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November 2025

Next General Meetings:

Monday
24th November, 2025

Monday
19th January 2026

LandCruising Australia Wide

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from your President

Hello Members

Firstly, a big thank you to those members who have run activities this month, which include Pin and Kim Needham for leading the Lions Club Yankalilla Run, Denise and Vladimir Malcik who led the Gawler Ranges and Eyre Peninsula trip, James & Linley Edwards who led the Argadells trip and Susan Vordermaier for leading the Gourmet Trail.

Monday, 24 November is the final general meeting for 2025. The West Adelaide Football Club will be open from 5:30 pm for meals before the meeting; please book on TryBooking. At the meeting, we will hear from our major sponsor, Cornes Toyota and present our annual Club awards. Stay after the meeting and socialise with each other whilst enjoying a lovely supper, provided by the Social Committee.

The Port Elliot Christmas Party on 28-30 November is filling fast with only a few places left so if you are keen to attend then use the TryBooking link in this newsletter to book your place.

There is no general meeting in December. We meet again for the next general meeting on Monday, 19 January 2026 being the third Monday to avoid the January long weekend.

There are a few copies of our recent book "LandCruising Australia Wide – Celebrating the Years 40-50 of the Toyota LandCruiser Club of SA" available from Merchandising. See Carola at a general meeting.

If you have ideas for trips or activities, speak 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 **24th November 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/DFTQU>



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Waganny Campground
Gawler Ranges
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Next General Meeting:

24th November 2025, 7.30pm,
West Adelaide Football Club.

Trip Reports:

Guest Speaker:

Daniel Munday, Dealer Principal,
Cornes Toyota

Newsletter Articles Deadline:

Thurs 5th December 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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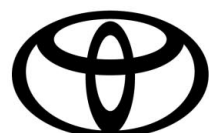
The club would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members for the month of November 2025.

- Peter Nicholson from Glengowrie
- Evan & Sonia Williams from Woodcroft
- Michael Cross from McLaren Vale
- Leith & Jacqueline Dawes from Longwood
- Nick & Lara Harry from Kingswood
- David Hemsworth from Gawler
- Lachlan Hill & Chloe from Smithfield
- Nick Slape from Glenelg
- Mike Snook from Belair
- Marc Young from Mile End South

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

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club yearly calendar - 2025/26

November 2025

Sun 9th ~ Wheel Change and Pre-Departure

Sun 16th ~ Historic Vehicle Gathering & Run

Sun 16th ~ Goolwa Beach Run - Come "n" Try

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

Fri 3rd - 6th ~ Burra Easter Trip

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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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
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1. Historic Vehicle Gathering & Run

Date: Sun 16 November, 2025

Where: Euchunga Memorial Institute, 23 Adelaide Rd, Echunga

Leader: Darryl Royans & Michael Polacek

Convoy: Unlimited (20 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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2. Goolwa Beach Run - Come "n" Try

Date: Sun 16 November, 2025

Where: Goolwa Beach Surf Lifesaving Club

Leader: Pin & Kim Needham

Convoy: 20 vehicles (7 booked)

Rating: Moderate

Comment: Meet at the Goolwa Beach car park at 10 am. Bring your tyre gauge, pump & long handle shovel and a UHF radio. Also bring your lunch. The plan is to check in with the Leaders (Pin & Kim Needham) then go to the beach for a briefing and air down, before driving to the Murray Mouth and back for a Club sponsored Sausage Sizzle to supplement your lunch. Please advise numbers for catering.

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

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3. 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 (73 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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4. Beach Day - Aldinga Beach

Date: Sun 11 January 2026

Leader: Pin & Kim Needam & Daniel Martucci

Convoy: Unlimited

Rating: Easy (2 booked)

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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4. 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>

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5. Summer Brunch

Date: Sunday 15 February, 2026.

Where: Home of Sue and Brian Stone, "The Birches" - 653 Kenton Valley Road, Kenton Valley SA 5233

What: Very Social

Numbers: unlimited

Cost: \$10 per head.

Comment: Come along and start the year with a Social Brunch at members, Sue and

Brian Stones' home. A yummy brunch will be cooked by the Social Committee, and includes welcoming bubbles and orange juice.

10.00 am start. Bring your own picnic table, chairs, tablecloth, cutlery, crockery, glasses and decorations. Prizes for fanciful decorations. Meet old friends, make new friends. Everyone welcome. Please note this event will be cancelled if the day is declared "Extreme or Catastrophic Fire Danger."

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

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6. Burra Easter Trip EOI

Date: Friday 3 - Mon 6 2026

Leader: Trip Leader Required

Convoy: Unlimited

Rating: Easy

Comment: Visit Burra mine and local attractions on Friday then complete the Dare's Hill and World's End circuits over Saturday and Sunday

Some dirt road driving. Circuit lengths are circa 130 km each. Stay at Burra Caravan Park - site fees apply

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.

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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!



Newsletter Publication Drama

During the preparation of this month's newsletter, a major crash occurred on a legacy PC requiring the publishing software to be re-loaded. The only trouble was that this software was out of date and unsupported.

Fortunately a new laptop had already been purchased thanks to a successful Government grant application by Andy Davis. This grant also enabled the purchase of new publishing software. After some 60 hours of rebuilding the design layout we now have this edition. The new software provides many more enhanced features.

Moonaree Station Update

I would sincerely like to thank Darryl Royans & Robyn & Peter Trezise for their challenging effort, to get people here to Moonaree Station, to help our farmer. I say our farmer, as we have become very close to this lovely family.

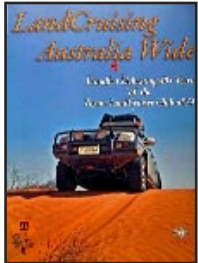
As there seems to be no available resources currently to help our farmer we sadly cancel our request for assistance at this point in time.

Sincerely Judy Christian

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.

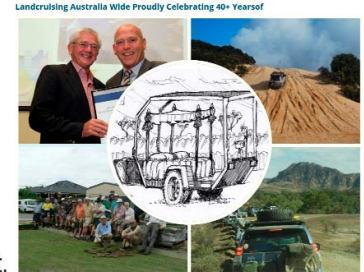
40TH YEAR HISTORY BOOK



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>



Gourmet Trail Report By Susan Vordermaier

A group of 15 members met at Melba's chocolates at Woodside. We were greeted by a staff member who gave us a brief history of the area, the settlement of Adelaide, and the emergence of Melba's. This was followed by a tour of the factory. It was nice to see much is still done by hand as opposed to machines, providing employment and skills to the locals.

After a taste and coffee the procession then went next door to Woodside Cheese Wrights where some more tasty morsels were sampled.



This was followed by lunch at Same but Different, a nice little cafe in Hahndorf, serving a variety of bagels. Some of the group left and the remaining 9 went onto Beerenberg for an ice cream and a browse in the farm shop. The day concluded with a quiet ale at the Prancing Pony Brewery at Totness. A great day had by all.





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Sun 15th Mar 2026		Theory	TBA	\$20 per person	\$20 per person	https://www.trybooking.com/DHINY
Sat 21st Mar 2026	Sun 22nd Mar 2026	Sand + Winching	TBA	\$40 per vehicle	\$40 per vehicle	Property access cost \$40 per car. No cost for basic training for enrolled members https://www.trybooking.com/DHINZ
Sun 19th April 2026		Tyre Repair	Ironbank	\$10 per person	\$10 per person	Fee covers the cost of materials and refreshments https://www.trybooking.com/DHIOA
Sat 16th May 2026	Sun 17th May 2026	Ascent - Descent	Morgan	NIL	\$30 per vehicle	No cost for basic training for enrolled members. Deposit refunded on Saturday night https://www.trybooking.com/DHIOB
Sat 25th Jul 2026	Sun 26th Jul 2026	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/DHIOC
Sun 2nd Aug 2026		Theory	SCC	\$20 per person	\$20 per person	https://www.trybooking.com/DHIOD
Sat 5th Sep 2026	Sun 6th Sep 2026	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/DHIOE
Sat 17th Oct 2026	Sun 18th Oct 2026	Ascent Descent	Morgan	NIL	\$30 per vehicle	No cost for basic training for enrolled members. Deposit refunded on Saturday night https://www.trybooking.com/DHIOF
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/DHIOH

TLCCSA training team

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TRAINERS: Conduct driver training

ASSESSORS: Conduct driver training & assessment

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

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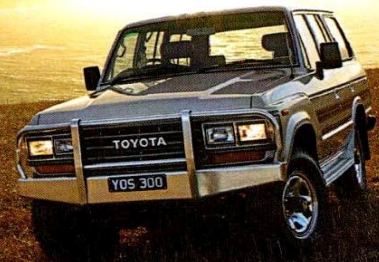
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SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE MONTH

Electric Brake Specialist

Recently, I engaged Electric Brake Specialist to provide a 10,000km maintenance service on our Island Star caravan. Russell, the managing director, and his team not only greased and repacked the wheel bearings and performed a wheel alignment, but lubricated all the essential moving parts of the suspension and hitch as well as the wind up legs. During the inspection of the braking system, EBS found that a wire to one of the wheels had been sheared off and therefore the brakes on that one wheel were not operational. The wire was resoldered and effectively repaired.

This is not the first time that I have used the services of EBS. Previously they had performed a wheel alignment when one tyre had been scrubbing on one edge, whilst in Western Australia. They also installed an Electronic Stability Control on the caravan at the time of original purchase that automatically applies the brakes on the caravan when a sway is detected. A great safety feature!

All of the staff are friendly and gave a full report of services provided and conditions of tyres and mechanical parts. The service was performed on the same day. I am proud to recommend EBS to any potential customer. TLCCSA is also very pleased to welcome EBS as a sponsor to the club and thank them for their support. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship.

Brian Stone

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Fraser Island (K'gari) Trip Report (continued)

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

Friday 5th September

The other bonus of driving out to see the Strangler Fig tree, was another drive through the rainforest. With thick forest and large trees, it was great to get one more drive through this amazing environment

With the afternoon tide coming in, we needed to get going, heading further south to Zone 2 for our final night of camping on the island. All camping on K'Gari is zoned, on a 1st come 1st serve basis. Once we arrived at the start of zone 2, Craig asked the crew to wait on the beach,

before he headed into the sand dunes at Cornwells as this is one of the main camping spots.

Unfortunately, the larger sites were taken, so exiting further down onto the beach, Craig gave instructions to continue along the beach. This was when confusion started to reign down on everyone.

Why is Craig telling us to continue when he's still in the dunes? "Why don't we just wait here for him?" Why's he saying "just keep going down the beach when he's behind us" Craig was like "Guys, just keep going down the beach". With a bit more chatter and then one of the crew radioing they are gone up into Cornwells Craig was like "Arrrrghhh, Guys, I've just been through the whole section, there's nothing suitable!" and after more chatter, "Pleeeeeease, just keep going down the beach until you get to the aircraft landing sign!"

With Craig wondering why everyone had gone rogue on him after such a great week, the penny then dropped with the crew, he must be in front of us! With relief, the crew continued on down the beach, to eventually see Craig standing on a sand dune, radio in hand, wondering what on earth everyone was playing at.

A great example of how easily someone can become separated from the group. All of this simply because the trip leader did not realise the rest of the crew had not seen him come back out onto the beach. No big deal this time as we were not travelling at high speed, but a good reminder particularly when travelling at pace in remote areas to always follow convoy procedure.



With a nice spot where we were protected from the onshore winds, we set up camp and had our customary drinks and nibbles. Dinner was a simple affair with everyone doing their own thing, before another quiet drink after dinner and then early to bed.

Saturday 6th September

This morning, we had our 1st close encounter with dingoes. As Craig climbed out of his swag, 2 dingoes were within a couple of metres of him, as

a 3rd trotted around the side of the car. Slightly startled, he grabbed his dingo stick and shooed them away before they could get too friendly.

High tide was a bit after 7am this morning, so there was no rush to get away. With plenty of left overs, Leon decided a communal cook up was in order. So, we gathered up eggs, bacon, sausage, onions, tomatoes and toast and cooked up a feast.



It was then time to make our way off the island. We packed up camp and headed south for the 30-minute drive to Hook Point. Our timing was perfect, the barge was sitting there waiting for us, and we all drove straight on, with 1 spot to spare.





Back on the mainland, we headed to the car wash to get the salt off our cars, before making our way back to the caravan park to freshen up. After a great week, an end of trip dinner was in order at the Rainbow Beach Surf Life Saving Club. A great spot overlooking the ocean, a few drinks were enjoyed before we said our goodbyes, as a couple of us were heading off very early the next morning.

In summary, a great week on the island. If going, definitely do your research on tide times, and plan your itinerary accordingly. The inland tracks are slow going, and there are sections of the beach you do not want to be stuck on at high tide. Avoid long weekends/school holidays like the plague, it must get crazy as when we were there in the off season, it was still quite busy. You want at least a week on the island, as even though we did a lot, there was still a lot more that would have been great to do.

Written by Craig Marchant

Ascent & Descent Driver Training at Morgan - October 2025

Attendees: Graham & Christine Adams, Geoff Barton, Andrew Mannix, Bruce Nankivell, David Perry & Elaine, Richard Royans, Brian & Sue Stone, Timothy Welch, David Wilson, Justin & Heather Wynn

One only has to attend a driver training weekend to realise the capabilities of the vehicles that we drive, and that it is usually limited by the confidence and abilities of the drivers. That is where the Driver Training Team comes to the fore, to instruct and guide us on the correct methods and procedures to safely 4WD in difficult terrain in both rocky mountains and sandy tracks.

I was fortunate in being able to attend the Driver Training on Friday 17th to Sunday 19th October along with other members at the Morgan Quarry, conducted by Peter Harper, Murray McClay, Jason Sabeeney and Geoff Green. I really appreciate the time and dedication these guys give freely to so many training opportunities throughout the year. I learnt new skills and gained confidence to manage my vehicle in varying terrain with the comfort of having a skilled driver sitting in the passenger seat.



This weekend was even more special as it was also a training weekend for new trainers, Michael Polacek, Andrew McDonald, Phil Ahrens and Darryl Marden. Following a full day of briefing, these guys were given the task to instruct us students with an assessors riding in the back seat to ensure correct procedures were being followed and that all safety protocols were being observed.

We began with the usual happy hour drinks on Friday night, sitting beside the idyllic Murray River. Peter provided the run down for the weekend, with some of the members then adjourning to the Commercial Hotel for dinner. The next morning we eagerly headed to the quarry to challenge ourselves to drive the rocky tracks, whilst observing the golden rules **Stop, Get Out, and Look - Think, Assess, and Decide**. It was comforting having a trainer beside you providing instruction and guidance. We learnt the use of modulation, (one foot on the accelerator with a few revs and the left foot on the brake) to control the car and prevent sliding on rocky terrain. After an exciting day, we returned to Morgan and enjoyed happy hour and a delicious meal at the Commercial Hotel. Somebody (Darryl) ordered the the loaded chips two nights running!!



The next morning we headed off for more practice and those who chose to have their competency assessed were accompanied by an Assessor and a trainer. It was strange to verbalise all actions and thoughts. Michael Polacek presented an interesting exercise where he drew the footprint of his tyre on a piece of paper on his garage floor at 40 psi. He then repeated the exercise a number of times using lower pressures. The increase of footprint was dramatic and shows the importance of lowering tyre pressures across rough terrain and in particular, sand.

Thank you to all the training team. We are so very lucky to have a team of dedicated guys at our disposal.

Written by Brian Stone

ARGADELLS Trip Report October 2025



It was Friday 3rd October and after much anticipation the annual TLCCSA Argadells trip led by the now infamous James and Linley Edwards was upon us. With the recent rains resulting in widespread greenery, the Argadells station set a glorious and inviting scene ready to be explored and enjoyed. Vehicles began arriving and the familiar ritual of rekindling acquaintances and camp set-up began in earnest. With the group looking to be great company, the campsite being ideally situated, and with a combination of clear skies predicted with enough wind to keep the fly's at bay, it was promising to be an ideal weekend for camping, driving, and socialising, or in the words of Billy Gibbons to, "Turn on, tune up and rock out!"

Friday 3rd October 2025 – By late afternoon camp was all set up with James and Linley perched up on the newly allotted Nob Hill looking down on the rest of us from their fine mansion on wheels magnificently



enhanced by their well named Y62, Tui. They had the Fenske's, Marcus, Charmaine, Levi and Nandi the dog with their highly envied Y62 Warrior set up to their left, the Sellek's, Louisa and Grant with their sure footed Prado set up to their right while they looked over the Malcik's, Vlad and Denise with their trusty Prado, the Caravanless Vidale's father and son team Andrew and Liam with their length challenged Cruiser, and last but not least the Arnold's, Mary and Steve with their magnificent outdoor kitchen, culinary delights and their beastly Land Cruiser. We can only imagine the absolute



pride these fine and noble Edwards must have felt as they looked down and over their newly established and very mobile village from their lofty position up on Nob Hill.

Soon Vlad, or Bad Vlad as he is now colloquially known to distinguish him from the other unfortunately absent Vlad, soon set about starting the fire in preparation for dinner cook- up. Of course, it should be put on record that he started the fire in the wrong part of the fire-pit. However, considering that for no fault of his own he was born in the Northern Hemisphere, we all cut him some slack and very gently coached

him and quickly forgave him while Andrew, who is widely regarded an exceptional fire keeper, set about fixing the regretful situation up. In no time at all the smells of smoke mingled happily with the delicious aromas of food cooking and the joyful cacophony of chatter and laughter filled the early evening air as stories of previous adventures were recounted and retold over a few beverages and nibbles. Unfortunately, Grant ruined everything by reminding the group, and with somewhat unnecessary glee I might add, of the Fenske's being unceremoniously dragged down the hill by their rebellious runaway caravan on the start of last year's Argadells trip. Thanks Grant, you'll keep.



Acquaintances rekindled, bellies full and a few beverages later, it was time for an early night and soon all that could be heard in the clear, silent, and beautiful night air was the now common sounds of rapturous snoring coming from the Edwards's mobile mansion up on Nob Hill.

Saturday 4th October 2025 – The delightful sounds of a camp waking up with dull clunks of doors and draws being opened and closed, the lowered voices greeting and chatting, mingled with the soft crunching of footsteps and the sporadic bird calls, all made for a very pleasing morning to wake up to. Then with the barking sound of a V8 delightfully growling to life, the Edwards headed off back to Quorn to purchase a few fly nets. This seemed to set the conversations around camp to a more serious note and tyre pressures and lunch arrangements etc. all began to be eagerly discussed in preparation for the first day's activities.



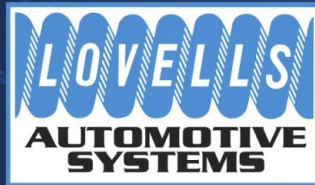
Returned and now armed with the latest mechanical fly barrier technology and with the precision of a military operation James and Linley had us all assembled for the daily briefing at 9:30am sharp. Well informed we all headed to our trusty vehicles and to the tremendous roar of the mighty V8's and copious puffs of black diesel exhaust fumes bellowing out from the diesel donks, we did our radio checks and buckled up. Now as Marie Ebner-Eschenback so eloquently puts it, "there is only one proof of ability and that is action," and we were certainly ready for some action!

The Argadells tracks are not particularly challenging but they more than make up for this arguable inadequacy in sheer splendor. That said, on a few occasions James was called on to expertly spot those requiring some guidance over a few of the more gnarly bits along the tracks. We found ourselves chatting over the radio on all manner of things while following our illustrious leaders with the blind faith of true believers. One topic of particular interest was the invasive prickly pear that was seen from time to time along our meanderings. Very soon various options and recommendations were being made and suggestions on how the new owners of the property could become beneficiaries of the TLCCSA's fine services.

Reaching the top of Mt Arden may not be a particularly challenging drive as per se, but for those who do not feel comfortable driving heights, it can get the heart rate going. After a brief stop at the top clutching on to any bits that could be blown away, we escaped the wind and headed down the opposite side on a track more commonly described by Charmaine in terms better not repeated in any respectable trip update. Hill decent mode seemed to be a topical issue throughout the course of the weekend, and this proved a perfect opportunity to try it out and swap experiences. After a brief stop for lunch, choosing the wind over the fly's, we resumed our travels and in what seemed a blink of an eye it was time to head back to camp for the end of what had been a most enjoyable day out.



Sitting in the shade of the Edwards's mobile mansion, we gathered and shared some nibbles and drinks while reflecting on the day and sharing stories before we set off to prepare dinner. At about this time Steve valiantly led a rebellion around a bottle of Ratu Rum and drawn unsuspectingly into it, I unfortunately left our dinner to be burned (which thanks to Linley's brave intervention was not totally ruined) and the evening culminated with me falling over a log that had snuck up behind me and me then being unfairly banished to quarters until sunrise. I am led to believe that no one else nor any animals were injured in the rebellion, so I suppose all is well that ends well.



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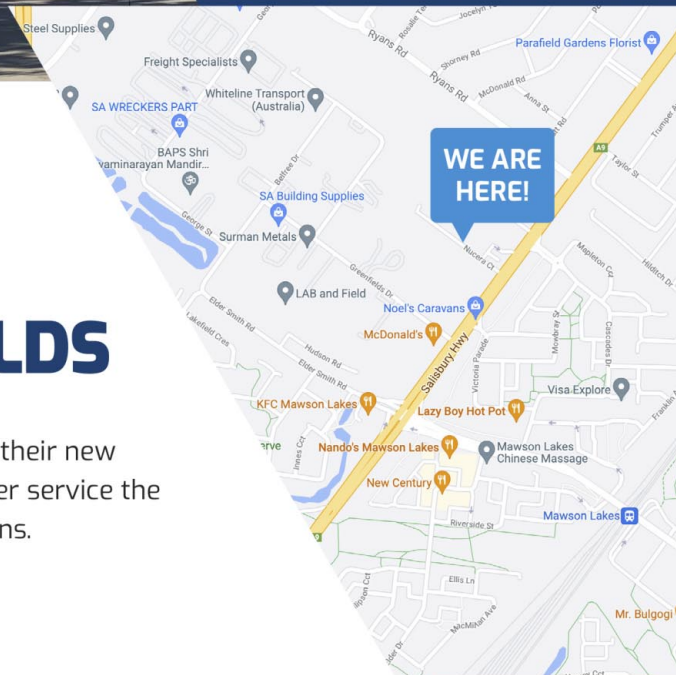


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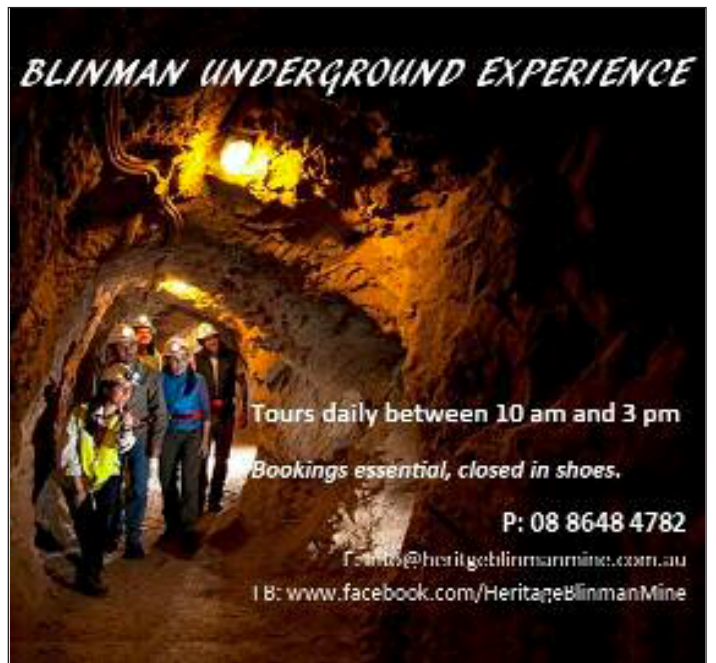
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Sunday 5th October – Things seemed a bit slower on Sunday Morning, maybe due to it being the first morning of daylight saving or maybe due to Steve's ungodly rum infused rebellion from the night before I am not sure, but soon we had James briefing us for the day, and I might add, a little less promptly than the day before. Soon however we were all merrily on our way again with fresh anticipation of the day ahead. Arriving at the bottom of the Buckaringa Gorge Lookout track we stopped to consider some options. After clearing the main track of a fallen tree most of the crew opted to take an alternative and seemingly easier track to the start of the ascent. Andrew, however, undaunted bobbed through and up behind Edwards's patrol in his half-loaf- sized Landcruiser making it look easier than parking a Prado in its natural habitat at the local mall. After I complained about how boring the drone footage was, he zipped around and did it again, but unfortunately it was even more uninspiring the second time.

On the way up from there to the lookout a small incident served to remind us all just how quickly disaster could strike when Grant dropped a front wheel over the edge.



Now we all know a photo never does justice to the steepness of the angles, but it was somewhat of a precarious situation to say the least. His prompt response and very wise decision to stop and call for help was a very good example of what to do in such circumstances. With Louisa out of the vehicle for safety (I presume by her tone that she meant Grants and not hers) and under James's and Andrew's guidance, Grant expertly drove their vehicle out of danger, and we were soon once again on our way. The story is nicely tucked away to tell, unembellished of course, around a campfire in the future!

The rest of the day's drive was very pleasant and soon with tracks all driven, we headed back to camp. With all thoughts of any rum infused rebellious behaviour firmly out of mind and with Steve on his best behaviour (presumably due to depleted rum rations from the night before), we spent a most pleasant afternoon and evening enjoying shared nibbles and drinks in excellent company while preparing dinners and exchanging life experiences and stories, making suggestions for the future and the likes while I concentrated on avoiding making any promises I would find hard to keep or more pertinently, making sure no one made any on my behalf! I am on to you Linley!

Monday 6th October – With tracks all well driven we had decided on a shared breakfast before we left rather than any more driving. As the smells of bacon and all manner of deliciousness wafted through the air the sounds of air compressors inflating tyres and the general noises of packing up could be heard. Hungry mouths fed, dishes washed, and vans and vehicles packed and ready, goodbyes were said and with promises of future adventures locked in, the weekend was suddenly over.

It's a Wrap - Events such as these are so much more than merely driving tracks and are often more memorable for what happens



around the fire than what happens out on the tracks. In normal life we can be separated or even driven apart by our varied histories, our incredible or traumatic life experiences, or by our formed and often fiercely defended views on all manners of topics. However here, drawn together around the fire there is freedom to share these many experiences and views, laughing and joking and enjoying ourselves and doing so with people we may never otherwise have met. It is in these moments that we can find





ourselves understanding rather than trying to be understood and hearing what we may not otherwise have listened to. Then, it is no surprise that we can even tear up as some of the stories being told reach down to touch our very hearts and we learn just how much more we have in common rather than what separates us.

I am reminded of a quote by C.S. Lewis "Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to the other: 'What you too? I

thought I was the only one.'"

I am sure I speak for one and all when I say thanks to all those that make these adventures possible, we appreciate all your efforts.

Written by Marcus Fenske

The Impromptu 'Shave' National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) fundraising

Whilst on the recent Gawler Ranges TLCCSA trip it was noted that Peter Bradley was sporting a shaggy / badly needing a haircut look. I commented on Peter's long locks, and he said, 'Well if you can raise \$500 you can cut them off, and we'll donate the money!'



Never one to turn down a challenge I threw out the call to the participants of our trip, and we quickly raised \$530. Now Peter couldn't back down, and so by torchlight in the Coffin Bay shelter shed, the coiffure began. The buzz cutter batteries went flat so scissors were used, then Vlad donated his shaver, and the end result was outstanding.



Most of you would probably know that Peter's beautiful wife, Sue, has had a recent battle with breast cancer and thankfully has now finished her treatment with a very good outcome. I know that Breast Cancer has touched several members of our club in varying degrees, and we all thought it would be a very worthy cause to support, not just on behalf of Sue but for anyone we know that has faced this or any other cancer battle.

After posting some 'spiffy' photos of Peter on Facebook other members who weren't on the trip also wanted to donate so we have now created an account for the NBCF Pink Hero under the name of Bradley / TLCCSA. If you would like to donate you can either open this link:-

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or log on to the National Breast Cancer Foundation website and look for the Pink Hero's, search for Bradley / TLCCSA and follow the prompts.

By donating via this method, we can then report back to you all just how much has been raised by the generosity of all of our members.

Thank you for your support.

Sue Stone



LIONS Club of Yankalilla – Fleurieu Run October 12, 2025



We arrived early to set up the TLCCSA Banner, a couple of other members arrived and so did the rain. This forced the Lions Club to relocate to shelter under the Grandstand. The showers persisted as more people arrived, keeping Kim busy with attendance forms and temporary membership applications.

We were assigned to one of 3 convoys, each with a Lions Club leader and a TLCCSA tail end Charlie. Convoy One headed north to a logged section of the Second Valley forest, here we saw the results of logging, and regrowth. There were some great views from high points in spite of the low cloud.

This was revealed from the Trig Station Lookout. After that we travelled on forestry tracks and had a mob of Eastern Grey Kangaroos leap through the convoy.



Next, we headed west to the south of Wirrina Resort to the hilltops towering above Second Valley. The countryside was a mass of colour, with wild flowers and introduced weeds, but still brilliant yellow and purple with occasional orange and white flowers.

We made a steep descent into Second Valley where we had lunch in the car park. Then off again turning right from the main road to ascend the next hills to the south, before heading towards the coast again. As we headed west, we were inspected by a couple of inquisitive mobs of

cattle, wondering who was crazy enough to visit them on a Saturday afternoon.

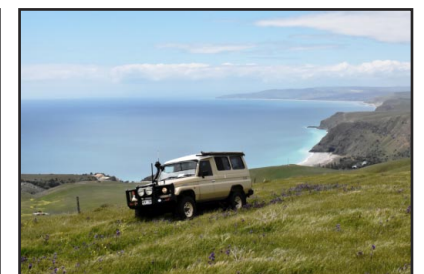
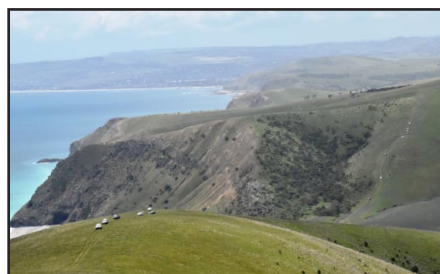


As we approached the clifftops, we were confronted with a steep descent into Rapid Bay with spectacular views to the coast. Though the weather had improved, it was hard to make out the opposite side of St Vincent Gulf. As we slowly descended, we had good views of the bay with its jetty and the Rapid Bay Quarry. Leaving Rapid Bay, we soon turned south to climb Mt Rapid on our way to the Starfish Wind Farm, (22 generators) operating since 2003. We

stopped soon after to begin looking for remnants of original vegetation. We returned to Main South Road to Cape Jervis where the trip concluded.

Thanks to the Lions Club of Yankalilla for organising the Fleurieu Fund Raiser for the 4WD Clubs.

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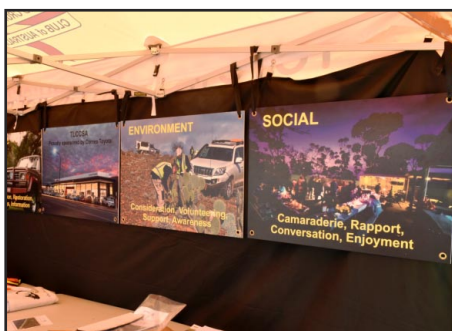
4WD & ADVENTURE SHOW

The 4WD & Adventure Show on October 23 - 26 2025 at the Wayville showgrounds, again proved to be a very successful event. This year the Toyota LandCruiser Club of SA show stand was positioned alongside the Ferris Wheel and was well positioned to attract visitors. The stand was well managed by Brenton & Denise Manuel with strong support from Pin Needham and Larry Coaker. The display

material demonstrated the many activities of the club and the opportunities to which members may avail themselves.



The team received both paper (scanned) applications as well as phone / on-line applications using the QR code. Approximately 11 membership applications were received as a result of the show plus another two applications that may or may not be related to the show.



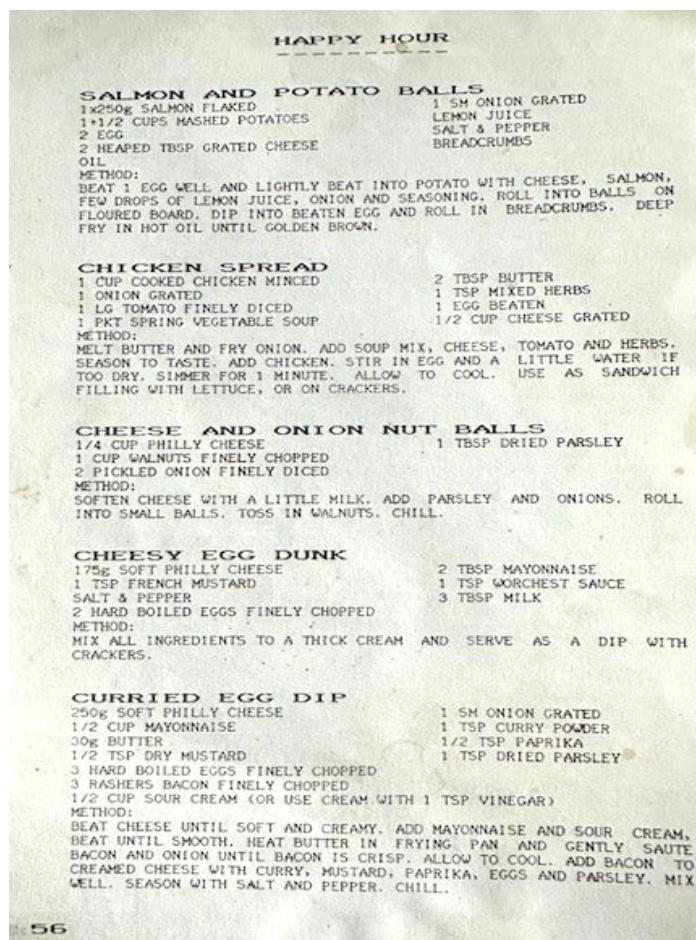
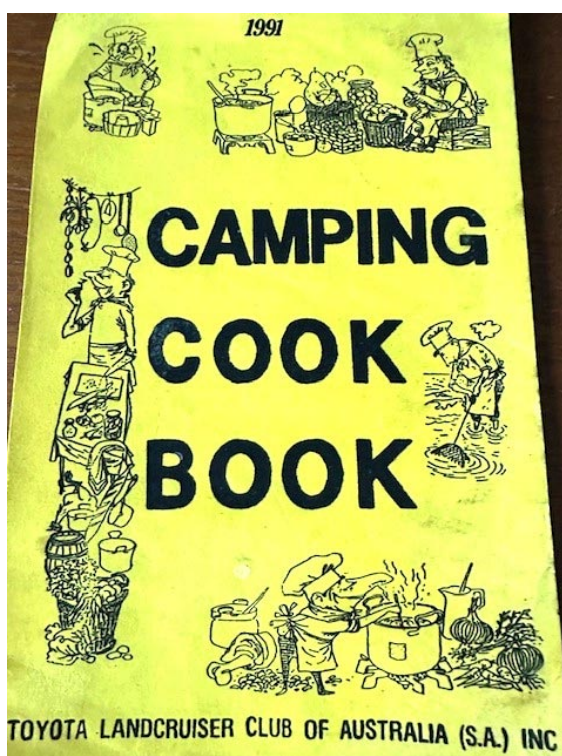
A big thank-you to Gordon Combeer who did all the pre-event coordination, Brenton Manuel who took charge over the weekend and to all the club members who set up, manned the stand over the 4 days and the pack up team that returned all the club's property to our storage facility.

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