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Monday
25th May, 2026

Monday
22nd June 2026

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from your President

Hello Members

On behalf of the secretary, I invite all members to the 2026 Annual General Meeting, to be held at the West Adelaide Football Club, 57 Milner Road, Richmond on Monday, 25 May 2026 commencing after the 7:30 pm general meeting.

Sincere thanks to three retiring committee members. Helen Brettig has been our Secretary for the past six years and has managed the position superbly during some complicated events, such as managing the Not For Profit status of the Club. Graham Adams is retiring as Membership Officer after five years in the role. Graham has managed our membership data diligently and aptly managed the transition of membership application from paper-based to online through our web site. Michael Polacek was elected as Environment Officer at three AGMs, however, due to vacancies, has continued the role, supporting the Club to further develop its environment presence and has coordinated many events that have had positive impact here in South Australia. Our gratitude to Helen, Graham and Michael for their service.

Thank you to the many members who have put in nominations to be part of the 2026/27 committee. We have vacancies for Environment Officer, Assistant Environment Officer and Membership Officer, so if you are brave and interested, speak to our current committee members and complete a nomination form during the next general meeting. All nominations must be received by the secretary before the commencement of the annual general meeting.

Lastly, a huge thank you to the 2025/26 full committee for their service to the Club and managing their portfolios so well over the past twelve months so that TLCCSA has remained as one of the leading four-wheel drive clubs in our association.

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 **25th May 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/DHIWN>



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Next General Meeting & AGM:

25th May 2026, 7.30pm,
West Adelaide Football Club.

Trip Reports:

None

Guest Speaker:

None - AGM

Newsletter Articles Deadline:

Friday 5th June 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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2025-26

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

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

Welcome!

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

- Kollan Starejko from Glenelg East
- Gregory & Jennifer Pritchard from Parkside

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

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club yearly calendar - 2026

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
Wed 19th ~ Tour of Adelaide Waste & Recycling Authority
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 or Vlad about what is required. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated by the club

events calendar

Register now via
trybooking.com

1. 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. (4 booked)

Comment: Route - Medindee Lakes, down the Darling River to Wentworth and then along the River Murray.

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 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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2. 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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3. 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>

4. Bendleby Ranges

Leaders: James & Lin Edwards

Date: Fri 5 - Mon 8 June 2026

Convoy: 20 vehicles (19 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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5. Moolooloo Cactus Cull

Date: Sun 14 - Sat 20 Jun 2026

Leaders: Michael Polacek

Convoy: 22 people. (15 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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6. Xmas in July - Wilmington

Date: Fri 10 - Sun 12 July 2026

Leader: Pam Humeniuk

Rating: Scenic / Easy

Convoy: Unlimited (9 booked)

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.

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 pot 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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7. 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>

*** NEW ***

8. Tour of Adelaide Waste & Recycling Authority

Date: Wed 19th August, 2026 10.00 a.m.

Location: 25 Mills Crt, Kilburn

Cost: Free

Leader: Trevor Duggan

Number: 20 people

Detail: A behind the scenes tour to shed light on the fascinating world of recycling and processes involved with managing recyclable material. Optional lunch after tour TBA.

Enclosed shoes, long sleeves and pants required for the tour.

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

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9. 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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10. 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 reimbursed.

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

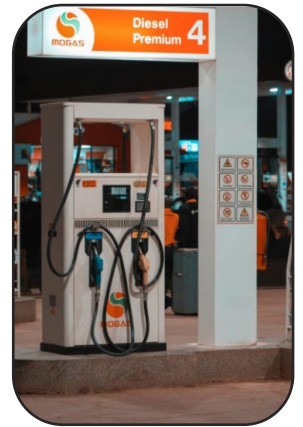
<https://www.trybooking.com/DIYRN>

That's all for now folks!

ARE YOU USING THE RIGHT DIESEL FUEL?

The recent fuel supply crisis caused by the Middle East wars and the closure of the Strait of Hormuz is causing concern to us all. Australia now has 2 remaining refineries in Victoria and Queensland with over 75% of our diesel now imported. Getting good quality fuel is vital for modern high tech common rail diesel motors.

Australian standards state sulphur levels cannot exceed 10 ppm and minimum Cetane ratings must be 46. Australian supplied and imported diesel meets that minimum of Cetane 46. So what is important about the Cetane level? Essentially this is the ignition point level for your vehicles fuel. Whilst a 200 series Landcruiser will run ok on regular diesel at 46 cetane, the recommended level is 48-50. The latest 250 Prado has a minimum rating of 48 (some sites suggest 51) so will run on regular diesel but won't be operating as efficiently as it can. So you are looking for Premium Diesel which have cetane ratings around 55. Whilst any premium fuel will do BP Ultimate, Shell V Power and Ampol Amplify rate well. (Note Ampol and Ampol Amplify are quite different and have different ownership and suppliers).



Water in fuel is a big killer of diesel engines, so pick modern servos that have high turnover and ideally new facilities. If you're buying from your corner servo that's been there for years, then it probably has old metal tanks in the ground. Modern underground tanks are plastic and are equipped with comprehensive advanced systems to detect, manage and remove water or moisture which is critical to prevent corrosion, microbial growth and fuel contamination. Oh, and that servo in the back street of a country town selling at 4 cents per litre cheaper--- forget it. Final tips, consider installing a secondary fuel filter/water separator and carry a spare fuel filter if travelling remote (and watch a youtube video on how to fit it and reset your warning light) and if the tanker's there unloading and stirring up the fuel when you pull in, find another servo, or fill up tomorrow.

So, if in doubt why not give it a go for 3-6 months. The price differential is usually 2 cents per litre, so see if you run smoother, you see any power increase, or improved economy. Of course, in time we would like your feedback.

Darryl Royans



Historic Restoration Opportunity - expressions of interest

The Curdimurka Railway Siding is regarded as the last relatively intact siding left on the first Central Australian (Old Ghan) railway and lies just off the Oodnadatta Track about 100km west of Marree. Construction of the railway commenced in 1878, with the line reaching Oodnadatta in early 1891. This complex, built in 1886, contains fitters' quarters, water treatment plant, tower and associated holding tank, a section of rail track and the impressive Stuart Creek Bridge nearby. The site is a regular stop-over location for travellers along the Oodnadatta Track, including volunteer groups such as the Friends of Mound Springs and is listed on the State Heritage Register.

In recent years resources for maintaining the infrastructure have not been available and there has been a decline in condition, particularly of the fitters' quarters; most notably, a section of the iron roof has blown off.

At this stage, a thorough assessment of the repair work is needed to ascertain, for example, if any roofing timber needs to be replaced and whether some of the corrugated iron can be re-used.

TLCCSA, in partnership with Friends of Mound Springs, and potentially State Government, consider this may be a potentially worthwhile project to support, so if you are interested please email environ@tlccsa.asn.au before our next meeting and if sufficient interest is generated we can investigate further as the basis for a program.

Ian Frost





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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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On our way to Cantara for the annual "Clean Up Australia" weekend along the Coorong Beaches, we encountered an issue with the caravan brakes remaining on, causing the brake drums to heat. Fortunately, this issue was detected as we stopped to buy strawberries for the shared fruit pater. We decided to call into Mt Barker Auto Electrical to have them look at the Redarc Tow-Pro Elite system to identify the issue.

The staff were very helpful researching possible causes, suggested that we unhitch the van, disconnect the negative battery terminal on the car, wait a minute or two and reconnect the terminal. Then take the car for a drive, applying the brakes firmly several times to recalibrate the Tow Pro braking module. We reconnected the van and the issue was gone.

We certainly appreciated all the assistance and guidance from the very friendly staff of Mt Barker Auto Electrical as they did not charge for their advice. We will certainly be using their services when and if the need arises.

Brian & Sue Stone



CELEBRATION OF 55 YEARS OF TLCCSA

DINNER, DANCING, ENTERTAINMENT

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Saturday May 9th

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A TIME TO
CELEBRATE,
REMINISE, AND
CATCH UP with
FRIENDS OLD AND
NEW



TLCCSA Social Trip Report: The 60 Four Concert

21 March 2026

On 21 March sixteen club members attended an Adelaide Fringe event featuring the 60 Four band at Norwood Concert Hall. We started the evening with a chatty dinner at the Norwood Hotel. Most people arrived early (as is usual for the club) so there was plenty of time for a catch up.

The band consists of four young Adelaide lads with a backing band who have been crowned 'Australia's Best Tribute Act'. Their 'Las Vegas' style show entertained us with beautiful harmonies and slick choreography. They dressed for the era in suits which were favoured by bands of the time, right down to the winkle picker shoes. We reminisced to the songs of our youth as the band played songs by Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons, the Beach Boys, the Beatles, Johnny O'Keefe, Elvis Presley, and The Bee Gees. All agreed that it was a fun evening.

Pat Barkway



Another Successful Training Weekend at Peake



Thanks again to the dedicated training team who conducted sand and winch training at Peake on the 7th & 8th March. By all accounts it was a great weekend with perfect weather and good attendance.



Easter Burra Trip Report

Friday's Introduction and day 1

Trip Leader: David Burgess with his trusty assistant Larry Coaker.

Participants: David Hemsworth, Daniel Martucci, ably assisted by Sophia, Lara 8 and brother George 6, David Perry with copilot Elaine Atkinson, Grant and Louisa Sellek and bringing up the rear in a cloud of dust literally, Paul Hoskins.

This made up a fun and adventurous team to take on the tracks of Burra and surrounds.

After we all had a leisurely drive to Burra we met at the caravan park at 5 pm for the meet and greet and the mandatory briefing on what to expect for the weekend's events.

Our well organised trip leader David Burgess AKA Burgo according to his name plaque, went through the convoy procedures and safety. Channel 15 was chosen for the trip. Burgo expressed the concern on what traffic we might encounter and what procedures we would adopt to be able to get traffic through our convoy.

Burgo also announced that there would be a quiz each day so take notes and listen to the commentary for inspiration.

After we had finished our discussion we gathered around the camp fire which Larry had kindly organised with the caravan park establishment. This was a great time to get to know the other members of our group. As the evening progressed people drifted off to have something to eat and then proceeded back to the fire for some more discussion and a few of us became more frustrated as the Crows succumbed to another close loss. For some of us that was the last straw and bed was the only alternative to cry into our pillow.

A great way to start our adventure.

Day one started with everyone meeting out on the Broken Hill Road at 9 am. All arrived on time, good way to start. The group was all given a map of the route we were taking, with Larry riding shotgun for Burjo. Larry gave us information on what we were to see and what to look for and what to remember for the quiz. As we left Burra our attention was directed to an old farmhouse to our right. This was used as the cover picture for one of Midnight Oils albums.

Our first stop was Booborowie. Booborowie comes from the Aboriginal name meaning : Round Watering Hole.: The convoy did a short trip around the town and Larry pointed out a row of gum trees that had been coppiced. This is the term used for cutting out the centre trunk. This allows the trees to sprout many smaller branches that thicken up the tree. Another interesting fact is that in the 1860s an eating house and stables was set up to attend the needs of the Cobb and Co coaches travelling from Adelaide to Burra and to places as far north as Blinman in the Flinders Ranges.



Leaving Booborowie we travelled through Leighton and passed the old school and Ironmine Primitive Methodist Church. From there a straight run to Farrell Flat.

Morning tea was organised at the Farrell Flat Hotel. Once arriving at Farrell Flat the group parked by the hotel and walked over to inspect the silo art. As we have come to expect the art was magnificent with exceptional detail which you can see by the intricate grains of wheat. After



all appreciating the beautiful silo we walked over to the hotel where we were met by the publican and his helpers. We had the pub to ourselves. They made us coffee and supplied us with cake to enjoy.

The group was enjoying the ambiance of the pub so much I could see Burjo getting anxious re the time we were spending at the hotel. Well done to Burjo and Larry for organising this morning tea spot.

After leaving Farrell Flat our next major stop was Inspiration Point. The tracks we took to get there passed through many points of interest. One that brought back memories for me was Porters Lagoon. This Lagoon was a mecca for water sports in the 1920s. In 1928 over 3000 people attended the annual Aquatic and Athletics Sports Carnival. I have been involved in water ski racing for some 50 plus years and we raced on this Lagoon back in the mid 1970s when it was full of water.

Another interesting site was passing through Brady Creek. Along this creek are the only remaining red gums to be found in this area.

Continuing our journey through this beautiful scenery, made all the more splendid because of the recent rain, we arrived at Inspiration Point.

The views to greet us were spectacular, rolling green hills seemed to go on for ever.

There is a large structure built on the point where there is plenty of room to sit under cover and take in the views. One of the group, who will remain nameless David Hemsworth, is a mad geocacher, was

looking for a geocache spot on Inspiration Point and Larry found it for him. He was very pleased with this because he could put in the notes and record on his app FTF meaning first to find.



After spending time at the Point looking at the GREEN hills, our industrious leaders decided to go off script and take us back a different way. What a great detour as we wound our way back to the recognised track by traversing along a track at the top of the ridges. The views were spectacular and unusual at this time of year as wherever you looked it was lush green. On our way to the lunch stop we went through Hampden township which was on the old Adelaide to Morgan rail line which opened in 1878. Passenger service stopped in 1968 grain was still hauled until 1994.



Finally we ended up at Eudunda Centenary gardens for lunch. We stopped at a beautiful park just as you come into the town. There was a lot of information and a statue of Dr Colin Milton Thiele AO the famous author. (Storm Boy) After lunch we did a quick drive through town and then back on our merry way.



Our next stop was Sutherlands. On our way we passed a monument to Goyders Line. Sutherland was founded in 1860 by William Sutherland a woodcutter who supplied mallee firewood and railway sleepers. This town grew to have 3 schools, a post office, an institute building, butcher, general store, blacksmith shop, a hotel and recreation areas.

The group's next major stop was Robertstown. Here there was a park called the Goyder interpretive garden. There was also a statue in the Main Street which we had to find as it was part of the quiz. The Statue was of Alby the Shearer. This was sculpted by Trent Stewart of Mallee Boy Art. There was plenty to see walking up and down the main and only street.

After a pleasant time at Robertstown we moved on to Worlds End Gorge better known by the locals as Burra Gorge. This is a huge camping area which was full of people enjoying the ambiance of the area and the hiking trails. Here the official part of the trip ended. Burjo gathered us as a group and went through the test that Larry was meant to do during the day but forgot. 36 questions which I think Larry gave us on the way clues to about half. Burjo thanked everyone for their involvement and said a 90% pass mark was expected. The group thanked our trip organisers and we all proceeded back to our respective accommodation to meet at the hotel for 5.30 drinks and tea at 6pm.



A personal thanks to Burjo and Larry for the work they put into organising an excellent and safe trip. A special thanks to all who attended and made it a memorable day for the Club members.

Whilst driving around this area you pass so many points of interest. If reading this small precise of one day around Burra I would urge you to get online and download the two circuit books relating to this area. Then take the drive. I hope you can experience this trip via the pictures included.

Paul Hoskins - trip participant.

DAY 2 – DARES HILL DRIVE

A cool and overcast day greeted us on Sunday. We headed north and called in to Cobb's Corner for a photoshoot at the nearby derelict cottage, a photograph of which appeared on the cover of a Midnight Oil record.



Netfield

We then went to 'Netfield', the birth home of Sir (George) Hubert Wilkins, a little-known early 20th century explorer (including the Arctic), meteorologist and aviator. His many achievements and several near-death experiences are recorded in his biography 'The Last Explorer' which is well worth the read. The building has been restored from a pile of rubble at the instigation of Dick Smith and the Australian Geographic Society.

We then called into the Mount Bryan East School historic site, which is currently used as accommodation for hikers on the Heysen Trail.



Mount Bryan East School



Next stop was the ruin of the 1871 Bible Christian Chapel.

Next stop was Dare's Hill Summit, which provided a spectacular view over the plains below. We then passed Piltimitiappa Ruin and then the Collinsville Station homestead. The kettle wasn't boiled for us, so we didn't stop there. Next was 'Ketchowla', a settlement of buildings. The main homestead was a large house still in reasonable condition and a nearby shearing shed was most interesting. Shearers had left their names and dates on the wall of the shearing shed. The earliest date seen was 1917 and the latest 1985, so it's seen a good

many sheep.



We were going to have lunch here, but the flies were so bad we decided to head straight to Terowie for lunch, which was consumed at the Terowie railway station where General Douglas McArthur made his famous 'I'll be back' speech. The trip effectively ended here and people made their own way back to Burra, eventually to meet at the Commercial hotel for dinner. This venue was chosen because of a local's recommendation that the lamb roast was excellent. Despite having to wait some 1hr 20 min for the roast (they were particularly busy, it being Easter Sunday), it was worth it. My first mouthful made me sit up and take notice. It was delicious.



The area had recently received a lot of rain and the countryside was a resplendent green, which certainly enhanced the tour. Thank you to David 'Bergo' Burgess and Larry Coaker for leading the trip. We were taken on (easy) dirt roads that you normally wouldn't go out of your way to travel on, but doing so was very worthwhile. Thank you also to the other members of the group who helped make it an enjoyable time away.

David Perry and Elaine Atkinson



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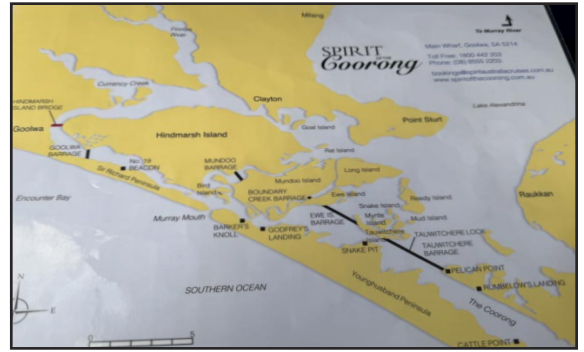
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Spirit of the Coorong Trip Report

On the 9th of April 20 of us embarked on a tour of the Coorong and the Murray Mouth. The cruise started at the Goolwa Wharf and kicked off with a Benito style box featuring freshly made salad with cold meats and local produce. As you cruised down the river you were given a commentary of the history of the local structures along Wharf.



When the vessel arrives at the Goolwa Barrage it transits through the lock, the water level dropping 2 meters, this separates the fresh water of the Murray from the brackish water of the Coorong. This is a prime spot for viewing the long-nosed fur seals lounging on the barrage pipes and some wallowing in the water. Hindmarsh Island is seen on the left, further down you get a glimpse of the Coorong shacks on the right.

Cruising down to the Murray mouth we enjoyed the prolific bird life, it's a world-renowned bird watching destination and home to over 200 species. The iconic residents include pelicans, black swans, cape barren geese, emus and white bellied sea eagles. There are also migratory birds, shore birds, rare and threatened species as well as the common water birds such as cormorants, darters, ducks and waders.



When cruising past the Murray mouth where the river meets the Southern Ocean, you observe the battle of the two currents, the birds enjoying themselves and the seals in the shallows. You then head down to the area made famous by the film Storm Boy; the boat then moors for a guided shore experience. Two emus were also spotted strolling along the shoreline on our way past.



We were shown several plant species that they used as a food source, seasonings and medicines. On our walk through to 90-mile beach a swamp wallaby was spotted camouflaged in the bushes. On the beach we learnt the Pipi shuffle, our guide collected and sampled a few of the Goolwa cockles.

While on the beach we witnessed a fisherman with his very young son pulling in a fishing net, they hauled in 2 big mulloway and three bronze whalers, not a bad effort for an afternoon catch.



On the cruise back to Goolwa, we enjoyed a cuppa along with a delicious apple slice with a native berry. We also saw the dredging machinery used to keep the water depth at a functional state; the pipes are also another spot for the fur seals to bask in the sun.



The tour was very informative and enjoyable; would thoroughly recommend.

Susan Vordermaier

Guest Speaker Review

Edmund Morris - Overlanding in Southern & Eastern Africa February

Edmund gave an overview, with accompanying photos, of his trip that departed Cape Town on the 20th May and ended 10th December 2023. Some 205 days visiting 11 countries, driving 25,000kms, with \$18,000 spent transporting vehicles and \$50,000 in costs during the trip.

The idea for the trip began in 2012, at which time several members expressed interest, until they realised there was potential for the trip to take 9 months and cost up to \$100,000. With a lack of other interested parties, Edmund decided to wait until his retirement putting the trip off until 2020. The Combeers and Thompsons expressed interest in joining in. The vehicles were shipped in January 2020, followed by the participants in March. With Covid looming, the Thompsons withdrew. Borders began closing and the Embassy offered flights home where a fortnight was spent in government funded Melbourne hotel quarantine.



2023 saw the trip restart, beginning with a shakedown trip to eastern Africa, travelling along the Orange River. It was then on to Namibia, where the Thompsons, who were limited by the 90-day Visa restrictions, joined the trip, with other participants driving the Thompson's car up from Cape Town. • The trip included beautiful scenery and lots of birds and wildlife. Highlights included Dead Valley, which is so dry it contains thousand-year-old dead trees that won't rot, a European style castle, Dune 7, the largest shifting sand dune in the world, seals at Camp Cross and cultural displays. There were many bush camps, as well as some more comfortable accommodations. Some very rough tracks were encountered, requiring guidance to navigate past very large rocks and some bush repairs. Meals were mostly BBQs or restaurants. • Fabulous images were shared of an epic and unforgettable journey – money well spent.

Guest Speaker: Anthony Chan – Electric Bug March

Electric Bug is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. Anthony spoke about outback communications.

- UHF radios - Most have max 30km line of sight. High positioning of antenna is crucial. The car, including window tinting can block the signal.
- Mobile phone boosters. Cel-Fi is the only legal booster. Illegal boosters can block the signal for other users ☐ \$375K fine for using illegal devices.
- EPIRB - Only provides location for rescue.
- Satellite messenger - Sends EPIRB signal and allows you to text, enabling assistance. SPOT and Garmin InReach batch the messages, which can cause large time delays, versus Zoleo which sends messages immediately. Zoleo can be hired from Electric Bug as can EPIRBs.
- Starlink - The only remote internet solution. Not reliable for safety due to their large power requirement and being attached to the car.
- Satellite phones. Iridium is the only reliable option. Pivotal is the only Australian Satellite provider.



Electric Bug are also able to supply GPS in car, RAM mounts, dual battery systems, dash cam, aircraft and marine radios, hire and repair.

Brianna Green and Vicki Hann Country Fire Service. March

TLCCSA member Solveiga, who is a CFS member, introduced Brianna Green, Regional Operational Planning Officer and Vikki Hann, Regional Community Engagement Officer. Brianna has been working in the CFS for 10 years and has been in the air desk role for the past 6 years. Vikki has worked with the CFS for the 12 years.



Brianna spoke about the role of aviation in the CFS. CFS don't own aircraft. Generally, aviation comes on contract from October to April, dependant on weather conditions. During the fire season, the weather from the previous evening determines the status of the following day. When there is a low fire danger rating, aircraft are on 45 minutes recall, Passive standby. When the fire risk is higher, crew are on Active standby at the airfield from 11am – 6pm. When the risk is elevated to Fire ban, the active standby hours are 10am – 7pm.

The fleet is a variety of helicopters and fixed wing, dependant on the regions they are based in – the Blackhawk, has a capacity of 4,500 litres and has to hover to fill, so the mid north regions don't have one, due to lack of water. Other craft include the fast Single Engine Airtanker (SEAT), carrying 2,500–3000 litres and the Large Air Tanker (LAT,) with 15150 litre capacity - there are none based in SA, but they can be brought in from interstate. The state is divided into primary response zones, where aircraft are automatically sent as soon as a report is received and also areas outside of the primary response zones, where aircraft attendance needs to be justified. After a 000 call, a truck is dispatched to the incident. Within 60 seconds a message must be sent to the communications team, which includes a page message to the pilots, providing information on the coordinates of the incident. Airborne Information Gathering Technology is used with map overlays.



Vikki then discussed CFS lingo and how travellers can use the information. There are 15 Fire Ban Districts in SA, which group together landscapes and risk profiles.

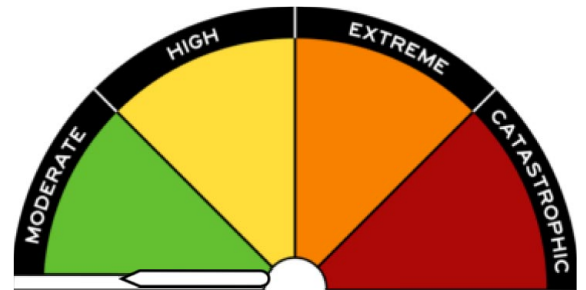
Fire Danger Ratings is a National rating system. A rating is declared for every district, every day and indicate how dangerous a bushfire will be, not how likely one will occur.

Moderate - most fires can be controlled - be prepared and plan.

High – fires can be dangerous – be ready to act

Extreme – fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous - take action to protect your life and property.

Catastrophic – if a fire takes hold, lives are likely to be lost – for your survival leave the bushfire risk areas.



The CFS website offers lots of information, including a fire Danger Rating forecast.

2-minute Travellers Survival Plan.

Complete online and assists you to create a travel plan. This will show you which fire ban districts you will pass through, find bushfire safer places and local ABC stations. It's printable and free.

Alert SA App

Allows you to set up to 11 watch zones. Customise notifications. Enable critical alerts. Read current warnings and incidents. Access fire danger ratings.

Vikki offered useful pamphlets which provide information and Emergency Broadcasters.

4 key actions to do today.

- o Download the Alert SA App
- o Add the CFS hotline 1800 362 361 to your contact list.
- o Download the 2-minute traveller survival plan and complete for your next trip.
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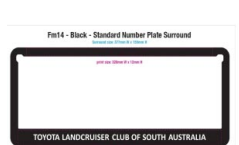
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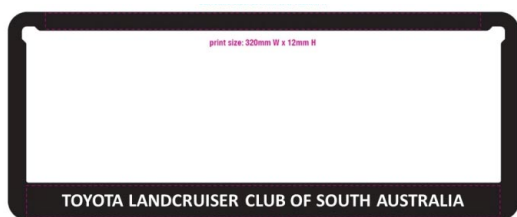
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Border Track for the Young Ones (and young at heart!)



A staggered arrival of 4 vehicles at Pine Hut Soak, on the edge of Ngarkat Conservation Park, on Wednesday afternoon saw the start of the Border Track trip in the second week of the school holidays. First arrivals were Sue & Monte Weeding in a 200 series, then came Darryl Royan in his 100 series, with his son Derek and grandchildren Bella, Penny and Harry in a HiLux dual cab. Following later came Daniel, Sophia and their children Lara and George, travelling in a 79 Series dual cab.



Surprisingly we were the only group at the campsite, so we had the pick of the sites, as we didn't need to prebook specific sites. Having been recently opened after the summer closure, the campsite and drop toilet were very clean. Tents were set up and some bedding was lent to replace what was suddenly discovered to be left at home, and a campfire started. Being a "soak", the moisture meant the flies and mosquitoes were in abundance, so fly nets and repellent were out in force. As a treat the kids started early on the toasted marshmallows.



After a calm, cool night we were all up enjoying the quiet morning solitude, when we heard shouts of "Ambush"! The kids had quickly risen, got hold of the handheld walkie-talkies and had reconvened to play a modern version of "Hide and Seek". Around our tents and vehicles became hiding places as 4 little bandits chased and hid from each other. One by one as the tents were collapsed, vehicles were packed, and tyres let down, the shouts of "Ambush" lessened, and the kids soon went to join their family's vehicles. We all convened around 9am for the day's briefing by Daniel and Darryl and departed camp soon after.

After a short drive southeast on a sandy but very manageable Pine Hut Soak Track we came to Cox's Windmill campground. We drove in and around the loop, which had sectioned off campsites, and we were surprised to find there was no toilet located there. Another 10km onwards and we turned right onto the Border Track, a one-way track heading south along the South Australian and Victorian border. We now started to encounter more challenging driving with sandhills and the unavoidable bush pin striping.



On our way to Hensley Trig for morning tea Darryl made what we thought was a random stop on the track and introduced us to Geocaching. (Geocaching is like a treasure hunt using an App on your phone for locations. At the location you usually find a container with a logbook & pen to record your visit, and then trinkets that others have left, which you can swap for one of yours.) Darryl's grandson Harry was very excited because he had visited this geocache last year. We all gathered round a tree and watched Harry crawl under the branches to retrieve this box. The kids were excited to see what was in the box and keen to swap something of theirs for an item in the box.



After climbing some fairly steep, soft sandhills we arrived at Hensley Trigg for morning tea. It was a lovely clear day, and we all enjoyed the views from the platform. Darryl took the opportunity to give the kids a geography lesson, explaining with the use of sticks and shadows how to work out compass directions in the bush. *To Be Continued*



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