



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

July 2024

Next General Meetings:

Monday
22nd July, 2024

Monday
26th August 2024

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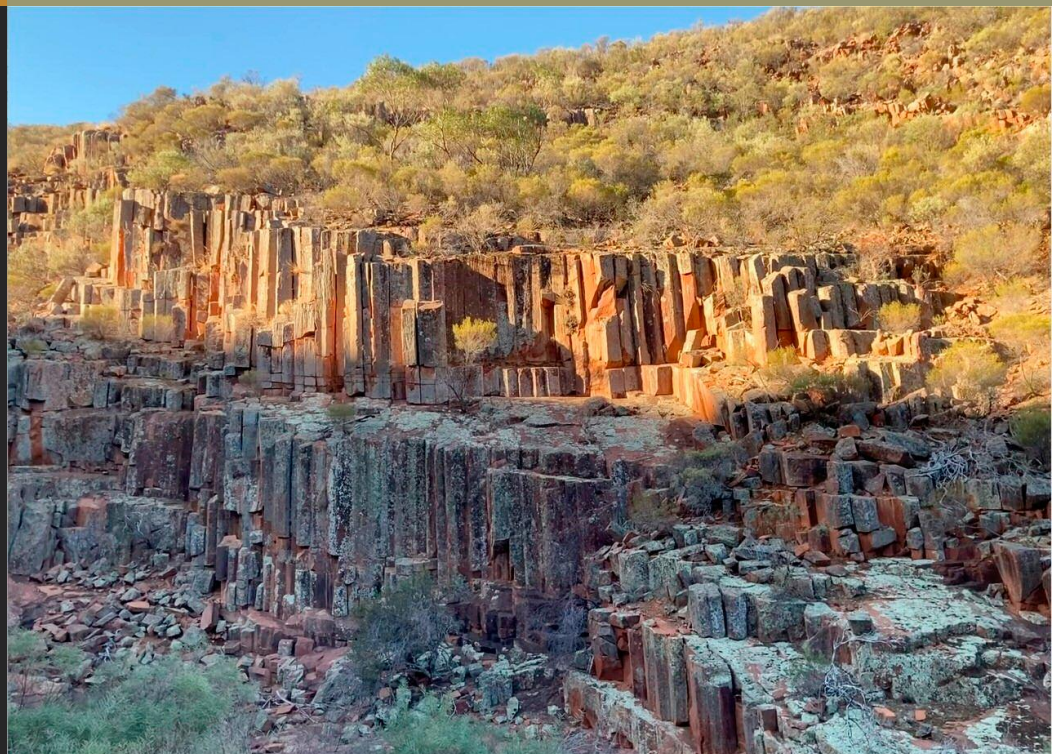
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from your Vice President

This months "from your President" comes to you from the vice president whilst Vlad and Pam are enjoying a European summer, away from our Winter and currently in Salzburg, Austria. Can't imagine Vlad serenading the hills with The Sound Of Music and embracing culture in Vienna. Can you?

The winter months have certainly arrived, with cold temperatures, wind and rain. Some recent and upcoming trips are trying to avoid some of these factors though in many places, the nights are still very cold. There are a few trips on offer, travelling north towards the warmer weather that members can book into to escape the southern wintery weather. Look further into this newsletter for these.

The Lions Club Yankalilla Run is a great one-day event in October taking in some spectacular views through the southern Fleurieu Peninsula on tracks not available to the general public. Most of this day trip is relatively easy though there are some steep ascents, descents and crossings that require low range, careful navigating and concentration, so this event is rated moderate. If you are unsure of your skills or your car's ability to navigate this type of terrain, see Peter Harper and participate in our education and training.

It is most important that all participants involved with Club activities and trips register on TryBooking so that they are covered by insurance in the event of a mishap, accident or injury. This is a new requirement from our insurer and has meant changes in the way we register and conduct our activities and trips. Committee is currently trying to interpret this new requirement, how it impacts on our current processes and what changes need to be made to ensure members and guests are protected whilst we enjoy our pursuits. This will involve changes to our Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and other supporting documents. Thanks to the committee members for their tireless hours in working through this.

Enjoy safe travelling.

Simon **Simon Critchley**
TLCCSA Vice President

Winch Training

Are you interested in undertaking some training in the use of your winch? If so, please register your interest via TryBooking when registering for Peake in September 2024. As this is an advance competency, there may be a small charge. As always, it is expected that you will have all of your own equipment. Contact the Education officers for more information.



The **22nd July 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/CNURS>

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Next General Meeting:

22nd July 2024, 7.30pm,
West Adelaide Football Club.
Including Annual General Meeting

Trip Reports:

Moolooloo - Simon Critchley

Guest Speaker:

Newsletter Articles Deadline: Friday 2nd August 2024

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

newsletter@tlccsa.asn.au
and remember to **include the names** of members when submitting photos.

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2024-25

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- 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 July 2024.

- Bruce & Isabel Nankivell from Bridgewater
- David & Amanda Jewel from Whyalla Norrie
- Gary Stramare from Fulham

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

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club yearly calendar - 2024 / 25

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

February 2025

Sat 8th - Sat 15th ~ Victorian High Country Scenic
Mon 24th ~ 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.

Talk to our Trips Officer - Pin Needham (trips@tlccsa.asn.au)



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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

Register now via
trybooking.com

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

Date: (May - June 2025. 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. 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 (10 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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3. Xmas in July - Wilmington

Date: Fri 12 - Sun 14 July 2024

Leaders: Trevor Duggan

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! It's 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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4. Ten Pin Bowls

Date: Sat 27th July 2024 3.00pm

Venue: Zone Bowling Centre
Cnr Goodwood & Cross Rd

Leaders: Chris Adams / Sue Stone

Numbers: Unlimited (6 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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5. Canning Stock Route

Date: 1 August - 2 September 2024

Leaders: Grant Evans

Convoy: Leader plus 6 vehicles
(6 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, from there onto the CSR to Billiluna, 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>

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6. 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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7. Wyperfeld, Murray-Sunset & Grampians National Paks

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 (10 booked)

Location: Tailem 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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8. Carrick Hill Tour of Gardens and House

Date: Thurs 26th Sept, 2024.

Numbers: 30 (0 booked)

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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9. Lions Club Yankalilla Run

Date: Sat 12th October 2024

Leader: Andy Davis

Rating: Moderate

Convoy: TBA (4 booked)

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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10. 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 (0 booked)

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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11. 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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12. Beachport 2025

Date: Fri 24th – Tues 28 Jan 2025

Leader: Pin Needham & TBA

Convoy: 20 vehicles (2 booked)

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

Details: Equipment required, sand flag, shovel, tyre pressure gauge, 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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NEW

13. Victorian High Country Camping Treck - Licola

Date: Sat 8 Feb - Sat 15 Feb 2025

Leader: Craig Marchant

Convoy: 5 vehicles

Rating: Moderate - Difficult

Comment: Start at Licola and finish in Jamieson.

Tent required - Caravan park stays at Licola with bush camps for the other nights. Participants must be self-sufficient with 4 to 5 days of food and water. At least 100L of diesel capacity plus 20L reserve. Drivers and vehicles must be capable to handling steep inclines and declines.

Trip itinerary heavily dependent on fine weather, along with minimal wet weather in the preceding week. Any active bush fires in the surrounding area will result in a change of itinerary, most probably to a nearby

town of Mansfield, Jamieson, Licola, Dargo or Bright.

Equipment required will be tyre pump, pressure gauge, long handled shovel, UHF radio, A/T tyres with at least 60% tread, first aid kit and recovery gear including 9 metres of recovery straps/ rope & 4 traction boards if no winch. Must have completed training at Peake and Morgan

BOOK FOR ONE ONLY FOR YOUR VEHICLE REGARDLESS OF PASSENGER NUMBERS

(First aider required for trip to proceed)

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

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14. 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 Bush Huts & Wineries

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

GENERAL SHOW & TELL

Tell us about your favourite gadget or item that is very useful in the home or whilst on safari. Each month, a member can demonstrate the item in order to share innovation and knowledge. Send an email to Pam Humeniuk social@tlccsa.asn.au for further details. She would love to hear from you.

training calendar 2024

updated Nov 2023



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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 |

TLCCSA training team

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TONY VAN WYK

TRAINERS: Conduct driver training

ASSESSORS: Conduct driver training & assessment

NOTE: All training sessions are subject to the availability of Trainers, Assessors and the number of member nominations. Small cost for advanced training and non enrolled members.

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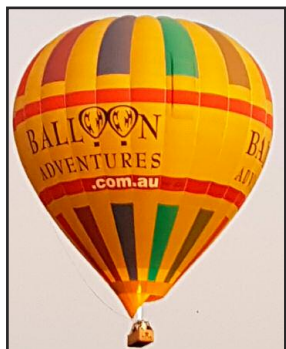
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Caravan Awareness Course

On Saturday 13 April 24, Neville and Dianne Stone, Murray and Aileen McLay, Edmond and Anne Morries, Andrew and Pam McDonald and John and Sue Birchall attended the Caravan Awareness Course run by Brian Barnett, who is the Managing Director / Principal Instructor of the Regional Transport Training Services Pty Ltd that is located in Nuriootpa. All proceeds from this course go to the Rotary Club of Barossa District.

On Friday 12 April all the participants checked into the Big 4 Nuriootpa Caravan Park and for dinner that night. Edmond made a booking at the Ember Pizza House. Great pizzas but I'm not sure about the zero alcohol beer that Murray and I ordered.



Very early on Saturday morning we were awoken by the launching of a hot air balloon on the oval adjacent to the caravan park. When I first heard the noise I thought it was a very noisy diesel heater in the caravan next door.

At 9.00 am we drove to the Regional Transport Training Services in Nuriootpa where we were met by Brian Barnett who showed us where to park our "rigs". I am sure Brian was impressed with our reversing skills or lack of! We then spent the next three hours in the lecture room covering numerous topics, including:

Loading your caravan to achieve a low centre of gravity,
Weight distribution, car and caravan,

- Use of weight distribution bars,
- Tyre pressures car and caravan,
- The pros and cons of travelling with your water tanks, full or empty,
- Tow ball weight,
- Following distances to allow for emergency braking,
- Caravan maintenance,
- "Do Not Overtake Turning Vehicle" signs,
- Roll overs,
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- Discussion on various road rules, and
- Pre-departure check lists.



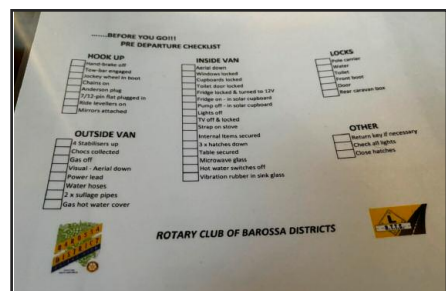
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| Towing Vehicle GVM | 2,600 (Caravan hitched) |
| Towing Vehicle GVM | 2,700 (Caravan unhitched) |
| Caravan Tow Ball Weight | 300 |
| Towing Vehicle and Caravan GCM | 6,200 |
| Caravan Wet ATM | 3,000 |
| Caravan Hitched GVM | 2,200 |

| Compliance Plate Details | |
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| Towing Vehicle GVM | 2,600 |
| Towing Vehicle GCM | 7,200 |
| Caravan ATM | 3,000 |

| Actual Weights | |
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| GCM | 5,400 |
| Caravan ATM | 2,000 |
| Towing Vehicle GCM | 2,600 |
| Towing Vehicle GCM | 6,400 |
| Tow Ball Weight | 300 |
| Date | 13 Apr 2024 |

The theory part of the course was very informal which allowed for lots of discussion and questions. Brian gave out numerous hand-outs and check lists and provided morning tea. Brian also provides a pet creche if you wanted to take your dog along.

The theory was followed by a delicious barbeque lunch and a few of the local wines.



After lunch we moved to the weigh bridge where all tow vehicles and caravans were weighed and we were given a written summary of the results. There were some surprises where vehicles were over weight and require some sort of upgrading or a need for a big "clean out" of car and caravan. Brian then took the time to individually discuss the weigh-in results with all participants.

In summary, the Caravan Awareness Course is excellent and I strongly recommended it to all club members. On behalf of all participants a big thank you to Brian Barnett, our instructor and the TLCCSA training team who arranged the course.



Neville Stone

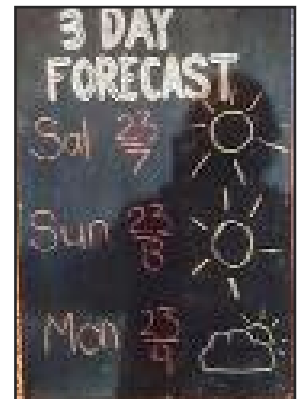
As suggested to participants in a pre trip email, this trip will be like a Sunday drive, relaxed with no pressure and with the opportunity to enjoy the view on the way. Not exactly "Driving Miss Daisy" but it came close as we travelled relatively short distances between night time camps.

There were only five people, 4 vehicles on this trip, which was a little disappointing as an increased number of people would have made it a more sociable event by adding extra diversity in their exchange of different experiences, opinions and ideas, maybe next time. Those in attendance were Larry Coaker, Greg and Toni Kelly, Helen Binnie and David Wilson.

Our first rendezvous was at the Wadlata Outback Centre, previously known as the Port Augusta tourist office. This is a good spot to meet as it has plenty of parking spaces, a cafe, clean toilets as well as touristy things to do and it is an easy walk to the town centre. Larry, Greg, Toni and Helen met here. We then travelled to our second rendezvous spot at the junction of the Eyre Hwy. and the Iron Knob Road, where we met David. Virtually opposite the Iron Knob Road is Nonning Road, a corrugated but easy to drive on graded road. We decided to air down to 25psi to make it more comfortable driving on the corrugations.

Our overnight stop was in a dried up dam that looked very much like a quarry. This was located just south of the Siam Flying Doctor donation (telephone) box and not far off the main track. The wind was a bit strong but we managed to set ourselves up and quickly had a fire going as a centre point for the evening although everyone headed for bed after having eaten at 21.30. The next day we had a very leisurely start as we only had about 50kms to drive to Mt.Ive Station. The only bit of excitement en route was our detour to Kolendo Station. Whilst the station is signposted, there is a notice advising that security cameras operate here. We drove to the entrance of the homestead but didn't enter; we took a side track that ran along the fence line. Very soon, we became aware of two motor cycle riders racing across the paddock to intercept us and I was confronted with two teenage farm workers who appeared put out because we were on their property. Whilst I advised I was on a signposted road and it was displayed on my Hema maps, they were not happy little Vegemite's. They were very concerned that we may have gone to the "house" - they asked me twice in this regard. They certainly had attitude but we decided to turn around and head back the way we had come.

The reception at Mt.Ive was far more welcoming and we were soon established in our camp sites and relaxing in the very pleasant 26 degree clear blue sky weather. The current activity at Mt.Ive was collecting wild goats and many were penned close to our camp awaiting collection to be processed. Unfortunately, our camp sites were down wind of the pens and the aroma was not always pleasant, they seemed to create a "whatever" smell in unison and this periodically wafted in our direction. Mt.Ive is a great place to stay, it is a working homestead with good facilities for visitors including toilets, showers, a club room where we could socialise and buy drinks or watch television if desired and enclosed barbeque areas. Open fires are allowed but limited in size and in a fire pit. As this is a working farm we could walk around and see what is going on and look at what is happening. We stayed here two nights because it gave us the opportunity to explore the Gawler Ranges National Park which is close by.



We left to explore the NP at 08.30 as I knew this would be a "big" day. In our previous discussions about our trip I had mentioned we would be visiting Pildappa Rock on our journey from Ceduna to Kimba, however, I was advised two vehicles from our group would be leaving at Ceduna and that they would like to visit Pildappa Rock as part of our trip to the Gawler Ranges NP. Ahh!



Getting to the NP park was an easy drive on graded roads and is signposted so we couldn't get lost. Our first stop was the old shearing sheds at Paney, which is also where the Rangers Station is located. The shearing sheds are in excellent condition with all the stalls, some equipment and a lot of information to view. Even the mountain of (genuine) sheep poo under the floorboards is still there to add authenticity, fortunately without the pong. We had a good look around at everything before heading off to the Old Paney homestead. Old Paney homestead is in very good condition and it is open to walk around inside where there is a lot of information panels on the walls. There is other interesting things outside as well, including the dog quarters, information about the Paney ghost and past history of the homestead plus a walking trail but time was catching up with us, we had to move on. Shortly after we stopped and had a short walk to the old stone dam and

whilst the dam wall was still intact there was no water there, however, it was interesting to look at the construction and ponder the ingenuity of the pioneers that built it. Pildappa Rock was calling so we had little time to hang around. The distance from Old Paney homestead to Pildappa Rock is 47km and the distance to the rock from Minnipa (Eyre Hwy) is 15km, go figure, it made no sense to me especially as the graded road was heavily corrugated but we got there in time for a late lunch.



The effort of getting to Pildappa Rock was appreciated as everyone appeared to enjoy themselves as they climbed the rock and relished the view from the top, we spent maybe an hour here before heading back to the Gawler Ranges.

Time was getting on and I was concerned that we would be running too late to see other things but we had time to get to the Organ Pipes. This required driving on a 10km rough track

and then an 800m walk to the pipes but when we got there everyone thought it was a worthwhile excursion. We took photos and sat for a while to admire the rock face, one side was lit up by the fading sunlight. We had quite a long drive ahead of us to get back to Mt Ive so we didn't stop anywhere else on the way. The track was reasonably well graded and we were able to drive comfortably at about 75km per hour but the dust trails were horrendous, as they had been all day.



As the sun was going down the wildlife came awake, we had many kangaroos, emus and goats risking life and limb as they shot across the road in front of me. At one point I had about fifty kangaroos completely surrounding my car as they crossed the road. At another moment Helen spotted a wombat so we all stopped to investigate and then a second wombat appeared but by the time all this registered and Helen got out of the car to take photos all she was able to get was a photo of a Wombats bum. The rest of the journey was uneventful, the last few kms before Mt Ive was in the dark which was not the most ideal situation but we all got back to camp a little bit wiser and without incident.

We left Mt Ive at about 09.30 on another beautiful sunny day for our leisurely drive to Kingoonya, a distance of about 240km. Our first stop was at the Old Waltumba Tank camp site which is located on the shores of Lake Gairdner. This is a great camp site that is split into a number of smaller sites and has long drop toilet facilities and covered tables and benches. We drove to the site closest to the lake and went for a trek (climb) to the Lake Gairdner lookout, listed as an hour and a half return but I think we did it a bit quicker. The view from the lookout was well worth the walk. On our return to the camp area we all went for a walk on the salt lake and even sampled the salty surface, it is very salty.



On leaving Waltumba we headed along a very good and well graded track to Skull Camp Tanks. We passed a couple of homesteads and a listed ruin but all were posted as private property so we could not access these. We stopped at Skull Camp for lunch. Skull Tank is an old sheep stockyard with four half buried water tanks that possibly held 1,000 gallons at least. There are also covered pens for the sheep, unfortunately the tanks and the pens are now effectively in ruins.

The track on our final leg from Skull camp to Kingoonya was heavily corrugated causing us to drive all over the road trying to find the best spots.

Arriving at Kingoonya I was surprised at the number of people there, the caravan park was full, it is normally quite empty. We headed for the free camp and set up, we had a good spot away from the rail tracks. Whilst we had booked for dinner at the hotel we had a long wait to be seated due to the volume of people before us, most surprising. To finish off the evening we had a camp fire burning where we chatted for a while before heading to bed at about 21.30

Before leaving Kingoonya I headed to the newly created cafe which is located in the old shop adjacent to the caravan park. This has been set up by Leesa who also runs the caravan park. We had an enjoyable breakfast at a reasonable cost and no washing up. The drive to Tarcoola was on an easy graded road with the only distraction being having to cross four railway crossing and the excitement was when we had to actually stop for a freight train.



Nature is reclaiming and vandals are gradually destroying Tarcoola and whilst ARTC have a base here there is little else to attract visitors. We stopped for a while at what used to be the road house. There is still optimism though, according to the sign the old pub is due to re-open in 2017. Just outside of Tarcoola is the mine but this also looked a bit deserted, we drove over another rail crossing before getting to the first (wet) entrance of the Googs track, we drove further on to the dry track. We stopped to have lunch whilst on this track. Once we started on the track proper the dunes started to appear but all were easily managed, however, the damage caused on the southern side of the dunes was very noticeable and bouncy. No other traffic encountered all the way to Mt Finke camp site which is very spacious. We had the place all to ourselves and we could spread out. I went to dig out the ashes from the fire pit and it was still hot from previous campers so I put a sheet of newspaper and a few bits of wood into the ashes and the fire took off.

We set up our camp sites and the energetic Greg and Toni went for a climb to the top of Mt Finke. There were no other volunteers to join them. The weather was perfect, 23 degrees during the day and cool, not cold at night. For safety reasons I sat in my chair with a cool beer and monitored the activity of the climbers using my binoculars to ensure no mishap occurred. The only negative at Mt Finke were the flies, there were thousands of them, worse than we had previously experienced. However, at night when the flies had gone to bed the sight of the stars in the sky was magnificent, the milky way was so clear and that was without a moon. I stopped counting them when I got to 1,000, well, I think I was asleep at that point, better than counting sheep.



The next morning everyone was up early and keen to get going on Googs track.

We left Mt Finke camp site at about 09.30. We were the only group at the camp site overnight and we had only seen three other vehicles the day previous all heading north. Googs track itself was easy to drive, the sands dunes approached from the northern side are a lot easier than when approached from the southern side. There was plenty of evidence of the churned up track on the southern side. Traffic was also very light. From Mt Finke to Googs Lake we only encountered four vehicle heading north, a group of three and a solo vehicle. Because the weather had been so good it made it easy for us to drive without any problems, it may be a different story with wet or very hot conditions.



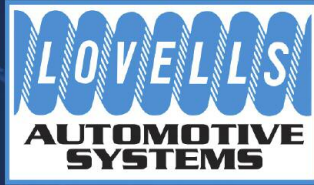
As previously mentioned this was intended as a leisurely drive and whilst maintaining convoy rules we averaged 25km per hour to allow the group to enjoy the Googs track. The distance from Mt Finke to Googs Lake is 85km and we arrived at Googs Lake at 15.15. The main camp site at Googs Lake, close to Googs monument was quite busy with caravaners, I think they only drive to this point on the track and then turn back, we drove further east along the lake edge to more acceptable and a quieter site scoring, on this occasion, a wonderful elevated position overlooking the dry lake. Our camp site was excellent, we all had good views from our chosen positions and proceeded to set up for the night. We soon had a good fire burning and we all sat around chatting for the rest of the evening. For some reason I considered the group to be more relaxed than

previous nights, maybe there was an apprehension of driving Googs track that now done was no longer a concern. Everyone, I believe, drove the track without mishap or issues.

We left camp the next day at 09.15 and stopped to view the monument and money tree and I signed the visitor book on behalf of TLCCSA. I had considered stopping at the rock pools on the way but everyone wanted to get to Ceduna and we still had about 80 more sand hills to navigate but these didn't cause a problem. We stopped at the dog fence that has now morphed into two fences (a dog fence and a vermin fence) for morning tea. After this we had two more fences to pass through, both being farm fences erected, I think, by the local farmer to limit through traffic on "his" land. Once past these obstacles we aired up our tyres as we were now driving on a smooth graded road. The only other thing to encounter was the Quarantine station but once they were advised we had come from Googs there was no issue. As aforementioned, the original trip was planned to finish at Kimba but Ceduna was a good alternative. We all stopped at the Foreshore Hotel in Ceduna and enjoyed a farewell lunch before going our separate ways.



Total trip duration - 6 days - Total km travelled - 2,244



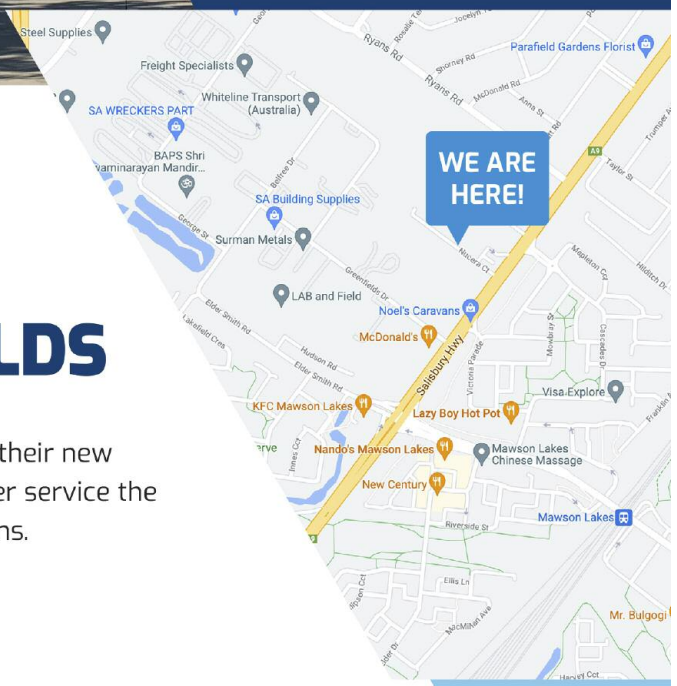
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The Cedars in Hahndorf

A group from the TLCCSA enjoyed an excellent tour and high tea at Hans Heysen's family home known as the Cedars in Hahndorf.

The beautiful autumnal colour in the grounds, and the sunny warm day added to the enjoyment of the outing.

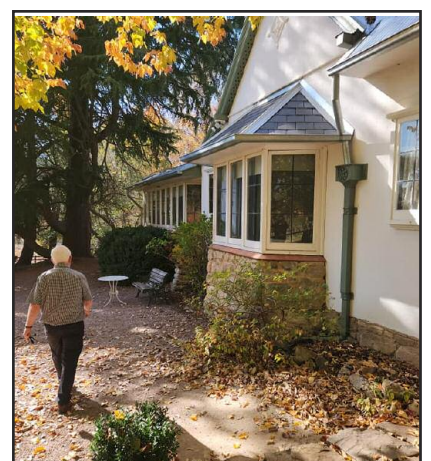
Visiting The Cedars in autumn added a magical flare of yellows, reds, oranges, green and gold to the morning. The Cedars is set in a natural bush setting with majestic trees, and native undergrowth, it consists of historical buildings open to the public.



Two buildings, one now known as Nora Heysen's studio, the Cafe and Tea Rooms at the back, which used to be the family's laundry and on the other side, crossing a gravel road and nestled under trees and a curated garden with roses, hydrangeas and other plantings, is the family home. One of the oldest preserved colonial style villas that was built in the 1870's and bought by Sir Hans and his wife Sallie Heysen in 1912. The rooms are filled with the furniture, textiles, objects and personal items belonging to the Heysen family, with many original works of art by Hans Heysen and daughter Nora Heysen, and other artists.

The famous 'Sewing (The Artist's Wife)' is one of the most talked about pieces of art at the Cedars. A highlight was seeing Hans Heysen's purpose-built art studio which allows natural light in, there is a natural forest of eucalyptus trees and other natives on the grounds of the property beyond the studio.

The morning was completed at the Cafe and Tea Rooms where the group enjoyed high-tea under the veranda, tables decked with white tablecloths, fine china cups and tiered chinaware filled with dainty sandwiches, savouries, tiny macarons and finger cakes.



Contributed by Louisa Sellek and Rosalie McCarthy

MADIGAN LINE TRIP REPORT May 2024

Leader: John Potts

Madiganeers: Steve & Kirstie Miller; Jo and Steve McCarthy; Andrew & Pam McDonald; Jo Zwar



With a great sense of anticipation – this was three years in the making after all – the group gathered at Coober Pedy on Monday, 13th May. Travelling north along the Stuart Highway we enjoyed lunch at the NT border, with about a million flies per person, and then it was a short stretch to our first night together in Kulgera. We refuelled, set up camp and in good spirits, and enjoyed a first dinner together in the Kulgera Roadhouse.

Tuesday morning brought a slight sense of apprehension, as several chats were

had with members of a group who had arrived in Kulgera with a depleted convoy, completely covered in mud and looking very much worse for wear, having just completed a desert crossing along the French Line

A phone call to Birdsville police reassured us that bypasses around Eyre Creek and the Poeppel salt pan were in place, and that the desert was drying out after some weekend rain.

With that we aired down and after a quick repair to a leaky valve, we were on our way off the bitumen.



We took a detour to the Lambert Centre – geographical centre of Australia then onto Finke for a final fuel top up, where the lovely NT Catholic Services chap offered Jo Z and Pam a ride to the bathroom in his ute before we then congregated with the locals in anticipation of the shop opening for an ice cream. We were soon on our way again, meandering in and out of creeks and across our first few sand dunes, arriving in Old Andado Station for the night. What a fascinating bit of history, learning about Molly Clark and inspecting the homestead.

Wednesday morning saw us implementing our new routine – an early start to organise 'breaky' and make lunch before the flies got too friendly. We made our way to the Mac Clark Conservation Park to check out

the Acacia Peuce, Waddi trees, which are one of the hardest timbers in the world.



Morning tea, AKA "Mornos" was at Madigan Camp 1a. Camps 2, 3, and 4 were inaccessible for cultural reasons so we headed to camp 5 to set up for the night. Emus curiously checked us out as we set up camp and very gamely got close to us the next morning.

Thursday we began to experience dunes ever increasing in size. One of the towing vehicles failed the last dune before camp 8. This one of two boggings for the day and saw the group employing a range of recovery techniques. A bit of track maintenance and now intimate knowledge of



that particular dune, ensured the second towing vehicle made the dune with ease. Camp 9 was home for the night and it was welcome relief to relax by a campfire after a long, hot and hard afternoon.



Another early start Friday made the crossing of the biggest dunes of the Line easy in the cooler part of the day. We made a short detour to Madigan's Claypan. As we continued further east, the dunes decreased in height, although many of them took on multiple ridges and peaks. An easier day's driving saw us make camp in a large clearing, a couple of hundred metres short of the official camp 15. It was a surprise to the desert novices, how much vegetation there is, but we were still not seeing much wildlife. Jo Z spotted an impressive centipede and there were many dingo and camel prints, and flocks of budgies appeared as we approached the Hay River.

Saturday morning we enjoyed the firmer surface of the Hay River Track as it wound amongst gums, but not for long as heavy corrugations became the order of the track. We pulled up about 25 kms from the intersection with the Poeppel saltpan bypass area for the night. A lovely campfire and good wine saw a high-spirited evening enjoyed by all.



A cool Sunday morning brought a welcome relief to the flies. Andrew spotted a magnificent dingo as we were packing up. The Madiganers became the Madisoners, and after a quick and somewhat clumsy rendition of the Nutbush, we were on the track again. A short, but extremely corrugated run brought us to the clay pans, where the evidence of the boggings, possibly of the party we had seen in Kulgera, was plain to see. Our route along the bypass was nice and dry, making it an easy loop around to the QAA line. It was a bit of a shock to the system to be suddenly encountering lots of radio chat and groups of travellers, having seen no one else since Old Andado. A group of

motorcyclists and support crew were setting out at the same time as us and we enjoyed several nice chats with them along the way. A close encounter on the ascent of a dune had us on edge as we tried to work out where vehicles were coming and going, as unfortunately not all were doing a great job of calling out their positions along the route. Due to flooding, we needed to take the Eyre Creek bypass. When we arrived at the crossing, the group of cyclists we had been leap frogging were walking their bikes across, the water around knee depth. The less experienced drivers in our group were a bit anxious, but all completed the crossing with ease. Camp was made after the crossing and we enjoyed a wonderful celebratory shared meal, thanks to Jo and John's fridge battery going on the blink.



On Monday, a whole week into our trip, we had several more dunes to cross, and then it was just Nemesis Dune and Big Red to go. Some of the group played around on Big Red, earning bragging rights and then we aired up and headed for Birdsville Tourist Park. A fabulous crossing was celebrated by a freshly showered group in the Birdsville Hotel.

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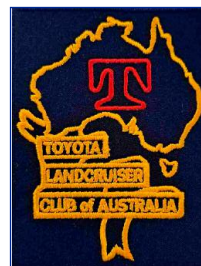
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Having finished a little ahead of schedule, a unique side trip for lunch at Betoota Hotel was decided on the following day. We enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of Trish and Robbo and celebrated Kirstie's birthday with a cake made by Jo Z. We enjoyed a final group dinner in Birdsville, before the group broke up and people began making their way home. Some of the group remained together for an evening at the character filled Lyndhurst Hotel, where we enjoyed one of the best meals of the trip. For some, there was one final scenery stop at Arona Dam and lunch at Hawker and then reluctantly it was time to head for home.



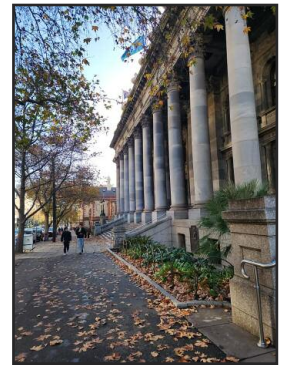
Many thanks to all of the group for their generous contributions and company, it was a fabulous trip, well worth doing if you get a chance.

Report: **Pam McDonald**

Parliament House Tour

15 members of the Toyota LandCruiser Club were treated to a tour of SA's Parliament House on Thursday 30 May. Many thanks to social events organiser extraordinaire, Pam Humeniuk, for arranging a fabulous afternoon's outing.

Our excellent tour guide ensured we thoroughly enjoyed our visit, regaling us with stories and anecdotes.



There was plenty of information for us to take in. For example, the history of the building itself. Constructed from granite and marble sourced in the State, the building was built in stages, over several decades, with the eastern section of the building, housing the Senate, added later. We saw several depictions of how this grand building would have looked, with initial plans including a grand dome. However, this was never constructed as various historical events intervened, including two world wars.

Old parliament house, on the western side, is still used for functions today, although at one stage, there were plans for it to be demolished.

Some of us enjoyed having the opportunity to sit in the speaker's chair in the 'peoples' house, or to take up a place on the bench where the Premier sits when parliament is in session. There were also grand corridors lined with portraits of past luminaries to explore, libraries and research areas lined with books, and many points of architectural interest to appreciate.



Several from the tour group then headed to the State Library cafe for a warming cuppa and chat. It was a thoroughly interesting visit and well worth the time.

Written by Rosalie McCarthy

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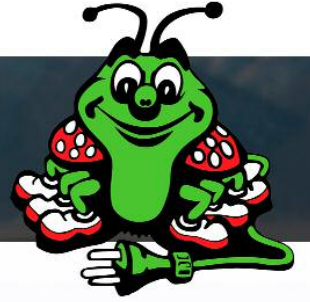
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