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April 2026

Next General Meetings:

Monday
27th April, 2026

Monday
25th May 2026

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from your President

Hello Members

Our committee meeting is on Thursday 9 April so there is no information from committee to report.

We are currently facing an uncertain and challenging period with the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, along with disruptions to oil supply, rising fuel prices, and concerns about fuel availability. This raises an important question for us as a conscientious and leading four-wheel drive club: what should we be doing, and what should we be promoting?

On one hand, we could consider suspending trips and travel to help reduce fuel consumption and demand. However, at this time of year—coinciding with Easter and school holidays—this would significantly impact families who value this opportunity to travel and explore South Australia.

On the other hand, reducing travel has broader consequences. Regional and outback communities rely on visitors like us. When we travel, we support local economies through fuel, food, accommodation, and tourism activities. Many of our trips also provide meaningful contributions through environmental and community-focused initiatives, such as cactus control and supporting friends of regional areas. These efforts are valuable and appreciated, and in the current situation — which, while challenging, is not catastrophic — it is reasonable that they continue in a considered and responsible way.

Let us hope for a resolution soon and that the situation does not escalate further.

A reminder that in May, West Adelaide Football Club is putting on a meal for us before a brief general meeting and the annual general meeting. Nomination forms are available to nominate for positions on the 2026/27 committee.

Happy and safe four-wheel driving.

Simon

Simon Critchley
TLCCSA President

Annual General Meeting & Dinner - Monday 25th May

Consider nominating for a position on the Committee or Sub Committee Now!!

A dinner is to be held at the West Adelaide Football Clubrooms prior to the General Meeting and Annual General Meeting, commencing a 5:30 pm. Dinner is optional. A modified menu will be available to allow prompt service. Meeting starts at 7:30pm

See Page 6 for booking details



The **27th April 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/DHIWL>



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Next General Meeting:

27th April 2026, 7.30pm,
West Adelaide Football Club.

Trip Reports:

David Burgess - Burra

Guest Speaker:

Brianna Green - CFS Region 1
Air Operations in SA

Newsletter Articles Deadline:

Friday 1st May 2026

Please ensure submissions are lodged prior to the deadline to support the newsletter timelines. **Please send articles as a Word document and separate original photos to:**

newsletter@tlccsa.asn.au

and remember to **include the names** of members when submitting photos.

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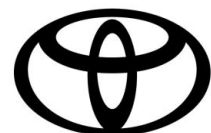
The club would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members for the month of April 2026.

- Greg & Jenny Pritchard from Parkside
- Alexander & Alana Buick from Dudley East
- Geoff & Geraldine Crouch from Riverton
- Zach Reekie from Hackam

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

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club yearly calendar - 2026

April 2026

Fri 3rd - 6th ~ Burra Easter Trip

Thur 9th ~ Spirit of the Coorong

Sun 19th ~ Tyre Repair

Wed 22nd - Fri 24th ~ Border Track for Young Ones

Mon 27th ~ General Meeting, WAFC

May 2026

Sat 9th ~ 55th Anniversary Celebration

Sun 10th - Sun 24th ~ Tinnie Trip again

Sat 16th - Sun 17th ~ Ascent / Descent Training Morgan

Tue 19th - Sun 24th ~ Ghost Mushrooms, Country Races

Mon 25th ~ General Meeting & AGM, WAFC

June 2026

Fri 5th - Mon 8th ~ Bendleby Ranges

Sun 14th - Sat 20th ~ Moolooloo Cactus Cull

Mon 22nd ~ General Meeting, WAFC

July 2026

Fri 10th - Sun 12th ~ Christmas in July - Wilmington

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

Mon 24th - Mon 31st ~ Gum Creek Cactus Cull

September 2026

Sat 5th - Sun 6th ~ Sand Training Peake

Mon 28th ~ General Meeting, WAFC

October 2026

Sat 3rd - Mon 5th ~ Argadells

Sat 17th - Sun 18th ~ Ascent / Descent Tng Morgan

Wed 21st - Sun 25th ~ 4WD & Adventure Show

Mon 26th ~ General Meeting, WAFC

November 2026

Sun 9th ~ Wheel Changing & Pre-Departure checks

Mon 23rd ~ General Meeting & Dinner, WAFC

More Trips ? - "You can help" Know of a place you'd like to visit & would like to share it with us? Think about it and let us know. If you're not able to be the trip leader for your suggestion, then the Committee will seek some one who may be willing to do so. So have a think about it and let us know about a weekend or long weekend trip.

Talk to our Trips Officer - Pin Needham (trips@tlccsa.asn.au)

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trip ratings

SCENIC: Bitumen & dirt roads, limited 4wding, lookouts, flora and fauna of the local area, other points of interest.

EASY: Mainly off bitumen on formed tracks, some 4wding, no steep inclines or declines.

MODERATE: Bush terrain, beach terrain, some inclines or side slopes, soft sand or mud areas, easy creek crossings.

HARD: Rough terrain, steep inclines, steep side slopes, rough creek crossings, possible towing and/or snatching.

DIFFICULT: Very rough terrain, very steep inclines, steep side slopes, slippery conditions, difficult creek crossings, some towing, snatching and or winching.



Do you have some PC skills and would you like the help coordinate meetings on a shared basis with other operators. This would get Ray a bit of a break who's been doing it now for quite a while and also Vlad in more recent times. If you can help have a chat with Ray about what is required. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated by the club

events calendar

Register now via
trybooking.com

1. Burra Easter Trip

Date: Friday 3 - Mon 6 April 2026

Leader: David Burgess

Convoy: 10 vehicles (14 booked)

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/DJRUW>

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2. Spirit of the Coorong

Leader: Susan Vordermaier

Date: Thur 9 April 2026

Convoy: 40 - book before March 20 (20 booked)

Cost: \$120 per head

Detail: Explore the Coorong National Park and beyond the Murray mouth on a 31/2 hour cruise on the Spirit of the Coorong. Departs Goolwa at 1pm and returns at 4.30pm
Inclusions:Lunch and afternoon tea
Entertaining and informative live commentary guided boardwalk learning about cultural heritage, flora, fauna and bush food Unique wildlife viewing Learn the Pipi - Shuffle. Would love to see you there

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

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3. Border track for the young ones (intended for Primary school age kids)

Leaders: Darryl Royans and Daniel Martucci

Date: Wed 22-Fri 24 April (school holidays)

Convoy: 6 vehicles (3 booked)

Rating: Moderate - sandy tracks, some low range may be required with clay sections that may be difficult if its wet.

Detail: Start Pine Hut Soak Ngarkat Wednesday 22nd travel south to Red Bluff campground (Vic) Thursday 23rd and exit Friday early afternoon before return to Adelaide.

Equipment - pump, tyre gauge, shovel, recovery strap, optional extras - recovery boards winch etc.

National Park entry for Ngarkat required and camping permit for Pine Hut Soak. Red Bluff campground is in Vic so no fees apply.

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

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4. Tinnie Trip Again

Date: Sun 10 - Sun 24th May 2026

Location: Adelaide to Adelaide

Leader: Peter Young

Convoy: min of 3 tinnies plus Support crew.

Comment: Route subject to water levels, road conditions etc. Cooper Creek, Warbarton River, Birdsville and Strzeleleki Tracks.

Each participant must be completely self resourced, Tinnie (11-12 foot). 15 hp motor ability to take 220 litres of fuel, camping equipment, navigation system, radios, food & water for 5 days on water. Starting with a 2 day drive from Adelaide. Support vehicles, towing fuel trailers will be needed as well to act as backup for the Tinnie troupe.

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

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5. Ghost Mushrooms, Country Races & More

Date: Tue 19 - Sun 24 May 2026

Leaders: Pam & Vlad Humeniuk

Convoy: 8 cars – but if overbooked we will split into two and accommodate all who wish to attend. (6 booked)

Detail: This tour will hopefully see the Ghost Mushrooms outside of Mt. Gambier. There is no guarantee as we are early in the season. Trip will include the Naracoorte caves, Bool Lagoon, Cockatoo Lake, wineries, food, and hopefully a country race meeting. Actual itinerary will be finalised in consultation with those attending. If booked out we will split the trip into two. All venues have cabins if that is your preference. You will do your own bookings with the caravan parks. A list will be provided with dates etc.

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

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6. General Meeting & AGM & Dinner

Date: Monday 25 May 2026

Venue: West Adelaide Football Club

Detail: A dinner is to be held at the West Adelaide Football Club prior to the general meeting and AGM, commencing a 5:30 pm.

Dinner is optional. A modified menu will be available to allow prompt service. Meeting starts at 7:30pm

Bookings must be made on trybookings

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

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7. Bendleby Ranges

Leaders: James & Lin Edwards

Date: Fri 5 - Mon 8 June 2026

Convoy: 20 vehicles (20 booked)

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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8. Moolooloo Cactus Cull

Date: Sun 14 - Sat 20 Jun 2026

Leaders: Michael Polacek

Convoy: 22 people. (11 booked)

Rating: Scenic and moderate. Tracks accessing cactus areas and the trip on the rest day will be moderate.

Moolooloo Station is 25 km north of Blinman. This working bee is for 1 week of culling, identifying and recording wheel cactus eradication efforts.

There are fabulous shearers quarters with toilets and showers. Vans and camper vans can be accommodated as there is plenty of room.

The station has some fantastic drives and a history to be explored.

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

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9. Xmas in July - Wilmington

Date: Fri 10 - Sun 12 July 2026

Leader: Pam Humeniuk

Rating: Scenic / Easy

Convoy: Unlimited

Location: Stony Creek Bush Camp & Caravan Park Wilmington SA

Cost: TBA

Comment: Powered and non powered sites available. Ensuite rooms and bunkhouse rooms (could take up to 4 people, bunks etc.) available.

Please ring & book your own site. Say that you are part of TLCCSA booking. Ph: 0488 156 850 – 1st in best dressed

Stony Creek Bush Camp is a private bush camp located 2.5kms outside the town of Wilmington in the Southern Flinders Ranges, about 3.5 hours drive north from Adelaide.

Friday - pizza night \$15 per head. (pay on the night)

Saturday -The Big Cook Up. The Social committee organise the meat for our "Christmas dinner" and the trimmings, gravy, etc. plus sweets. You bring the veg.

Camp Cooking Competition to make your vegetables into a parcel to be cooked on the open fire. Think a swan, or a Toyota car! It's up to you. Mulled wine supplied, bring your own port if that's your fancy.

BYO every thing else. Chairs, small tables, cutlery, crockery etc.

There will be a fun Kris Kringle. Uni-sex gift, bring it along wrapped up.

Exploring opportunities on Saturday & Sunday

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

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10. 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 (4 booked)

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.

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

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11. Gum Creek Cactus Cull

Date: Mon 24 – 31 August 2026

Leaders: Michael Polacek

Convoy: 24 people. (6 booked)

Rating: Scenic and moderate. Moderate tracks accessing cactus areas and rest day trip is usually moderate. This working bee is for one week of culling, identifying and recording wheel cactus eradication efforts.

Come and join us on Gum Creek Station in the Flinders Ranges. We have been doing this for 17 years. Join our expert team and have some fun. Some accommodation available in the shearers quarters or bring your van, camper trailer, tent, etc.

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

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12. Adelaide 4WD and Adventure Show

Date: Wed 21 - Sun 25 Oct 2026

Venue: Royal Adelaide Showgrounds

Organiser: Gordon Combeer

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.

Wednesday and Thursday are allocated for setup of the stand and then Friday to Sunday are the actual event days. Pickup occurs towards the end of Sunday 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.

GENERAL

LET'S DO LUNCH CLUB

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

REGISTER VIA TRY BOOKING to indicate your interest. When an event is organised the organiser contacts all those registered and if

you are free and the restaurant/venue appeals, you book in. No pre-paying – no permanent commitment.

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

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

SHOW & TELL

Tell us about your favourite gadget or item that is very useful in the home or whilst on safari. Each month, a member can demonstrate the item in order to share innovation and knowledge. Send an email to Pam Humeniuk

social@tlccsa.asn.au for further details. She would love to hear from you.

Blaze Aid + Habitat for Humanity ~ Volunteer List

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

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

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

Volunteers are often required to assist with towing trailers & materials, clearing rubbish

and debris, etc. Fuel costs are generally re-imbursed.

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

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

That's all for now folks!

Moonaree Station

Almost all in the club know TLCCSA club members, Judy and Gary Christian. They have been caretaking a property on the western shores of Lake Gairdner, Moonaree Station, for more than 3 years.

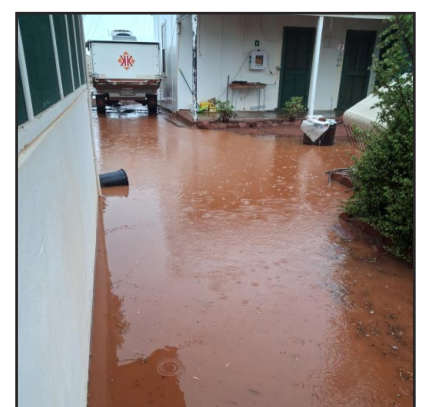
For those of us who have visited, see the results of the heavy rain outback SA received last week, around the homestead. Gary has been pumping water from underground to water tanks for the livestock as the dams are empty for most of those years.



The area in front of the house was knee deep last week and the property was in accessible to vehicle traffic. In there time there they have seen a fair bit of water but never seen the creek running. Evidently in 1997 it broke its banks and 3 feet of water all through the house. The floods closed the East West rail line after sections of track of up to 100 metres were washed away. The downpours also triggered road closures in northern South Australia with more than a dozen people becoming stranded.



Well wishes to them both and who knows we may see them back at the club more often and also joining us on trips.





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FROM	TO	ACTIVITY	WHERE	FEES	DEPOSIT	INFORMATION
Wed 11th Feb 2026		New Members Night	SCC			https://www.trybooking.com/DHYVJ
Sun 1st Mar 2026		Theory	SCC	\$20 per person	\$20 per person	https://www.trybooking.com/DHINY
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 https://www.trybooking.com/DHINZ
Sun 19th April 2026		Tyre Repair	Ironbank	\$20 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		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		https://www.trybooking.com/DHIOD
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. 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 25th Oct 2026		Trip Planning	TBA	\$20		https://www.trybooking.com/DHYVK
Sun 9th Nov 2026		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

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TRAINERS: Conduct driver training

ASSESSORS: Conduct driver training & assessment

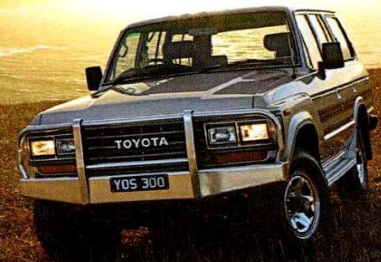
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NEW



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA - Cantara 2026

Would you believe the first TLCCSA - Clean Up Australia event in the Coorong organised by our own Edmund Morries took place 20 years ago on the 3-4 March 2006. This year, the National CUA day was programmed for Sunday 1st March which coincided well with our planned attendance to the National Park, based at the historic Cantara Homestead. DEW Ranger Tyson Gibbs, liaised with the TLCCSA Environment Officer Michael Polacek regarding Cantara HS access, beach conditions, areas of interest to inspect and waste disposal. One section in particular, the beach area north of the Tea Tree Crossing had not been inspected for some time. Trip Leader Michael Polacek unfortunately had to withdraw at the last moment due to a family matter and asked Ray Gedritis to step into the role.

DAY 1 - Friday 27 February:

Members with caravans began arriving from around 11.30am onwards whilst 6 took up the opportunity to take up lodgings within the historic homestead. With a total of 22 members, a briefing was carried out at 5pm focussing on objectives and safety. While the weather was currently pleasant, there was a concern with a Bureau of Meteorology forecast of impending thunderstorms and heavy rains. Ray announced he would make a decision in the morning at 8.30am whether we would to abandon a beach search or implement a back-up plan.



The “Friends of the Coorong” group who had also planned a CUA event this weekend further up the Coorong peninsula cancelled their event until the 15 March due to the weather forecast. “Happy Hour” followed the briefing and as usual - lots of banter, light-hearted conversations, drinks and nibbles. By around 7pm most had retired for their evening meal and a few complimentary sherbets to finish off.



DAY 2 – Saturday 28 February:

After storms throughout the night and the prediction of more ahead, Ray decided to terminate foreshore search. The back-up plan if the weather permitted was to concentrate on the more popular campsites and access tracks. In this way, we could seek shelter quickly within our vehicles and wait until the conditions improved. Safety was paramount and it was expressed if feeling unsafe at any time, return to base camp. Geoff Thompson was assigned the role of Team Leader.

Unfortunately, Tom Garamy experienced overnight a total failure of all electrics in his caravan and so he decided it best to leave early to get this sorted out. Now with 20 volunteers we assembled into 5 groups, each with two vehicles and 4 volunteers. A GPS unit was given to the lead vehicle in each group for the purposes of recording a “Track Log.” Target areas were assigned and maps handed out and by 9am we were away.

- 28 Mile Crossing - Sue & Geoff Thompson / Sue & Brian Stone
- Wreck Crossing - Justin Wynn & Simon Critchley / Pam & Vlad Humeniuk
- 42 Mile Crossing/Chinaman Well - Solveiga Asaris & Ray Gedritis / Sue & Monte Weeding



- Tea Tree Crossing/Oyster Campground - Pam & Andrew McDonald / Timothy & Elizabeth Welch (plus trailer)
- Caravan Sites (Loop Road)/Hooded Plover Campground Pin & Kim Needham / Denise & Vladimir Malcik

Radio Channels were assigned and all were asked all to keep in contact with each other. It was noted on Friday that signage indicating the Tea Tree Crossing was closed yet on Saturday, the signage appeared to have been removed. The track was initially dry with only a couple of water pools in the middle of the crossover. After several very heavy showers, the

lagoon had a shimmer of water across its breadth.

Heavy showers continued throughout the day but with longer breaks in between which allowed us to scour further afield including the NP boundary along the roadside. All members were asked to return to base camp by 4pm regardless. Surprisingly, campgrounds and access track were quite clear of rubbish. Nevertheless, as enthusiastic as we are in this Club a few members were little CUA champions. A member from the "Friends of the Coorong" stopped in at 42 Mile Crossing and spoke with us confirming their cancellation until the 15 March. The member had also been at this campground only 2 weeks earlier collecting rubbish.

A SUMMARY OF WASTE FOUND:

Cans & bottles Gas bottle, Polystyrene foam pieces, Broken beer & spirit bottles, Bottle tops, Plastics, Deck Chairs – broken 2 off, Metal poles, paper waxed coffee cups, Arrows – target style 2 off, Childrens & Dogs toys, plastic coffee cup lids, Air mattress – size double, Beehives –abandoned 2 off, freezer & sandwich bags, Aluminium foil - cooking, Electronic circuit board, snack bags / chip bags, 20 ltr bucket as a toilet 3 x tyres and some fragments, Wipes,Crate with a toilet seat attached Clothing – T shirts/underwear, Human faeces, Star stake, Car mirrors - ,broken, 10+ shotgun shells, Shovel – long handled, Mudflaps - automotive, Differential - automotive

Cans and bottles were seperated as much as possible for recycling. Three tyres found on the NP boundary to Princes Highway were to be picked up on the way to the waste station at Meningie on Sunday.



In the vicinity of the Wreck Crossing Campground, a half buried plastic bag of human faeces was found as well as recent faeces and toilet paper. Unfortunately we couldn't deal with it and had to leave it as found. Two abandoned beehives were found by accident by Monte Weeding whilst picking up rubbish on the southern end of the Loop Road to Tea Tree Crossing. With a few bees in attendance it was decided to leave as is. Both these issues have been reported to DEW.

Saturday Night BBQ:

The stormy weather by now had all but disappeared and we were in for a very pleasant evening. Thanks go to all the TLCCSA members who volunteered their time and energy in this somewhat challenging preparation As it has come to be expected - chefs



to the hot plate, a variety of sausages and lots thereof / patties / steak / marinated chicken kebabs / onions / salads and thereafter, desserts / sweets / fruit and ice cream. What a way to finish off the day! This is what I love about this Club, anyone and everyone pitches in where ever it is needed and that includes dishwashing. A few members stayed around the verandah socialising whilst four members engaged in a game of "5 Crowns". For the worn out Trip Leader (me), it was in by bed by 10pm.



DAY 3 – Sunday 1 March:

The Sunday morning saw members a little more subdued and rightly so. Some started off with breakfast, then started packing up and finally hooking up their vans. Pin & Kim Needham were away first thing in the morning followed by myself & Solveiga. Sue & Geoff Thompson were staying for the day so they would be the last to leave Cantara on the Monday. Timothy Welch & daughter Elizabeth who towed around the Stone's trailer were assisted by Simon Critchley at the Waste Transfer Station - Meningie. Speaking of Simon Crichley, "What's the rumour that you and Justin Wynn snuck into Kingston SE for a crayfish sandwich lunch, hmmm?"

Summing Up

Manhours expended in the field	140 Hrs	Kilometres travelled in the field	475 km
Kilometres travelled by all	3,070 km	and a "s__t" load of rubbish	

Well done, thank you all.

Ray Gedritis

4 March 2026





Summer Brunch - February 2026



Sue and I were again pleased to welcome members and families to our Kenton Valley home for the annual Summer Brunch. We are blessed to have made so many friends in the club and were very pleased to host the 72 registered guests for this great social event.

The event kicked off the day before, when a few social committee members gathered on Saturday afternoon to help with the setting up of the gazebos, barbeques, toasters, bay marines, frypans etc, the list goes on. This was followed by a little happy hour then a lovely meal at the Charleston Hotel.



Sunday morning the remainder of the committee members and their partners arrived to help with prep and cooking of the food. In the kitchen we had hash browns in the oven, tomatoes being chopped, strawberries hulled, cream whipped, pancake batter beaten and baked beans heating on the stove.

Outside snags and bacon were sizzling on the barbeques, cooked by master chefs Chris Vordermaier and Graham Adams.

A warm day was forecast, but the cooler hills environment, coupled with plenty of shaded areas provided pleasant conditions to enjoy the social gathering. On arrival members were greeted by Andrew, our parking attendant and then by Carolla and Helen for the sign in and Trevor and Susan V for a welcome drink of Bubbles and OJ.



Everyone then proceeded to set up and decorate their tables in hope of winning the best set tables. There was some stiff competition but the first prize

went to Linley & James Edwards who created an Australasian table decoration incorporating native flowers and cut outs of native animals.

A full cooked breakfast was enjoyed by all with eggs made to order by Past President Vlad. This was followed by delicious pancakes with fresh strawberries and whipped cream.

At the conclusion of breakfast we had a Horseshoe Tossing Challenge providing plenty of fun and laughter. James and Linley organised some teams, we had three games running simultaneously, the winner of each, playing off for the ultimate prize; getting your name engraved on the perpetual trophy as the Sports Champions of 2026, and the winners were David Perry & Elaine Atkinson.



The lucky door prize was won by Kim Needham, Thanks again to Sue Stone, the event organiser and the dedicated social committee members for another successful day.

Author Brian Stone

TOLDEROL GAME RESERVE

The Toyota LandCruiser Club SA (TLCCSA) involvement with the Tolderol Game Reserve came about in a roundabout way. We had been involved with tree planting and clean-up activities at the Kyeema Conservation Park (Fleurieu Peninsula) over a few years now when Pin Needham asked our DEW contact Ben Coleman, was there anything else our club could do? Ben suggested we perhaps contact Aaron Cheesman, Projects Manager of Second Nature Conservancy Inc. and ask if there was anything we as a club could help with. Well, after a phone call or two Aaron suggested a “tree guard recovery” from an area known as Tolderol Game Reserve. From there, 9am Sunday 15 March, was set by Michael Polacek for us to attend.

The Tolderol Game Reserve is located on the north-western side of Lake Alexandrina, approximately 11km south-east of Langhorne Creek. It covers an area of 428 hectares and was proclaimed in 1970. The reserve consists of man-made open and shallow basins, providing rich habitat for migratory wader birds and a popular bird-watching location. The Tolderol Game Reserve Wetlands Bird List boasts an impressive sighting of over 165 different species. That would surely put our ornithologist members into a tail spin!!! There are also camping spots available within the reserve. Surprisingly though, most of us on the day were not aware of this reserve.



Pam and Andrew McDonald, Heather Bailey and Justin Wynn along with Simon Critchley took the opportunity to camp within the reserve overnight on the Saturday while the rest of us arrived by 9am on the day. While Aaron has been involved with the management of this reserve for many years, today he was accompanied by Second Nature Conservancy colleague Sarah Ansell.

Thirteen TLCCSA participants on the day were:

Michael Polacek (Trip Leader)

Simon Critchley

Pin Needham

Justin Wynn

Ray & Lynette Gedritis

Pam & Andrew McDonald

Kim Needham

Paul Hoskins

Solveiga Asaris

Brian Stone

Heather Bailey



After attendance registrations for the TLCCSA and DEW were completed, Aaron carried out a briefing focussing on objectives. A small section of the area had been intensely re-vegetated over small undulating sand dunes and now required the tree guards removed. If a plant was found to be still growing within a guard, leave the guard in place. On a safety aspect within the briefing, it was highlighted there were many species of snakes particularly the venomous Red Bellied Black. “Watch where you walk and walk slowly.” was the key. Nine GPS units from the club were handed out so as to record a track log of our effort. At the conclusion, a BBQ luncheon was organised at the meeting point “shed” thereafter.

A couple of members in their vehicles followed Aaron with his 7x5 enclosed trailer into the re-vegetated area whereas others just walked from the meeting point. The temperature forecast for the day was 31C but turned out more like 24C, overcast and humid, Sunscreen, hats and water were essential.

After a demonstration by Aaron on how to recover tree guards and pack them up, we all just spread out and did our thing. As the trailer began to fill up, we moved further into the re-vegetated area. To say there were hundreds and hundreds of old tree guards was no exaggeration.



Before



After

Sadly the tree guards were not going to be reused as they were showing signs of UV damage and some were just “white-ish” fragments of their former self. As the distances collecting guards increased, shorts breaks and drinks were recommended.

After a few hours the caged trailer was beginning to fill up quite nicely. By early afternoon with the trailer almost “full as a goog” it was time for lunch. After picking up the last lots of collected guards, we all headed for the “shed.” Pin and Kim Needham provided the sausages, onions and bread which was complimented by Sarah Ansell bringing buttered bread rolls, salads, fruit and cool drinks. Pam McDonald then got into cooking the snags and onions. Luncheon sitting in the “shed” away from flies and sunshine was the way to go.

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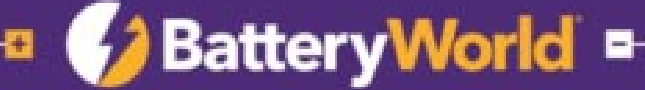
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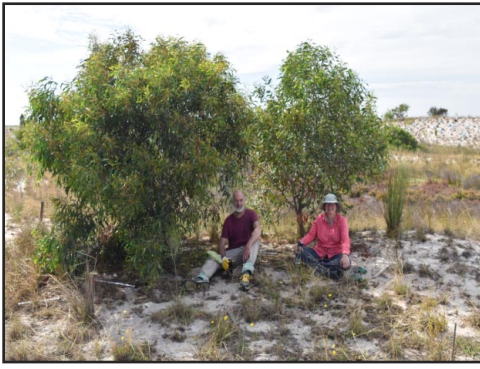
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Justin & Heather take a break



Simon at work



Trailer is full

Overall, the BBQ luncheon was notably appreciated.

After lunch it was time to pack up. A couple of members drove around the Reserve just to see what it was like before heading home. Thanks to Aaron Cheeseman and Sarah Ansell for organising this volunteer project. Also, the opportunity for the TLCCSA to contribute to the environment and the community. We certainly would assess any future requests of a similar nature. On an unhappy note, Brian Stone clipped a kangaroo in Sue's car on the way down to Tolderol. Lucky it wasn't the resident camel!



The GPS distance walked in and around the re-vegetated area - 40km. To the member who commented to me that they made a track log spelling out my name will stay nameless. Next time Andrew, you'll have to walk a larger distance to make it noticeable. Finally, thanks to Kim Needham for taking a plethora of photos for all of us to enjoy.

Well done all, thank you.

Ray Gedritis

Goolwa Beach Run - March 2026

After an overcast start the weather cleared to a warm sunny day with members enjoying a casual walk around the Willunga Markets and a coffee before heading off to Goolwa. Turning off the Victor Harbor Road onto Crows Nest Road we stopped at a lookout with wonderful sweeping views of Goolwa and the River Murray leading down to the sea.



After deflating our tyres at the carpark, new members, and current members with their new vehicles, had their first run on the sand with the club. Recent rains had firmed up the sand with some softer sections for fun. This short run along the beach is a great way to test driving skills and vehicle capabilities.

Thanks to Darryl Royans and David Wilson for cooking the sausage sizzle which members enjoyed at the outlet. Returning to the carpark, tyres were inflated for the return journey home with a good time had by all.

Monte Weeding



Victorian High Country

DAY 3 Monday 9th February - (Continued)

With our bellies full, we continued on as a few of the crew were keen for a bit of a challenge. East to West on Burgoyne's Tk is the more challenging direction.



There is a rocky section that is a little challenging, and had the traction control systems kicking in. There are numerous sections where the gradient is 20+ degrees, getting to over 25 on the erosion banks. So good fun all round :-)



There is 1 camping spot along Burgoyne's where it crosses the Macalister River that is one of the best river side locations you will find. It is a large area, sheltered from the wind, and has a soft sandy entry into the water that after a few metres, is more than 3 metres deep. And as luck would have it, no one was there. Happy Days. So we wasted no time spreading out, setting up camp, and by 2:30pm, we were all in the water.



It was a pretty lazy afternoon after that. A couple of the crew even got their better halves to fetch them a beer so they didn't have to get out of the water! Shameful behaviour that's for sure. Late afternoon rolled around and it was time to dry ourselves off, put the fire on, and have drinks and nibbles. Once again it was an unusually warm and muggy afternoon. It really did feel like you were in the tropics. So much so, an after-dinner swim was in order, before night time arrived, and we finished another very enjoyable day, gazing up at the stars and listening to the sounds of the bush.

Day 5 – Wednesday 11th Feb – Summits, A Pub Lunch, Mini Golf and a Tropical Down Pour



Once again, we woke to a perfect morning. Not a breath of wind and the only sound being that of the gently flowing Macalister River. With mist lingering in the valley, it was a picture postcard start to the day.

Sue showed us all up by going for a 6:30am swim! Sue said it was one of the best swims she's ever had. Cool air, warm water and such a tranquil setting.

We decided last night to treat ourselves today to a pub lunch. Woods Point was 2 to 3 hours away, so if we were on our way by 9am, we'd be there in time for lunch. Anticipating a big lunch, we didn't bother cooking breakfast, so we were packed up and ready to go by 8:30am.



It's a fun drive back up to Black Range Road, with Burgoyne Tk ascending roughly 1,000m over approximately 8km. With the couple of tight hairpins safely negotiated this time without any

dramas, we were all up to the helipad enjoying the views in no time. Once onto Springs Rd, it's an easy drive on the all-weather road as it ascends to 1,400m and caresses the top of Mt Useful. At this elevation, the tall eucalypts make way for the snow gums. Much shorter, often bent over and bare at their tops, weather beaten from the snow and harsh winds. Springs Road becomes South Road as it continues east at elevation providing amazing views of the distant mountains.

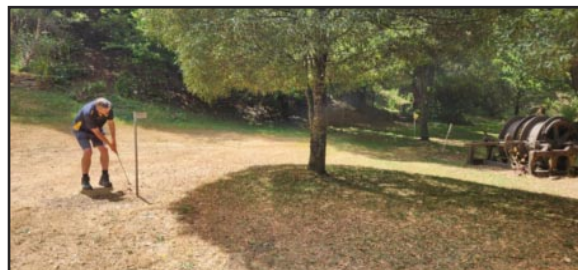


Turning onto the Mt Selma Road, we climbed a little more to the even higher Mt Selma at 1,463m. It is certainly a different landscape at the mountain tops. Rocky and barren ground, the trees and shrubs lack the fertility to thrive. The harsh extremes of the summer winds and in winter, being buried under snow, makes life a struggle.

As you descend and arrive at the Walhalla Road, the bushland has changed back to thick forest and towering eucalypts. The drive onto Matlock follows the twists and turns of the Walhalla Road that has been cut into the side of the mountains. Amazing how this was done back in the gold rush days. The time, effort and hardship to do this, quite amazing. It wasn't long before we arrived at Woods Point, and pulled up in front of the iconic Woods Point Commercial Hotel. Tummies rumbling, as we'd been anticipating our pub lunch all morning, we'd decided to do lunch first, then go for a walk around the town.

But our 1st bit of bad luck was upon us. The pub was only open Thursday to Sunday! Arrrrgh, so it was with long faces we made alternate plans, and continued on a little way down the road to the Goulburn River Reserve.

Having done his homework :), the trip leader knew there was a little public golf course here nestled among the trees. So, after lunch Craig and Andy had a round of 9 holes (mini golf). With only putters available from the complimentary golf set, the fairways proved to be particularly challenging. Covered in acorns, gum nuts, twigs and leaves, it was up to the golf gods to decide where the golf ball went.



With another very warm and humid afternoon, we hit the road in search of a campsite along the Goulburn River. Tunnel Bend Reserve was where we ended up. With decent swimming spots, and having the whole camping area to ourselves, it would do us just fine.

It was not long before a few of us were in the water cooling off. Others took the lazy option, taking their camping chairs down and sitting in the river, wetting their feet while they had drinks and nibbles. Very civilized. The weather teased us for a little while, a spattering here and there, a little shower and then it would stop. Eventually though, it got heavy enough that even the camp chair crew had to vacate the river, and shelter under Jeff and Cathie's awning.

Thinking the weather system had passed, the rest of us joined in on beer o'clock but then a few minutes later whammo, the big dump arrived. We all scattered back to our own camps, to shelter from the rain and get on with cooking dinner. This rain continued off and on for the rest of the evening. Therefore, it was early to bed. Warm and very humid, once again it seemed like we were in the tropics. It is certainly a nice way to end the day. The side of your swag open, and a gentle breeze keeping you cool while you listen to the sounds of the bush, as you drifted off to sleep.

Day 6 – Thursday 12th Feb – Historic Town Visit and more Scenic Drives



Waking to another calm morning, the overnight rain brought out the fragrant smells of the bush. Having been off grid for a few days, some of the crew were keen to treat themselves to a nice breakfast. So, we were packed up a little earlier than normal, and on the road at 8:30 heading to Jamieson. A picturesque little town with lots of history, old buildings and a café that serves up a proper old school country style full breakfast.

The crew were keen to tackle some more challenging tracks, so we continued north towards Mansfield before turning onto Stoney Creek Tk. Reasonably steep as it climbs to the ridgeline, it was meant to be a difficult track. But once again the bulldozer had done its thing within the last 6 months, smoothing out the rough sections making it a leisurely drive with great views of Lake Eildon and the Howqua Hills.



It didn't take us long before we were descending to Running Creek Camp Reserve. A great spot to stay, next to the Howqua River and we had planned to stay here, but with the morning drive taking a lot less time than expected, it became our lunch spot instead.

With the desire still there to put the Cruisers to the test, Three Chains Tk is about 18km long, very steep in sections and rated Difficult by Hema. So, we set off with high expectations but as you may have already suspected, the bulldozer had been all the way along here as well! Still a great drive though. It is certainly steep in sections, and with it starting to rough up, gave us enough of a thrill.

Before descending to the Howqua Hills Historical Area, we collected some firewood that had been cut up as part of the track widening, and then made our way down and found a large camping area next to the Howqua River. 14 degrees at 4pm, so a bit cool for a swim (even for Sue), so instead, we put the fire on and had beer o'clock.

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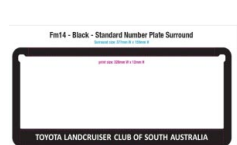
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Another enjoyable evening around the fire, swapping yarns and looking up at the stars. This was the first night where there'd been a chill in the air, and by 9:30 we were blowing frosties. After so many warm and humid nights, we were looking forward to curling up in our sleeping bags and having a cosy night's sleep.

Day 7 – Friday 13th – Another Historic Town and the Ned Kelly Tree

We woke at 6am when the Kookaburra's did their usual alarm clock call to get up. It was our 1st cold high country morning at

about 4 degrees, and with steam rising from the Howqua River, rather magical. The cool moist air really brings out the smells of the bush.

The crew were getting pretty efficient with their morning pack up routines, so we were ready to go by 9am. A slower and more casual day was planned today, so the 1st stop had to be a bakery. After we'd treated ourselves, and refueled the Cruisers, we headed on to Tolmie.

Tolmie is a well preserved historic town dating back to the early gold rush days.



You can camp here as well, with a toilet and shower block. Tolmie was featured in the ABC's Back Roads series, and is available on iView and certainly worth watching.

Tolmie is famous for its sport day. It has been going for 138 years and as luck would have it, when we arrived, they were busy preparing for their 139th! We got chatting to a few of the organisers who told us about the events and the day in general. Not wanting to miss this piece of Australian history, we decided we'd come back tomorrow and experience it for ourselves.

Next up was another piece of Australian History. The site where the Kelly Gang shot 3 policemen, and led them to being declared Outlaws.

Stringybark Creek is a great spot. Towering eucalypts and thick bushland, there are quite a few information boards that tell the background stories of both the policemen involved, and those of the Kelly Gang. There is also a 1.4km walk you can do that takes you to the locations of where each policeman was found. Well worth the effort.

With another warm afternoon, we continued onto our campsite for the night, Jones Reserve. Holland Creek runs alongside the camping area and does have some swimming spots. However, with so little rain over the proceeding weeks, there wasn't much flow, so wetting our feet was the best we could do.

With plenty of firewood around, we did the usual and were having beer o'clock by 4pm.

Peter then treated us to one of his specialties. Fish patties! Having pre-made the mixture, he set about rolling the patties as we all watch on, eager to taste them. And sure enough they did not disappoint. With a little bit of Peri Peri sauce to give them a bit of tang, Yum! There were no left overs that's for sure. Once we'd finished our appetizer, had another drink (or 2), it was time to get on with cooking our own dinners, before lazing away the evening in front of the fire.

Day 8 – Saturday 14th – Tolmie Sports Day

Another perfect morning. No wind or dew, warm and tranquil. We had been so lucky with the weather. With no rush to get away this morning, we decided to do a bit of a communal cook up, pooling our eggs, bacon, bread and wraps and cooking up a feast.

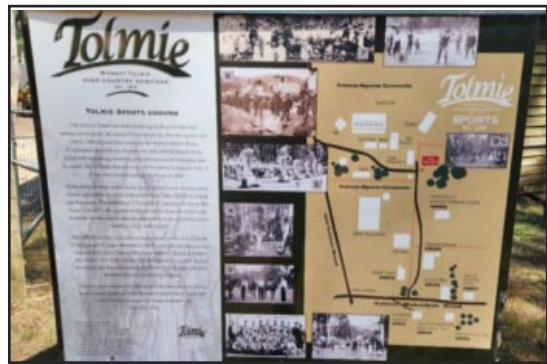
At 9:30, we were on our way to the Tolmie Sports Day. Getting there 30 minutes later, events were just getting underway, so we watched as the 1st round of wood choppers prepared their logs, as the horse riders got on with their events in the background.

Amazing to watch the wood choppers up close. Incredibly skillful. We were lucky enough to have a couple of Australian champions and international representatives as well competing. These guys are incredible. Such power, speed and precision and being literally only a few metres away from the action, an amazing sight to see.

We were going to continue onto Porepunkah after lunch to complete the trip. It was almost 2 hrs drive cross country though, and taking us further away from Adelaide. So, as a collective we decided to finish the trip a day early, and go our separate ways from Tolmie.

All up, another fantastic Vic High Country club trip. Perfect weather, no major drama's, lots of scenic drives, historic towns, tranquil camp spots and a great crew. We could not have hoped for a better trip.

Craig Marchant



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