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# from your President

Hello Members

What a fantastic year it's been! I'd like to start with a big thankyou to Darryl Royans and Michael Polacek for running the Historic Vehicle Day and BBQ Run. My appreciation also goes to Pin and Kim Needham for hosting the Come'n'Try Day Goolwa Beach Run for our

new and prospective members. And of course, thanks to Peter Harper and Murray McClay for organising the Wheel Repair and Pre-Departure Vehicle Check Day. Your efforts make a genuine difference.

As 2025 draws to a close, I can proudly reflect on what an exceptional year our Club has enjoyed. Your committee has worked tirelessly to keep everything running smoothly. Membership continues to grow, and it's especially encouraging to see more historic registrations coming through. We've enjoyed a wide range of trips, a strong education and training program, valuable environmental opportunities, vibrant social events—and we were successful in securing three grants that have significantly supported the Club.

Our Christmas Party was a tremendous success and completely booked out! The afternoon kicked off with Linley and James' game, followed by Santa's arrival, a delicious roast dinner, a lively band, and a Sunday morning breakfast. A huge congratulations to the Social Committee for organising such a well-executed event.

Behind the scenes, the committee has been working hard to prepare an exciting 2026. In this newsletter, you'll find the Driver Education and Training calendar. I strongly encourage you to register for the Peake and Morgan events. Attending once and being assessed is a great start—but returning a few times is what really builds your skills, confidence, and safety for future trips.

The Social Committee is already planning a full calendar for 2026, and the Environment Team is currently locking in dates for several of their events. All signs point to another terrific year ahead.

Finally, on behalf of myself and the entire committee, I wish you a joyful festive season, a Happy New Year, and all the very best for 2026.

*Simon*

**Simon Critchley**  
**TLCCSA President**



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Christmas Party in Port Elliot

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## Next General Meeting:

19th January 2026, 7.30pm,  
**West Adelaide Football Club.**

## Trip Reports:

## Guest Speaker:

Briana Green - CFS Region 1  
Air Operations in SA

## Newsletter Articles Deadline:

**Thurs 5th February 2026**

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.



## Christmas Greetings

The President and Committee Members wish to extend Season's Greetings to all members, sponsors and their families and thank them for their participation in Club activities throughout the year. May 2026 bring you good health and happiness.



The **19th January 2026 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/DHIWG>

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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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- You have any knowledge or information of any incident, act, error or omission that may give rise to a claim of the type as would be covered by the policy,

## Welcome!

The club would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members for the month of December 2025 / January 2026.

- Lee Barrington from Magill
- Leigh Brown from Salisbury Park
- Kaylene Ellis from Finnis
- Matthew Harrison from Aberfoyle Park
- Gurpreet Kaur & Jasmeet Chandok from Bramaha Lodge
- Jo-Anne Kingsland & Angie Fuss from Aldinga Beach
- Peter Nicholson from Glengowrie
- Albin Richtsteiger from Highbury
- Bryan Saunders from Mannum
- Andrew Stark from Blakiston
- Vitalia Vega & Rudy Pallich from Lewiston
- Evan & Sonia Williams from Woodcroft

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

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# club yearly calendar - 2026

## January 2026

Sun 11th ~ Beach Day, Aldinga Beach  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> ~ General Meeting, WAFC  
Fri 23rd -26th ~ Beachport, EOI

## February 2026

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> - Sat 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Vic High Country  
Wed 11th ~ New Members Night, SCC  
Sun 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Summer Breakfast  
Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ General Meeting, WAFC  
Fri 27th - 2nd March ~ Clean Up Australia, Cantara

## March 2026

Sun 1st ~ 4WD Theory  
Sat 7th - Sun 8th ~ Sand Training  
Sun 15th ~ Tolderol Game Reserve - Clean up  
Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ General Meeting, WAFC

## April 2026

Fri 3rd - 6th ~ Burra Easter Trip  
Sun 19th ~ Tyre Repair  
Mon 27th ~ General Meeting, WAFC

## May 2026

Sat 16th - Sun 17th ~ Ascent / Descent Tng Morgan  
Mon 25th ~ General Meeting & AGM, WAFC

## June 2026

Fri 5th - Mon 8th ~ Bendleby Ranges  
Mon 22nd ~ General Meeting, WAFC

## July 2026

Sat 25th - Sun 26th ~ Sand Training Peake  
Mon 27th ~ General Meeting, WAFC

## August 2026

Sun 2nd ~ 4WD Theory  
Sat 15th - Sat 22nd ~ VHC Snow Trip  
Mon 24th ~ General Meeting, WAFC

## September 2026

Sat 5th - Sun 6th ~ Sand Training Peake  
Mon 28th ~ General Meeting, WAFC

## October 2026

Sat 3rd - Mon 5th ~ Argadells

**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](http://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](http://trybooking.com)

### 1. Beach Day - Aldinga Beach South

**Date:** Sun 11 January 2026

**Leader:** Pin & Kim Needam & Daniel Martucci

**Convoy:** Unlimited

**Rating:** Easy (5 booked)

**Comment:** – Entry via Norman Road ramp at Silver Sands & turn left towards Sellicks Beach 5174. Meet at the club banner & gazebo for a different sort of beach run with a club sponsored BBQ lunch at 12:30. BYO salads and liquid refreshments. Bring your kids, or grandkids, boogie boards, beach umbrella, tables & chairs, sunscreen, hat, swimming gear, beach towel, beach games, etc. fishing is possible, BYO gear & bait.

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

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### 2. Beachport 2026

**Date:** Fri 23 – Mon 26 Jan 2026

**Leader:** Timothy Welch

**Convoy:** 20 vehicles

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

**Details:** All welcome, trip will be family/kid friendly where possible.

Day 1, Friday - Arrive at Southern Ocean Tourist Park, Beachport. Social gathering at 1800 for those that arrive in time.

Day 2, Saturday - 0830 Pre Trip meeting. 0900 Depart for day of driving from Beachport to Robe. Following beach access tracks both on and off beach. Packed lunch required. Social drinks on return followed by optional Dinner at Beachport Hotel at 1900.

Day 3, Sunday - 0830 Pre Trip meeting. 0900 Depart for day of driving from Beachport to Carpenter Rocks via main roads and dirt tracks. Then return to Beachport via tracks and beach through Canunda National Park and South End beach. Packed lunch required.

Day 4, Monday - 0800 Free Breakfast at Centennial Park, Somerville Street, Beachport 0900 Australia Day Awards Ceremony at the same location. 1300 numbers dependant - BBQ on beach before heading back home.

Day 5, Tuesday - Optional late departure for those wishing to avoid public holiday traffic.

**Equipment Required:** sand flag, shovel, tyre pressure gauge, tyre pump, UHF radio and max trax (if you have them).

**Location:** Based at Southern Ocean Tourist Park, Beachport. Minimum four nights, powered site \$46 per night, unpowered \$38 per

night. NB: Prices subject to change for 2026 The club has reserved sites - deposits are to be paid by Dec 16th via Trybookings to reserve your spot with the balance to be paid on arrival. If booking after this date, please contact Pin Needham 0437 420 099

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

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### 3. Victorian High Country Camping Trek - Erica to Porepunkah

**Date:** Sat 7 Feb - Sat 14 Feb 2026

**Leader:** Craig Marchant

**Convoy:** 5 vehicles (6 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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### 4. 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 (9 booked)

**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/DHIWA>

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## 5. Clean Up Australia Coorong NP & beaches

**Date:** Fri 27 Feb - Mon 2 March 2026

**Leader:** Michael Polacek

**Rating:** Moderate - sand driving.

**Convoy:** Unlimited

**Comment:** The Coorong is about 200km from Adelaide. Based at the Cantara Homestead there's plenty of camping area, or limited accommodation in the homestead, all with access to toilets and showers on site. CUA activity involves cleaning up the Coorong beaches and campsites. A well supported activity. Members usually arrive on the Friday beforehand (27th) to set up camp. Work is then carried out on the following day followed by a Club provided BBQ tea on the Saturday night. Possible clean up on the Sunday or a day of relaxation. Leave on Monday. Bring recovery gear, shovels, good gloves - footwear and sun protection.

**Required** - 2 trailers, markers, bags, good gloves for collecting rubbish. Recovery equipment and compressor essential.

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

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## 6. Tolderol Game Reserve - Clean up old tree guards

**Date:** Sun 15 March 2026 - 9:00 am to 3:00pm

**Leader:** Michael Polacek

**Rating:** Easy - Sandy tracks grass and lightly wooded

**Convoy:** Unlimited

**Detail:** Meet at Park entry at 9 am. Tree guard rubbish to be collected. BBQ sausage sizzle provided by Club to supplement lunch. On site toilet facilities. Children welcome

**Equipment:** Rubbish Bags, gloves, pick up sticks, first aid kit, UV protection and hat. Potential for snakes so rubber boots and long trousers recommended

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

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## 7. Burra Easter Trip

**Date:** Friday 3 - Mon 6 April 2026

**Leader:** David Burgess

**Convoy:** 10 vehicles

**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. Normal recovery gear, long handled shovel & first aid kit. Stay at Burra Caravan Park -site fees apply. The club has reserved 10 sites, please advise the park and pay your deposit when booking. (Telephone 0488 513 101)

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

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## 8. Bendleby Ranges

**Leaders:** James & Lin Edwards

**Date:** Fri 5 - Mon 8 June 2026

**Convoy:** 20 vehicles

**Rating:** 200Km of various tracks ranging from Easy/Moderate to Difficult. Consisting of rough hilly terrain with steep ascents and descents giving beautiful views over surrounding areas. Must have low ratio and good clearance, and 4x4 experience with ascent/descent training.

**Detail:** Camp will be at one of the remote bush sites, suitable for vans, trailers & tents. Camp sites have toilets and please bring your own firewood. You will need to be self sufficient for food & water. Fees are \$100 for the weekend plus \$36/night per person, (\$108 pp for 3 nights). Please bring evidence of Basic 4WD experience especially ascent & descent training at either Morgan or equivalent. Rated recovery points & equipment are required.

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

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## 9. Vic High Country Snow Trip

**Date:** Sat 15 Aug - Sat 22 Aug 2026

**Leader:** Craig Marchant

**Rating:** Difficult - Alpine forest roads and valley tracks. Moderate to steep ascents and descents on unmaintained single lane tracks. May be driving on snow covered roads

**Convoy:** 5 vehicles

**Comment:** Meet at Porepunkah on the 15th before spending up to 6 days off grid, experiencing the harsh beauty of winter in the high country. If weather permits, we will camp at altitude (>1,000m) on several occasions, possibly in snow. The trip will traverse a wide area from Bright to Dargo, Licola, Woods Point and Mansfield. If weather permits, we will navigate the back roads and tracks and you

may experience driving on roads and tracks with a layer of snow on them.

There will hopefully be quite a bit of snow above 1km, which we will experience across numerous mountain tops. See full itinerary details via the TryBooking link which covers health and personal safety aspects, due to the high likelihood of experiencing sub-zero temperatures, along with vehicle and equipment requirements and tracks.

2 X Snow Chains (legal requirement). Minimum 2 winches in convoy of 5 vehicles. 4 X traction boards if no winch or lockers. Recovery gear and compressor essential.

*trybooking code not available at publication*

# 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](mailto: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 reimbursed.

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!**

# Gawler Ranges & Eyre Peninsula Trip October 2025

## Group 1: Leaders Vladimir and Denise Malcik

Participants: Malen Rumbelow and Jan Muegel, Graeme and Helen Brettig, Peter and Sue Bradley, Brian and Sue Stone, Trevor Duggan, Carola Sanders.

## Group 2: Leaders Neville and Dianne Stone

Participants: Ian Frost, Heather and Gordon Combeer, Mike and Cheryl Carrington, Andrew Strain and Leah Andison, Buzz and Colleen Meakes.

All adventurers (except Malen and Jan) arrived at Mambray Creek campground at various times on Sunday, 19/10/25. It was a hot day, reaching 38°C, with the Aussie wave highly visible. We hope the flies disperse at night. A briefing was held to outline the trip format, covering emergency procedures, fire risk management, communication, and convoy protocols.

The large group was split into two, with one to depart 15 minutes ahead of the other in the morning.

## Day 1: Monday, 20/10/25 - Helen Brettig

Expected high of 32C, a mild day. Three members left early for Port Augusta for various reasons: refuelling, repairing a leaking water tank, and purchasing a new cable for the Waeco fridge, leaving Vladimir with a smaller convoy. Just the typical camping challenges!



After resolving these issues, we regrouped at 10:20 am in Port Augusta enroute to our first stop, Kimba. The ride was smooth, transitioning from the reddish saltbush country near Iron Knob to the agricultural landscape of Kimba. We arrived at noon, where some enjoyed a late morning tea (or early lunch) before capturing a photo with the refurbished Pink Galah and heading to Wudinna. Both vehicles and appetites were replenished—don't miss the bakery there!

We took the dirt road to Waganny campground in the Gawler Range where Malen and Jan awaited us arriving after their epic journey around Australia. The roads were mostly good, though a few sections showed signs of recent wet weather, with some shallow ruts.

Once everyone settled into their spots, we enjoyed a communal happy hour. The temperature was cooler, and the flies were fewer, though a few feral bees buzzed around Buzz and Colleen's van, drawn to some muscat that had spilled on the floor!



## Day 2: 21/10/25 - Tuesday (Dianne Stone)

The weather overnight was ominous, featuring rain, thunder, and lightning. The group intended to set off for our first adventure at 9:30 am, but heavy rain forced us to delay until 1 pm. After a relaxing morning listening to the rain, we finally hit the road with Neville leading and Ian as Tail End Charlie (TEC).

Our route took us along the Old Paney Scenic Route, stopping first at Policeman's Point and then at Old Paney. We backtracked slightly to take the Mattera Track to Mirica Falls for a brief visit, as rain threatened again. A drive around the Kolay Hut Campground led us to Paney Homestead and its well-preserved shearing shed, complete with informative signage. With internet access available, many took the opportunity to catch up on messages or share photos of the new Malcik grandchild.



Some very dirty, muddy vehicles were headed for home. The drive today was somewhat challenging due to the wet conditions, but everyone managed well. Happy hour buzzed with tales of the day's adventures.

## Day 3: 22/10/25 - Wednesday (Sue Bradley)

We woke to a calm, clear morning, with expected temperatures ranging from 11-18°C. All roads were declared open. A convoy of seven vehicles departed camp at 9 am, heading toward Pildappa Rock. After passing a flock of sheep along the road, it was noted we had crossed the Goyder Line.

At Pildappa Rock, a light rain greeted us as we enjoyed morning tea. We completed an easy walk around the rock's base, with some climbing to the top for panoramic views.







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FROM	TO	ACTIVITY	WHERE	FEES	DEPOSIT	INFORMATION
Wed 11th Feb 2026		New Members Night	SCC			<a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DHYVJ">https://www.trybooking.com/DHYVJ</a>
Sun 1st Mar 2026		Theory	SCC	\$20 per person	\$20 per person	<a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DHINY">https://www.trybooking.com/DHINY</a>
Sat 7th Mar 2026	Sun 8th Mar 2026	Sand + Winching	Peake	\$40 per vehicle		Property access cost \$40 per car. No cost for basic training for enrolled members <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DHINZ">https://www.trybooking.com/DHINZ</a>
Sun 19th April 2026		Tyre Repair	Ironbank	\$20 per person		Fee covers the cost of materials and refreshments <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DHIOA">https://www.trybooking.com/DHIOA</a>
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 <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DHIOB">https://www.trybooking.com/DHIOB</a>
Sat 25th Jul 2026	Sun 26th Jul 2026	Sand + Winching	Peake	\$40 per vehicle		Property access cost \$40 per car. No cost for basic training for enrolled members. <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DHIOC">https://www.trybooking.com/DHIOC</a>
Sun 2nd Aug 2026		Theory	SCC	\$20 per person		<a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DHIOD">https://www.trybooking.com/DHIOD</a>
Sat 5th Sep 2026	Sun 6th Sep 2026	Sand & Winching	Peake	\$40 per vehicle		Property access cost \$40 per car. No cost for basic training for enrolled members. <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DHIOE">https://www.trybooking.com/DHIOE</a>
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 <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DHIOF">https://www.trybooking.com/DHIOF</a>
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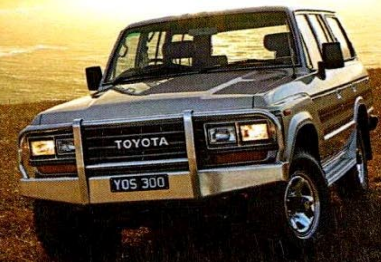
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### Our Trainers



The training we have been provided in the club can only be described as fantastic. Heather and I joined the club 12 years ago not knowing a thing about 4wd driving. We did Morgan and Peake training multiple times learning lots as well as enjoying the social side. This then led us to participating in the Beachport trips and yes, managing to get stuck in the sand two years in a row. This was both a clearance issue brought about by carrying a heavy weight with standard suspension and good ol' lack of experience. If you are not getting stuck you are not trying say the trainers....we try a lot 😊.

We did Argadells several times and on the first few occasions thought the ascent up Mount Arden was very challenging... that moment when all you can see out the front of your windscreen is blue sky but knowing that the vehicle in front of you turned left somewhere! Then going down Oh sh#t hill and relying on trusting a trainer at Morgan that told you to go down in 1st

gear and rely on the engine to slow you down. Yeah right.... But it works! Thankyou trainers.

The training, as well as the guidance by superb trip leaders gets you through it all though. Eventually, you become comfortable on these drives as we did, and you start to go on 4wd trips through the Outback, and in our case, across the Simpson desert. This then leads you to be able to help others and engage in trips you never even dreamed of... (to be continued). This is why we say that the club trainers are our choice as "Service Provider of a Lifetime".

**Gordon Combeer**







The site offered very good facilities, including BBQs, shelters, and toilets. Information boards are planned to highlight water collection and storage methods.

Next, we travelled via Minnipa to Wudinna, where we enjoyed lunch at the bakery and fuelled up our vehicles. With phone reception, many reached out to others. After lunch, we navigated muddy roads with large puddles to Sturt's Lake. Here, a Landcruiser faced a 4WD locking problem, but manual hub locking allowed it to continue safely.

We returned home by 4 pm, thanks to Vladimir, Denise, Neville, and Dianne for guiding our adventures that day.



#### Day 4 - 23/10/25 (Thursday) Sue Stone

Travel day from Gawler Ranges to Yangie Bay Campground in Coffin Bay National Park. Enjoyed more bakery stops along the way at Cummins.

#### Day 5 - 24/10/25 (Friday) Sue Stone

With rain and possible storms predicted, our wonderful leader, Vladimir, shifted our trip to Point Sir Isaac to today while the sun shone. With Vlad leading and Neville TEC we departed early at 8 am with eight vehicles navigating rocky, sandy, and wet tracks without much trouble. After passing Lake Jessie, we took a quick break at Black Springs Campground—a peaceful spot—before heading onto the firm beach. We made a brief stop to see a whale jawbone, perhaps a remnant from the Coffin Bay Whaling site of the early 1800s.



We carefully navigated the "pinch spot," the narrowest section of the beach that we needed to return through before high tide, and continued into the scrub until we reached Point Sir Isaac, named by Matthew Flinders after British Admiral Sir Isaac Coffin. The journey took about three hours. After a 30-minute exploration and photo op, we headed back to avoid the tide. We had lunch by the whale bone, with some nearly legal-sized whiting caught by Trevor. Leah showcased her artistic skills by coordinating colour-themed group photos for both the ladies and gentlemen. The convoy returned safely after a great day out.



#### Day 6 - 25/10/25 - Saturday - Colleen Meakes

Some members relaxed in Coffin Bay National Park while others strolled the scenic Oyster Trail, highly recommended, with a visit to the oyster sheds also a good idea. Lunch options included local fish and chips, coffee shops, and the Coffin Bay Hotel, while some ventured to Port Lincoln for dining along the Esplanade.

A determined group sought oyster pies at the local bakery but found none available. They then visited the library which was closed for renovations and tried to get seafood chowder at Oyster HQ, only to be disappointed again. Undeterred, they eventually satisfied their cravings with plates of tapas.



**\*\*Happenings:\*\***

\* Peter Bradley is our new Chief Fire Officer.

\* Mike Carrington was attacked by a tick that was expertly removed by our nurses, Cheryl and Denise. He was a very brave patient\*

\*James and Linley Edwards treated us to a delicious seafood paella in celebration of James's 60th birthday. They travelled from Whyalla especially.



On the way back to the campground, we spotted an emu enjoying a bath in a large puddle—he looked like he was wearing a shower cap!

#### **Day 7: 26/10/25 - Sunday, Carola Sanders**



Today, several of us ventured to Oyster HQ for the Oyster Farm Wading Tour and Tasting. Attendees included Denise M, Heather and Gordon, Brian and Sue, Neville and Dianne, Mike and Cheryl, Leah and Andrew, and myself, Carola. A good time was had by all, with another item ticked off our bucket list. Meanwhile, Linley, James, Sue, and Peter waited for our return. Vladimir and Ian enjoyed a round of golf, Trev tried fishing unsuccessfully, Buzz worked on his vehicle, while Malen and Jan relaxed. Helen and Graeme took a walk on the Yangi Bay loop.

#### **Day 8: 27/10/25 - Monday, Andrew Strain**

Today marked our travel from Yangie Bay to September Beach Campground in Port Lincoln NP, about 100 km away. We were left to our own means on when and how to move sites. Some first-timers seized the chance to explore Port Lincoln, while others filled their water tanks at Windsor Avenue, which has potable water and a dump point. Keep that address in mind. A few took advantage of the local laundromat.

As everyone arrived and set up camp, some shared larger sites which could accommodate two or three caravans. We gathered for drinks at 5 PM at Vlad and Denise's site, braving the cold and wind without a fire. Sue Stone's brother, Doug, confirmed that the road to Wanna had been graded, which would help us on our all day journey to Memory Cove tomorrow; however, we were cautioned about a snake sighting, so need to be vigilant.

#### **Day 9: 28/10/25 – Michael and Cheryl Carrington**

**\*\*Weather:\*\*** SE wind at 15 km/hr, 13°C, partly cloudy.

**\*\*Distance:\*\*** September Beach to Memory Cove – 54 km (2 hours)

At 0930, the group of 8 cars, led by Vladimir and Denise with Neville and Dianne as TEC, set off. Unfortunately Buzz and Colleen were unable to join due to car issues. By 11:00, we paused at Curata Rock Lookout for morning tea, enjoying beautiful views of Sleaford Bay and the surrounding islands. By 11:30, we were back on the road. The well-maintained dirt road showcased green vegetation, regrowing since the 2023 fires, along with wildlife sightings of blue-tongue lizards, emus, and kangaroos. Notably, a long pipeline ran alongside the road, supplying water to the Port Lincoln municipality from remote pump stations that access the Artesian Basin bore holes.



At 11:55, we arrived at the spectacular Memory Cove, featuring white sandy beaches and turquoise waters framed by lush coastal vegetation. A bronze plaque memorialized HMS Investigator, noting the unfortunate drowning of crew members in 1802. The plaque marks the start of a scenic bushwalking trail to the cove's end, with five camping sites for small

caravans, trailers, or tents, and a new ablution block under construction. Neville caught a small fish, and we were fortunate to spot a pod of dolphins breaching in the bay. Peter and Sue Bradley created beach art displaying the TLCCSA logo for a group photo. Despite the persistent flies, it was a beautiful excursion.



At 14:15, we left Memory Cove for September Beach. Ian Frost, along with Andrew and Leah, were most hospitable hosts at site No. 3, also organizing a mini boules tournament, won by Graeme Brettig. We enjoyed a great sundowner gathering to wrap up another enjoyable TLCCSA day on the Eyre Peninsula.

#### Day 10: 29/10/25 – Wednesday – Heather Combeer

Today being a rest day, we all rested!

#### Day 11 - 30/10/25 - Thursday - Gordon Combeer

Drove to Wanna Bay, enjoying stunning coastal views. The perfect sea and wind conditions kicked off our 4WD trip to Sleaford Bay. Within five minutes on the sand, yours truly, Gordon, got bogged. Using knowledge gained from our fantastic trainers, I dropped the tyre pressures further, cleared sand from the back of the wheels, and self-recovered in ten minutes. Over the radio, I could hear others deciding to drop tyre pressures further as well.

The terrain varied between rock and sand so driving and navigating was tricky. While red-tipped markers guided us through the dunes, some had fallen over, adding to the adventure. This required some vehicles to fan out and locate the rest of the track.



After lunch, we traversed another dune which required following a lazy S-bend. I got stuck again! With some sand removal and alternating between forward and backward driving, I managed to self-recover. The other vehicles took different lines and got through without incident. Neville even aired the front of his car over the dune, a la Robert Irwin.

Eventually, we reached a challenging track over a dune that was too difficult. After three attempts and filling in holes, we found a rocky bypass. From there, it was smooth sailing. The day was full of surprises and adventure, with some enormous dunes which thankfully we didn't have to negotiate. These dunes make for an exciting warm-up for Namibia in Africa. We missed Buzz (Light Year) and

Colleen not travelling with us due to mechanical issues.

#### Day 12 - 31/10/25 - Friday

After a spectacular thunder and lightning storm last night the trip officially wrapped up today. Everyone packed up their vans and went their separate ways. Some headed to Mambray Creek, while others returned home. It was a lovely day for a leisurely drive, with stops in charming towns to sample the best baked goods.

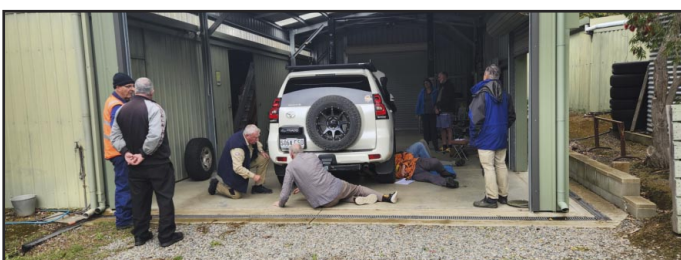
Big thanks to Vladimir and Denise for organizing and leading the trip, and to Neville and Dianne for stepping up as co-leaders to enable more participants to join in the fun.

Edited By Helen Brettig

## Tyre Changing & Pre-Departure Training

Another great training day put on by our dedicated trainers. Lots of useful information shared.

There were a few examples today that highlighted why it is so important to practice at home some of the essential Know-How activities when it comes to preparation and some of the basics like correctly replacing a tyre.





# Club Run for Members with Historic Registered Vehicles



Well, the weather gods decided to behave despite a lot of rain forecast for Sunday 16th November when some 30 members assembled at Echunga with 14 vehicles for the Club's annual run.

Over morning coffee, it was bonnets up and plenty of friendly chatting over the various owners' pride and joy. It was nice to see some newer members and first timers. Jack and Courtney Sparks who had only very recently joined TLCCSA turned up in the shorty 40 so that kicked off the series numbers with 60's 70's 80's 90's and 100's represented along with Brian and Sue Stone in a long-time owned family vehicle an original 1964 EH Holden. It is amazing to think that the first of the Prado's and 100 series now meet Historic Registration criteria.



Dave (Burgo) Burgess and Andy Davis took 2 groups on a run to Strathalbyn and back while Jeff Thomson and Helen and Darryl Royans got the BBQ underway. On return it was more discussion before the lunch time bell went off and all assembled in the hall for lunch.



Jeff and Darryl judged the best in show and awarded a nice glass tombstone to Zoe Bowen for her all original FJ73 2 doors..... right down to the split rims and 40 years of ingrained dirt on the engine.



Peter and Robyn Trezise also got well in the theme going back in time pulling out some original Club attire from the 1970's. It was only on packing up that the heavens opened, which might have tested a few older wipers on the run home!.

**Written by Darryl Royans**







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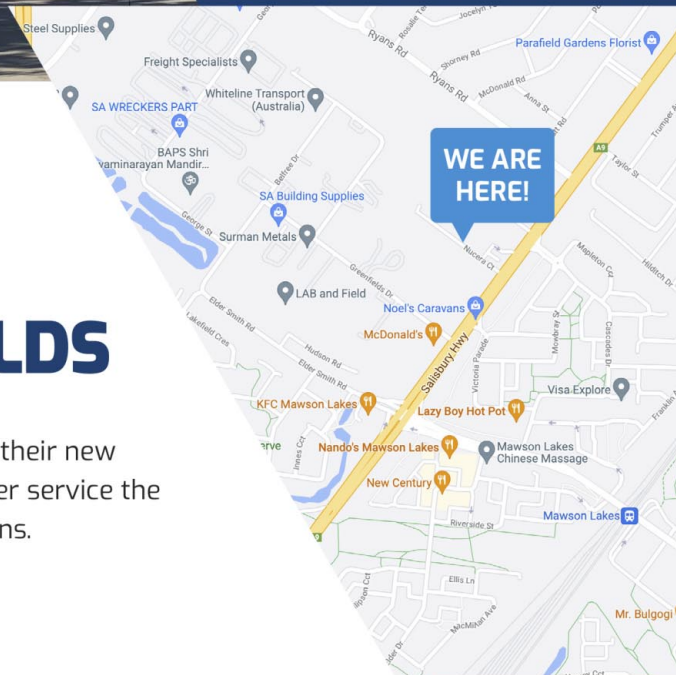


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# November General Meeting - Club Awards 2025



We were delighted to have Rahni Partridge, fleet sales manager from our major sponsor Cornes Toyota in attendance at our meeting. Rahni spoke about Toyota's planned release of new vehicles and the complications associated with the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard (NVES) where manufacturers are required to produce cars with lower fuel consumption and corresponding lower carbon emissions or face tax penalties. Early next year Toyota will release a 300 series LandCruiser with a 3.5 litre twin turbo petrol V6 motor / hybrid

The Hilux is retaining the 3.3 litre twin turbo diesel V6. Rahni also spoke of the all electric Hilux and hydrogen fuelled Hilux that are being developed and tested. He stated that sales of vehicles continued to be good with a big demand for the RAV4. 2026 will be an exciting year with new product offerings.

The November meeting always brings recognition to people who contribute significantly to the activities of the club. President Simon asked Rahni Partridge to present the awards. The nominations for this year's awards are as follows.

## Driver Training Champion

Nominees: Jason Sabeeney  
Murray McClay



**Winner:** Jason Sabeeney

## Trips & Events Champion

Pin Needham,  
James & Linley Edwards



**James & Linley Edwards**

## Environment Champion

Graham Adams  
Solveiga Asaris



**Graham Adams**

## Club Champion

Nominees: The Book Committee, Darryl Royans, Monte Weeding, Ray Gedritis & Graeme Brettig



**Winner: The Book Committee - The late, Ralph Abbot, Denise Malcek, Graeme Brettig, Darryl Royans, Ray Gedritis, Vlad Humeniuk & Montee Weeding**



# TOYOTA CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY WEEKEND IN PORT ELLIOTT 2025



This year's party was the second to be held in Port Elliott Showgrounds Caravan Park and it has proven to be a very welcoming and convenient venue. Many people arrived on Friday and unfortunately had to set up in the rain. After a quick happy hour on the verandah of the Function Room we headed in batches to the Royal Family Hotel, for dinner. Many chose to drive as the rain was constant, and the car park at the hotel looked like an advertisement for Toyota.

Saturday had rain persisting but everyone seemed to find something enjoyable to do. Some enjoyed the bakery, some explored in Goolwa or in Victor Harbour and some just enjoyed the chance to sleep in. The Social Committee set to work after lunch to transform the Function Space into a Christmas dining room. Many hands make light work as they say and we rearranged tables, and fitted all 78 people into the room with space for the band.



Happy Hour was preceded by games organised by Linley and James Edwards. I think a bit of cheating went on but lots of laughs and jokes made this a very happy time. Thank you Lin and James

A BYO Happy Hour was a good start to Santa's arrival. The jolly fellow arrived in the Caravan Park's golf buggy, driven by one of the park managers, Rae. This is a great way to showcase that Santa has arrived, and the presents were given out.





The caterers had been hard at work getting everything cooked on site, and right on cue at 7.00 pm we were called to dinner, and enjoyed a great meal. Three roasted meats, 8 salads, bread etc. and a choice of 4 deserts meant we were spoilt for choice.



The band has been a favourite of this event now for 4 years, and they began playing about 7.30 and everyone joined in and thoroughly got into the Christmas mood. They finally wore us out about 10.30 and we wished them well and asked them to book us in for next year.

The Recovery Breakfast on Sunday morning is a great tradition, and cooked to perfection by our volunteers from the Social Committee and their partners. And again, our wonderful members stepped in to assist with the big clean up, getting the function room back to its original clean state, with tables

cleared, chairs stacked and the place vacuumed. Thank you all.

Many thanks to the Social Committee members who worked hard to make this happen, and also to those who stepped in whilst Vlad and I were travelling to make this a seamless event. Merry Christmas to all.

**Pam Humeniuk, for the Social Committee.**







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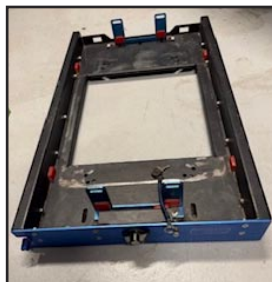
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## The Impromptu 'Shave' National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) fundraising

At the November meeting Sue Stone and Peter Bradley spoke about the recent Gawler Ranges TLCCSA trip where it was noted that Peter Bradley was sporting a shaggy / badly needing a haircut look. Peter threw out a challenge 'Well if you can raise \$500 you can cut them off, and we'll donate the money!'



Never one to turn down a challenge Sue threw out the call to the participants of our trip, and we quickly raised \$530. 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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**Through the generosity of all of our members a sum of \$922 has now been raised.**

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