



Voice of the Toyota LandCruiser Club of Australia (SA) Inc

June 2024

Next General Meetings:

Monday
24th June, 2024

Monday
22nd July 2024

LandCruising Australia Wide

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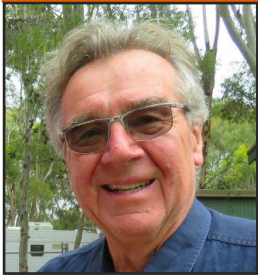
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from your President

Hello Members,
I wish to thank all members who came to our AGM. It is very satisfying to see such a level of commitment from members. I also thank members for the support they have given me as President, not only at this AGM but throughout the last 2 years. I will endeavour to manage TLCCSA for our members benefit for this year as well.

Thanks are also given to those members who nominated for Committee and Office-bearers positions this year. It was nice to see that all existing Office-bearers re-nominate. Thank you all.

We have a new Property Officer in Larry Coaker and a new (sharing) Environment Officer in Ian Frost, who is supporting Michael Polacek this year by sharing this role. Edmund Morries has joined Larry Coaker as our second delegate to 4WDSA. I welcome these members to the Committee.

Activities continue unabated. The Nilpena Fossil tour is a must for all, showing the discovery of the Ediacaran biota and a new geological time from 635 million years ago. Arkaroola cactus hunting was quite different to Gum Creek and Moolooloo, with the Jumping Cholla being a formidable foe requiring special handling. Further service activities are planned so book using TryBooking and enjoy these unique activities. I remind members that it is now a requirement to have done a session at Peake and Morgan before tackling any trip rated as Moderate or higher.

Changes to the Constitution were ratified at the May General meeting and are shown below in red:

Paragraph 4.2

Membership of The Club shall be open to any person or persons interested in the furtherance of the objects of The Club, provided that the representation of Toyota Landcruiser and other Toyota 4WD vehicle owners is at least two-thirds of the current membership and that the current membership does not exceed (300) 400, but such limitations shall exclude:-

- Life Members
- Honorary Members
- Persons previously dependents of financial members
- Persons who are financial members of any Toyota Landcruiser Club, accepted in accordance with 4.9
- Interstate and overseas members
- Temporary Members (see Section 4.12)

Paragraph 4.12

Temporary Members. A temporary member is a person who has:

- Agreed to abide by the club's rules and reasonable directions
- Signed a waiver in the same form as full financial members
- Paid the Temporary Membership Fee, as determined by the Committee from time to time.
- Met any other requirements that the club may impose such as limited type or number of trips or for a defined period.

The Committee is working on the administration of what temporary membership looks like, and I will keep you informed.

Safe Travels,

Vlad Humeniuk
TLCCSA President



The **24th June 2024 General Meeting** will be held at ~ **West Adelaide Football Club**
57 Milner Rd, Richmond.

Open at 6.45pm. It is important that you book your spot - use booking code. <https://www.trybooking.com/CNURR>

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Next General Meeting:

24th June 2024, 7.30pm,
West Adelaide Football Club.
Including Annual General Meeting

Trip Reports:

Larry Coaker - Googs Track

Guest Speaker:

Vince Puttrezelia - Battery World

Newsletter Articles Deadline: Friday 5th July 2024

Please ensure submissions are lodged prior to the deadline to support the newsletter timelines. Please send articles and separate original photos to:

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and remember to **include the names** of members when submitting photos.

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- There has been or there is now pending any claim against any Director or Officer in their capacity as either Director or Officer of this club or any other organization.
- Any Director or Officer has ever been subject to disciplinary action, been fined or penalised or been subject to an enquiry in their capacity as a Director or Officer of the club or any other association.
- You have any knowledge or information of any incident, act, error or omission that may give rise to a claim of the type as would be covered by the policy,

Welcome!

The club would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new member for the month of June 2024.

- William Hannam from Ascot Park
- Jack Kayias & Carly Moore from Seaton
- Griff Weste from Aldgate

May your membership to the club be a long and memorable one.

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club yearly calendar - 2024 / 25

June 2024

- Fri 7th - Mon 10th** ~ Bendleby Ranges
Sun 16th - Sun 23rd ~ Moolooloo Cactus Cull
Fri 21st - Mon 24th ~ Big Desert and Murray Sunset National Parks
Sun 23rd - Sun 30th ~ Gum Creek Cactus Cull (cancelled)
Mon 24th ~ General Meeting, WAFC
Sat 29th - Sun 30th ~ Peake Sand Driving

July 2024

- Sun 7th - Fri 2nd Aug** ~ Dinosaur Trip - Queensland
Fri 12th - Sun 14th ~ Christmas in July - Wilmington
Mon 22nd ~ General Meeting, WAFC
Sat 27th ~ Ten Pin Bowls, Zone Bowling Centre

August 2024

- Thurs 1st - Sun 2nd Sept** ~ Canning Stock Route
Sat 24th - Sun 25th ~ 4WD Theory
Mon 26th ~ General Meeting, WAFC
Wed 28th ~ Indoor Golf - Mosaic Hotel

September 2024

- Fri 6th - Sat 14th** ~ Wyperfeld, Murray-Sunset & Grampians
Sat 7th - Sun 8th ~ Peake Sand Driving
Mon 23rd ~ General Meeting, WAFC
Sat 29th ~ GPS (Theory & Practical)

October 2024

- Sat 12th - Sun 13th** ~ Morgan (Ascent - Descent)
Sat 12th ~ Lions Yankalilla Fleurieu Peninsula Run
Sun 27th ~ Trip Planning
Mon 28th ~ General Meeting, WAFC
Thurs 31st ~ Port Adelaide Heritage Tour

November 2024

- Sat 2nd** ~ Basic Wheel Change and Pre-departure
Sat 23rd - Sun 24th ~ Christmas Party - Pt Elliot
Mon 25th ~ General Meeting, WAFC

January 2025

- Fri 24th - Tues 28th** ~ Beachport
Mon 27th ~ General Meeting, WAFC

More Trips ? - "You can help" Know of a place you'd like to visit & would like to share it with us? Think about it and let us know. If you're not able to be the trip leader for your suggestion, then the Committee will seek some one who may be willing to do so. So have a think about it and let us know about a weekend or long weekend trip.

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trip ratings

SCENIC: Bitumen & dirt roads, limited 4wding, lookouts, flora and fauna of the local area, other points of interest.

EASY: Mainly off bitumen on formed tracks, some 4wding, no steep inclines or declines.

MODERATE: Bush terrain, beach terrain, some inclines or side slopes, soft sand or mud areas, easy creek crossings.

HARD: Rough terrain, steep inclines, steep side slopes, rough creek crossings, possible towing and/or snatching.

DIFFICULT: Very rough terrain, very steep inclines, steep side slopes, slippery conditions, difficult creek crossings, some towing, snatching and or winching.

CLUB PROPERTY

To those valiant members who put their name forward to be a Trip Leader for remote areas may I please ask that when submitting your trip application form you email me your considered emergency equipment requirements, i.e. defibrillator/first aid kit etc.

We only have a limited number of items to loan out and if I have advance notice of requirements I can allocate and plan accordingly based on priority of use not first in best dressed.

Larry Coaker 0419230036
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events calendar

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1. Old Ghan Railway Line Pt Augusta - NT Border EOI

Date: (The precise dates are TBA)

Leader/s: TBA.

Convoy: (19 vehicles booked)

Comment: This trip is to assist the Outback Communities Authority with the installation of new interpretive signage at towns & significant locations along the Old Ghan Railway Heritage trail to Perdika. There are 32 signs to be erected, at points of interest. We expect to be able to drive to the various locations and erect the signs as part of a new Heritage trail project. Suitable for Off Road van or trailer & tents.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CNWTW>

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2. Moolooloo Cactus Cull

Date: 16 June - 23 June 2024

Leaders: Michael Polacek

Rating: Moderate

Convoy: 19 people. (16 booked)

Rating: Scenic and moderate. Tracks accessing cactus areas and the trip on the rest day will be moderate.

Moolooloo Station is 25 km north of Blinman. This working bee is for 1 week of culling, identifying and recording wheel cactus eradication efforts.

There are fabulous shearers quarters with toilets and showers. Vans and camper vans can be accommodated if necessary as there is plenty of room.

The station has some fantastic drives and a history to be explored.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CMPPF>

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3. Exploring Big Desert & Murray Sunset National Parks

Date: Fri 21st - Mon 24th June 2024

Leader: Craig Marchant

Convoy: 5 Vehicles (2 booked)

Rating: Moderate to Hard. Maintained dirt roads, unmaintained desert tracks, steep and soft sand dunes.

Details: Day 1 - Pinnaroo. South on the border track. Camp eastern side of N.P.

Day 2 - Milmed Rock Track to Big Dune. Camp around Big Dune or north into Murray Sunset N.P.

Day 3 - Sunset and Pheneys Track. Camp northern end of N.P.

Day 4 - Traverse Border Track. Visit old shearers quarters and Aboriginal rock holes. Continue south to Pinnaroo for afternoon departure back to Adelaide.

Recovery gear plus either a winch or 4 traction boards. 1 Full Size spare plus tyre repair kit. Please bring evidence of Basic 4WD experience especially sand driver training at either Peake or equivalent .

Vehicle Pass required for Ngarkat National Park

<https://www.trybooking.com/CRDWW>

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(Cancelled)

4. Gum Creek Cactus Cull

Date: Sun 23 – Sun 30 June 2024

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5. Dinosaur Trail

Date: Sun 7 July – 2 August 2024

Where: Outback Queensland around Longreach, Winton, Eromanga, Mt Isa

Leader: Carola Sanders / Allan McIntyre

Convoy: 7 vehicles (9 booked)

Rating: scenic / easy

Cost: Your own camping fees and entry fees to museums and exhibits

Comment

This trip is a scenic trip to see the dinosaur fossils at Eromanga Natural History Museum, Winton Age of Dinosaurs Museum and the Dinosaur Stampede at Lake Quarry Conservation Park. We will also visit other places like the Stockman's Hall of Fame, QANTAS museum, RFDS Visitor Centre and several other attractions. Visits to museums and exhibits are voluntary, alternatively you

may choose to explore other parts of the towns.

The distance we will cover on this trip is around 4,000 km

Most of the camping is planned to be in caravan parks with some bush camping on the way up and back.

On the way up we will travel the Strzelecki Track then into Queensland and the Burke and Wills Dig Tree. The return route is not planned at this time.

Although we will mainly be travelling on made roads, some of the gravel roads can be hard on tyres so it is essential to carry tyre repair plugs and a second spare tyre.

A pre-trip meeting will be held 4-6 weeks prior to departure.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPWJG>

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6. Xmas in July - Wilmington

Date: Fri 12 - Sun 14 July 2024

Leaders: TBA

Rating: Scenic / Easy

Convoy: Unlimited (29 booked)

Location: Stony Creek Bush Camp & Caravan Park Wilmington SA

Comment: Powered and non powered sites available. Ensuite rooms and bunkhouse rooms (could take up to 4 people, bunks etc.) available.

Please ring & book your own site. Say that you are part of TLCCSA booking. Ph: 0488 156 850 – 1st in best dressed. Stony Creek Bush Camp is a private bush camp located 2.5kms outside the town of Wilmington in the Southern Flinders Ranges, about 3.5 hours drive north from Adelaide.

Friday - pizza night \$15 per head. (pay on the night)

Saturday - the club is supplying the meat for our "Christmas dinner" and the trimmings, gravy, etc. + sweets. Camp Cooking Competition to make your vegetables into a parcel to be cooked on the open fire. Think a swan, or a Toyota car! Its up to you. Mulled wine supplied, bring your own port if that's your fancy. BYO every

thing else. Chairs, small tables, cutlery, crockery etc. There will be a fun Kris Kringle . Uni-sex gift, bring it along wrapped up. Exploring opportunities on Saturday & Sunday

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPACT>

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7. Ten Pin Bowls

Date: Sat 27th July 2024 3.00pm

Venue: Zone Bowling Centre
Cnr Goodwood & Cross Rd

Numbers: Unlimited (4 booked)

Detail: No skill required, Come and give it a try. Dinner afterwards at the Goodwood Hotel, "The Goody"

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPHMS>

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8. Canning Stock Route

Date: 1 August - 2 September 2024

Leaders: Grant Evans

Convoy: Leader plus 6 vehicles
(5 booked)

Rating: Remote and difficult terrain for 1800km. Need fuel for up to 1000km of remote desert driving.

Tyres must be All Terrain with 70% tread and two spares on rims

Commence in Adelaide, heading to Coober Pedy, then west onto the Anne Beadell highway to Willuna, then on the Tanami Track to Alice Springs.

Extensive spares and tools required and to be determined amongst vehicles. Spare belts, radiator hoses etc and a spare front and rear shock to be carried.

CSR permit, Maralinga Tjarutja permit and Woomera Tourist Access permit required. Priority given to members who have completed TLCCSA basic training course (or deemed acceptable equivalent) **Note:** Tents only, no trailers.

<https://www.Trybooking.com/COJDI>

9. 18 Hole Indoor Mini Golf

Leader: Sue Vordermaier

Date: Wednesday 28th August, 2024 at 11.00 a.m.

Convoy: 50 (4 booked)

Rating: absolutely social

Location: Mosaic Hotel, Level 1/37 Turner Drive, West Lakes

Cost: \$16 for 9 holes, payable on booking. Option to upgrade to 18 holes on the day for \$29.

Optional counter lunch available after golf, at your expense.

Come along for a fun experience with members, new and old See how many strokes it takes you to complete 9 holes, or if you are feeling lucky upgrade to 18 holes (an additional \$13 would be payable on the day).

<https://www.trybooking.com/CQTIR>

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10. Wyperfeld, Murray-Sunset & Grampians National Parks

Date: Fri 6 - Sat 14 September 2024

Leader: Vlad Humeniuk

Rating: Scenic / Moderate - Tracks in parks, rated Medium by Four Wheel Drive Victoria

Convoy: 10 Vehicles (8 booked)

Location: Taillem Bend to Underbool, to Sea Lake to Halls Gap. Vans left in town and day trips on tracks

Comment:

Day 1. Friday 6 September
Adelaide – Underbool Recreation Reserve.

Day 2. Saturday 7 September
Mallee Drive Murray-Sunset Loop
Mainly 4WD High, 4WD Low required

Day 3. Sunday 8 September
Mallee Drive Wyperfeld National Park Loop

Day 4. Monday 9 September
Underbool to Sea Lake Caravan Park, via Silo Art towns. Powered site at \$25 / night.

Day 5. Tuesday 10 September
Sea Lake Caravan Park Tour(s) of Lake Tyrrell and surrounds, \$30 per car, includes optional Gin, Rum and Wine tasting for \$20 per person.

Day 6 Wednesday 11 September
Sea Lake to Halls Gap Breeze Holiday Park

Day 7 Thursday 12 September
Halls Gap Breeze Holiday Park.
Powered site at \$45 per night.
Grampians Drive Part 1

Day 8 Friday 13 September
Halls Gap Breeze Holiday Park
Grampians Drive Part 2
Day 9 Saturday 14 September
Trip ends, Make your own way home
or arrange to stay longer directly with
Breeze Holiday Park
<https://www.Trybooking.com/CPWTK>

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11. Carrick Hill Tour of Gardens and House

Date: Thurs 26th Sept, 2024.

Numbers: 30 (waiting list applies)

Leader: Denise Malcik

Cost: \$25 per head plus cost of lunch

Comment: Carrick Hill is a period mansion gifted to South Australia by the Hayward Family (of John Martins fame). It houses world renowned art collections, impressive interiors and enchanting gardens, It is set in an 100 acres estate in the Adelaide foothills. This tour is exclusive to Toyota Members. Meet at the main hall of the house at 10.00 am. Lunch afterwards at the Edinburgh Hotel at your own cost.

Frank White from Friends of Carrick Hill was our guest speaker in January and hopefully this introduction would have whetted your appetite to see the house and gardens for yourself.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CSPOU>

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12. Lions Club Yankalilla Run

Date: Sat 12th October 2024

Leader: Trip Leader Required

Rating: Moderate

Convoy: TBA

Cost: \$50 per vehicle

Comment: Popular run organised for 4WD clubs by Lions Club of Yankalilla.. Gives you a different view and perspective of the Fleurieu Peninsula as you travel from Yankalilla to Cape Jervis through forestry land and private property, taking in Second Valley, Rapid Bay and the Starfish Windfarm.

Great for new club members but a favourite with members who have been around a bit as well. Meet at

Yankalilla Oval at 9am. Bring your own morning tea, lunch and chairs,

<https://www.trybooking.com/CSLWF>

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13. Port Adelaide Heritage Bus Tour

Leader: Pam Humeniuk

Date: Wed 30th Oct 2024

Time: 10.00 am. To 12.00 a.m.

Convoy: 22 people

Cost: \$30 each

Comment: Enjoy a slow bus ride through historic Port Adelaide and as far as Semaphore. Visit the Port Adelaide Historical Society's museum in Peterhead for morning tea. Two hours, private tour starting at the Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre, in Commercial Road, 66 Commercial Road, Port Adelaide. SA

Lunch optional afterwards in a Port Adelaide Hotel at own cost.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CREGA>

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14. Annual Christmas Weekend

Date: Fri 29th & Sat 30th Nov 2024

Venue: Port Elliott Showgrounds Caravan Park

Leader: Pam Humeniuk

Comment: We are able to book out all the powered sites (30) and an unlimited number of unpowered sites. We will ask you to book with our club nearer the date.

However the Showgrounds Caravan Park does not have cabins. Options are -

1 The Royal Family Hotel , 32 North Terrace, Port Elliott, is 500 m. from the showgrounds (an easy flat walk) and has limited accommodation. 9 double rooms, 1 single room and a bunk room. (\$90 per night for a double room) The rooms are traditional pub style accommodation located above the hotel. There are separate male and female bathrooms which are large and comfortable. Call the hotel 8554 2219 to book one of these rooms.

2 Alternatively, The Breeze Holiday Park, Port Elliott, has other options, from 3 bedroom cottages, two bedroom villas to budget cabins. 85542134. (prices of course vary

enormously) This park is approx. 3 kms from the showgrounds so would necessitate driving on the Saturday night, unless we have enough people staying there and we can organise a small mini bus. (This can be worked out later).

If either of these options appeal to you as you don't want to camp I would urge you to book now. You can always cancel later, both places highlighted to me that this is their busy period and they book out very quickly.

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15. Beachport 2025

Date: Fri 24th – Tues 28 Jan 2025

Leader: Pin Needham & TBA

Convoy: 20 vehicles

Rating: Extensive sand driving, ideal for those who have been to Peake.

Details: Equipment required, sand flag, shovel, tyre pressure guage, tyre pump, UHF radio and max trax (if you have them). Members can attend the Australia Day Breakfast hosted by the Lions Club on Sunday 26th.

Location: Based at Southern Ocean Tourist Park, Beachport. Minimum four nights, powered site \$46 per night, unpowered \$34 per night. NB: Prices subject to change for 2025

<https://www.trybooking.com/CSKSE>

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16. Toyota Landcruiser Clubs National Gathering 2025

Date: 30 March to 5 April 2025

Location: Mansfield Showgrounds Victoria

Leader: Vlad Humeniuk

Convoy: Unlimited (54 booked)

Comment: The Toyota Land Cruiser Club of Victoria is planning an epic event to welcome you to discover the best of the Victoria Alps. Days filled with adventure and evenings around a campfire; an opportunity to share stories.

- Victorian High Country
- Discover Mansfield
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- Discover their unique property at Yarck
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FROM	TO	ACTIVITY	WHERE	FEES	DEPOSIT	INFORMATION
Sat 24th Feb 2024		Tyre Repair	TBA	\$10 per person	\$10 per person	Fee covers the cost of materials and refreshments https://www.trybooking.com/CNCKK
Sat 2nd Mar 2024	Sun 3rd Mar 2024	Theory	TBA	\$20 per person	\$20 per person	https://www.trybooking.com/CNCKH
Sat 9th Mar 2024	Sun 10th Mar 2024	Sand + Winching	Peake	\$40 per vehicle	\$40 per vehicle	Property access cost \$40 per car. No cost for basic training for enrolled members https://www.trybooking.com/CNBIN
Sat 13th April 2024	Sun 14th April 2024	Caravan Safety Awareness	Nuriootpa	\$120 per vehicle	\$120 per vehicle	https://www.trybooking.com/CNWSU
Sat 18th May 2024	Sun 19th May 2024	Ascent - Descent	Morgan	NIL	\$30 per vehicle	No cost for basic training for enrolled members. Deposit refunded on Saturday night https://www.trybooking.com/CNCKL
Sat 29th Jun 2024	Sun 30th Jun 2024	Sand + Winching	Peake	\$40 per vehicle	\$40 per vehicle	Property access cost \$40 per car. No cost for basic training for enrolled members. https://www.trybooking.com/CNCKF
Sat 24th Aug 2024	Sun 25th Aug 2024	Theory	TBA	\$20 per person	\$20 per person	https://www.trybooking.com/CNCKI
Sat 7th Sep 2024	Sun 8th Sep 2024	Sand & Winching	Peake	\$40 per vehicle	\$40 per vehicle	Property access cost \$40 per car. No cost for basic training for enrolled members. https://www.trybooking.com/CNCKG
Sun 29th Sep 2024		GPS (Theory & Practical)	TBA	\$20 per person	\$20 per person	Fee covers cost of refreshments. https://www.trybooking.com/CNCKN
Sat 12th Oct 2024	Sun 13th Oct 2024	Ascent Descent	Morgan	NIL	\$30 per vehicle	No cost for basic training for enrolled members. Deposit refunded on Saturday night https://www.trybooking.com/CNCKM
Sun 27th Oct 2024		Trip Planning	TBA	\$20 per person	\$20 per person	Fee covers cost of refreshments. https://www.trybooking.com/CNCKP
Sat 2nd Nov 2024		Basic Wheel Change and Pre-departure	TBA	\$10 per person	\$10 per person	Anyone enrolled in the training program who has not completed these two elements. https://www.trybooking.com/CNCKR

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The Bowled Out Dinner

The Lawn Bowls night, scheduled for Sunday March 17th at the Lockleys Bowling Club, was regrettably cancelled. Extreme weather conditions caused cancellation of all pennant games on the weekend before which meant rescheduling of all games. Not to miss out on a social occasion, organiser Trevor Duggan, rallied the intended participants to a dinner at the Earl of Leicester Hotel in Parkside. We had a wonderful dinner with fantastic company.

Membership Awards & AGM

At the May Annual General Meeting, the following members were recognised for their years of service to the club. We also congratulate the re-appointment of the incoming 2024/25 Committee Members and Club Officers. In particular, we thank our retiring Property Officer, Murray McClay and welcome Larry Coaker who has agreed to take on this responsibility. We also welcome Ian Frost who will assist Michael Polacek as caretakers of the Environment portfolio.

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Introduction to the Victorian High Country

Attendees: Leader Tom Garamy & Rets Foran, Helen & Graeme Brettig, Kathryn & Trevor Duggan, Andrew & Pam McDonald, Simon & Harrison Critchley, Brian & Sue Stone

26 February 2024 Day 1 – Monday (Helen)

Weather: Beautiful, mild morning with no wind and a top of 28 -30 degrees.

8:00 am meeting at Tom & Rets resort site complete with cabana. Safety briefing and outline of day's activities. Brian & Sue volunteered to monitor Channel 7 for fire activity.

Jamieson is a pretty little town with the crepe myrtles putting on a great display for our start to the day.

Rolled out at 8:40 am towards Mansfield. Route included Jamieson, Merrijig, Tomahawk Hut, Toombullup, Tolmie, Mansfield, Jamieson, a total distance of 155 km.

First stop – traffic light at roadworks! (just before turnoff to Merrijig) Tom had planned this trip as a nice, easy introduction to the tracks of the high country. We headed to Merrijig through the beautiful Sebels? Pinnacle Valley heading towards the majestic rolling hills. Grazing land either side with lots of cattle and sheep. Before long, we came to the first road closure which meant a left turn onto Hearn's Road crossing the Delatite River.

We were not far from Mt Buller and drove to Sawmill Settlement where we aired down to 20-22 psi for the tracks ahead. I noted the congregations of letterboxes at road junctions as self-respecting posties would not go up those hills just to deliver mail.



We turned onto Carters Road heading into the Mansfield State Forest (a logging track) and wound our way through some magnificent forest with Alpine Ash, and Stringy Bark, until we reached Tomahawk Hut where we had our first break for morning tea. This was a great spot for a group photo; Sue obliged with her phone and Harrison fired up his drone and amused and impressed the rest of us with his skill.



Tom had informed us that we had left Jamieson at 250 m above sea level and we reached our peak for the day at 1152 m, not long after leaving the hut. It was all downhill from there. We heard about Ned Kelly who was in the Mansfield area from 1869 – 1880 and

the Kelly tree was out there somewhere – infamous for the shooting of three state troopers in 1878. We took Tom's word for it as we couldn't spot it.

Not long after this we went over the first of several whoop-de-dooos, which were mounds made for water runoff, apparently. The convoy turned onto Evans Creek Road and after one slight misdirection where Graeme and Helen went up a graded track instead of the road, all continued on. Evans Creek Hut on the right. The next track was Combatang Road which we followed for about 10 km until we passed through Toombullup. Some noted a private property sign and fence to the left, a densely wooded area, with Rets suggesting it may well have been a nudist colony – wouldn't be very nice in hot or cold weather.

We reached bitumen for about 100m and were going to take a short track to Tolmie but thought it was a permit only, so returned to the tar. A nice local pulled up to check we were OK and had a nice chat to Tom.

Our lunch stop, Tolmie Tavern, was closed so we continued on to Mansfield arriving about 1:30 pm and had lunch in the town at the Visitor Centre before heading off for the remainder of the afternoon. Thanks to Tom and Rets for a great start to the trip. Tom concluded that some of the tracks were moderate but all coped with them comfortably.

Addendum – When most had arrived back at the caravan park, Sue, Pam and Rets went in to the Jamieson River for a dip. With a strong current and the aid of a couple of noodles, Pam and Sue sailed downstream to Finns Bridge where they scrambled to shore and walked back. Graeme also went in in his jocks for a cooling off.



Day 2 - 27 /2/2024 Tuesday (Sue & Brian)

Today's adventure was going to be our longest planned day trip, so captain Tom suggested an early start at 8:00am. However, this was thwarted by our youngest member being weigh laid in the toilet block. We started heading south from Jamieson at 8:20am following the beautiful Goulburn River valley, passing through Kevington, Picnic Point and A1 Settlement where there is a working gold mine site. After a minor repair to Tom's arial, and in the interest of saving time it was suggested to "Close the gap and have a tight rear end," we travelled along Woods Point Road on dusty corrugated roads.

As we climbed the circuit we were delighted by the panoramic views of the mountains and valleys at an altitude of 1006 metres and stopped at Aberfeldy for a comfort stop. By midday, we reached Thompson reservoir lookout where Harrison launched his drone to capture some fantastic pictures. Further down the track we drove onto the dam wall and



discovered that the huge Thompson Reservoir which flowed into the Upper Yarra Reservoir, supplied water to the greater part of Melbourne.

From there we travelled down to Walhalla, a very quaint town which has been preserved to a bygone era. The town was established in 1862 following discovery of gold and had a population of 3500. It now has a population of 20 and was only connected to the electricity grid in 1998. The town has recently been used as a film set for Iceman

2, starring Liam Neeson. It was fascinating to walk along the street and read the history plaques of the many preserved buildings and a great spot for our lunch. In 1910 a railway was built to the town and today now operates as a tourist train. We all agreed that we need to spend more time in this lovely township.



We continued on our circuit along South Face Road towards Baw Baw village, when to our sudden horror found that our road through West Tanjil Bren was closed for maintenance due to rock slides preventing our planned route back to Jamieson. After inspecting the maps, we decided that we would try an alternative route along Buddy's track, then on to the Amos Link track, which lead to the Amos track. As we headed down this track, the vegetation either side of the road and on the track itself got thicker and thicker, with many stops to clear

fallen branches and obstacles, with steep declines and water crossings. We all became concerned and finally reached a point where a fallen tree and a huge log was in front of us. We had reached a point where we met the "whereinthefuckarewe" tribe. Our turnaround meant that we needed to make a clearing for each vehicle to make a 10 point turn around. At the same time Brian's tyre pressure warning went off signaling that he may need to



change tyres. He made a decision to reinflate on the basis that the offending tyre had a skewed monitor.

We retraced our steps back to the main road and rejoined the Thompson Valley Road passing through Rawson and across the Thompson Reservoir dam wall. Then it was then the long haul back through dust and setting sun to finally reach Jamieson at 10pm.

Upon reflection, we realised that through a team effort, we were able to overcome obstacles and work together in a calm manner, what could be considered a stressful situation. There was some lessons to be learnt and we were all very proud that we had graduated from the VHC beginners to the experienced.



Tom's lesson for the day! If you ever travel down a track that the vegetation starts to swallow your car, it's not going to end well! You may as well turn around earlier rather than later. Experience from last year and this year proved exactly that, the tracks were barely passible and not worth the heartache. (Sorry car, I will polish and buff out the Campaign stripes).

Day 3 28 February 2024 Wednesday (Harrison)

Departed Jamieson for Delatite Winery at 11:15 am after refueling at the local station.

Overcast, no wind, 32 degrees.

Upon arriving at the winery and admiring the automated lawn mower, the group split up with Simon, Harrison, Rets, Tom, Pam and Andrew doing a 6 wine tasting consisting of NV Curvee, 'Hells Window' Pinot Gris, Gewurtz Riesling,

High Ground Garnacla Rose, late harvest Riesling, 2022 Shiraz and Dev is River cabernet merlot served by Sharee and Tamika (who was in training). After tasting, some went into Jamieson for provisions, others went to the Jamieson Brewery & Grill for a tasting and lunch. After the tasting and provisions were bought, the group met back at the caravan park where some went noodling in the river. Harrison flew his drone around Tom before he swatted it out of the air (I did not hit it) and it crashed into the embankment.

Day 4 29th February 2024 Thursday (Pam and Andrew)

Travel to Craig's Hut, Mt Stirling and Howqua Track - 185 Km's
Another pleasant day on the tracks, as we headed along Circuit Road, taking in sights of tall gums, steep drop offs and tree fern lined gullies.

The team were in high spirits, following Wednesday's rest and regrouping day and by the time we stopped for morning tea at Craig's Hut, the setting for the movie "The Man from Snowy River", members were coming up with new names for each other – Tail End Charlie soon became Rear End Reginald and Posterior Paul,



Dust was again the order of the day. Perhaps this could be an incentive for trip leaders – No Dust Flying Up when you are in front! We continued on to Mt Stirling, where the group walked up the short track to the summit of the mountain, 1730 metres, where we had rewarding views across to Mt Buller.

After taking a look at the 300 year old Snow gum on the opposite summit, it was time for lunch. Harrison took some magnificent drone footage at our stops, which gave a fabulous Birdseye view of the area.

After lunch the group decided another track was definitely in order and we tackled some steep inclines along the Howqua track; previous Morgan training coming very handy at this point. We ere soon joined by Lick =hole Luigi (you had to be there, but it is a real place name), and then headed back to Jamieson for happy hour.

11 of the 12 people in the group had a drive today and we were fortunate to find ourselves in a group of positive and supportive friends as our confidence and skills grew, facing challenges earlier in the week had seemed to bring our group closer together.

Day 5 1st March 2024 The Kindergarten Victorian High Country Trip(Kathryn & Trevor Duggan)

The day began with Tom at 8.30 am informing us of the adventures ahead for the day.

We headed north on the Eildon/ Jamieson Road with easy travel on bitumen roads and stopping at Williams Lookout to look over Lake Eildon.

After travelling further along the made road we then turned onto the Mount Terrible track which begins at an elevation of 820 mtrs. The track was quite steep and rocky but is well signposted to indicate the direction to travel. The words of our leader indicate it would be "rocky but doable." Some track maintenance was required during the jaunt to Mt. Terrible and the fire tower on its peak of 1335 mtrs. where we would stop for morning tea viewing the magnificent scenery. From Mt. Terrible we moved slowly along Donald track taking in the view as we went, as Tom said, don't forget to look around and enjoy the views although it's probably best to do that when stationary.

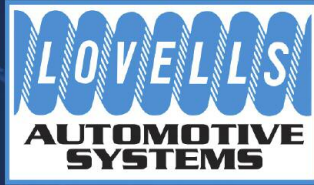
Lunch on day 5 was at Enochs Point, with time to explore the area made up of private houses forming a small village. It was a short while before we realized that a lot of the areas, we were walking around were private property.

Then we were off after lunch to the next track, Big River Road which had a small creek crossing for us to splash through while Harrison (our drone expert Lol) took some footage of the cars going through it. Travelling further along brought us to Matlock Track which was an easy drive giving us time to take in the views of gum trees, ferns, and native pines along with all the other lush vegetation.

We travelled very briefly on Mt Terrible Track again before being on the Matlock track extension which we turned off from to the Moonlight Spur Track.

The track was quite steep and rocky in sections with a bit of black snake spotting and avoidance of fallen trees. We wound around the mountain, eventually turning left onto Woods Point Road which follows the Goulburn River with the plan for a celebratory beer at the Kevington Pub. Alas it was shut, so a fair number of disappointed and thirsty travellers headed back to base camp, Jamieson for happy hour there.





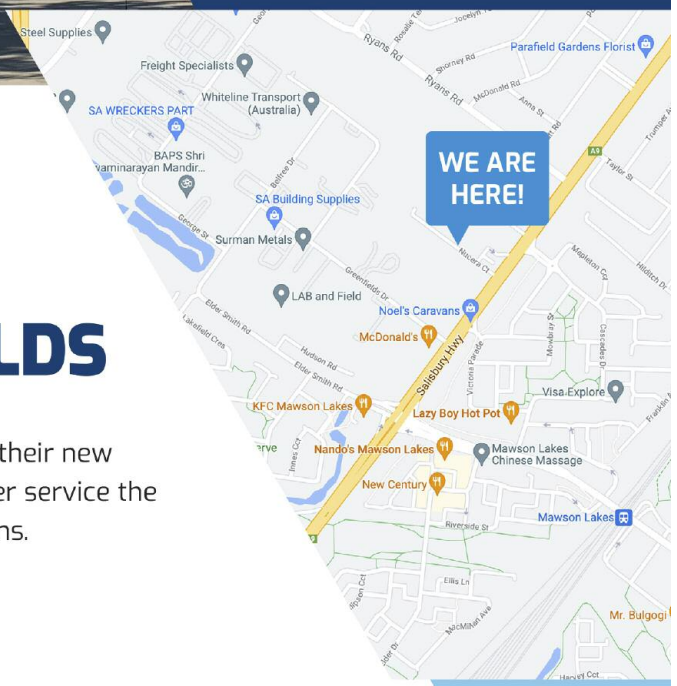
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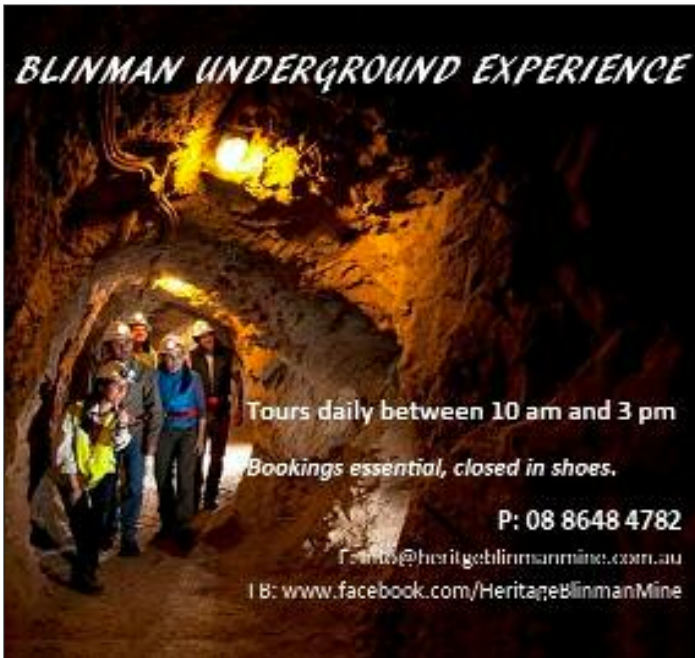
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Bendleby Ranges Trip Report - Easter 2024

The Easter-weekend at Bendleby started with a blast. We arrived on Thursday evening to set up at Cowbail campground. Setting up camp against the backdrop of a campfire is always magic. A merry lot had arrived earlier and we soon joined them at the campfire with a drink in hand.

Friday dawned sunny and warm. While waiting for the Friday arrivals who were due around lunchtime, we took a leisurely drive along Gum Creek Drive ending up at the kiosk where they did a brisk trade in their logo shirts. After lunch with the entire mob, we headed for a loop of the North Fence and Quarts Gorge my favourite drive on the property (a 7/10). We stopped to wander the creek bed searching for treasure. On a previous trip I had found a beautiful quart crystal but alas I headed back to work the next week.

Friday night we had a shared potluck dinner and what a spread... delicious. It was a great way to start the weekend. Later, around the campfire, everyone introduced themselves. Sharing their club history, one interesting fact and bucket list travel destinations. A great way to get to know people. Nicknames were allocated. The Fire Apprentice showed the Fire Master how to attend to the fire. The Harbour Master was proven to be the highest rank. He could keep a calm head through all situations. Then with the promise of more food and an early start people headed off to bed.



Saturday was a pre-planned 7:30 start. Taking into consideration the size of our convoy, permission was sort from the property owners to hit the tracks early to prevent a potential traffic jam on the Billy Goat Ridge track. We had a beautiful climb to the top of Ridge Top track (Bendleby rated 8/10) with the track dropping away steeply on both sides and spectacular scenery. The decent off Ridge Top was easily negotiated. The promise of a toilet stop

at the bottom was soon forgotten due to the horizontal nature of the outhouse structure. Morning tea was at the bottom of Billy Goat Ridge track. Many thanks to Cheryl for her baking. One member of the convoy was experiencing mechanical issues and the decision was made for him to head back to camp rather than have potential difficulties later. Billy Goat's reputation as a challenging track was noted (a 10/10), but with spotters and clear leadership vehicles safely made the accent to the top. Completing a complicated track like Billy Goat provides not only a sense of achievement but a better understanding of our vehicle's capabilities. We returned to camp via the Kings Ridge Track (8/10).



Many Easter Eggs were tested on the way back for afternoon tea. A post note... Our decision for an early start was vindicated, when we later learned that the very next convoys were stuck on the track for 2 hours, rescuing a lone vehicle, who had approached the track too aggressively and broke a tail shaft, blocking their path forward. Billy Goat is a one-way track and with no way to turn around they were also stuck. Although the recovery would have been interesting I could think of better things to do with my Saturday afternoon. Why don't people join a club, learn a few invaluable skills and travel with friends who can offer advice & assistance?

Saturday night Happy Hour was fresh Cowell oysters cooked three ways ... Natural, Kilpatrick and Hot smoked. Hot smoked oysters are a revelation and there were a number of born-again oyster lovers! After dinner came dessert ... hot German Apple Pie and Mulberry Pie. Both homemade. The Pie Monster was eventually convinced that he should share some of the Mulberry Pie with others. Late Saturday night, whilst the Easter Bunny was delivering the goodies, one camper was instructed by his wife to get up and confront the thief who was attempting to steal the car. After ascertaining that no one was in fact stealing anything, the camper went back to bed happily eating his chocolate eggs.



Happy campers awoke on Sunday morning to find Easter Eggs stashed in every conceivable nook and cranny around the campsite and on vehicles. Next came the breakfast feast which would make any Easter Bunny proud. Many hands made light work, with everyone pitching in to produce a beautiful shared Easter morning breakfast. Breaky completed, we were out on the tracks to Pats Peak (10/10) and the Hungry Highway (9/10). Over the weekend there had been some blatant Easter Egg skulduggery from the pirates in the forest green 100 Series stealing tail end Charlie's gate keeping rewards. This cumulated in the Trip Leaders taking revenge with a drive by Easter Egging of said Pirates with Gunner James quick firing a whole box of Easter's eggs through their car window. Pats Peak (10/10) with its spectacular views, was very challenging, especially the descent. Once more all vehicles safely negotiated the descent due to good spotting and leadership.



We then headed for the Hungry Highway (9/10) the newest track on Bendleby. This track has stunning views and was challenging enough to keep the punters happy. We made it back to camp and readied ourselves to travel to the Sunset Lookout... a must do on any Bendleby trip. We had drinks and Happy Hour platters and had planned to watch the sunset but unfortunately the rain set in and so we headed back to camp. There was 60 ml in 30 minutes. It was incredible to experience how quickly the creeks turn into torrents and the tracks into rivers, and within 20 minutes the tracks/roads were impassable. Amazingly within 2 hours we were once more sitting around the campfire under clear skies enjoying a beverage or two.



A slow start Monday morning waiting for the roads to reopen and everyone who needed to make their way home was able to depart by about 11.00am. Another wonderful long weekend with the Land Cruiser Club with great company, tracks, location and CHOCOLATE.

Written by Linley Edwards

Nilpena Ediacara Fossil Tour 2024 Trip Report

Wednesday 8th May 2024. Meeting place; Parachilna Community Campground, (the site of the old Parachilna school). We were greeted by the sight of a new Unisex shower, toilet & washroom, certainly an upgrade on the 2023 version. Deb, our host had set things up in the central meeting place with facilities for tea & coffee plus a jug for boiling water, a power board & BBQ if needed.



Those members who had chosen to stay at the Prairie Hotel were all checked in before our initial briefing. Andy & Win Robb had come a day early to get used to their new caravan. The rest of the group came in a slow stream & chose their sites.

Our briefing included a 0730 start for Thursday morning with a special breakfast prepared for the patrons going to the Wadna Experience. The Beltana Group could sleep in until their cooked breakfast at 0800. (much appreciated by Bob & Meridyth Geary, Ray & Lynette Gedritis).

Following our briefing was Happy Hour followed by a Camp Oven dinner at the Prairie Hotel in a special section with a fire pit just outside. We started with snacks of Emu pate, Saltbush Pakora carrot & onion fritters then crispy Roo tail pieces in sweet & sour sauce. Our entrée consisted of chewy beetroots, goats curd, macadamia, quandong and native thyme. The main of

slow cooked lamb shoulder was served in camp ovens on the table with twice-baked potatoes cauliflower, confit carrots, eggplant babaghanouj and pickled shallots. Dessert was a baked meringue with chantilly cream, oranges & quandongs. The table was decorated with saltbush and eucalypt leaves. There was so much food that many people took takeaway containers for later snacks. A most convivial evening later turned very windy for the tent dwellers.



Thursday morning was fine & chilly, we managed to assemble the convoy by 0735 and headed along the freshly graded road toward Blinman, We arrived at the Wadna shop where Kristian Coulthard had the billy on the boil for making billy tea to go with the johnny cakes, quandong jam & cream served by Gabrielle Coulthard. After his introduction, Kistian explained some of the Adnyamathanha stories of the Ikara Flinders Ranges. Then he led us along Glass Gorge where he pointed out some ceremonial areas and explained the significance and interpretation of the petroglyphs in Oratunga creek.

We also saw the retaining walls constructed along the Glass Gorge Road to make it easier for bullock teams to operate in the area instead of the steep & windy Parachilna Road. Leaving Bizzo's Wall, we headed west to collect packed lunches from the Prairie before our lunch rendezvous with the Beltana team led by Ray and Lynette in Breakfast Time Creek. From here we only had a short drive to meet Ross Fargher at the Nilpena Ediacara carpark with his 4WD bus. As we needed an extra vehicle with spare seats, David & Jo Powell got the job.



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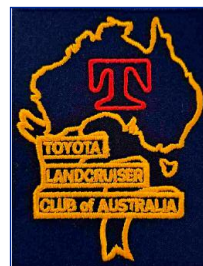
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Ross drove us to the Blacksmith's Shop where we waited for another group of about 40 people to join us. As we walked to the Nilpena Woolshed, Ross recanted the story of finding ripple marks on the flagstones of the loading bay. Everyone then returned to the Blacksmith's Shop to view the spectacular audio-visual display of the Ediacaran fossils from the "Alice's Restaurant Bed" (a very prolific fossil site) that was transported from its original location in about 1000 pieces and reassembled on a large special table in the renovated



Blacksmith's Shop. Every piece of the bed was turned over and the huge jigsaw was made level on the table.

The audio visual display was provided from six overhead projectors, depicting the timeline for the development of the first multi-cellular animals in a shallow sea some 560-542 million years ago. Following the presentation, we were able to touch and photograph the fossils. The other tour group

left at this time, and we loaded into the 4WD bus to go to the Fossil Fields. Here, Ross gave us a practical demonstration of how the researchers worked, excavating the beds and transporting the pieces to a site further up the hill where they were flipped over, and rejoined for more detailed study. As we returned to the carpark, the sun was setting with rain showers to the north.



We arrived back at Parachilna in time for a scrub up before our Feral Feast Banquet in the Prairie Hotel. This started with snacks of Emu Pate, Saltbush Pakora and Grilled Haloumi. The entrees were beetroots, goats curd, macadamia, quandong and native thyme plus well we were offered wild boar ragu orecchiette, parmigiano reggiano & native

mountain pepper. Mains consisted of the Feral Mixed Grill, of kangaroo fillet, camel boerewors sausage, emu rissole, goat tomahawk, with crispy saltbush and red wine jus, plus green leaves & twice cooked potatoes. Dessert was Quandong pudding, golden syrup, pouring cream and quandong syrup. Needless to say, that everyone was stuffed full. A wonderful evening.



Thursday morning and a leisurely start with many different destinations planned. Four vehicles joined our Brachina Gorge Geological tour using the Discover the Flinders App. We stopped near Brachina East for lunch after photographing the Yellow Footed Rock Wallabies and Jo, Les & Mike exploring a couple of the caves.

We next visited a place where two red gums had grown into each other, While we were there, Jo decided to measure a couple of large gums using "Jo spans". The larger tee was 6.5 "Jo spans" (equal to 11.6 metres in circumference). We also stopped at the Golden Spike in Brachina Creek and the Stromatolites.

The trip finished at the eastern end of the Brachina road. A very full and enjoyable Trip.

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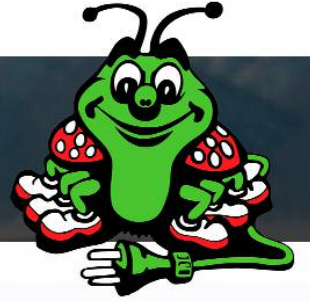
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