



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

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September 2025

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Monday
22nd September, 2025

Monday
27th October 2025

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from your President

Hello members.

During a recent working bee at Innaminka, life member Trevor (TC) Coleman unfortunately suffered a medical episode. Trevor was airlifted by the Royal Flying Doctor Service to the RAH where he underwent medical treatment and is now recovering well. We wish Trevor a speedy recovery and our thoughts are

with Trevor and Nurse Terrie as she looks after him.

At the November general meeting, we present awards in recognition of members who have contributed outstanding service over the year. The areas of recognition are Driver Trainer, Environmental Champion, Trips and Events Champion and Club Champion of the Year. Any member can nominate a member as recipient of an award. Send nominations via email to secretary@tlccsa.asn.au or in writing to any committee member with the name of the nominee, the award and a brief paragraph outlining the reason for the nomination by 31 October. Committee will consider nominations at the November committee meeting and choose the recipients.

Our rural farmers and graziers are doing it tough with the effects of the drought this year. Our August guest speaker spoke of the hardship these folk are experiencing and how we can help by making a tax deductible donation to the Rotary Drought Relief Project. See the article by Paul Hoskins in this newsletter.

The 2026 January general meeting will clash with the Australia Day Holiday and long weekend, so the meeting has been moved to Monday 19 January. Please amend your calendar.

Bookings for the TLCCSA Christmas Party Weekend at Port Elliot are now open. See the TryBookings link in the newsletter Events Calendar. Held on 27-29 November, it is a great opportunity for members and families with children to come for either the party on 28 November or the whole weekend, meet Father Christmas and enjoy a wonderful night of good food and entertainment. There is a complimentary breakfast on Sunday. For our new members, this is a good way to make connections and new friendships.

Safe Travels

Simon

Simon Critchley
TLCCSA President

TLCCSA History Book Launch

Dont miss the launch of the Club's second history book on **Friday 12th Sept at Cornes Toyota Showroom, Hawthorn, at 6 pm.**

Refreshments and drinks will be provided. This latest book captures history from 2011 to 2021 which was our big 50 celebration year.

Book now. <https://www.trybooking.com/DCCYI>



The **22nd September 2025 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/CWXDU>



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Next General Meeting: AGM

22nd September 2025, 7.30pm,
West Adelaide Football Club.

Trip Reports:

Guest Speaker:

Ryan Wallace.
State Sales Manager Tasmania
REDARC.

Newsletter Articles Deadline: Wed 5th September 2025

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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2025-26

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As part of the disclosure requirements for our Public/Directors & Officer Liability insurance, please contact a committee member with relevant information if you are or become aware that:

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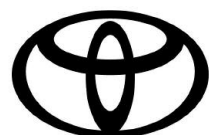
The club would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members for the month of September 2025.

- Graeme Ball from Hardwicke Bay
- Jack Sparks from Nairne
- James Allender from Unley
- Michael McCarthy from Fords

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

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club yearly calendar - 2025

September 2025

Sat 6th - Sun 7th ~ Peake Sand Driving
Wed 10th ~ Adelaide Planetarium Visit (cancelled)
Fri 12th ~ 50 Year Book Launch - Cornes Toyota
Mon 22nd ~ General Meeting, WAFC
Sun 28th ~ GPS (Theory & Practical)

October 2025

Fri 3rd - Mon 6th ~ Ralph Abbott Argadells Trip
Sat 11th ~ Lions Club Yankalilla Run
Wed 15th ~ Gourmet Trail
Sat 18th - Sun 19th ~ Ascent / Descent - Morgan
Sun 19th - Sat 1st Nov ~ Gawler Ranges & Eyre Peninsula
Wed 22nd - Sun 26th ~ Adelaide 4WD and Adventure Show Club Display
Sun 26th ~ Trip Planning
Mon 27th ~ General Meeting, WAFC

November 2025

Sun 9th ~ Wheel Change and Pre-Departure
Sun 16th ~ Historic Vehicle Gathering & Run
Mon 24th ~ General Meeting, WAFC
Fri 28th - Sun 30th ~ Christmas Party - Port Elliot

January 2026

Mon 19th ~ General Meeting, WAFC

February 2026

Sat 7th - Sat 14th ~ Vic High Country
Mon 23rd ~ 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.

How to Claim your Trip Leader Incentive and other Trip Expenses

- Go to the website: tlccsa.asn.au Log in via the Members Login (top right hand corner), which will take you to the "Members Zone." Click on the "Member Downloads" then click on Expenditure Claim Form.
- Fill out the eform for your Trip, include all receipts and forward the completed form to the Treasurer for reimbursement.
- Make sure you include your Bank account details accurately.
- Then, Hassle Pin for your bottle of wine.

events calendar

Register now via
trybooking.com

1. Fraser Island (K'gari) Scenic 2025

Date: Sat 30 August 2025 - Sun 7 September 2025

Leaders: Craig Marchant

Convoy: 22 people. **(6 vehicles booked)**

Rating: Scenic and moderate

Comment: Your opportunity to visit the world's largest sand island. The main way around the island is via the beach, which is generally easy to drive on, with a 80kph speed limit. The inland tracks can be rough due to the volume of traffic. More remote tracks have the potential to be softer and rutted out, again simply due to traffic and not being maintained.

Start at Rainbow Beach at 5:00pm on August 30, staying overnight at Rainbow Beach Caravan Park, 308 Carlo Road, Rainbow Beach Qld 4581 before taking the ferry at Inskip Point to K'Gari on the 31st. Bush camping with facilities except for 1 night. Be aware of the dingos. Contact trip leader for detailed itinerary and more information. No caravans or trailers.

Essential gear- Long handle shovel, basic recovery gear, compressor, tyre deflater. Desirable - traction boards. Permits are required for vehicles driving on K'gari as well as separate camping permits at designated sites and dates. There is a ferry charge of \$140 return. Contact the trip leader for more details.

Also remember that Rainbow Beach is approximately 2200 Km from Adelaide, allow 2-3 days each way for this journey.

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

2. Ralph Abbot Argadells 2025

Dates: Fri 3 - Mon 6 Oct 2025

Leader: James & Linley Edwards

Convoy: Unlimited **(10 booked)**

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 Ardenvalle 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 will be at one of the property's bush sites (Wint's) 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/CXKLJ>

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3. Lions Club Yankalilla Run

Date: Sat 11 October 2025

Leader: Pin & Kim Needham

Rating: Moderate

Convoy: TBA **(10 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/DDHZP>

*** NEW & UPDATED ***

4. Gourmet Trail

Date: Wed 15 October, 2025

Leader: Susan Vordermaier

Convoy: Unlimited

Comment: 10.30am meet at Melbas Chocolates, 22 Henry Steet, Woodside for a self guided tour, coffee is available as well as an optional tasting board \$5 per head.

11.30am Woodside Cheese factory 20 Henry Street, Woodside, for an optional \$15 tasting, 3 cheeses and crackers at the cellar door

12.30pm Lunch at: Same but Different, 79 Mt Barker Rd, Hahndorf

Before going home we will visit the Berenberg Farm Shop Mt Barker Rd, Hahndorf to stock up the pantry.

Please book via the Try booking link before the 13th October so booking numbers can be confirmed.

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

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5. Gawler Ranges and Eyre Peninsula 2025

Date: Sun 19 Oct - Sat 1 Nov 2025

Leader: Denise & Vladimir Malcik

Convoy: 6 vehicles (14 booked)

Rating: Moderate

Gawler Ranges NP with gravel tracks and sand driving on beaches on Eyre Peninsula.

Also time for walking, fishing and just relaxing.

Camping starts at Mambray Creek, then Gawler Ranges NP, Waganny Campground (2 nights), Coffin Bay Yangie Campground (4 nights) and Lincoln NPs. Summer Beach Campground.(4 nights)

Essential gear- Long handle shovel, basic recovery gear, compressor, tyre deflater, UHF radio. Desirable - traction boards and second spare tyre

Permits required for Mambray, Gawler Ranges, Coffin Bay & Lincoln NP. Participants to make their own campsite bookings. A 2 month pass available on line (\$54 per couple)

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

*** NEW ***

6. Adelaide 4WD and Adventure Show

Date: Wed 22 - Sun 26 Oct 2025

Venue: Royal Adelaide Showgrounds:

Organiser: Gordon Combeer and Brenton Manuel

Personnel: 25 places to be filled (flexible)

Comment: An important event to make the public aware of the club, to inform them about what the club can do for its members and explain about our various activities. inclusive of training, 4wd experiences, short and long trips away and positive environmental efforts. This is one of the main events for the recruitment of new members.

One day is allocated for setup of the stand and then Friday to Sunday are the actual event days. Packup occurs towards the end of the day and usually takes no longer than 1 hour. We encourage volunteers to arrive before or stay after the shift to see the show. Tickets will be provided and paid parking against a receipt will be paid by the club.

Interested and enthusiastic members should register via volunteersignup.org/EK8YE

*** NEW ***

7. Historic Vehicle Gathering & Run

Date: Sun 16 November, 2025

Where: Euchunga Memorial Institute, 23 Adelaide Rd, Echunga

Leader: Darryl Royans & Michael Polacek

Convoy: Unlimited

Rating: Scenic/Easy

Comment: Here's the opportunity to take your pride and joy on a nice run in the Adelaide Hills. Meet at the Euchunga Memorial Institute, 10 am, have a chat over coffee, ready to depart at 11.00 am in convoy with other like minded TLCCSA members.

Return to the Hall about 12.30 for a BBQ lunch provided by the Club and an opportunity to view cars and socialise with fellow members.

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

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8. Lets Party – Christmas Party Weekend

Date: Fri 28 Nov - Sun 30 Nov, 2025

Venue: Port Elliott Showgrounds Caravan Park

Leader: Pam Humeniuk & Committee

Cost: \$35 per head. Children under 12 Free of Charge

Convoy: Unlimited (17 booked)

Comment: A fun weekend, starting with an optional dinner at the Royal Family Hotel on Friday night and then on Saturday a fabulous Christmas Dinner, with many options of salads, meats and sweets, with all the trimmings

A great band playing all the tunes you like.

Sunday morning your social committee and volunteers will cook a great recovery breakfast.

All included in your \$35 per head for the weekend. What a bargain!!.

Kris Kringle is part of the fun. If you are a boy bring along a gift suitable for a boy, and if you are a girl.....(you get the idea!). Don't spend more than \$15.00.

Please all participate in this, its good fun and causes lots of hilarity. We have the whole caravan park booked out. Please go onto Trybooking and book yourself in. You will be asked to pay for dinner - \$35 per head. Children under 12 no cost.

Don't book for kids on Trybooking if they are under 12. Just send me a separate email.

You will also be asked to advise when you are arriving, whether you are camping and what size of van/camper/tent you will have. You will also be asked if you require power or unpowered

You do not pay any money for your camping at this stage. You pay for your camping fee powered per night \$30 per site or \$12.50 per person per night unpowered on arrival in November.

You are also asked to advise if you wish to attend dinner at the Royal Family Hotel on the Friday night. (It is a short walk from the caravan park to the hotel). This of course is at your own cost. The Showgrounds Caravan Park does not have cabins, Options are –

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.

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. Check with the hotel for current rates. Several members stayed there last year and found it comfortable.

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 quickly.

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

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9. Victorian High Country Camping Trek - Erica to Porepunkah

Date: Sat 7 Feb - Sat 14 Feb 2026

Leader: Craig Marchant

Convoy: 5 vehicles (5 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.

Meet at Erica. Cross country via Burgoyne Track and Avon Wilderness area, then to Pinnacles, Dargo, Talbotville, Mayford and ending in Porepunkah.views. .

Vehicles must have one or more traction control lockers or winch. Must have A/T's with min 50% tread. Recovery gear including 4 x traction boards if no winch and tyre repair kit.

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

GENERAL

LET'S DO LUNCH CLUB

An ad hoc group who occasionally lunch (or it could be dinner) together to keep in touch and make new friends.

REGISTER VIA TRY BOOKING to indicate your interest. When an event is organised the organiser contacts all those registered and if you are free and the restaurant/venue appeals, you book in. No pre-paying – no permanent commitment.

Restaurant organisation is to be shared amongst those registered, with an emphasis on trying new and varied menus.

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

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.

Blaze Aid + Habitat for Humanity ~ Volunteer List

Requests from these organisations can occur at short notice so it's great to have a updated members list that we can call on.

Using TryBookings will give us an up-to-date list to of members to call on at short notice.

Putting your name on this list does not mean you are committed every time to go, it depends on your availability at the time.

Volunteers are often required to assist with towing trailers & materials, clearing rubbish and debris, etc. Fuel costs are generally re-imbursed.

If you would like to help as requests arise, please register via the link below.

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

That's all for now folks!

TLCCSA speaks out about Tourism Australia Advertising Campaign

At the August general meeting, President Simon showed a segment of the Tourism Australia "Come and say, G'Day" television commercial created for the overseas market.

The commercial featured, according to the ABC's national tourism reporter, Kirsty Sexton-McGrath, a Toyota Landcruiser driven by "...conservationist Robert Irwin hooning across sand dunes in South Australia..."

Our Committee were appalled at this portrayal of 4WD and the damage it might cause to our Club image. A complaint was written to Hon Don Farrell, Federal Minister for Trade and Tourism of Australia, Zoe Bettison, Minister for Multicultural Affairs of South Australia and Ad Standards. President Simon has received a five-page reply from AdStandards indicating the advertisement was reasonable and did not breach any laws, rules or standards. Contact Simon if you are interested in any further details.

CLUB AWARDS

Nominations are needed before the November meeting for the following categories - Club Champion, Environment, Trips & Events, and Training. If you think there is a member who has performed particularly well for the club in any of these areas, please nominate them to Secretary Helen (secretary@tlccsa.asn.au) or President Simon (pres@tlccsa.asn.au) or any of the Committee.

training calendar 2025

updated Nov 2024



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FROM	TO	ACTIVITY	WHERE	FEES	DEPOSIT	INFORMATION
Wed 12th Feb 2025		New Members Night	SCC	Nil		https://www.trybooking.com/CXKJL
Sun 23rd Feb 2025		Tyre Repair	Ironbank	\$10 per person	\$10 per person	Fee covers the cost of materials and refreshments https://www.trybooking.com/CXKJM
Sat 1st Mar 2025	Sun 2nd Mar 2025	Theory	TBA	\$20 per person	\$20 per person	https://www.trybooking.com/CXKJN
Sat 8th Mar 2025	Sun 9th Mar 2025	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/CXKJO
Sun 4th May 2025		Caravan Safety Awareness	Barossa Valley	\$120 per couple		https://www.trybooking.com/CXPUF
Sat 17th May 2025	Sun 18th May 2025	Ascent - Descent	Morgan	NIL	\$30 per vehicle	No cost for basic training for enrolled members. Deposit refunded on Saturday night https://www.trybooking.com/CXKJP
Sat 28th Jun 2025	Sun 29th Jun 2025	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/CXKJO
Sat 30th Aug 2025	Sun 1st Aug 2025	Theory	SCC	\$20 per person	\$20 per person	https://www.trybooking.com/CXKJR
Sat 6th Sep 2025	Sun 7th Sep 2025	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/CXKJS
Sun 28th Sep 2025		GPS (Theory & Practical)	SCC	\$20 per person	\$20 per person	Fee covers cost of refreshments. https://www.trybooking.com/CXKJT
Sat 18th Oct 2025	Sun 19th Oct 2025	Ascent Descent	Morgan	NIL	\$30 per vehicle	No cost for basic training for enrolled members. Deposit refunded on Saturday night https://www.trybooking.com/CXKJU
Sun 26th Oct 2025		Trip Planning	TBA	\$20 per person	\$20 per person	Fee covers cost of refreshments. https://www.trybooking.com/CXKJW
Sun 9th Nov 2025		Basic Wheel Change and Pre-departure	Ironbank	\$10 per person	\$10 per person	Anyone enrolled in the training program who has not completed these two elements. https://www.trybooking.com/CXKJX

TLCCSA training team

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STEVE MILLER

ASSESSORS:

ALLAN McINTYRE
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GEOFF THOMPSON

JASON SABEENEY
MURRAY McCLAY
PETER HARPER

SHANE SAXBY
TONY VAN WYK
EDMUND MORRIES

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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GUM CREEK CACTUS CULL

Leader: Michael Polacek
GPS Guru: Ray Gedritis
Participants: Solveiga Asaris, Peter Bradley, Helen and Graeme Brettig, Ian Frost, Andrew and Pam McDonald, guest Anthony Tovey



Our group of ten met on Monday, July 21st, at Gum Creek Homestead's Shearer's quarters. Michael welcomed us and outlined the week ahead, and we enjoyed a cozy dinner and conversation by the fire.

On Tuesday, July 22nd, we woke to a chilly morning after rain. Michael divided us into Team A: Ray leading Solveiga, Peter, Ian and Anthony and Michael leading Team B, Graeme, Helen, Andrew and Pam.

Ray briefed us on the new GPS units before we set out around 10am, letting the ground dry a bit. A short drive to the paddock south of the homestead allowed us to harvest cochineal-infected cactus pads and healthy ones for the nursery at Blinman. The sun tried to break through as temperatures hit 6°C.

After refreshing the nursery, we enjoyed a hot lunch in Blinman. Andrew, Pam, Ray, and Solveiga treated some cacti along a creek bed on our way back. Once regrouped, we explored the national park's northern border in search of cochineal. Half the group ventured to "Oh Shit Hill 2" and the tillite field, before heading to Oratunga, but no plants infected with cochineal were found.



The evening concluded with a debrief and a lively game of 5 Crowns, where Ray narrowly missed winning by a single point. .

Pam McDonald



Wednesday, July 23rd

Today's mission was to explore the northern side of the homestead up to the fence line with Alpana Station. Bill McIntosh had warned us about an infestation in this area, and since the TLCCSA had targeted it a couple of years back, we suspected some new seedlings might be cropping up. However, we anticipated that our supply of cochineal wouldn't last the week, so we reached out to Arid Lands – Pt Augusta for assistance.

Charlie Eager from Arid Lands stepped in to help, and Ian and Anthony made a trip back to Hawker to collect a box of cochineal. The rest of us headed into the field, but not without some dramas. Ray found himself short a team member, and soon after, one of our GPS devices went down.

With only one GPS in working condition, Ray took on the role of centre line duties while the rest of his team flanked the sides as best they could. They stumbled upon a few old cactus plants, and on our way back, Peter took a turn navigating us with the GPS. Great job, Peter, 10/10!

Michael's team had a smooth day, covering a good sweep of the area and also finding a couple of cacti. Michael made good use of the first aid backpack after succumbing to the beginnings of a nasty blister. .

After lunch, we rejoined forces as one larger group to cover more ground and ended up finding a few more plants.



In the evening, Peter Bradley generously donated a pork roast for the camp oven, with everyone adding their own contributions in the form of vegetables or dessert. We loaded the camp ovens with potatoes, pumpkin, onions, and Ian whipped up a delightful carrot and sweet potato medley with garlic salt and thyme. Solveiga treated us to pies for dessert, rounding off the night nicely. While a few stayed up for a round of cards, "this author" was buggered and opted for a shower before heading to bed, ready for another day in the field tomorrow. By the way, Andrew took the win in cards!

Ray Gedritis



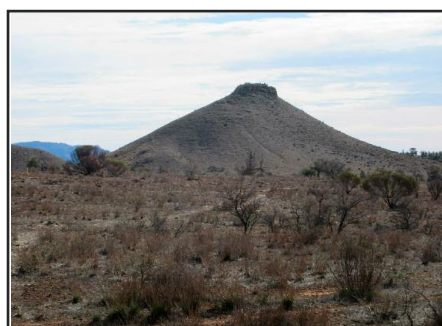
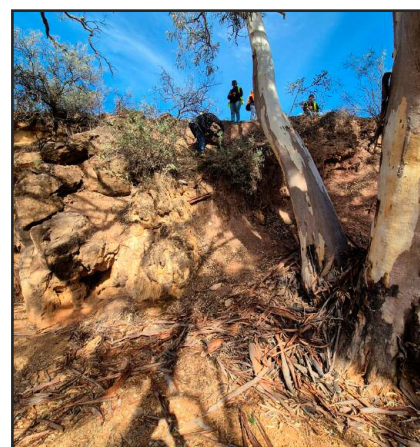
Thursday, July 24

Bill McIntosh attended the usual 0830 briefing, where he was introduced to everyone. Michael informed Bill about a buggy abandoned at Mogs bore, which turned out to be left by his grandchildren after it ran out of battery.



Michael and Ray distributed the day's coordinates and GPS units and we set off for Dedmans Hut for the first sortie. The weather was sunny but chilly.

At 9:50, both teams headed into the bush, on North/South headings. Team A had an easier time on flat ground, while Team B navigated through forests, cliffs, and mountains, enjoying a stunning view from the top. Michael discovered a plant on a cliff, prompting Graeme to risk life and limb to bravely attach cochineal, after which Team B returned to the cars for morning tea. Team A wrapped up their exploration after identifying some plants outside their range, returning to base after expanding their range by 0.5 km.



After a quick lunch, we collected a map from Gum Creek and proceeded to the Crown Hill area, as Bill had pointed out potential cacti there. An adventurous cross-country drive led us to slopes filled with large cacti, including one 10m circle with 18 sizable ones to infect. On the way back, we took a brief walk to the ruins near Aldoona Springs, originally built by a Lawrence Cousins.



Back at camp, Ray showed Graeme how to download and map data from the GPS units, enhancing the TLCCSA's knowledge base. The day was fruitful, with 105 cacti dispatched.

Our evening meal was kindly provided by our hosts Bill and Jane McIntosh. Before we began Michael asked us to raise our glasses in recognition of two very important TLCCSA members, Vince Monterola, AM, who instigated the initial trip in 2009, and the late Ralph Abbot, OAM, who was instrumental in the recording and reporting of the cactus not only at Gum Creek but the general Blinman area. Bill and Jane responded with very fond memories of both men and expressed their thanks for the work the club is doing and has done over the years with the hope that this continues in the years to come.

Michael Polacek & Helen Brettig

Friday, July 25



We awoke to continued rain after a downpour all night with the car park converted to an attractive water feature. A few hardy souls gathered in the common room to consider the day's options. Word games including Connections, Wordle and Strands passed the time with Ray working on the cactus reports and everyone frequently referencing the BOM weather app. By lunch time the rain had appeared to have cleared but the ground and tracks were still saturated.

Michael alleviated the boredom by correcting the time on the clock and those present made lunch. A spirited game of 5 Crowns ensued while accompanied by Graeme strumming the guitar. Michael 'Ray' Polacek won by an



unbelievable margin. A further belt of rain arrived confirming the day as a “wash out”. After the obligatory happy hour and dinner, two teams were formed for the much anticipated “Quiz Night” with the Cochineal Killers taking first prize over The Hedgehogs. Fittingly the day ended with yet more rain and the hope of dryer weather tomorrow.

Ian Frost

Saturday, July 26

We endured a very windy night with gusts up to 90 km/hr, waking to a wet and blustery day. The weather app forecast looked grim for the week, and after consulting the owners, Michael made the tough decision to cancel Moolooloo. Calls were made to inform the attendees of this disappointing news. Peter departed for home in the morning while the rest of us settled in for another relaxing day by the fire. Luckily, Ian set up the laptop for us to watch the Crows vs. Port showdown later in the evening. There seemed to be more Crows

fans around than Port supporters.

Sunday was spent packing up and cleaning the quarters before we all headed off home.

We were disappointed not to be able to continue to Moolooloo but at least we had spent some time in the field and were happy for Bill and Jane that the rain tanks were full.

Helen Brettig

Bendleby Ranges

(with acknowledgement to Banjo Patterson's - Man from Snowy River, written by **Mary Arnold** – July 2025)

There was movement at Bendleby Ranges, for the word had passed around
That the Toyota Landcruiser Club had come to stay,
The landscape offered attractions for plenty of 4WD action
So all the skilled drivers had gathered to the fray.

All the tried and noted drivers from Whyalla to Adelaide Plains
Had mustered at Lynch's Park via the Springs.
For the drivers loved hard driving where the wildest tracks do weave,
through creek crossings, rocky slopes and ravines.

There were Linley and James, the hosts extraordinaire
With whom no mere mortals could compare.
Providing provisions, for one and all to taste...
A marvel in the making, hot coals and much gyrating, for Paella of the finest rate!!
Washed down with delicious, mulled wine, it was but a matter of time
For all to feel abdominally sublime.

There was Burgo in his Troopy, equipped with air and horn,
Waking all in camp soon after dawn.
But few could drive beside him when his blood was fairly up -
He would venture wherever 4WD and driver could explore.

And Jason of the overflow came down to lend a hand.
With Starlink connection and campfire protection, he supported all.
For never a track could throw him, while his Cruiser would stand,
safety and recovery... no better driver ever to lend a hand.

And one was there, a Pootrol, a large and brawny beast,
It was something like a cruiser, oversized,
It was hard and tough and wiry – just the sort that won't say die.
With a V8 petrol engine and ease of intention, in sandy conditions it did thrive.
But in steep rocky terrain, with shaley, slippery chicanes
It's wheel grip proved harder to survive.

The drivers reminisced at the hour of happy each day,
Re-telling the challenges and feats.
Their accounts quite courageous, of how they'd tamed the Bendleby Ranges
But some bore the scars for weeks.
As they travelled home inspired, with tales of what had transpired,
they promised to return to these peaks.

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2025 South Australian Drought Relief Project

At our meeting we heard from Bill Marles, project manager of Rotary's S.A Drought Relief project. Bill is from the Rotary Club of Adelaide Central. It involves the 82 Rotary clubs spread throughout the state of S.A. The main thrust of his address was the purchase and transport of hay and then the subsequent delivery to drought-stricken farmers.

Bill explained where the hay comes from and the difficulties which needed to be overcome, for example, pests and organic impurities that you might find in the hay. These problems caused limitations on where the hay could be sourced. Some government regulations, eg PIRSA regulations and other interstate equivalent organizations also required their attention. Bill went on to tell us how the funding was achieved with the government helping with the transport and Rotary fundraising money to buy the hay. As an example, a road train of hay costs \$9.00 per kilometre for transport.

Many photos were passed around to the members present. These clearly showed the magnitude of the project and the joy of recipients of the hay. Bill emphasized that the drought is far from over and it will take at least 6 months for the current rains to make a difference to the feed

available for stock.

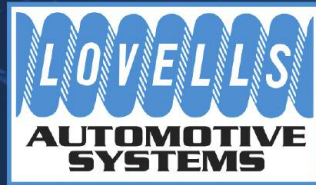
100% of every dollar raised by Rotary for this project is used for the project. There are no admin fees as all the work is done by volunteers. On behalf of the TLCCSA members the president presented Bill a cheque for **\$1000** to help with the project. If you would like to make a personal donation the details are in the newsletter.

In a nutshell there is still much work to be done.

The meeting thanked Bill for his interesting talk and congratulated him and his committee on the initiative.

Paul Hoskins





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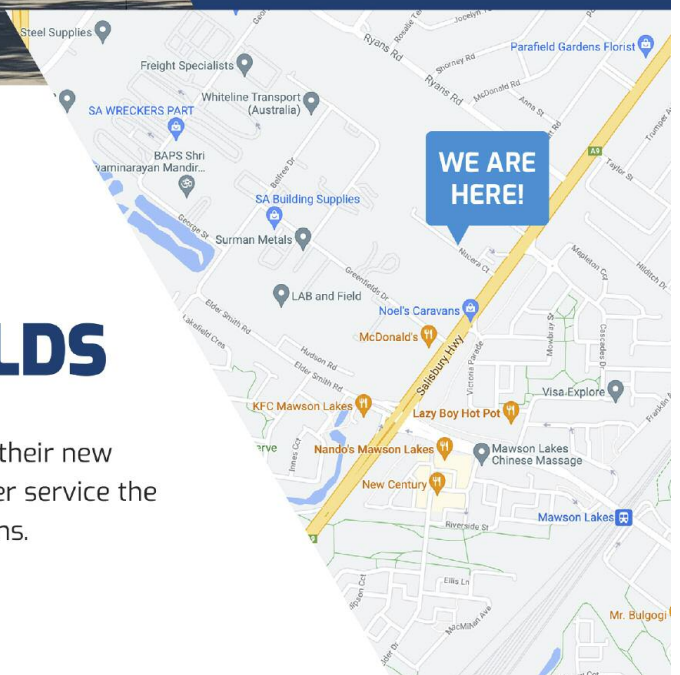


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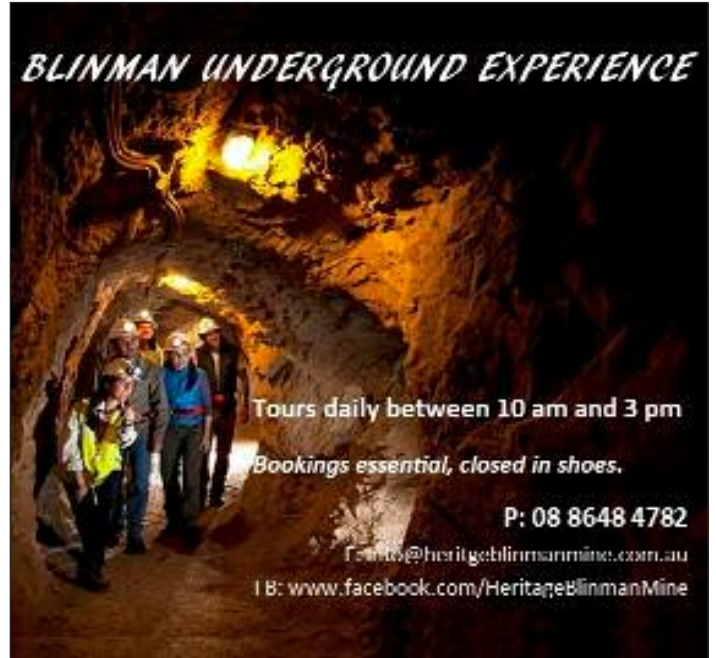
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Location: Adelaide Pavilion
Date: 17 October 2025
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I'm delighted to invite members of the Toyota LandCruiser Club to the SA Arid Lands Volunteer Celebration who have volunteered in the SA Arid Lands area to honour the contributions of Adelaide-based volunteers involved with environmental work on private land.

Venue: Adelaide Pavilion
Date: Friday, 17 October 2025
Time: 2PM -5PM
Afternoon tea provided

They can RSVP on this link
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If you or your members have any questions or require further details, feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to celebrating together!

Kind regards,
Claire

Claire McKenry
Community Landscape Officer – North Flinders

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Our trips co-ordinator Pin Needham is holding a competition to identify the location of this photograph.

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Pin Needham
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Phone 0437 420 099

Want to be let in on a little secret . . . it is called the Charles Sturt Museum.

A number of Adelaide residents may have heard of it. Even less will know it's location. And a minimal number will have visited. So secret many of our club members missed the entrance to the museum's carpark before our tour – a hidden gem and well worth the time to visit and learn about one of South Australia's, even Australia's, greatest settlers and explorers.

The museum was the home of Captain Charles Sturt from 1840 to 1853 and it's name was Grange, hence the suburb of Grange.

After locating the carpark, a group of 14 met with our host Denise Malcik. A tour guide brought us over to the museum, where we stood outside the original red brick home. Surprisingly, the cream coloured "home" is an addition and before purchase by the council, was at times used to store hay.



From there we were ushered in to the cream building, to be met with Devonshire tea served in fine bone china. The scones, jam and cream were outstanding. There were two tables, which automatically split us in to two separate tour groups. After finishing our fine fair, each group were joined by a volunteer tour guide and one group headed in to the home while the other group remained in the gallery.



During our tours we heard that Sturt could claim to be one of the foremost explorers of Australia. Opening up Australia to settlement by virtue of his expeditions to the Macquarie Marshes, along the length of the River Murray and into the heart of central Australia.

He was considered a Founder of South Australia as his book "Two Expeditions into the Interior of Southern Australia" led to the English Parliament to determine that South Australia should be settled as a Province under the Wakefield Plan.



There is just too much to see and to mention here. You can only really get the full understanding by attending the museum in person. Just some of the many items we saw and/or heard in the gallery were:
The actual flag that Sturt used when declaring land in the name of the British.

A scale model (made in 1969) of a Sturt exploration campsite where the explorers built a second boat to carry their equipment along the rivers.



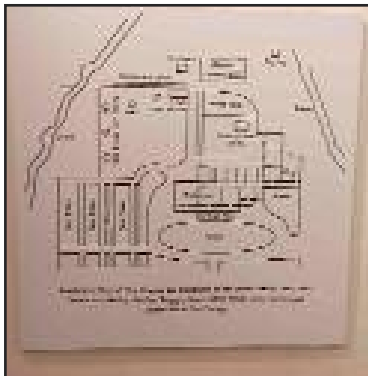
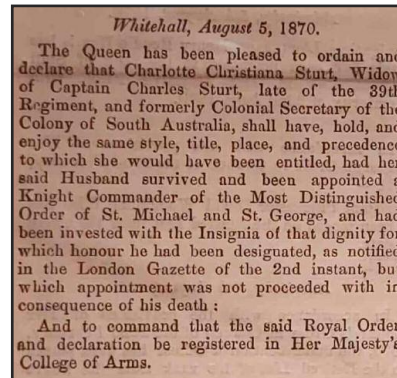
A silver Quandong Seed bracelet that Sturt had made and gave to his only daughter Charlotte.

Drawings of Sturt and his 3 sons and 1 daughter – with locks of hair collected by Sturt's wife between 1834 – 1853.



After Sturt's death in 1869, before his investiture as a knight, in normal practice the widow would not receive any acknowledgement as the knight had not yet sworn allegiance to the crown. In a break with tradition, the museum includes The London Gazette article and gold medallion presented to Sturt's widow, bestowing her as Lady Sturt and giving her the same rights as a knight's widow.

During the tour of the home we gained an understanding of how the home was set up within the Grange precinct. Whilst the home is now red brick, it had originally had plaster but had been removed in more recent times.



Various rooms, not really any different from other decorations from the period but included a light which had originally been filled with paraffin. The glass was cracked and it is a 'to do' item for the volunteers to repair before being used.



The staff quarters – and this was the size as you looked in the door.

After the 2 tours, many of us headed in to the AV theatre to watch a good quality dramatization of Sturt's life and explorations.

For lunch, as luck would have it, the Let's Do Lunch group had a lunch booked in Marino Rocks. Rather than two TLCCSA groups lunch separately, a decision had been made for us to travel to join them at Marino Rocks. Some had

other appointments but at least 4 of us headed there.



Thanks to the team at Charles Sturt Museum and special thanks to Denise for organizing another interesting and informative club tour.

Andrew Strain

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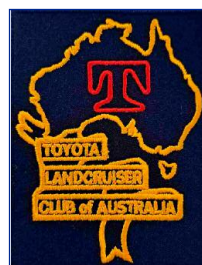
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Director of Monarto Safari Park, Peter Clark, said that when discussions began about the hotel at Monarto Safari Park, the team saw an opportunity to create an authentic safari experience here in SA for their guests.

"Having been to Africa on many occasions and seeing the transport used there, and knowing the exhilarating feeling of being so close to safari animals, we really wanted to recreate that," Peter said. "In designing these vehicles, we wanted to make them as open as possible to allow guests to get close to wildlife and provide as much comfort and accessibility as we could."

"The Safari LandCruiser project started about three years ago, as we began to look towards the Wild Africa experiences that would solidify the resort as one of South Australia's great experiential tourism destinations," said Peter.

The 9-seater safari vehicles use the chassis of a Toyota LandCruiser 70 Series, and feature a custom tiered passenger tray that allows easy and safe boarding from both sides of the vehicle. This design maximizes passenger comfort and provides excellent visibility for wildlife viewing.



The chassis was cut and extended by 900mm, which also required the chassis to be strengthened with a brace kit so that the body could be later fitted. The rear wall of the cab was removed so the passengers in the back could see through and talk directly to the driver/guide. The GVM had to be increased, and we needed to replace the differential, use a Brake Booster, a Heavy Duty Clutch and Flywheel." Once the mechanical modifications were complete, the body was designed, seats and seatbelts installed, and the staggered seating layout was tested. An intercom and speaker system were added to ensure clear communication between the driver and passengers in the open-air setup.



The design also involved some unique considerations as well.

"During meetings interesting things came up that normally we would not have to consider, such as if a passenger was to drop their phone in the vehicle we had to ensure it could not slide off the side of the vehicle as retrieving it in with Hyenas or Cheetahs would obviously not be possible"

"We also had to install a constant view rear view camera for the driver/guide so they could make sure there were no residents of Monarto sneaking up behind the vehicle!" Peter and his team at Monarto Safari Park kindly gave some of our team an exclusive tour, showing us where the Safari LandCruiser vehicles will be used.

"It was incredible to get such a close view of the cheetahs, rhinos and giraffes. An experience you wouldn't expect to have right here in South Australia!"

We are extremely proud of the collaborative effort and the innovative solutions developed to ensure these Toyota LandCruisers meet the unique demands of Monarto Safari Park. These vehicles not only highlight our team's technical expertise and creativity, they also demonstrate our commitment to working with our valued customers and local suppliers on unique and bespoke projects. We look forward to hearing about how these vehicles continue to create unforgettable moments for visitors, while ensuring the safety and comfort of both the passengers and the incredible animals at the park.

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THE FEATURES

- 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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