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Monday
27th October, 2025

Monday
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from your President

Hello Members

Spring has certainly arrived with some lovely warm, sunny days to entice us outdoors, whether it be travelling on a one-day historic adventure run or savouring the delights of the Gourmet Trail through the Adelaide Hills or welcoming new or potential members on a 4WD beach run. The days can only get better.

A reminder to those who still wish to make a tax-deductible donation to the Rotary Adelaide Central SA Drought Relief Project to feed starving livestock of our SA farmers, see the information in this newsletter.

Don't forget to book for the Club Let's Party - Christmas Party Weekend, held at the Port Elliot Showgrounds Caravan Park over the weekend 28-30 November or come up for the dinner on Saturday, 29 November and join fellow members in celebrating the end of 2025. Details in this newsletter.

The last general meeting for 2025 will be on Monday, 24 November. The West Adelaide Football Club has offered meals to be available from 5:30 pm before the meeting. This is an opportunity for members to gather, enjoy each other's company and enjoy a hearty meal. Daniel Munday, Principal Dealer of Cornes Toyota, our major sponsor, will be our guest speaker informing us of Toyota's directions and will present the annual Club awards to the worthy recipients. Booking details for the pre-meeting dinner and the general meeting are below. At the November general meeting members who have contributed outstanding service over the year in the areas of recognition are Driver Trainer, Environmental Champion, Trips and Events Champion and Club Champion of the Year will be announced. 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.

Committee and members are busy planning events for 2026, so if you have ideas for trips or activities, consider proposing them now by speaking to Pin Needham (Trips), Michael Polacek or Ian Frost (Environment), Pam Humeniuk (Social), Peter Harper (Education & Training) or any committee member.

Simon

Simon Critchley
TLCCSA President

NOVEMBER MEETING

The West Adelaide Football Club will be open for dinner on Monday 24th November from 5:30pm to celebrate the festive season prior to our general meeting. Book now!!



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



The **27th October 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/CWXDV>



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Members at Fraser Island (K'gari)
by Craig Marchant

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Next General Meeting:

27th October 2025, 7.30pm,
West Adelaide Football Club.

Trip Reports:

Cathie Vincent
Fraser Island (K'gari) Trip

Guest Speaker:

Senior Constable Brett Massey
SAPOL - Scam Methodologies

Newsletter Articles Deadline:

Thurs 6th November 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:

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

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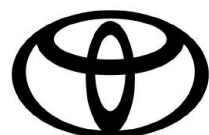
The club would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members for the month of October 2025.

- Nick & Lara Harry from Kingswood
- David Hemsworth from Gawler
- Andrew & Milly Costi from Fullarton
- Danny Haigh from Osborne
- Sophie Hodge from Blackwood
- Sean & Natasha Timm from Goodwood
- Garry Trethewey from Cherryville
- Chris Viney from North Plympton

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club yearly calendar - 2025/26

October 2025

Fri 3rd - Mon 6th ~ Ralph Abbot Argadells Trip
Sat 11th ~ Lions Club Yankalilla Run
Wed 15th ~ Gourmet Trail
Sat 18th - Sun 19th ~ Ascent / Descent - Morgan
Mon 20th - Mon 10th Nov ~ Tinnie Trip to Cooper Creek
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 & Dinner, WAFC
Fri 28th - Sun 30th ~ Christmas Party - Port Elliot

January 2026

Sun 11th ~ Beach Day, Aldinga Beach
Mon 19th ~ General Meeting, WAFC

February 2026

Sat 7th - Sat 14th ~ Vic High Country
Sun 15th ~ Summer Breakfast
Mon 23rd ~ General Meeting, WAFC

March 2026

Mon 23rd ~ General Meeting, WAFC

April 2026

Mon 27th ~ General Meeting, WAFC

BOOK NOW!!

Lets Party – Christmas Party Weekend

Date: Fri 28 Nov - Sun 30 Nov, 2025

Venue: Port Elliott Showgrounds Caravan Park



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

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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Social Officer

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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. Lions Club Yankalilla Run

Date: Sat 11 October 2025

Leader: Pin & Kim Needham

Rating: Moderate

Convoy: TBA (11 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>

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2. Gourmet Trail

Date: Wed 15 October, 2025

Leader: Susan Vordermaier

Convoy: Unlimited (16 booked)

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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3. 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>

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4. Tinnie Trip to the Cooper Creek 2025

Date: Mon 20 Oct - Mon 10th Nov 2025

Location: Coopers Creek Ferry Crossing Birdsville Track

Leaders: Peter Young

Convoy: min of 3 tinnies plus Support crew. (4 booked)

Comment: Cooper Creek rises west of the Great Dividing Range at the junction of the Thomson & Barcoo rivers, the only place in the world where 2 rivers join to form a Creek. It flows for 1300 km through south west Queensland before crossing into South Australia to become one of the 3 major watercourses to flow into Lake Eyre (Kati -Thandi). In most years it fills some channels & waterholes before evaporating without reaching Lake Eyre (Kati -Thandi). In wet years the Cooper can flood the Channel Country, crossing 3 deserts before getting to Lake Eyre.

After a 2-day drive from Adelaide, the trip will start at the ferry crossing of the Cooper on the Birdsville Track. The

plan is to launch the tinnies upstream from the ferry then travel to an area suitable for a base/fuel camp. Then decide which direction to travel. Each participant must be completely self resourced, Tinnie(11-12 foot), 15 hp motor, ability to take 220 litres of fuel, camping equipment, radios, food and water for at least 7 days on water. A Zodiac will be towed on the water to carry fuel for part of the journey. Support vehicles towing fuel trailers will be needed as well as being backup for the Tinnie Troupe.

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

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5. 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. Pickup 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

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6. Historic Vehicle Gathering & Run

Date: Sun 16 November, 2025

Where: Euchunga Memorial Institute, 23 Adelaide Rd, Euchunga

Leader: Darryl Royans & Michael Polacek

Convoy: Unlimited (11 booked)

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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7. 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 (48 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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8. Beach Day - Aldinga Beach EOI

Date: Sun 11th January 2026

Leader: Pin & Kim Needam & Daniel Martucci

Convoy: Unlimited

Rating: Easy

Comment – Meet on Aldinga Beach at the club marquee from 9:30 am. Enjoy a day out with the family including your children and grandchildren with activities for all including the Aldinga Conservation Park walk.

A club sponsored BBQ lunch will be provided. BYO liquid refreshments. Bring your family, boogie boards, beach umbrellas, tables and chairs, sunscreen.

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

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events calendar

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9. Victorian High Country Camping Treck - 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.

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That's all for now folks!

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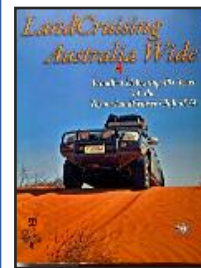
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CLUB AWARDS

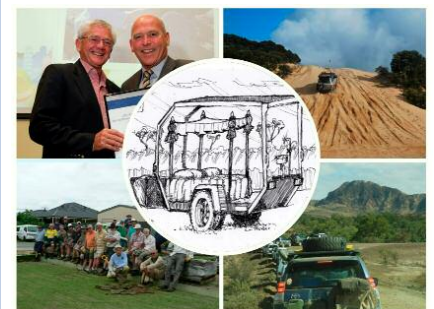
Nominations are needed before the November meeting for the following categories - Club Champion, Environment, Trips & Events, and Training. If you think there is a member who has performed particularly well for the club in any of these areas, please nominate them to Secretary Helen (secretary@tlccsa.asn.au)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

40TH YEAR HISTORY BOOK



The original first 40th yearbook (1971-2011) of TLCCSA history was launched in 2015. Sales of the 50th book have sparked an interest in the 40th book and consideration is to be given for a re-print, if the demand is there. Re-print is expensive at \$70 per book, if 20 or more are produced. Subsidisation of the cost is currently being considered by the Committee but **Expressions Of Interest** are required to confirm the outlay. Final cost will be determined once the demand is confirmed. If you want a book, please note your interest by buying an "EOI" ticket. If you want a copy and are prepared to meet the cost, (hopefully less than the \$70), please buy a ticket.

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



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/CXKJQ
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

TRAINERS:

STEVE MILLER

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JASON SABEENEY
MURRAY McCLAY
PETER HARPER

SHANE SAXBY
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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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On our way to the Flinders Ranges, Denise and I overnighted at the Snowtown Community Campground, a pleasant place to stay, with basic, clean shower and toilet facilities at a grand cost of \$10, for an unpowered spot.

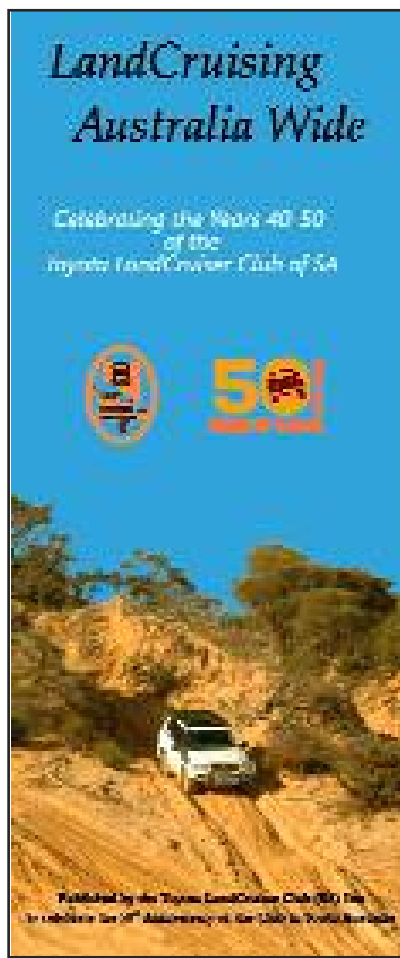
Our stay at Snowtown was greatly enhanced by our dinner at the Snowtown Hotel. The food, a fusion of Australian and Asian cuisine, was amongst the best pub food we ever had. Fresh ingredients, expertly cooked by Mark Anders and his partner Yung Chen, refer attached photo. The atmosphere was welcoming and friendly.



Denise and I would like to commend the Snowtown Community Campground and the Snowtown Hotel to our TLCCSA friends and encourage you to support Snowtown, by your attendance.

Vladimír and Denise Malcík

TLCCSA Book Launch - A Huge Success!!



On Friday 12th September, our major sponsor, Cornes Toyota hosted the launch of our second history book, LandCruising Australia Wide, celebrating the years 40 - 50 of the Toyota LandCruiser Club of South Australia. President Simon introduced our host, Daniel Munday, Dealer Principal, Cornes Toyota and invited him to address the gathering.

MC Darryl Royans introduced Kerry Scappatura, Senior District Sales Manager, Toyota Central Region SA/NT and invited her to say a few words.

We also welcomed our sponsors, Anthony Chan from Electric Bug, Derek Taylor from Lovells and Ben Colson and Chris Waters from Terrain Tamer as well as special guests, Rosemary Abbot, her children Genevieve and Jed.

The book has been dedicated to the memory of Ralph Abbot who had contributed so much to the club and initiated the production of this book.

President Simon invited Rosemary Abbot representing Ralph, Denise Malcik, Helen Brettig, Jennie Hoskins, Graeme Brettig, David Kadow, Vince Monterola (apology), Ray Gedritis, Monte Weeding, Vlad Humeniuk and Darryl Royans to the stage to make a presentation of thanks for their efforts and contribution to the book.

A special thankyou was given to Teresa Semola from Cornes Toyota for arranging the event including a sumptuous variety of food and beverages for all of us to enjoy. The book was unveiled in a stirring finale with smoke and streamers

blasting into the air. Lucky door prize winners were announced and provided with gifts of Toyota memorabilia from Cornes Toyota. Teresa was presented with flowers and a copy of the book as a memento.



Daniel Munday



Kerry Scappatura



Teresa Semola

THE MAKING OF A BOOK – A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE



Graeme Brettig

Extract from a presentation delivered at the launch of LandCruising Australia Wide. Celebrating the Years 40 – 50 of the Toyota LandCruiser Club of SA.

Why did we need another publication when the ink was hardly dry on the first edition, let alone only 10 years which is not a long period in the club's history? I asked myself this question many times during the production of the book, but I believe the answer lies in the original publication, where Di Rankine provided a thought-provoking quote. She wrote, "This history is a living history, one which will be added to each year. I hope that when the 50th Anniversary of the Toyota LandCruiser Club (SA) Inc. is celebrated, a club member with the tenacity of Henry Reid will have captured it on paper for the next generation of four-wheel drivers to enjoy."

Henry Reid, of course, was a true trailblazer, advocating back in the early '90s for the club's rich history to be recorded. He single-handedly penned down the first 20 years of our adventures in an incredible collection of around 500 pages of handwritten notes! Di continued his work and together they laid the groundwork for our first book. Curiously, at that time 20 years wasn't considered long enough to warrant a publication.

So, fast forward to today! With 40 years immortalized in print and our 50th anniversary completed, it was only natural to reflect on the years 2011 to 2021. We felt it essential to document those vibrant years, crafting a companion book to complete the narrative of our club's legacy and ensure that our adventures continue to inspire future four-wheel drivers. What you're about to read is a whirlwind tour through the production of ten years of our club's history. Sure, every twist and turn won't be covered, but here is a glimpse of how things unfolded.

In March 2020, an intriguing email landed in my inbox from Ralph. He wrote, "Hi all! I, I'm trying to get us started on

the 50th history book, do you want to contribute and what experience do you have of researching, writing, laying up in software etc.” (This email was circulated to 23 recipients).

After mulling over Ralph's proposal, I couldn't help but feel a mix of excitement and trepidation. My experience with writing and publishing books? Well, let's just say it was a tad on the light side, but how hard could it really be? There was so much material to sift through—just toss in some captivating photos, whip it up in a publishing software, and bingo! Right? Oh, the blissful ignorance I was living in.

The mission was clear: compile a book of about 100 pages that mirrored the format of the 40th book, covering a decade of club activities. We were to include photos, advertisements, member profiles, humorous cartoons, along with a forward and an index. Each volunteer would embark on a quest to gather a year's worth of activities from newsletters, meeting minutes, and annual reports. A dedicated editor would weave it all together, ensuring the chapters held a harmonious style. Photos were available from numerous sources, including past newsletter articles, and we'd recruit profiles from new members who joined during that exhilarating time. Easy-peasy, right?

Six intrepid souls stepped up to lend a hand with Ralph's project: Vince Monterola, Denise Malcik, David Kadow, Helen Brettig, and yours truly as authors and Monte Weeding came on board as the publishing whiz with Affinity and set about designing our masterpiece. Each of us was assigned a chapter that spanned a year, from one AGM to the next, armed with a treasure trove of source material.

Now, with COVID still wreaking havoc, our gatherings were curtailed – our correspondence turned into a digital dance of emails and good old Australia Post. The self-proclaimed "authors" dived into their chapters, guided by some loose rules on style and content. The challenge? Craft about seven pages of text under headings like Trips, Environment, Education and Training, Social, Publicity, and Communication. Since no one threw their hand up for the editing role, Ralph leaned on me. Naturally, I couldn't say no. The first five chapters came together rather swiftly, but when I got my hands on them, the lengths ranged from five pages to a sprawling twenty-three and styles were varied. There were also some timeline mishaps that needed to be sorted, with trips and events appearing in the incorrect years, since their reports were published in subsequent Newsletters. The challenge was to distil all of this into something concise, factual, and engaging, while avoiding boring readers with repetition.

By late 2021 we formed a book subcommittee, chaired by Ralph. Those who were already in the mix were encouraged to participate. Our lineup included Denise, Monte, Darryl from the TLCCSA Committee, Vlad Humeniuk as the TLCCSA President, and me. We held our meetings each month at the Sporting Car Club – where our book began to take shape. By May 2022, we were still sitting on just six chapters. Thankfully, Darryl and Vlad stepped up to help us finish the job, which was a massive boost. By February 2023, we had eight chapters written, and the fun began as we started picking and adding photos. We sifted through hundreds, ultimately narrowing it down to about a dozen for each chapter, complete with captions and putting names to faces—let me tell you, that was no small feat! Our quest for cartoons hit a bit of a bump as the cartoons promised didn't materialise, but fear not; Ray swooped in with selections from his legendary collection of humorous material.

It was decided to compile a series of appendices covering everything from Committee Positions to Awards to Life Memberships. Ralph, Vlad, and Darryl took charge of writing these gems, and a special shout-out goes to Peter Harper for crafting the Driver Training section. The adventure was only just beginning!

The entire membership was called upon to share their anecdotes—whether laugh-out-loud funny or simply endearing—as well as their poems. We hosted a photo competition! Not only could participants compete for sparkling prizes, but the winning photos would shine throughout the book. Our competition wrapped up in June 2023, and the winners took centre stage during a general meeting to receive their well-deserved awards. These activities garnered a wonderful response and brought in some great contributions, including a memorable poem from Dave Burgess.

As we progressed, it seemed possible that the end was finally within our grasp! We chatted with Cornes Toyota about using their venue for another fabulous book launch, tentatively slated for early 2024. However, we may have jumped the gun a bit with that one. Meanwhile, we engaged in preliminary talks with the printers and reached out to sponsors about advertising opportunities.

With the writing and illustrations nearing the finish line, an astonishing amount of effort was dedicated to the book's layout. There were countless tiny details to consider, discuss, decide on, and bring to life during this production phase. Let's just say the hours spent at the keyboard seemed limitless, loading content, shuffling things about, and tackling an avalanche of corrections that never seemed to stop! Meanwhile, Monte was trying to juggle a personal life. So, in August 2024 assistance was sought from Ray Gedritis, who, after coming up to speed with Affinity, took on laying up chapters 7-10 of the book and the pace quickened.

As we polished up our “finished” chapters, they went through yet another round of proofreading. Luckily or unluckily, this unearthed more spelling and grammar corrections. We all got a crash course in the intricacies of the English language, leading to lively discussions at our committee meetings. Huge thanks to Jennie Hoskins, who stepped in as our “independent” proofreader!

On a sombre note, we faced the heartbreaking loss of Ralph earlier this year. He infused this book project with so much passion and dedication, and it is only fitting that we dedicate this work to him—not just for his unwavering “tenacity” throughout its creation, but for his countless contributions to the club over the years.

Darryl really stepped up to help push the book to the finish line, spending countless hours with Monte on corrections, crafting contents lists, tweaking indexes, chatting with the printers and dealing with the proofs—probably more than he would’ve preferred! And now, we get to enjoy the launch festivities tonight.

At long last, we’d done it! Everyone involved breathed a sigh of relief as our email inboxes returned to normal order. Ralph pointed out in his original email, “I know it takes a fair time to get started and even longer before a printed book is ready to hand out.” He hit the nail on the head! Compiling a publication like this is no small feat—it requires immense time, effort, and coordination to bring so many elements together.

So, let’s be clear: there are no prizes for spotting errors or omissions, and if there’s unintentional plagiarism, well, let’s just say we’re rolling with it. Authors might find themselves doing a double-take at their own chapters—surprise! The book is here for you to dive into, bringing our shared history to life, and I’d like to think Ralph would be raising his oversized glass of red in approval.

What’s next you ask? I heard 75 years of club history will be the next milestone and the clock is ticking. Who will be the next tenacious member to take up the challenge! Let the adventure continue!

Presenter: Graeme Brettig

The Book Publishing Team



Denise Malcik



Darryl Royans



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Ray Gedrits

As the book is dedicated to the memory of Ralph Abbot, we were delighted to have his wife Rosemary, his son, Jed, daughter, Genevieve and sister, Meredith in attendance.

Absent - Vince Monterola (team member)

We were also very pleased to welcome our sponsors, Anthony Chan from Electric Bug, Derek Taylor from Lovells, Chris Waters and Ben Colson from Terrain Tamer.



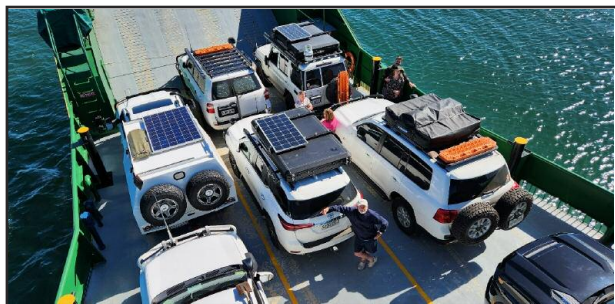
Fraser Island (K'gari) Trip Report

Sept 2025

Club Members: Craig (Trip Leader), Leon and Michelle, Jeff and Cathie, Stephen G, John O, Russell and Genevieve.

Sunday 31st August

We met at the entrance to the Rainbow Beach Caravan Park at 9am for a quick chat and to air down. It is about a 10-minute drive to Inskip Point where you catch the barge across to K'Gari, so airing down before we left meant we would be able to drive straight out on where you board the barge. We timed our run to Inskip Point perfectly, as the barge was waiting for us when we arrived. We drove straight on, and it wasn't long until we were on our way to the island



With a nice sunny day, and the tide on its way out, it was an easy 40km run up the beach, before we headed inland to Lake Wabby. Lake Wabby is the deepest lake on the island at about 11 metres, and is slowly being consumed by the Hammerstone Sandblow. The Sandblow encroaches on the lake at a rate of about 1m a year, so it is expected to fully consume the lake within the next 100 to 200 years.

We all took the 700m walk down to the lookout, where you get great views of the Sandblow and the eastern coastline of the island.

With the carpark to ourselves, and with a bit of a drive to get to our next destination, we had an early lunch, enjoying the tranquillity of the surrounding bushland. It was then onto Pile Valley, one of the original logging sites dating back to the late 1800's.

A picturesque rainforest location, there are several walks you can do at Pile Valley. A short boardwalk takes you down into the valley, where you walk adjacent to a crystal-clear stream.



If you are feeling energetic, this then continues

on and you can do a 5km loop, which Craig, Stephen and John opted to do. It is well worth the effort, with the trail passing through thick rainforest and towering Satinay trees.



With the afternoon getting away from us, and the tide coming in, we needed to get going, and head south along the beach for about 15km to Dilli Village, our campsite for the next 2 nights.

The weather wasn't the best, a bit windy and rainy, so we didn't bother with putting the fire on or beer o'clock. We set up our camps, had dinner and then a relatively early night, hoping the weather would be kinder to us in the morning.

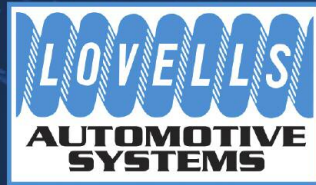


Monday 1st September

Everyone was up early this morning, so we headed off before 9am to explore more of the island. Our 1st stop was Happy Valley, about 40km north of Dilli Village. With a good sized shop, stocked with souvenirs and along with Barista coffee, it was worth a stop so we could treat ourselves.

We then headed inland on the Lake Garawongera Scenic Drive. The inland track was quite rough and slow going, so we were only averaging about 20kph. You wouldn't want to be driving these secondary inland tracks in peak season that's for sure. The passing spots are very limited. Our luck was in though, having only to pass a few vehicles and being able to do so without too much backing up.

The inland lakes are great swimming spots when the weather is nice and warm. Today though it was quite cool and



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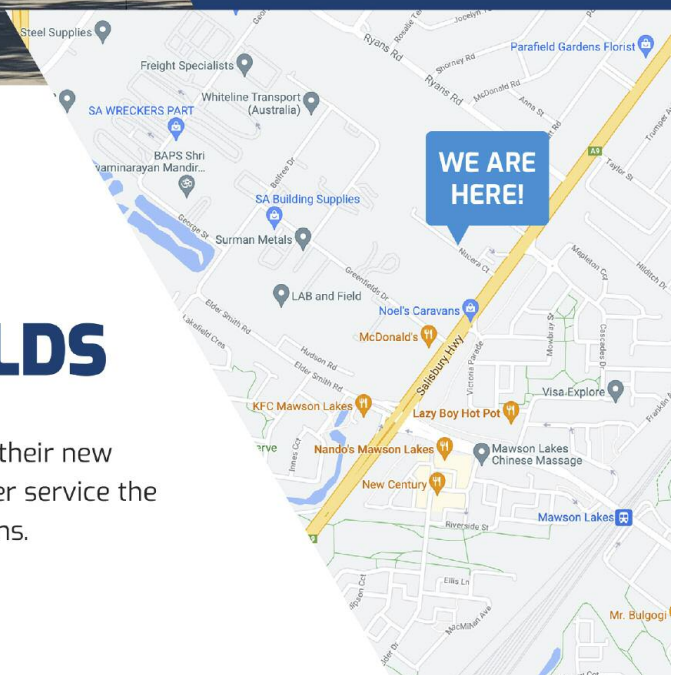


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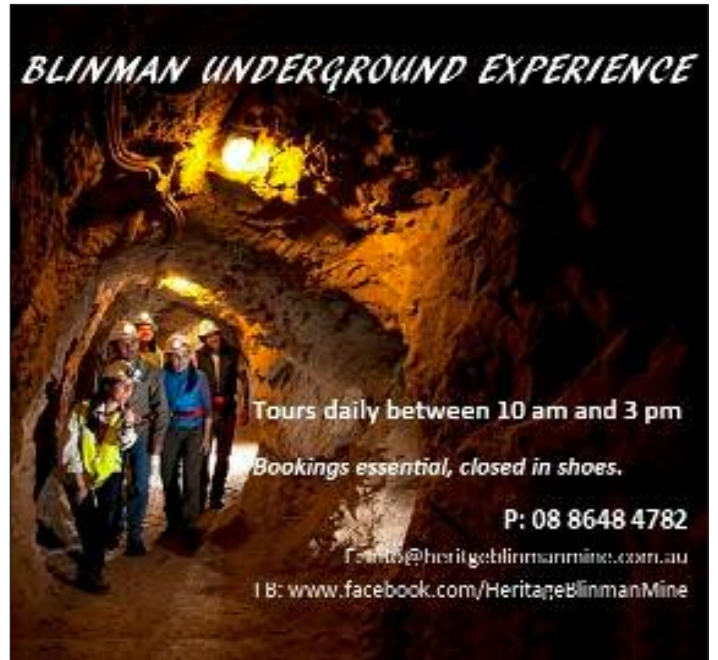
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windy, so none of the crew were keen for a swim. We settled instead for the leisurely stroll down to the lakes edge, and simply enjoyed the peacefulness of the area.



Continuing the lakes' theme, our next stop was Lake McKenzie, one of the bucket list destinations on the island. Lake McKenzie with its white sand and usually crystal-clear water, is one of the top swimming spots on the island. However, with the wind blowing, unfortunately it wasn't conducive for swimming, so we settled for a walk along the shoreline, and around the general area.

After everyone had lunch and some more leisure time, we started heading back to Dilli Village. High tide was late afternoon, and not knowing how much beach would be available, we headed to the western side of the island, before taking an inland track back to Dilli. Along the way, we had a few little obstacles to negotiate, along with a very picturesque drive through more thick rainforest.



We arrived back at camp at 4pm and had beer o'clock at the BBQ area, enjoying a platter of cheeses, watermelon and assorted treats. With it still being quite windy (a common occurrence on K'Gari), most of the crew cooked on the BBQ's before another early evening.

Tuesday 2nd September

We woke to a much calmer morning, the wind had settled down overnight so it was a nice relaxed start to the morning, with a casual breakfast before packing up camp.



We were even treated to a couple of rainbows throughout the morning.



Setting off at 9am, our 1st stop was Happy Valley so the coffee lovers could get a fresh brew, before making our way to Eli Creek. Still being relatively early in the morning, it was nice and quiet, so we were able to wander up to the top of the boardwalk, and have the creek all to ourselves.



It is certainly a special place, crystal clear water that feels so soft on your skin. It was a bit cool for a swim, so Craig and Leon walked down the creek instead, to where it arrives at the beach.



Next stop was the Maheno ship wreck, only a few minutes up the beach from Eli Creek. Another amazing sight, and considering that it has been there since 1936, it is surprising just how much of the ship remains. Particularly considering the Airforce used it as target practice during World War 2! Maybe they weren't very accurate, who knows....



Continuing north for another 20 minutes had us arriving at our lunch spot, Indian Head. There is a boardwalk you can do that goes around the headland, giving you great views of the coastline. We were lucky enough to spot whales not too far offshore. Amazing to see them migrating and there appeared to be quite a few of them.



It is also one of the few spots on the island where it is safe to swim in the ocean. Champagne Pools is named due to the way the waves break over the rocks, creating foam and bubbles as the waves then flows into the rock pools. It is quite a strange feeling, having the sea water bubble around you.

After lunch we made our way to Orchard Beach for some treats, as a few of the crew had a craving for Ice Cream! We also wanted to see if the Driftwood Bar would be showing the footy on Thursday night, as there were a couple

of Crows fans who were desperate to see the game. No luck however, so it was going to have to be old school wireless for our intrepid Crows supporters. Waddy Point campground was to be our home for the next 3 nights. Being this far north on the island, and outside of school holidays and peak season, we were expecting the campground to be relatively quiet. Well, little did we know, it was Tailer season (similar to Australian Salmon), and the campground was full of fanatical fishermen! There wasn't anywhere big enough to fit our group comfortably, so we had to squeeze in next to a few other campers. Everything was fine though, we got chatting with them, one of them had come all the way over from the Pilbara, just for Tailer season. With camp set up, beer o'clock started at 4pm around the campfire. Another relatively early dinner and after another drink around the fire, we headed off to bed. It was likely to be an early start, as our fishermen neighbors mentioned they were heading off at 5am to catch the high tide. Ouch.



Wednesday 3rd September



Well, it wasn't just our neighbors catching the high tide, as it seemed ½ the campsite had headed off by 6am! Therefore, we were all up and about quite early, so there was no problem meeting our scheduled departure time of 8am, as today we were heading for the very top of the island. With a clear and still morning, it was perfect beach driving weather as we made our way towards the infamous South Ngkala Rocks.

Today though, it was not a big challenge, and after walking the coffee rock section, and inspecting the gentle uphill climb where a lot of people get bogged, we all made it through with relative ease. What has changed though, is North Ngkala Rocks. Before the cyclone in March 2025, you were able to stay on the beach, and simply drive past it once high tide has subsided. Now though, even at low tide you have to negotiate the coffee rocks a sand dune climb, as the cyclone has washed away a lot of the beach.

Unless you do some track building, a high clearance vehicle is required, as one the crew found out the hard way, beaching themselves on one of the rocky sections. No amount of pushing, or use of Maxtrax's made any difference, the car was well and truly stuck. Thankfully, there was a winch on hand, and we were able to drag the car back, before using 6 Maxtrax's to build a ramp, and clear the obstacle.

While all of this was going on, another one of the crew managed to pinch a tyre, causing it to slowly deflate. By this time, a queue had formed and a crowd had gathered, some with beers in hand, watching all the mayhem. Not wanting to hold people up longer than necessary, we moved the vehicles out of the way, so the queue could clear.

By now it was 11:30am, and not knowing what the beach conditions were like further north, along with how much drivable beach was available at Sandy Cape, the decision was made to not continue on. Therefore, we retrieved the vehicles that had made it to the other side, re-grouped on the beach and set ourselves up for a nice lunch looking out over the ocean.

After lunch, we headed back to Orchard Beach and then Indian Head, to go for a swim at Champagne Pools. A nice relaxing way to end the afternoon. With a lot of the people still off fishing, the campground was nice and quiet. So, after freshening up, we put the fire on and had beer o'clock, sharing an assortment of cheese, dips and other nibbles.

Thursday 4th September

Around the fire the previous night, we decided to give the run to Sandy Cape another go, so we were up early, and heading off at 8am, 2 hours after high tide. With another perfect morning, the beach run to South Ngkala Rocks was easy, and we were there within a ½ hr.



With 4 of the 5 cars on the other side and a few minutes passing, Craig got on the UHF to make sure everything was alright. Russell replied "We're a bit stuck, just give us a moment". Oh No! So, with a few directives to hopefully not make the situation worse, Craig turned around and headed back over to assist, while Leon and Stephen walked back, carrying the shovels.

Upon arriving, it was clear John had well and truly joined the ever popular "I got bogged at Ngkala Rocks 4WD Club!". The sandy section is not that bad, unless you stop. The soft deep sand and gentle incline make it hard to get going if you do. Craig had to go down to 16psi to be able to turn around, and then needed to gently drive forward and backwards 4 times, just to compress the sand a little, so a bit of momentum could be gained. With lots of digging, and Leon playing policeman guiding the snatch recovery, we were able to get John going again.

With everyone safely on the other side, we continued on to North Ngkala Rocks, the site of yesterday's dramas. With yesterday's experience of how to navigate the coffee rocks, and then correctly drive the chewed up sandy hill climb, it didn't take us long to get back down onto the beach.

As we re-grouped, Craig asked for his phone back from when photos were being taken of John's recovery, at which point there was a big "Oh sh%t" moment. The phone had been left on the rear bumper while the recovery equipment had been detached. Bugger!

Not wanting everyone to miss out on getting to the cape, we split the crew with Jeff, Cathie, Leon and Michelle heading north. The rest of us headed all the way back to South Ngkala Rocks, in the probably vain attempt at finding the phone, knowing the possibly once in a lifetime

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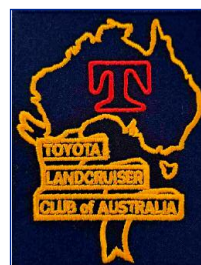
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opportunity to get to the cape, was going to pass us by.

Upon arrival, Russell headed to the top of the sand dunes in the hope of getting a signal, with the idea to continually ring the phone. Assuming it had fallen into the ruts, and then been buried by all the subsequent vehicles, John, Stephen and Craig shuffled up the track, in the hope one of them would step on it.

Well, the travel gods were certainly with the crew today. About 30 metres from where the track comes back out onto the beach, there was the phone - half covered in sand, sitting in the middle of the track. Amazing! Somehow, it had stayed on the back bumper for a couple of hundred metres all the way through all the wombat holes and rough twisty section of the track. Emotions went from rock bottom to one of joy and disbelief. With no time to spare, we raced back to the cars, and for the 3rd time in 2 days, went back over North Ngkala Rocks.



The further north you go, the less people there are, and the better the beaches get. It is certainly a scenic drive to the cape. Pulling up at the lighthouse, crew no.2 made haste, up the fairly steep 1.2km walking trail to the lighthouse. Which upon arriving at, greeted crew no.1, much to their amazement. The lighthouse is quite elevated, so you get 360-degree views of the north of the island. With a gentle breeze to cool us down, we spent a ½ hour soaking up the serenity.



Having seen on the way in, how little drivable beach there was, we made our way back down to the cars for a drink, before heading back down the beach for some lunch. The cyclone in March has washed away some of the beach, along with dumping a heap more drift wood above the high tide line. Even at low tide, you now have very little room to get past the drift wood. Thankfully, the trip leader had done his homework, and we had no drama's getting around to the lighthouse and back again safely.

We spent an hour having lunch and paddling in the water, before making our way back to camp. After the day's adventures, we deserved a treat, so we detoured to the café at Orchard Beach for some cool drinks, coffee and ice cream.

Once back at camp, we did the usual around 4:30pm. Put the fire on, had some drinks and nibbles, and with all's well that ends well, had a joke and a laugh about the day's shenanigans.



Friday 5th September

With early starts the previous days, this morning was a more relaxed affair, with departure not until 9:30am. A few of the crew cooked breakfast, and after a casual pack up, we were on our way. Another nice morning weather wise, so we stopped at Indian Head to walk around the headland and admire the views. Once again, we spotted quite a few migrating whales. Simply amazing to see these huge animals playing and breaching. The size of the splash, even from around 1km away, just incredible.

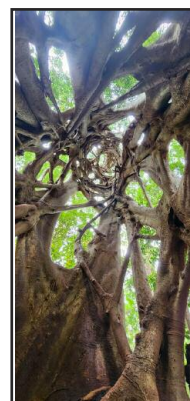


We then continued on to The Pinnacles. Worth a stop as it is interesting to see the Iron Oxide leeching out, and staining the sand.

Having chickened out of swimming at Eli Creek on our 1st visit, we had to stop again, so at least a couple of us could tick off the bucket list item of swimming at Eli Creek. Cathie grabbed her noodle, and Craig his blow-up ring, and the race was on. Who could float down the creek quickest? Cathie hit the lead with a few swift strokes, while

Craig was beached on a sandbar, claiming the victory and associated bragging rights. While we were having lunch, a few of us got chatting with some island regulars, who gave use a tip off about an attraction not on the tourist map. They described how a large tree with Strangler Fig Vines wrapped around it had died and rotted away, leaving this large spiral column of Strangler Fig which continues to grow. Very strange and rare so we thought why not, and with specific directions on how to find it, we headed inland. Well, we were all glad we'd made the effort, certainly strange and quite unique. Hopefully it stays off the tourist map, and remains relatively undisturbed.

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