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24th August, 2026

Monday
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from your President

Hello Members,

In the past month we have had a very successful Christmas In Winter event held in Wilmington. There was an opportunity to do the Bridle Track, tour two loop-tracks at the Horseshoe Top-End and visit sites around Wilmington and Melrose. Thanks to Pam Humeniuk and the Social Committee for organising a

superb dinner, to our fire experts, Jason Sabeeney and David Hemsworth and to our camp oven supervisors and rotators, Peter Bradley and Vlad Humeniuk for our camp oven dinner.

An exciting weekend exploring the sand dunes at Peake enabled beginners, novices and adventurers to learn and practice their sand-driving skills in various situations. Huge thanks to Peter Harper, Murray McClay, the training team and the two education trainees, Michael Polacek and Andrew Mannix for delivering quality training and fun times winching out some stranded vehicles.

Andrew McDonald is our Property Officer whilst Larry Coaker is on leave. To book any Club equipment, contact Andrew via property@tlccsa.asn.au

The Education & Training team have a comprehensive calendar of events for us. Unfortunately, some events have had to be cancelled through lack of numbers due to various circumstances. If you are interested in any training, or have ideas for training, have a conversation with Peter Harper or Murray McClay, our education and training team and they will do their best to create opportunities for members to learn and train further.

Similarly, want to explore a region of South Australia but not confident in leading a trip, have a word to Monte Weeding, our Trips Coordinator and with enough ideas or interest, a trip might happen.

Looking forward to meeting you out in the four wheel wilderness.

Simon

Simon Critchley
TLCCSA President

KEEP IN TOUCH

If you change your address, grab a new e-mail or even your phone number then don't forget to keep the club informed. The easy fix is to log in to the Club members portal and click on the update member detail link and make the changes. www.tlccsa.asn.au

REMINDER -

WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE PROUDLY



The **24th August 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/DHIWS>



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Next General Meeting & AGM:

24th August 2026, 7.30pm,
West Adelaide Football Club.

Trip Reports:

Andrew Vidale - Bendleby Ranges

Guest Speaker:

Greg Hudson
Heavy Transport Movements
Torrens to Darlington Alliance tunnel project

Newsletter Articles Deadline:

Friday 4th September 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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- 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 August 2026.

- Callum Veale from South Brighton
- Peter Woolman from Kingston Park
- Tim Gentle from Belair
- Aaron Moore from Prospect East
- Charlotte Hammonds from Glenalta
- Joseph Birchall from Prospect
- Robert Clark from Prospect

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

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club yearly calendar - 2026 / 27

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

Wed 23rd ~ Desalination Plant Tour

Mon 28th ~ General Meeting, WAFC

October 2026

Fri 2nd - Mon 5th ~ Argadells

Sat 10th ~ Lions Fleurieu Run

Sun 11th - 17th ~ Arkaroola and Mexican Poppies - EOI

Thurs 15th ~ Adelaide Oval Tour

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

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

Mon 26th ~ General Meeting, WAFC

November 2026

Sun 8th ~ Wheel Changing & Pre-Departure checks

Sat 14th ~ Wheel Bearing Maintenance

Sun 22nd ~ Historic Car Run

Mon 23rd ~ General Meeting & Dinner, WAFC

Fri 27th - Sun 29th ~ Christmas Party

January 2027

Mon 18th ~ General Meeting & Dinner, WAFC

Fri 22nd - Tues 26th ~ Beachport

February 2027

Sun 14th ~ Summer Breakfast

Mon 22nd ~ 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 - Monte Weeding (trips@tlccsa.asn.au)



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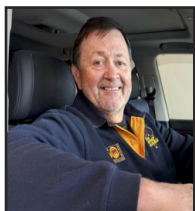
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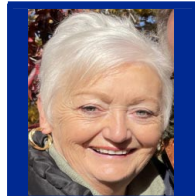
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trip ratings

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.

4WD & ADVENTURE SHOW

Wed 21st - Sun 25th October 2026

Wayville Showgrounds

Sign up now to volunteer to assist with the set up, manning and dismantling our display booth by clicking on the link

<https://volunteersignup.org/3AYTB> or the



QR code using your phone:

Select the date / time group slot you want and check availability. Enter

your details and click the "Agree and sign up button". You will then be taken to a page that will say "Success".

WE NEED YOU !!

events calendar

Register now via
[trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com)

1. Vic High Country Snow Trip

Date: Sat 15th Aug - Sat 22nd 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 (5 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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2. 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 (20 booked)

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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3. Gum Creek Cactus Cull

Date: Mon 24th – 31st August 2026

Leaders: Michael Polacek

Convoy: 24 people. (13 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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4. Old Car Day Run (EOI)

Leaders: Gawler Veteran/Vintage Car Club

Date: Tues 1st September 2026

Convoy: Unlimited

Fees: Nil, BYO lunch

Rating: Scenic, main roads run to Bethany Oval in the Barossa Valley.

Detail: Starting from Fremont Park in Elizabeth Park or Princess Park, Gawler Showgrounds from 9.00am for a 9.30am run to Bethany Oval, or make your own way to Bethany Oval, arriving around 10.30am. This activity is intended for members who have vehicles on Club Historic Registration and is an opportunity to dust off the wheels after winter and enjoy this run on the first day of spring with other car enthusiasts.

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

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5. Tour of the Desalination Plant

Date: 23rd Sept 2026. 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Address: 16 Chrysler Road, Lonsdale

Leader: Chris Adams

Cost: Free

Convoy: 24 (27 booked)

Detail: Option of lunch after (at own expense) will be advised.

The tour begins at the Kauwi Learning Centre with a short video presentation about the desalination process. Following this, we board a bus for a guided tour around the plant, which spans 32 hectares. If the plant is not running, we may have access to the inside of the process area. Please note that as this is an operational work site, a reasonable level of mobility is required. Unfortunately, walking aids cannot be accommodated for safety reasons.

There is plenty of parking on site at the Kauwi Learning Centre for all members. All attendees to wear closed in shoes,

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

6. Ralph Abbot Argadells 2026

Dates: Fri 2nd - Mon 5th Oct 2026

Leader: James & Linley Edwards

Convoy: Unlimited (9 booked)

Rating: Moderate to Hard

Comment: Rocky ascents and descents with some steep sections. Beautiful views across the surrounding landscape to Port Augusta, Lake Torrens.

Argadells Station 2641 Ardenvale Rd, 28km North of Quorn. A working sheep property of 32 square Km's approx 360km North of Adelaide.

Various tracks ranging from Moderate to Hard. Must have low ratio and good clearance with 4x4 experience in ascent/descent.

Trip Details: Travel to Argadells on Friday 2 Oct. BYO everything. Camping will be at one of the property's bush sites (Wint's) so will necessitate being completely self sufficient. Suitable for semi offroad/offroad caravans, camper trailers & tents.

For those who wish to bring an on road van, there is a Caravan park available at \$35/night (2 people) approx 5km from the bush camp.

Property access is \$50 per vehicle plus camping fee of \$20 per adult / night.

We will order some firewood from the property (\$100 to be shared between the attendees once we have final numbers) but please bring a bag along to supplement this.

For more information see their website.
<https://www.argadells.com.au/>

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

*** NEW ***

7. Lions Club Yankalilla Run

Date: Sat 10th October 2026

Leader: Vlad Humeniuk

Rating: Moderate

Convoy: 20 vehicles

Cost: \$60 per vehicle donation to Lions Club

Comment: Popular run organised for 4WD clubs by Lions Club of Yankalilla. Gives you a different view and perspective of the Fleurieu Peninsula as you travel from Yankalilla to Cape Jervis through forestry land and private property, taking in Second Valley, Rapid Bay and the Starfish Windfarm. Can be exciting if wet so be prepared to air down as needed.

Great for new club members but a favourite with members who have been around a bit as well. Meet at Yankalilla Oval at 9am. Bring your own morning tea, lunch and chairs.

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

*** NEW ***

8. Arkaroola and Mexican Poppies - EOI

Date: Thurs 8th - Tues 13th Oct 2026

Leader: Pin & Kim Needham

Convoy: 12 people

Rating: Moderate

Comment: Based at Arkaroola Village, we will be searching creek beds and flood debris for Mexican Poppy plants to dig out.

Travel from Adelaide to Arkaroola, preferably in company of other participants (depending on 1 or 2 day travel). Stay in Arkaroola caravan and camping area. Accommodation in Greenwood lodge (10 rooms) has been made available. Self sufficient for food, water and beverages.

Normal recovery gear, UHF radio, boots, broad brimmed hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, long trousers, Hi-vis shirt/jacket and bucket required. Dutch hoes will be supplied.

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

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9. Tour of Adelaide Oval.

Date: Thurs 15th October, 2026 10.00 am.

Leader: Sue Bradley

Convoy: 50 (min 10) (11 booked)

Cost: \$24 per head.

Information: Meeting at the Southern Gate Adelaide Oval Tours take you behind-the-scenes where you'll discover hidden secrets and relive celebrated moments. Expert ambassadors share captivating tales of the history of the venue, the sporting greats who have competed here, and the Oval's iconic status in SA.

You'll run onto Adelaide Oval to the roar of a 50,000-strong crowd, climb the stairs to the 100-year-old heritage-listed scoreboard and gain an insight into match-day preparations inside the players' change-rooms – all of these experiences and more are included on a Stadium Tour. After the tour there is an opportunity for an early lunch at the Koffee Ink Cafe, near the Southern Gate. Limited parking is available on War Memorial Drive at Council costs.

The train station is an easy walk across the footbridge and brings you straight to the Southern Gate entry

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

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10. Adelaide 4WD and Adventure Show

Date: Wed 21st - Sun 25th 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.

<https://volunteersignup.org/3AYTB>

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11. Historic Vehicle Gathering & Run

Date: Sun 22nd November, 2026

Where: Euchunga Memorial Institute, 23 Adelaide Rd, Echunga

Leader: Darryl Royans & Michael Polacek

Convoy: Unlimited (5 booked)

Rating: Scenic/Easy

Comment: Here's the opportunity to take your pride and joy on a nice run in the Adelaide Hills. Meet at the Euchunga Memorial Institute, 10 am, have a chat over coffee, ready to depart at 11.00 am in convoy with other like minded TLCCSA members.

Return to the Hall about 12.30 for a BBQ lunch provided by the Club and an opportunity to view cars and socialise with fellow members.

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

*** NEW ***

12. Lets Party – Christmas Party Weekend

Date: Fri 27th Nov - Sun 29th Nov, 2026

Venue: Port Elliott Showgrounds Caravan Pk.

Leader: Pam Humeniuk & Committee

Cost: \$40 per head. Children under 12 Free of Charge

Convoy: Unlimited (6 booked)

Comment: A fun weekend, starting with an optional dinner at the Royal Family Hotel on Friday night and then on Saturday a fabulous Christmas Dinner, with many options of salads, meats and sweets, with all the trimmings.

A great band playing all the tunes you like. Sunday morning your social committee and volunteers will cook a great recovery breakfast

All included in your \$40 per head for the weekend. What a bargain!!

Kris Kringle is part of the fun. If you are a boy bring along a gift suitable for a boy, and if you are a girl.....(you get the idea!). Don't spend more than \$15.00. Please all participate in this,

its good fun and causes lots of hilarity.

We have the whole caravan park booked out. Please go onto Trybooking and book yourself in. You will be asked to pay for dinner - \$40 per head. Children under 12 no cost. Don't book for kids on Trybooking if they are under 12. Just send me a separate email.

You will also be asked to advise when you are arriving, whether you are camping and what size of van/camper/tent you will have. You will also be asked if you require power or unpowered, You do not pay any money for your camping at this stage.

You pay for your camping fee powered per night \$30 per site or \$12.50 per person per night unpowered on arrival in November. These prices may change – I have not been able to verify with the park at this stage.

You are also asked to advise if you wish to attend dinner at the Royal Family Hotel on the Friday night. (It is a short walk from the caravan park to the hotel). This of course is at your own cost.

The Showgrounds Caravan Park does not have cabins. The Breeze Holiday Park, Port Elliott, has other options, from 3 bedroom cottages, two bedroom villas to budget cabins. 85542134. (prices of course vary enormously)

This park is approx. 3 kms from the showgrounds so would necessitate driving on the Saturday night, unless we have enough people staying there and we can organise a small mini bus. (This can be worked out later) If you don't want to camp, I would urge you to book now. You can always cancel later as this is their busy period and they book out quickly. There are motels and Air B&B's so there are manner options for non campers.

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

*** NEW ***

13. Beachport 2027

Date: Fri 22nd – Tues 26th Jan 2027

Leader: Timothy Welch

Convoy: 20 vehicles

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

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

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

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

Day 3, Sunday - 0830 Pre Trip meeting. 0900

Depart for day of driving from Beachport to Carpenter Rocks via main roads and dirt tracks. Then return to Beachport via tracks and beach through Canunda National Park and South End beach. Packed lunch required.

Day 4, Monday - .TBA

Day 5, Tuesday - 0800 Free Breakfast at Centennial Park, Somerville Street, Beachport 0900 Australia Day Awards Ceremony at the same location before heading back home

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

Location: Based at Southern Ocean Tourist Park, Beachport. Minimum four nights, powered site \$38 per night, unpowered \$32.50 per night. NB: Prices subject to change for 2027. Cabins and Villas also available.

*** NEW ***

14. Central Australia and WA Expedition EOI

Date: July-Mid Sept 2027 (up to 10 weeks)

Leaders: Peter and Sandra Harper

Terrain: Sandy deserts, muddy roads and sealed road driving

Rating: Easy to hard

Convoy: 6 vehicles

Comment: Leaving Adelaide on 1 July 2027 we plan to travel north along the bitumen and visit the iconic spots in central Australia, including Uluru, Olgas and Kings Canyon. Sure, this might involve a bit of doubling back but I reckon it is worth it to see these features.

If necessary, we could go to Alice for supplies etc, but that is not really the plan.

After Central Australia, we will travel via the Gary Junction Road to the Pilbara. We will spend about 10 days seeing the Pilbara before heading south to see the wildflower country in the northern wheat belt and then on to Margaret River.

After Margaret River, we will visit the south coast via Albany and Esperance, then across the Nullarbor home. If there is time, we will take the slow road home.

True off-road vans and trailers will be OK. But remember, the heavier the towed vehicle, the greater the wear and tear of the whole rig. Outback roads are notoriously hard on suspension.

At the moment, this is an EOI and we could complete in 3 phases, Central Australia, Pilbara and Margaret River. Campers could join and leave the trip as their time permits.

As we get closer to the trip, there will be a few planning meetings for those wanting to go where we will refine the details, including early

application for permits etc.

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

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!



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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
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 Jun 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
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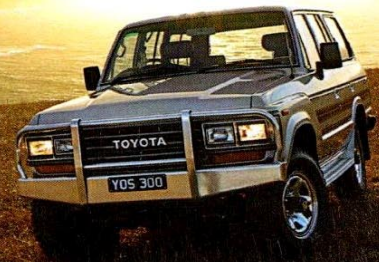
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OH WHAT A FEELING

VALE - BILL ASHBY

I note in today's paper Bill's passing. Bill was a regular participant on Club trips and often joined by his daughter Hilary. Bill came off the land with the family having large holdings in the southeast. He was a no nonsense guy, lived by the travel light motto and just enjoyed being back out bush. Hilary would say the family had no idea what happened when he was away as he was a quiet type which is why she joined trips so she could find out.

I enjoyed Bills company on several trips including the Canning in 2011 where he drove the near 10,000 km round trip solo. I recall him one morning near Giles walking around camp with one boot on. He found the other 300 metres away but the dingo had given it a fair old chew!

Two years ago he phoned me to say his trusty Hilux had been broken into and all his camping and recovery gear was stolen. In his mid 80s then he contemplated replacing it but then decided his camping days were over. He let his membership lapse but was ever so grateful for the wonderful memories he had during his time with the Club. Farewell Bill.

Darryl Royans



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Paul Hoskins



Guest Speaker Review

Grant Walden - Allin Towbars

Paul Hoskins introduced Grant Walden, GM Operations & Business Development from Allin Towbars and Accessories, who talked about the history of Allin.

Allin's was formed in 1946 by Noel Allin and begun building trailers on Unley Road. A year later the company moved to Richmond Road, where 79 of their 80 years of manufacturing in SA have occurred. The company was bought by Grant's Father-In-Law, Ron in 1983. Ron formed strong ties with car manufacturers, especially Mitsubishi, providing towbars. After the closure of Mitsubishi, new business options were needed.



Ron passed away in 2014, and his four daughters took over the business. Today, two of the daughters have retained the running of the business. Allins underwent a large renovation and expansion in 2017. Government contracts enabled the business to continue thriving during the Covid closures.



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Grant provided prizes to lucky winners of his quiz questions. He offered a club tour of Allin's facility later in the year. Paul thanked Grant and encouraged members to support the company, who are one of TLCCSA's major sponsors.

Written by Pam McDonald

Fella's Beware – This is a New Scam!

This is a "heads up" for you guys that go to hardware stores like Bunnings.

Now I don't know if this is an organised gang thing but it can be quite traumatic when it happens and please don't be naïve enough to think it won't happen to you. I've been caught and it's something I'll not forget for a while. The scam goes like this. I was loading stuff into the back of my car when these two young and good looking girls came up to me, each of them had cleaning equipment and offered to clean my car, one of these girls even had a battery operated vacuum cleaner. I thought this was an adaptation of those annoying windscreen washing guys that pounce on you when you are waiting at the traffic lights. Anyhow, these girls were better looking and very efficient and yes they did clean the windscreen which quite mesmerised me as they each had incredible attributes, two of them in fact, that defied gravity. It certainly made it difficult for me to concentrate on what I was doing. However, the bottom line is they did a good job and I offered to pay them but they said it was all part of the service of shopping at Bunnings but then came the "sting"

As it was close to lunch time they asked if I would give them a lift to Makkas, which was just down the road. How could I refuse as I thought one good turn deserves another. Both girls got into the back seat, which I was happy about because it felt decent but as we went down the road one of the girls started undressing and climbed into the front and began crawling all over me and flashing those aforementioned attributes. I became completely disorientated. Fortunately Makkas came to the rescue but it was not until they had got out of the car I realised that whilst one girl had successfully distracted me the other had stolen my wallet. I felt so violated. For reference, I had my wallet stolen on August 8th. I also had it stolen on August 9th, 15th and 16th, twice on the 22nd and three times on 23rd and it's likely I'll get it stolen again this weekend. So, guys, tell your friends to be on the look out, they could get caught as well. P.S. K-Mart has wallets on sale for \$1.99 each

Thanks Burjo

CHRISTMAS IN JULY – 2026



Thirty-four members gathered at the Stony Creek Bush Caravan Park for our annual Christmas in July celebrations.



On Friday night the weather was very kind, and for once not too windy. We gathered on Hancock's Lookout for happy hour and a lovely view of the sunset.

Afterwards our hosts Wayne and Kellie cooked us great pizzas which we were able to enjoy in the camp kitchen/dining area with the wood fire giving us a great cosy atmosphere. We are always grateful to Kellie for producing so many pizzas at one time, and catering for all the different food requests. Saturday morning saw clear, but cold weather and our members all chose different ways to occupy themselves. Some



slept in, some hiked in Alligator Gorge, or climbed one of the peaks, whilst others took the opportunity to be social and catch up with other members in the park.

Soon after lunch it was time to get the fires going and make coals for the camp ovens later in the day. Vlad Humeniuk and Peter Bradley began the process and once the fire was underway Jason Sabeeney and David Hemsworth donned their CFS fire protection equipment and the fire blazed.



We were able to procure the wood locally and it was delivered in a trailer all cut, ready for our use, by a local man. And we used the entire trailer load of wood.

About 4pm we had judging of the 'art parcels', which are everyone's vegetables wrapped ready for the fire in a creative way. Wayne and Kellie again were our judges, and Sue Stone was the lucky winner with her balloon.



The fire was gauged to be ready to receive the camp ovens about 4.15 pm and 14 camp ovens were put into the fire to be attended with care by Jason and David. We had pork, chicken and lamb which all took different times to cook and required different heats. The vegetable parcels were then allocated a place in the fire for cooking.



Well done to Jason and David and to all the others who assisted in ferrying wood from the trailer to the fire.

Whilst the meats and vegetables were cooking Brian Stone and Trevor Duggan entertained everyone with an original Frisbee game, played with frisbees meant for dogs - (so it won't hurt their mouths) – but don't worry we didn't ask members to catch the frisbee in their mouths!



Sue Stone and Carola organised the swapping of the Kris Kringle presents and lots of stealing and bartering went on.

Unfortunately, just as dinner was



almost ready, rain began and damped our evening. However, Wayne and Kellie came to our rescue with some marquees which we quickly erected and changed our seating to give everyone cover. Luckily the

rain did not persist, and the night sky cleared to lovely stars.



Dinner was ready about 7 pm and we sat down to a meal of roast meats, and vegetables, with all the trimmings, followed by Christmas puddings, custard and ice cream.



After dinner everyone pitched in to help with the dishes, and we had plenty of time to sit around the campfire and enjoy each other's company.





Sunday morning was cold and drizzling. Most of the group headed off to do a trip to Horseshoe Top-End, about 60 kms from Wilmington, led by Vlad Humeniuk. This private property has wonderful 4 WD tracks of varying difficulty. We tackled all the moderate tracks and were rewarded with stunning views of the countryside. The rain was intermittent, although the wind was strong, but we were able to stop, enjoy the scenery and breathe in the wonderful fresh air.



Several others drove the local iconic Bridle Track, down the escarpment to Port Germein – a great spot for lunch.

Returning to Wilmington we gathered for Happy Hour, and then it was off to the Wilmington pub for dinner. The pub is having some difficulties, and dinner was rather ad hoc, in comparison to our previous meals there. However, in true TLCCSA fashion, we all coped and had a meal. Then a return to Stony Creek to enjoy the fire in the camp kitchen.

Monday morning was time to say goodbye, thank our hosts and return to our daily lives. Many thanks to the Social Committee for all their hard work, and to all our members who pitch in so happily.



Pam Humeniuk, Social TLCCSA

Photos by Louise S., Vlad H. and Horseshoe Top-end.

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When to Use Traction Control (and When to Turn It Off)

Traction control (TC) is a standard safety inclusion on nearly all modern vehicles. This automated system maximizes tire grip by detecting and mitigating excessive wheel spin. While TC operates seamlessly in the background during most driving, drivers occasionally encounter specific, low-traction scenarios. In these situations, overriding the system is necessary to maintain momentum and avoid becoming stranded.

Defining Traction Control

Traction control is an active safety feature that monitors the speed of each wheel, typically using the same sensors as the Anti-lock Braking System (ABS). When the system detects one drive wheel rotating significantly faster than the others, indicating a loss of adhesion, it interprets this as wheel slip. This differential speed triggers a response designed to restore the tire's grip.

The system's primary action is applying the brake to the slipping wheel, which transfers torque to the opposite, non-slipping wheel via the differential. Simultaneously, the electronic control unit (ECU) may intervene by momentarily reducing engine output, often by retarding ignition timing or limiting throttle opening. These interventions ensure that the power delivered never exceeds the available friction limit between the tire and the road surface. TC continuously manages torque delivery to maintain the highest possible level of forward momentum.

Driving Situations Where TC Must Remain Active

For the vast majority of daily driving and standard road conditions, the traction control system must remain fully engaged. Any scenario involving reduced friction, such as rain-slicked asphalt, damp leaves, or a thin dusting of snow, benefits from the system's rapid intervention. During acceleration on wet pavement, TC prevents wheel spin that could lead to a momentary loss of steering control or an uncontrolled swerve.

This automated management is particularly beneficial when encountering unexpected patches of low traction, such as crossing a frozen bridge deck or driving across spilled fluids. The rapid, minute brake adjustments are far faster and more precise than any human reaction. These adjustments minimize the kinetic energy lost to wheel spin and maximize the force directed toward forward movement, maintaining vehicle trajectory.

Even on dry roads, TC acts as a safeguard against driver error, such as applying excessive throttle when exiting a corner or quickly accelerating from a stop. The system constantly monitors the difference between wheel speed and vehicle speed, ensuring that tire slip ratios remain optimized for maximum grip. Leaving the system active is the standard procedure for maintaining safety and predictable handling.

Specific Conditions Requiring TC Deactivation

There are specific, low-speed, high-resistance scenarios where the goal shifts from maximizing grip to maintaining momentum, necessitating temporarily turning TC off. When driving through deep, unplowed snow, thick mud, or loose sand, the vehicle requires a certain degree of wheel spin to 'dig in' and clear material from the tire treads. The momentum generated by this controlled slip helps the vehicle power through the obstruction.

If TC remains active in these conditions, the moment a tire spins slightly, the system cuts engine power or applies the brake, halting momentum. This intervention, designed to prevent uncontrolled spinning on pavement, instead causes the vehicle to sink deeper into the soft material and become stuck. Deactivating the system allows the driver to intentionally use higher engine RPM and wheel speed to churn through the material, maintaining forward progress.

In certain high-performance driving environments, such as on a closed circuit, experienced drivers may choose to deactivate TC. This allows for controlled power-on oversteer or managing the car's attitude with the throttle, techniques that require intentional tire slip beyond what the safety system permits. For the average driver encountering a low-traction situation off-road, the primary reason for deactivation is functional: enabling necessary wheel rotation to escape a stuck condition.

Understanding Stability Control vs. Traction Control

Many drivers confuse traction control with Electronic Stability Control (ESC), though they are separate systems that work together under the vehicle's safety suite. Traction control focuses exclusively on longitudinal control, managing power distribution to prevent wheel spin during acceleration. Stability control, conversely, is concerned with lateral control, specifically managing the vehicle's yaw rate and preventing skidding.

ESC monitors steering angle, wheel speed, and yaw sensors to determine if the vehicle is following the driver's intended path. If the vehicle begins to understeer (plow straight) or oversteer (tail slides out), ESC selectively applies individual brakes to generate a counter-moment. This action brings the car back in line with the steering input, preventing spins and maintaining directional stability during sudden maneuvers.

The single button often labeled with a skid mark icon or "TC OFF" frequently controls both systems, or at least partially disables ESC when TC is fully turned off. While a driver might deactivate TC to power through mud, disabling ESC simultaneously removes a significant layer of protection against side-to-side skidding. Because ESC is a robust safety net against loss of control, it is recommended to only partially disable the systems if the vehicle allows, or to reactivate them immediately upon escaping the low-traction scenario.

Written by Liam Cope Engineers Fix

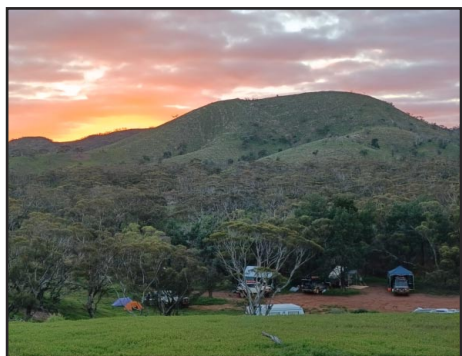
Kings Birthday Weekend 2026 Bendleby Trip (Part 2)

Monday 8th June - Bendleby by Sandra and Peter Harper

On the Bendleby side were Andrew and Pam, Craig, Peter and Sandra. We left around 9.30 am and headed off. We took in Pine Drive and part of Gum Gorge before heading to the Kokoda trail. From there we avoided the Link Track – apparently Pam's nemesis from another trip – and drove along Gum Creek Drive, up to the lookout, taking in the surrounding area which is looking so green, before heading back to the reception area and then the campsite where we found the people, who had done the Pat's Peak trail, already packed up and heading home. Pam and Andrew packed up their camper trailer, said their "goodbyes" and headed off too.

Craig, Peter and Sandra together with Andrew and Kerry had planned to stay another day and left on Tuesday morning.

Thank you to James and Lin for a wonderful and happy weekend.



After the two morning drives, more campers then packed up and departed, leaving just a few to enjoy an extra night in Lynch's campground. A thoroughly enjoyable and challenging weekend was had by all and new friendships were made, all under the expert guidance of wonderful trip leaders James and Linley.

Monday Pat's Peak: By James Edwards

While the others trekked off to the Bendleby side of the property with Pam & Andrew, and some stayed put, Lin and I led a rather excited team of 4 on the challenge of Pat's Peak about a 10 minutes drive from our campsite.

For those who haven't driven this

track, just getting to the peak is quite challenging with it being very steep and covered in loose shale, before the "real" fun begins with the descent. This particular morning the sun came out and was shining bright making the climb that more challenging as it shone directly down the hill into our faces making seeing the track almost impossible. Luckily we knew it was there (some where) so not totally driving blind, just by feel.



Once everyone had regrouped at the summit we then drove along the ridge line a short way before coming to the first of the 2 descents. The descents from Pat's Peak like any track changes over time due to weather and traffic so as is good practice in situations like this, everyone got out of their vehicles to survey the terrain and discuss the best lines to take. After taking in the large rocks and holes scalloped out of the side of the "mountain" everyone agreed to the best approach and proceeded back to their vehicles for the adrenaline rush that was about to hit. With a bit of spotting over the obstacles everyone made it down the hill without any damage or need for clothing replacement. Then it was along another short ridge line before commencing the final drop. Once again, everyone got out to have a look before committing and safely made it back to something that

resembled a normal altitude.

The tracks this year were in a better condition (from a roughness perspective) than previous years so on a whole didn't really pose too much of a challenge for most. As always, with a bit of spotting on the hairier sections and taking things slowly everyone was / is able to safely return ready for the next adventure.

Thank you to everyone for being a great bunch to travel with, it makes such a difference to how a trip flows and the enjoyment had.





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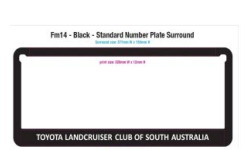
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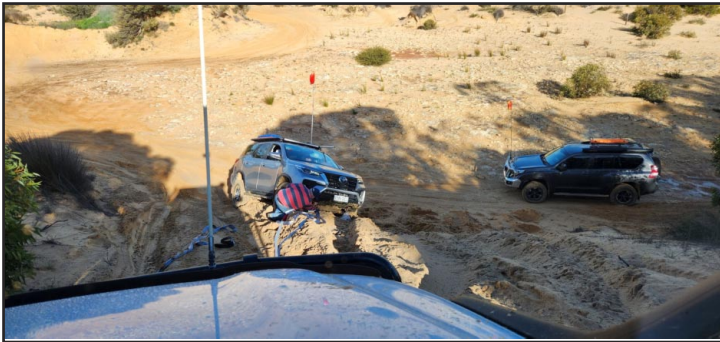
For new members or for those that haven't been for a while, it's definitely worth getting there to learn new skills or refresh your knowledge on driving techniques, safe recoveries and winning.

Craig Marchant



Amazing weekend with new friendships formed and the sausage sizzle was a real get together on Friday night, supplied by the Club. The group going to the High Country achieved their goals, so those going with Craig are getting very excited.

Geoff Green



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