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August 2024

Next General Meetings:

Monday
26th August, 2024

Monday
23rd September 2024

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from your Vice President

Hello Members,
We are quickly leaving the middle third of the year and soon will be entering the final third of 2024. Whilst we haven't had an overly wet winter, there have been many opportunities to enjoy our outback with milder days and spectacular countryside.

Committee has been busy with forthcoming activities including the development and approval of several day, weekend and longer trips, some of which have an environmental aspect and will allow us to engage with our like-minded organisations.

I encourage you to participate in several education and training opportunities provided by Peter Harper and Murray McClay occurring over the next few months, with driver education, training at Peake and Morgan and events to learn about being a trip leader and remote first aid.

As always, there are many social activities, especially the big one, our Christmas Party in November.

Our 4WD SA club delegate has been busy continuing to untangle legal issues around insurance, as outlined by Larry Coaker at the last general meeting where he addressed coverage of non-members participating on trips and minimising the impact of signing insurance agreements on members.

As our days grow longer and the temperature becomes warmer, make sure you read our Club newsletter, prepared by Brian Stone, and choose some activities to escape suburbia and enjoy what South Australia has to offer.

Happy and safe travelling.

Simon

Simon Critchley
TLCCSA Vice President



Wed 28th August - Mosaic Hotel West Lakes

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See page 6 for details



The **26th August 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/CNURU>

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Next General Meeting:

26th August 2024, 7.30pm,
West Adelaide Football Club.
Including Annual General Meeting

Trip Reports:

Clean Up Australia - Ray Gedritis

Guest Speaker:

Newsletter Articles Deadline: Friday 6th September 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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- 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 August 2024.

- Chris Niendorf from Glenelg East
- Nick & Tori Bates from Aberfoyle Park
- Lynne Deboar from Goolwa North
- Scott Francis from Para Hills
- Marton Goldschmidt from Seaton
- John & Patricia House from Bridgewater
- Gavin Woolford from Walkley Heights

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

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club yearly calendar - 2024 / 25

August 2024

Thurs 1st - Sun 2nd Sept ~ Canning Stock Route (cancelled)

Fri 16th - Sun 18th ~ Horseshoe Top End

Sat 24th - Sun 25th ~ 4WD Theory

Mon 26th ~ General Meeting, WAFC

Wed 28th ~ Indoor Golf - Mosaic Hotel

Sat 31st ~ Tree Planting at Stone's hills property

September 2024

Fri 6th - Sat 14th ~ Wyperfeld, Murray-Sunset & Grampians

Sat 7th - Sun 8th ~ Peake Sand Driving

Mon 23rd ~ General Meeting, WAFC

Thurs 26th ~ Carrick Hill Tour

Sat 29th ~ GPS (Theory & Practical)

October 2024

Fri 4th - Mon 7th ~ Argadells

Tues 8th - Thur 10th ~ Remote Area First Aid Course

Fri 11th - Wed 16th ~ Old Ghan Railway Heritage Trail

Sat 12th - Sun 13th ~ Morgan (Ascent - Descent)

Sat 12th ~ Lions Yankalilla Fleurieu Peninsula Run

Mon 21st - Wed 23rd ~ Remote Area First Aid

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

Sun 9th ~ Kyeema Tree Planting

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

March 2025

Mon 24th ~ General Meeting, WAFC

Sun 30th - Sat 5th Apr ~ National Gathering 2025

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.

Lyndley Thomson

50 years + Membership

Lyn is one of two surviving founding members, the other being Barry Pobke. Lyn was awarded Life Membership in 1978.

Lyn is 98 years old and seriously infirmed by his blindness, so does not get to our meetings. However, he religiously reads and appreciates our Newsletter.

President Vlad recently sent him a certificate to acknowledge his 50 years of membership. We are grateful and sincerely thank him for his annual \$100 donation to the club

events calendar

Register now via
trybooking.com

*** UPDATED ***

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

Date: Fri 11th - 16th Oct 2024

Leaders: Simon Critchley &
Pin Needham

Convoy: (17 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. The signs are expected to be produced by August 26th.

The plan is to have two groups. Group 1, lead by Pin, will start a day ahead of Group 2 and travel to Copley, then from Copley to Oodnadatta and work south. Group 2, lead by Simon, will be the caravaners and they will begin at Port Augusta and do the southern section, finishing at Copley. We plan staying at Quorn, Copley & Oodnadatta caravan parks. A celebration dinner at Copley will be held upon completion of the project.

Suitable for Caravans (Group 2), Off Road van or trailer & tents. (Group 1)

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

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**Postponed due to difficulty in
obtaining permits**

2. Canning Stock Route

Date: TBA

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>

*** NEW ***

3. Horseshoe Top-End Trip

Date: Fri 16th - Sun 18th Aug 2024

Leader: Wendy Armour

Convoy: 10 vehicles

Location: Horseshoe Top-End Station
1133 Horseshoe Rd, Mookra SA

Rating: Driving on easy to moderate station tracks.

Detail: Camp sites have eco-friendly, composting toilets, fire rings and access to hot showers. Recovery gear, UHF radio, first aid kit, tyre guage and compressor required. Meet at 4pm on Friday and drive station tracks Saturday and Sunday.

Costs: \$50 per vehicle plus \$30/adult/night, minimum charge \$60/night).

Firewood: \$20/40 litre container (group share is \$100 for the weekend).

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

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4. 18 Hole Indoor X Golf

Leader: Sue Vordermaier

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

Convoy: 50 (7 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>

*** NEW ***

5. Special Tree Planting Day

Leader: Darryl Royans / Brian Stone

Date: Sat 31st August 2024 10 am

Number: 10 (2 booked)

Location: 653 Kenton Valley Rd, Kenton Valley

Detail: The aim of this trip is to assist our Club members, Brian & Sue Stone, with their post bushfire recovery on their property at Kenton Valley. While they managed to save their house, much of their property was burnt. They have had to remove many trees that were severely burnt. Now they have new trees to be planted to re-establish their property's vegetation.

The plan is to plant the new trees and shrubs. We are reliably advised that the soil is soft, so digging should be easy. However, the terrain is steep and often slippery and a reasonable level of fitness is necessary.

If you are less mobile, you can help with cooking the BBQ or splitting logs. It would be helpful if you can bring good work boots, gloves, a digging implement, a hammer for tree guard stakes and a bucket to carry your tube stock.

Once the job is completed, Brian & Sue will provide the workers with a BBQ in appreciation.

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

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6. Wyperfeld, Murray-Sunset & Grampians National Park

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 (9 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 Res
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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7. Carrick Hill Tour of Gardens and House

Date: Thurs 26th Sept, 2024.

Numbers: 30 (6 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 a 100 acre 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>

*** NEW ***

8. Argadells 2024

Dates: Fri 4 - Mon 7 Oct 2024

Leader: James & Linley Edwards

Convoy: Unlimited

Rating: Moderate to Hard

Comment: Rocky ascents and descents with some steep sections. Beautiful views across the surrounding landscape to Port Augusta, Lake Torrens.

Argadells Station 2641 Ardenvale Rd, 28km North of Quorn. A working sheep property of 32 square Km's approx 360km North of Adelaide.

Various tracks ranging from Moderate to Hard. Must have low ratio and good clearance with 4x4 experience in ascent/descent.

Trip Details: Travel to Argadells on Friday 4 Oct. BYO everything. Camping with be at one of the properties bush sites (Cockroach & Jacks) so will necessitate being completely self sufficient. Suitable for semi offroad/offroad caravans, camper trailers & tents.

For those who wish to bring an onroad van, there is a Caravan park available at \$35/night (2 people) approx 5km from the bush camp.

Property access is \$50 per vehicle plus camping fee of \$15/adult/night.

We will order some firewood from the property (\$100 to be shared between the attendees once we have final numbers) but please bring a bag along to supplement this.

For more information see their website.

<https://www.argadells.com.au/>

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

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9. Lions Club Yankalilla Run

Date: Sat 12th October 2024

Leader: Andy Davis

Rating: Moderate

Convoy: TBA (8 booked)

Cost: \$60 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 am.

Convoy: 22 people (6 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>

*** NEW ***

11. Kyeema Tree Planting

Date: Sunday 10 Nov 2024

Leader: TBA

Location: Kyeema Conservation Park, Woodgate Hill Road, Kuitpo Colony

Convoy: Unlimited

Come and do your bit for the environment. Maybe plant a tree or two, participate in other working bee activities, and leave a legacy for the future. It'll make you feel good, and you'll have a great time doing it too.

Bring your morning tea and lunch which will be supplemented by a sausage sizzle. Bring gloves, hats, boots etc and be prepared for a great day.

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

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12. 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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13. Beachport 2025

Date: Fri 24th – Tues 28 Jan 2025

Leader: Pin Needham & Paul Hoskins

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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14. Victorian High Country Camping Trek - Licola

Date: Sat 8 Feb - Sat 15 Feb 2025

Leader: Craig Marchant

Convoy: 5 vehicles (3 booked)

Rating: Moderate - Difficult

Comment – Scenic tour of the Vic high country. Spend 5 days off grid, camping alongside rivers and enjoying the stunning scenery of the V.H.C. Traverse the many valleys and mountain tops, with lots of river crossings and exciting ascends and descends.

Day 1. Meet at Licola at 5pm utilising the complementary undercover BBQ area with its fire pit for dinner and drinks.

Day 2. Optional day trip to Walhalla. A well preserved 161-year-old historical town that has been used as a backdrop for several movies. Take a gold mine tour and do scenic walks around the town.

Day 3 to 5. Leave Licola and traverse the VHC Ridge line drives, ascends to mountain tops, descends to valleys and camp next to pristine rivers.

Day 6. Travel towards Jamieson on the all weather road that continues at elevation, providing stunning scenic views. Camp along the Jamieson River, approx. 10-15km east of Jamieson.

Day 7. Rest day to do as you wish. Day trip to Jamieson, swim or fish the river, circular bushwalk or enjoy the tranquillity of relaxing by the river.

Day 8. Trip ends leaving the campsite at your leisure. Easy drive back to the bitumen via the Jamieson / Licola rd.

Must have A/T's with 50% tread. Recovery gear including 4 x traction boards if no winch and tyre repair kit.

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

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15. Toyota Landcruiser Clubs National Gathering 2025

Date: 30 March to 5 April 2025

Location: Mansfield Showgrounds Victoria

Leader: Vlad Humeniuk

Convoy: 20 (54 booked)



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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	SCC	\$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)	SCC	\$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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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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Ngarkat National Park, Big Desert State Park and Wyperfeld National Park

Date 21st to 24th June 2024 **Trip Leader** Craig Marchant **TLCCSA Members** David Burgess and son Adam

Day 1 – Friday 21st June - Lameroo to Big Desert State Park via Border Track

We met at Lameroo at 10am and the weather was a perfect winters day, sunny, still and around 14C. Keen to get off the black top, we took the back way towards the Border Track via Cemetery Rd and onto Yappara Road. The dirt back roads had been well maintained, so it was a pleasant drive with open farmland whizzing by.

Within a ½ hr we entered the Ngarkat National Park and aired down to 25psi before beginning our journey south along the Border Track. It was apparent the track has seen a lot of traffic over the last few years, as it had degraded noticeably since 2022. A lot of wombat holes on the ascends and reasonably deep ruts with numerous instances where you could see people scrapping their undercarriage and diffs.



Lunch was at the Trig Point which provides 360-degree views of Ngarkat and you can see the Border Track disappearing into the distance.



After the Trig Point the track degraded further. With sand hill climbs that had sizable and continuous wombat holes, we had to lower our tyre pressures further. You had to go quite slow to avoid throwing your car around too much, and because of this we were struggling to make it to the top of the hills. The track would be rated intermediate now, and you definitely want a bit of lift to make sure you can traverse the never ending ruts without too much scrapping.



Making good time we arrived at Red Bluff camp ground at 3:30pm. This is a great campsite with newish toilets and plenty of open space that we had all to ourselves. We ended up travelling 90km for the day, averaging 24kph which included about 50km on high speed dirt roads. This indicates how slow going parts of the Border Track now are. Pin stripe rating for the Border Track is 6/10 and we didn't encounter any other travellers during the day.

With no wind, the late afternoon temperature started to drop quickly so we got the fire on and enjoyed a couple of lemon squashes before dinner. We all cooked on the coals, steak and vegetables being the order of the day. Some Barossa Muscat kept us warm for a while but with the temperate plummeting towards zero, we didn't stay up for too long and retired early to help keep warm.

Day 2 – Saturday 22nd June - Big Billy Campground

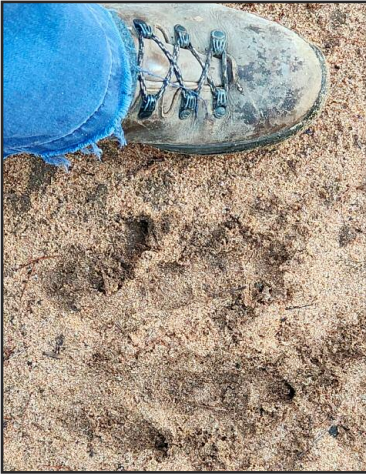
With a crystal clear and perfectly still night, we woke to a very cold morning with ice covering our cars and Craigs awning frozen stiff. There is a walk you can do up to the Red Bluff lookout, where you can then watch the sun rise and the moon set. It is also a great way to warm you up on a cold morning.



From the lookout you get great views of the Big Desert State Park.



Through the night we had a few visitors walk through our camp with fresh paw prints (cat/fox?) along with emus and kangaroos.



Once our camping gear had thawed out, we packed up and were back on the tracks by 9:30am. We headed east along the Red Bluff Track which is quite overgrown on the Border Track end (pin stripe rating 6/10). Thankfully, it eventually widened as we got further into the Mallee country. For 40km we traversed the sandy tracks, going up and down the never-ending sand. This track must not get much traffic as it was easy going, and with perfect weather made for a relaxing drive through Big Desert. There were a few sections though that had some bog holes and dunes.



Not knowing the depth or how soft it was, Craig told Burgo to just go flat out straight up the middle and see what happens.....Burgo told him to bugger off, so we found a way to go around the worst of it.

With no fresh vehicle tracks and still not encountering anyone, we started to get the feeling of remoteness. What was also noticeable was how the wildlife use the tracks to travel along with never ending emu, kangaroo and other paw prints constantly marking the track.

We then arrived at the Murrayville-Nhill road and headed north to a lookout for lunch. From the lookout you get more great views of the state park.

Burgo had put some party pies in the oven so we all enjoyed a little treat for lunch. With another great day weather wise we decided to make the most of it by heading to camp with a plan of putting the fire on and having a lazy afternoon doing not much at all.



We continued north along the Murrayville-Nhill road which thankfully had some recent maintenance done to it, as the sections which hadn't been done were very chopped up and muddy. It was certainly fun driving

the sandy muddy road and we made good time to Big Billy Bore camp ground, arriving at 2:30pm. Total distance covered for the day was 87km with an average speed of 26kph. We passed 1 vehicle and 1 motorbike on the main road along with a single camper at Big Billy, once again showing how few people were in the area.



With camp set up and the fire on, we soaked up the last of the late afternoon sun, as with another perfectly still evening approaching, we knew it was going to get cold very quickly. Dinner was again cooked on the fire, with Burgo and Adam using their bbq rack and Craig the hotplate. Bbq'd steak, sausages and vegi's once again the order of the day.

After dinner we did a bit of star gazing using an app called SkyView on Burgo's phone. This is an amazing app, you simply point the camera to the sky and it tells you the names of stars, planets, constellations, distance from earth etc etc. Amazing! Afterwards, we soaked up the warmth of the fire, as the full moon rose and bathed the campsite with its dull glow. With the temperature quickly dropping towards zero, we warmed our insides with a bit of Muscat before retiring to bed.

Day 3 – Sunday 23rd June - White Springs and Ross Springs

Adam rose early and put the fire on which was very much appreciated by Craig and Burgo, as it was another freezing cold morning. Everything had iced over and even the tap at the amenities station had frozen solid.

Craig and Adam went up to the lookout to watch the sun rise and the moon set, and it was certainly worth the short walk. With a slight mist and the contrast of light between the sun rising and the moon setting, it made for a photographer's delight. From the lookout you get a reliable 2 to 3 bars of phone reception so it is a handy spot to touch base with the outside world. With the fire going we had a slow start to the day, cooking some breakfast and enjoying the tranquility of the early morning.



We hit the road around 10am and from a previous trip, Burgo knew of a sand dune we could have a bit of fun on. It provides another lookout west of Delisio Track that you could camp at the top of if you wished. We then headed east along Delisio track, initially it had been widened by the Rangers but soon closed in, providing more of those horrible squeeching sounds, pin stripe rating 6/10.



We were going to head to Big Dune but having already done a fair bit of sand driving, we changed our minds and continued east towards White Springs and our lunch stop. The landscape along the way changes between mallee scrub, open areas and wooded sections.

At White Springs there is another lookout you can drive up to and once again to our surprise, you could pick up some phone reception. This area makes for

another good camp spot, with tables, fire pits and plenty of open space. With the surrounding hills and pine tree area, you would also get some protection from the weather. After lunch we continued on towards Ross Springs. Some track widening had been recently completed so it provided more easy going sand driving. Along the way we encountered our only other travellers, 2 trail bikes that got a bit of a shock when they came flying around a corner and





found a couple of Cruisers coming the other way! With the weather once again perfect, the opportunity to have another lazy afternoon around the fire was too good to miss. We arrived at Ross Springs camping area around 2:30pm having travelled 50km at an average speed of 20kph. This place cannot get too many campers as there was an abundance of firewood lying around. So, we collected some up,

and got the fire going.

With a little bit of cloud cover, the temperature didn't drop quite so quickly and provided a great sunset, with the light changing from light to dark orange and then to dark pinky reds. After sunset Burgo mentioned he had a few steaks that needed to be used up, so the offer was gladly accepted. While Adam did the honours, Burgo sat back and finished his remaining Guinness' and Craig put a further dent in his remaining Coopers. With the cloud cover keeping the temperature from dropping too quickly, we sat back after dinner and enjoyed the toasty warm fire for a couple of hours, sipping Muscat and wondering what all the poor people were doing.



Day 4 – Monday 24th June - Back to Border Track and on to Lameroo



With the morning not quite so cold, we must have been comfy in our beds as we didn't rise until after 7:30am. Adam once again got the fire going and we had another lazy morning warming ourselves around it, boiling the billy and having some breakfast. We were on the move at 9:30am, heading west along Ross Spring track. Being a more remote part of the park, the track was again overgrown with little evidence of much traffic. Continuing due west we

arrived at Mountain Pine, another good camping spot with a nice lookout and spring/wetland area. The bushland having changed from low lying small Eucalypt trees to more open plains and pine trees.

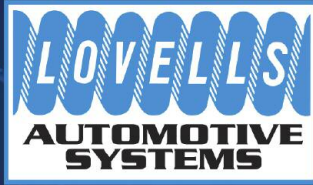
Continuing west, the track remained narrow in sections and the feeling of remoteness remained, having not really seen anyone for 3 days. The further



west we went, the sandier the terrain became. We were now on Firebreak Track, west of the maintained Murrayville-Nhill Road and 20km east of the Border Track. With a lot of low-lying dunes, and clearly more traffic creating ruts and wombat holes on the ascends, it provided for some fun hill climbs. We met back up with the Border Track around 12:30, aired up and headed to Lameroo for lunch after another pleasant morning of bush driving.

In summary, a great 4 days. Perfect weather with warm days and still nights. Plenty of firewood at the remote campsites and no one around. The campsites of Red Bluff and Big Billy had good facilities and were well maintained. The area is relatively easy to navigate but with so few people traversing it, you should come prepared and with at least 1 other vehicle. From a sand driving perspective and putting aside no beaches, your author would consider this a much better area to come sand driving than Robe / Beachport. It would make an ideal place for a basic to intermediate club training trip.

Written by Craig Marchant



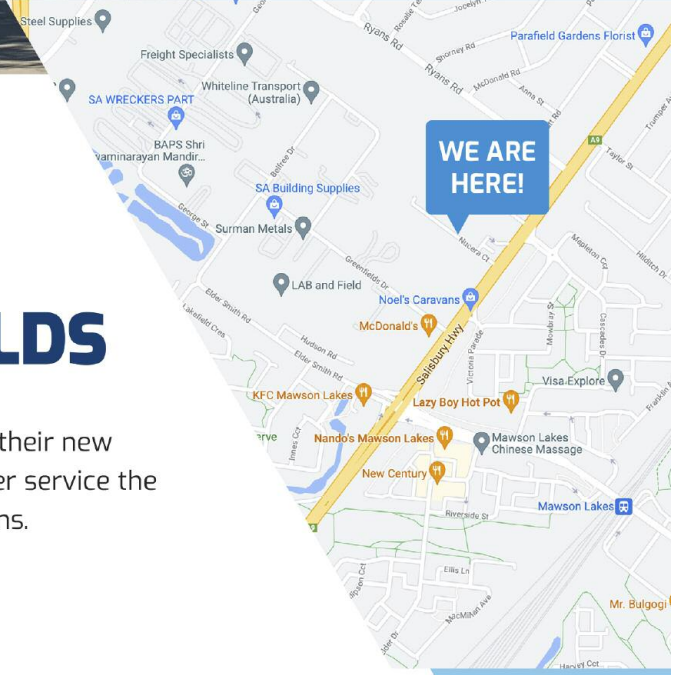
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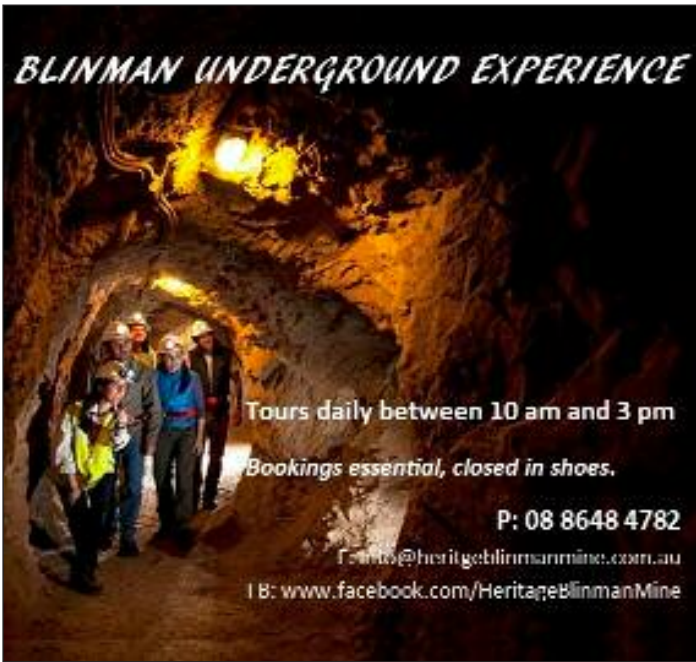
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Participants: Trip Leader Simon Critchley

Team A: Simon Critchley (Team Leader), Kathryn & Trevor Duggan, Brian & Sue Stone

Team B: Graeme Brettig (Team Leader), Helen Brettig, Andrew & Pam McDonald, Solveiga Asaris

Moolooloo Station is nestled 20km NW of Blinman and 30km NE of Parachilna in the heart of the Flinders Ranges along Glass Gorge Road, an hour and a half North of Hawker and 6 hours (550kms) North of Adelaide. Established in 1851 by the McKinley Brothers, it is now owned by Reece and Tarina Warren who raise Merino sheep and invite tourists to share the enjoyment of their property. Their aim is to build up the stock numbers, incorporate carbon farming and develop tourism with a focus on preservation. They recognised that they had a significant problem with wheel cactus infestation, and this is the second year that TLCCSA members have assisted them with their eradication program. Ten members travelled to Moolooloo to spend a week hunting down the dreaded invader.



16 June 2024 Day 1 – Sunday (Pam) Arrival

The group gathered on Sunday afternoon, some journeying from Adelaide and others just a short trip from Oraparinna, and the setup was soon done. We gathered in the shearer's quarters for happy hour, or as we preferred to call it "Dribbles", this soon led on to dinner and discussion of the plan for the week ahead. As sad as we were to be missing some familiar faces, our group of 10 fitted very comfortably into the communal area.



17 June 2024 Day 2 – Monday (Pam) Harvest and Welcome BBQ

The necessary paperwork was sorted, and a general briefing done. The first thing to achieve was to find and harvest cochineal. We only had to travel 1 km along the Patawata Rd to discover that the infesting we had done last year had been very successful and we had soon filled our buckets with infected cactus pads. Morning tea was called early back at the shearer's quarters (Chris would have been proud!). The rest of the morning was spent sorting out the GPS units and plotting our afternoon run.



We had a quick stop to hopefully see the devastation brought to the Devil's Rope Cactus treated by Ralph and Ray last year. The group were ridiculously excited to see how effective their efforts had been, the plant now being a dishevelled wreck.

Anticipating our first run near the Nuccaleena Mine Road to be an hour or so, we headed out soon after 12, with a plan to break for lunch after the



quick run. This was obviously on the optimistic side, as the terrain was quite rough, with many trees and creek beds to negotiate around and we eventually returned to the cars for lunch at 3:15! That was certainly enough for our first day and we returned to camp at 4 pm, having treated 172 cacti. In the evening, we had happy hour followed by a communal BBQ where we were joined by our hosts Reece, Tarina and Bailey Warren. A lovely evening was shared, and a brief speech was made by Reece where he expressed his gratitude to the club members for the work we are doing to help eradicate the cactus. Simon responded on behalf of TLCCSA.

18 June 2024 Day 3 – Tuesday (Sue and Brian) Cactus and Quiz Night

A planned 8:30 muster was slightly delayed, with a visit from Reece who showed us a map of the station and suggested a great route for our day off driving day to come. At 9:30 we headed back to Patch A to finish the 2.5 runs not completed yesterday. Chris-time (our new name for morning tea in honour of Chris Adams) was again missed due to the distance of each cactus run. We all gathered for a pleasant and well deserved 45-minute lunch break (all except Simon who had left his lunch behind!) in a creek bed, before heading off to Patch C near the Telstra repeater tower to complete the last run that was not able to be done last year. Whilst the runs were relatively short, the ground was steep in places and a little difficult to keep our bearings.



In all, 168 cacti were treated with more spotted on the return route to be infected on another day. We were lucky to have another fine day even though the flies were a bit friendly.



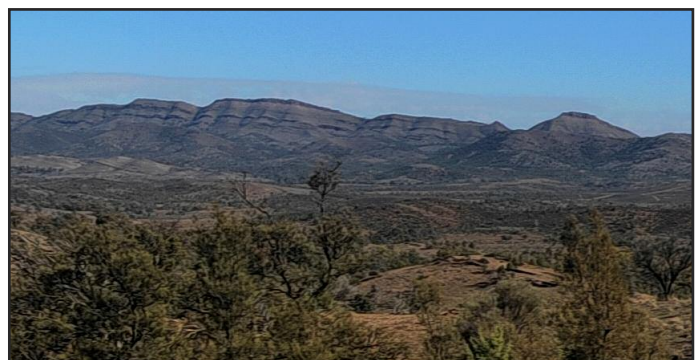
Back at base, Sue once again lit the wood stove, everyone cleaned up and enjoyed happy hour Dribbles, followed by dinner and a Quiz Night. Simon split the group up into teams of 3, The Hybrids, The Top Guns and Da Big Boys. After 6 rounds of 10 questions/round The Hybrids (Sue, Helen and Graeme) won by half a point. A close and fun game showing how little we knew. First prizes were Moolooloo beanies or bucket hats with chocolates shared with everyone.

19 June 2024 Day 4 – Wednesday (Helen) Cactus and Cards

Weather: A lovely sunny day after a crisp start.

After a briefing at 8:40 we collected our GPS and instructions, with the first stop to harvest more infected cactus. We were eventually ready to roll after attending to Brian's lacerated finger (remote first aid required) and Simon extricated himself from a ditch using exemplary 4WD techniques (later realising his free wheeling hubs weren't locked). We headed for our first coordinates where after some toing and froing and creek crawling, we found the right track, a very nice 4WD ride to the starting spot. After morning tea, the two groups split to complete Patch F, a long but narrow strip which only yielded 4 very small plants. The terrain was a bit hilly here with rocks and shale creating fall hazards.

After lunch we attacked the opposite side of the creek, Patch G. This section was treacherous in places and no plants were found so time was called early and we



headed back to camp arriving at 4pm. Another sumptuous Dribbles session led into dinner in the lovely warm kitchen. At 8pm there was a slight shower of rain to settle the dust, would there be more to come? A few diehards played Five Crowns in honour of Ray before heading for bed to regroup.



20 June 2024 Day 5 – Thursday (Trevor) Day Trip

The usual crisp morning start for our jaunt around Moolooloo Station started at 9 am with Simon and Solveiga heading out in the lead car towards Nuccaleena Road. Most cactus buckets were left behind as this was a “drive” day. In the morning sunshine plenty of future cactus victims were obvious before we turned off onto a private No Public Access track. Here the kangaroos were everywhere with plenty of sheep too as we drove along very scenic creek beds.



At this stage we were headed to Green Well which we found to be well maintained and with a full tank of water. It was interesting to look at some of the old structures and speculate on what functions they served. We then headed for Hunter Spring Well where many newborn lambs could be seen. Simon very nearly had one to keep as it kept chasing his car! On to Moorillah Homestead, a sprawling area with a fully functioning house (although unoccupied), large sheds and plenty of equipment around it. Leaving there, it was off to Bob Mooney Well and Hut. The well was in good condition while the hut was quite dilapidated but still rooved. We travelled to an un-named lookout that was great for



views and pictures, looking out towards Lake Torrens.

From there we travelled along Breakfast Time Creek, which runs parallel to Warraweena Station, towards the homestead. After not seeing any cactus for most of the trip, it was within a few kilometres of the Moolooloo Homestead we began to see them again and we couldn't resist putting Cochineal on at least one. Then it was onward to happy hour at home before rain started to fall. In fact, several showers fell that evening, some light, some heavy.....hopefully sunshine tomorrow.

21 June 2024 Day 6 – Friday (Solveiga) Winter Solstice



After a night of heavy rain, we were woken by Jenni (generator) to a sunny morning and almost clean cars. After our usual morning activities, we were on our way to work, filling our tyres with mud on the way. Having completed Wednesday's high country sectors we began on the creek beds. Low and behold, we came, we saw and we euthanised not only wheel cacti but several stands of Devil's Rope cactus as well. This uses different cochineal which we harvested from the huge stand found last

year. Team A found an area of several plants, nicknamed “Katherines Kactus Kluster” and Team B found 3 clusters courtesy of Pam and Andrew. Morning tea and lunch, as always, were in very scenic spots. After work we adjourned to our usual Dribbles, this time with a special treat of Trevor Duggans scones – Yummy! After dinner, for sweets we indulged in another batch of Trevor's scones festooned with jam and cream.



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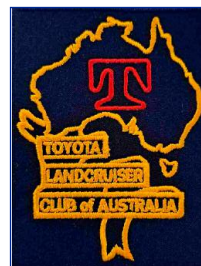
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The evenings entertainment was hosted by Sue and Brian, with two teams drawing and guessing song titles. This was won by Trevor, Katherine, Graeme and Solveiga. Being solstice and full moon, someone was heard howling at the moon!

22 June 2024 Day 7 - Saturday (Sue) Final Day

A very cold start for our last work expedition day but it had fined up and the sun shone. Two escapees departed early, back to the big smoke, leaving eight to battle on. It was suggested that couples may like to swap for the day – work gangs that is! Status quo prevailed and we mustered as per usual ready for the hunt. We had completed all tasks set by Ralph and Ray so today we headed to a patch near the Telstra tower with plenty of cacti just waiting for infestation. Morning tea turned into a radio fix-it session with one transforming into a baby monitor- awkward! Off to hunt again along the Nuccaleena Road creek line where some giants awaited. We harvested clean pads to replenish the



Blinman Nursery stock and infected the rest. We need to return to this location next year as we could see many more victims waiting for us on the hills. Today's kill total was 130 bringing the total for the week to over 500–impressive!

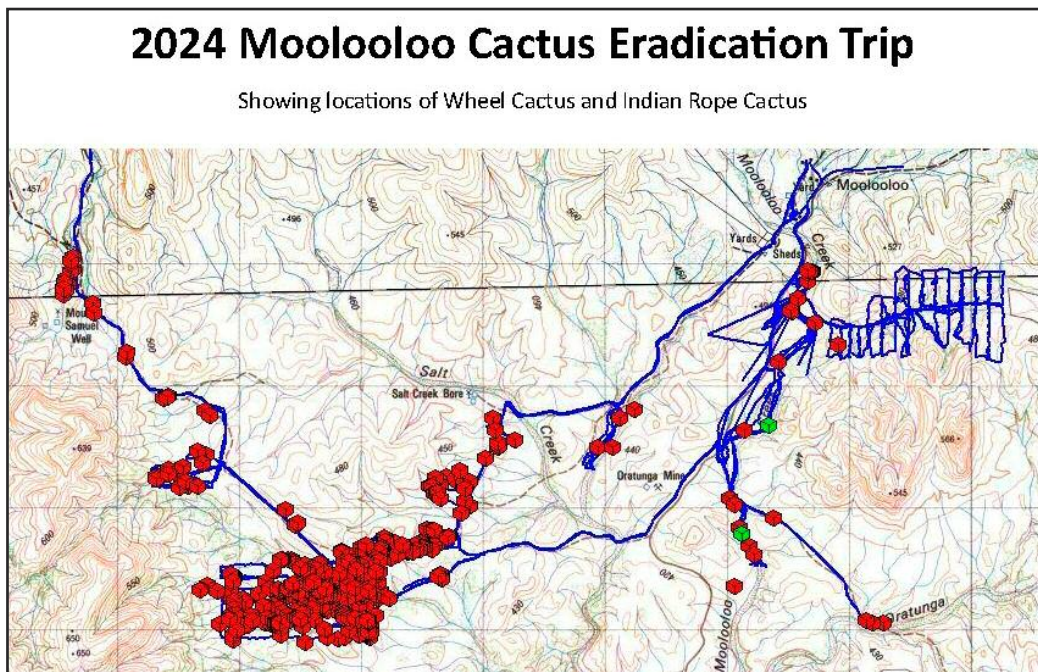
Lunch was enjoyed in sunshine at Nuccaleena mine where we later explored the tunnel/mine shaft and ruins. A quick stop at the Nuccaleena Pub before a run up to Sunset Boulevard to watch the sunset and the moon rise over this beautiful country. Communal cooking for dinner and a friendly game of Five Crowns ended a great day and a fun and productive week.



23 June 2024 Day 8 - Sunday (Simon) Heading for Home

Sunday was our departure day, and the morning was spent packing our cars and vans and cleaning the rooms and amenities. Brian, Sue, Andrew and Pam headed home via Glass Gorge, Parachilna and the bitumen while Simon, Solveiga, Trev and Kathryn turned left on Glass Gorge and headed first to the Blinman Bakery and then onto the Blinman Cactus Nursery at the local tip. There, we inspected the trays of infected cactus pads, all of which were dead and therefore useless. The pads were removed and replaced with the fresh pads we had harvested on Saturday and pieces of infected cacti were distributed across the trays, hoping to spread the cochineal to the healthy pads. Trev and Kathryn began their travels home while Simon and Solveiga travelled to Gum Creek Station to return the GPS equipment and tubs before heading for home. This concluded another very successful and enjoyable week, continuing to assist in the critical task of eradicating cactus from the Flinders Ranges. Thanks to Simon Critchley for stepping up as Trip Leader and doing an amazing job and thanks to the volunteers who gave their time willingly in an atmosphere of cooperation and friendship and Yes “we’ll be back”!

Trip Report compiled by Graeme Brettig. Thanks to all for their contributions.



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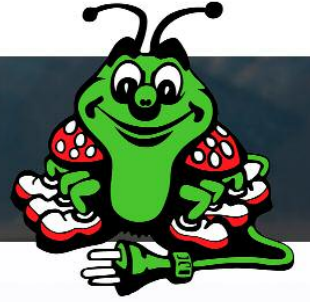
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- Use the Garmin Explore™ app to easily sync¹ your waypoints, tracks and routes across your Overlander device, smartphone and desktop
- Use the Garmin Explore™ app to download additional maps, such as satellite imagery and USGS quad sheets on 64 GB of storage
- Preloaded with iOverlander™ points of interest and Ultimate Public Campgrounds, so you don't need a cell signal to find the best-established, wild and dispersed campsites
- Powered magnetic mount that comes with a suction cup or RAM ball compatible adapter
- Integrated pitch and roll gauges help you and your vehicle navigate difficult terrain
- Preloaded street maps with turn by turn directions for Australia and preloaded topography, including public land boundaries,
- 4X4 roads, forest service roads, waterways, trails and other land use data



PAIR IT WITH THE INREACH MINI AND USE IT TO TEXT

The Overlander can also connect to your phone through your InReach Mini and allow texting and phone calls. From anywhere on the planet, InReach Mini is your go to connect for maintaining off grid contact.



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Can you pair it with other products?

YES! there are other TOUGH
devices you can pair this with!
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BC35 REVERSE CAMERA



A quality backup camera like the Garmin BC 35 can significantly enhance rearward visibility for drivers and, thus, help minimize the risk of "blind zone" accidents whenever your vehicle is moving in reverse. Pair it with the Overlander for a Dynamic Duo

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