

Unfortunately those who have represented us for many years are retiring and replacements are needed. If you are happy to "pay for your 4 Wheel Driving" and are happy for the "selfish" parts of our society to deny us our rights then do nothing.

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## Trip Information



### Karte and Peebinga CP 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Leader: Brenton Schrapel Phone: 85821051

Meet at Loxton Club at 7am, Travel to Karte and Peebinga conservation parks for a look around and some sand driving, please bring lunch and smoko as well as compressor. Approx 200kms.

### Meringur Museum 16<sup>th</sup> May

Leaders: Paul and Rosie Pfennig

Meet at Paringa silos at 9.00am, travel to the Meringur Museum via Sturt Highway, arrive at museum for morning tea, gold coin donation to enter museum. BYO BBQ lunch— coin operated BBQ on site. After lunch visit the things that everyone but you found. Head home via different route. Approx 200kms

### Calperum / Winack 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May

Leaders: Phil Haines and Alison Smith

Meet at Stonehenge at 7.30am, travel to Winack, set up camp then some easy work picking up old wire and a general clean up. The usual happy hour and hopefully some roast goat for tea (Winack fresh). A drive around the property on Sunday. BYO everything. Approx 200kms



### Mungo National Park 12<sup>th</sup> June – 14<sup>th</sup> June

Leaders: Steve & Anita Scholefield, 8 vehicle limit

We will travel via the highway, through Mildura to the Park. Drive tour of park, nature walks. Happy hour etc. \$5 per Adult / night. \$3 / child / night. Firewood \$5 for 25 litre bin. Travel home will be via the Top Hut Road, Wentworth to Pooncarie Road, Lake Victoria area and Calperum. Camper trailers, Caravans OK. Approx 700kms

### Holland's Irish New Year July 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

Leaders: Steve & Anita Scholefield

Arrive Saturday afternoon for happy hour, theme for the evening is "Irish New Year" BYO everything; toilet and large hotplate supplied.

The July General meeting will be held on the Sunday @ 11.00am followed by a BBQ lunch. Meat will be supplied by the club.



### Galga / East Murray 18<sup>th</sup> July

Leader: Neil Jacka

Meet at the Loxton Club at 8.30am travel to Galga / East Murray area looking at places of interest, lunch will be cooked and supplied by East Murray footy club (approx. \$15 per head) all proceeds to go to the footy club. More details next month.

## Riverland 4WD Club

*If you would like to list any "Buy or sell" notices please email to me by the 19th of each month or pass any written notices to me at any general meetings. They will be included as space permits. Thanks, Trish.*

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