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September 2026

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Monday
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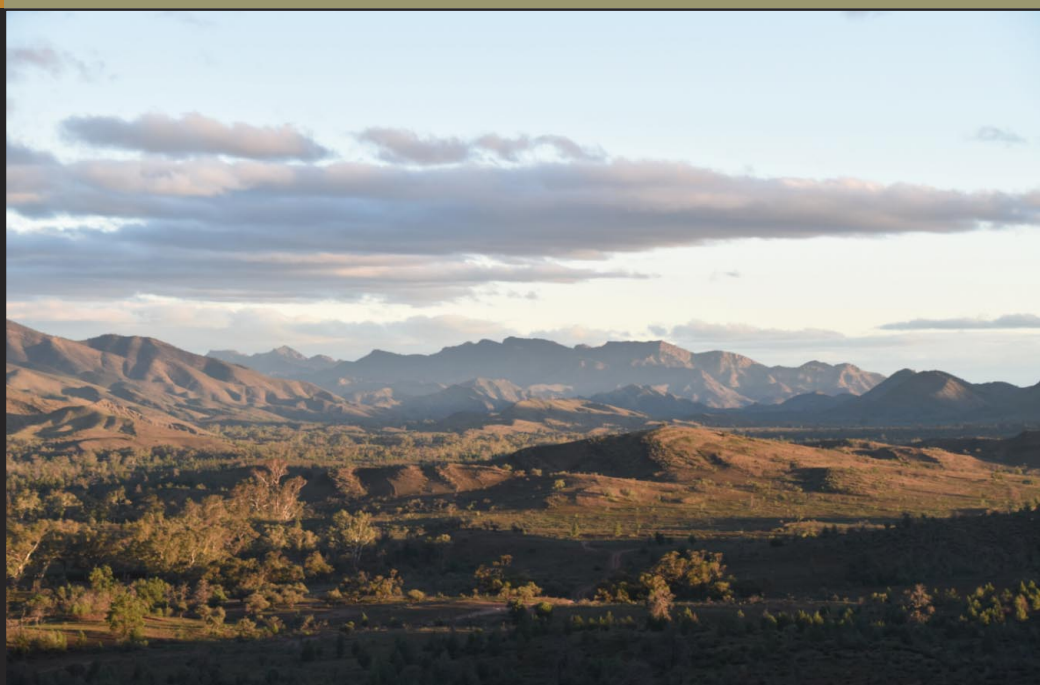
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from your President

Hello Members,

Firstly, big thanks to the abominable Craig Marchant for leading a not-snow trip into the Victorian High Country. Facebook posts showed they had a wonderful time despite all the training and preparation for snow that El Nino didn't deliver.

That wonderful time of the year is upon us. Lovely weather, opportunity to travel and see wildflowers, Father Christmas and of course, our Annual Club Awards in November.

We present awards in recognition of members who have contributed outstanding service over the year. The areas of recognition are Driver Trainer, Environmental Champion, Trips and Events Champion and Club Champion of the Year. Any member can nominate a member as recipient for an award. Send nominations via email to secretary@tlccsa.asn.au or in writing to any committee member with the name of the nominee, the award and a brief paragraph outlining the reason for the nomination by 31 October. Committee will consider nominations at the November committee meeting and choose the recipients.

At the recent committee meeting, committee looked at changing the Club year to be the same as the financial year. This will make our reporting to the Australian Tax Office (ATO) easier being a Not-For-Profit organisation. Consequently, this has an impact on various processes for proposed budget, setting of fees, the Club Annual Report and auditor's report and other events that occur at the Club's AGM. Committee have made several recommendations. A sub-committee, comprising of Simon Critchley, Paul Hoskins, Cathie Vincent, Heather Combeer and Darryl Royans will evaluate these recommendations, examine the Club Constitution, propose necessary changes and present their findings to a general meeting for acceptance. A headache, yes, but like four-wheel driving, don't get bogged down, engage first gear, even if it is low-range, and let's move forward.

Looking forward to seeing you 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



The **28th September 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/DHIXC>

SPECIAL NOTE The West Adelaide Football Club is able to open the kitchen for meals prior to the meeting if 20 or more bookings are made. Please indicate your intentions to dine on trybookings when confirming meeting attendance.



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Next General Meeting & AGM:

28th September 2026, 7.30pm,
West Adelaide Football Club.

Trip Reports:

Vic High Country - Jeff Vincent

Guest Speaker:

Narelle Hollis
Community Fundraising Specialist
Royal Flying Doctor

Newsletter Articles Deadline:

Friday 2nd October 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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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:

- There has been or there is now pending any claim against any Director or Officer in their capacity as either Director or Officer of this club or any other organization.
- 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,

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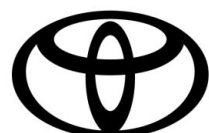
The club would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members for the month of September 2026.

- Gregory Hill from Gawler Belt
- Christine McDonald from Glenelg North
- Sean Allen from Banksia Park
- Jarak Flight from Athelstone

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

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club yearly calendar - 2026 / 27

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 Morgan-cancelled
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

Club Awards

Nominations are needed before the November meeting for the following categories

- Club Champion
- Environment
- Trips & Events
- Training.

If you think there is a member who has performed particularly well for the club in any of these areas, please nominate them to

Secretary Cathie (secretary@tlccsa.asn.au) or President Simon (pres@tlccsa.asn.au) or any of the Committee

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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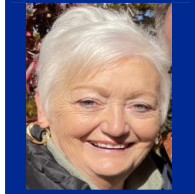
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trip ratings

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".

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events calendar

Register now via
trybooking.com

1. 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 you 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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2. 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>

3. Ralph Abbot Argadells 2026

Dates: Fri 2nd - Mon 5th Oct 2026

Leader: James & Linley Edwards

Convoy: Unlimited (14 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>

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4. Arkaroola and Mexican Poppies Eradication - EOI

Date: Thurs 8th - Tues 13th Oct 2026

Leader: Pin & Kim Needham

Convoy: 12 people (8 booked)

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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5. Lions Club Yankalilla Run

Date: Sat 10th October 2026

Leader: Vlad Humeniuk

Rating: Moderate

Convoy: 20 vehicles (8 booked)

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>

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6. Tour of Adelaide Oval.

Date: Thurs 15th October, 2026 10.00 am.

Leader: Sue Bradley

Convoy: 50 (min 10) (13 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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7. 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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8. Historic Vehicle Gathering & Run

Date: Sun 22nd November, 2026

Where: Euchunga Memorial Institute, 23 Adelaide Rd, Euchunga

Leader: Darryl Royans & Michael Polacek

Convoy: Unlimited (10 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>

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9. 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 (18 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>

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10. Beachport 2027

Date: Fri 22nd – Tues 26th Jan 2027

Leader: Timothy Welch

Convoy: 20 vehicles (1 booked)

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 gauge, tyre pump, UHF radio and max trax (if you have them).

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

Please register on Trybooking and also contact Southern Ocean Tourist Park on 8735 8153 to book a site and pay a deposit.

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

11. Central Australia and WA Expedition EO

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 (6 booked - wait list available)

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 EO 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 an 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!

REMINDER -

WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE PROUDLY



Mexican Poppy Information

Mexican poppy, or Argemone mexicana, is a hardy, spiny, yellow-flowered weed that is toxic but has traditional medicinal uses.

Description and Identification

Mexican poppy is an erect annual herb that can grow up to 1.5 meters tall, with a slightly branched taproot and a prickly stem that exudes yellow latex when cut. Its leaves are thistle-like, lobed, and spiny, with bluish-green or greyish-green coloration and prominent white veins. The plant produces solitary, bright yellow flowers 2.5–7 cm in diameter, with numerous stamens and a central purple stigma. Fruits are spiny, oblong capsules containing numerous small seeds about 1–1.7 mm in diameter.





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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
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
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
Sat 24th Oct 2026		Ozi Explorer & Explore Oz	TBA			https://www.trybooking.com/DMCJO
Sun 25th Oct 2026		Trip Planning	TBA	\$20		https://www.trybooking.com/DHYVK
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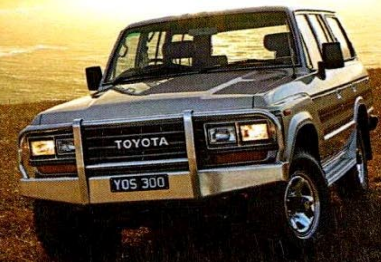
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More time to socialise with fellow club members, as the meetings can be rushed.

To enable this, there has been a modification to the TryBooking site for club meetings, asking for interest in booking for dinner.

However, to ensure this starts well, for the September meeting, Monday 28th, I need to give the kitchen 1 week notice. If you are wanting to attend for dinner on this night, (kitchen open at 5.30), please email me, or message me, by Thursday 18th September.

If insufficient numbers, I will contact you 1 week prior to the meeting.

Many thanks

Chris Adams for the Social Committee

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SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE MONTH

No nominations have been received this month.

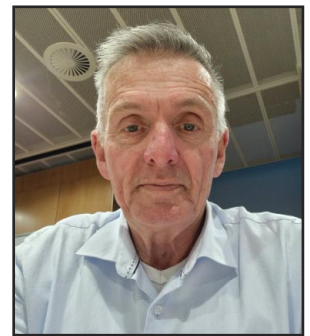
If you have had a good experience with a service provider and would like to acknowledge their professionalism and dedication, please write a short story and send it to the editor and reward them for their excellence.

Guest Speaker Review

Greg Hudson - Heavy Vehicle National Advisor from the Torrens to Darlington Alliance – Tunnelling Project.

Paul Hoskins introduced Greg who preceded to inform us of the \$15 million project over the next 5 years with the tunnel digging taking 2 and half years, followed by the electrical and other works. The project will run 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. The work is between the Brickworks Market and Tonsley and will facilitate driving without stops between Nuriootpa and Old Noarlunga.

The upper level will retain access to local services and there will be Linear Park type recreation areas developed around the area. It will do away with travel through 27 sets of traffic lights, saving approximately 40 minutes in peak times and will be toll free.



Five and half thousand people will be employed once all three Tunnel Boring Machines (TBM) are running. Currently only TBM Mary is running. Each TBM is 15m in diameter, 100m long, weighs 4000 tonne and requires 20 workers each 12-hour shift to move 8 -10m/per day. The TBMs will be saved, rather than being buried, as occurs in the majority of projects. 67,000 segments are required for the project, with 10 segments making up each 12-15 tonne tunnel rings which are trucked from Waterloo Corner. 8.5 million tons of earth will be moved to the Old Dean Rifle Range in Gilman, raising the ground level from 0.5m to 7.5m above sea level over 146 hectares, via 400 trucks/day. All contaminated soil requires treatment before it is dumped and there are 53 Government environmental orders that must be complied with. Road decks, weighing 30 tonne each, will need to be transported on trucks with especially modified suspension. There will be a cross tunnel every 150m, providing emergency access. 27 bridges over the top will be provided for pedestrians and traffic. At least two lanes of traffic will remain open on South Road for the duration of the project. Used on site will be 1 million cubic metres of concrete, 300,000 tonnes of asphalt, 135,000 tonnes steel, 200kms of pipework and 22 km of conveyer belts.

There were many questions including:

- Ventilation,
- The quality of the soil dumped – it will be capped and allow to settle before the area is opened for industrial development.
- The maximum depth of boring – 20-30m.
- Issues with water – yes, there is a sink hole near the Brickworks which has soil dumped on it
- Tunnel location in relation to water courses.
- Major roads connecting into the tunnel – yes, much like Port and Grange road currently.
- Water used – mostly recycled, and solar used for electricity
- What will happen to the boring machines – they will be reused on other projects.
- Will the TLCCSA drivers be the first to be permitted to drive the tunnel! – NO.

Paul thanked Greg and presented him with a token of appreciation.

Volunteer Celebration Day | 8 November 2026



Please save the date for our upcoming Volunteer Celebration Day.

Event Details

Date: Sunday 8 November 2026

Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Location: Pichi Richi Park, Quorn

Accommodation: Available on Saturday 7 November at Pichi Richi Park

This event will provide an opportunity for volunteer groups from across the region to come together, reflect on achievements, share experiences, and celebrate the valuable contributions volunteers make to our communities and landscapes. The celebration will also coincide with the inaugural Sturt Desert Pea Festival, taking place at the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden in Port Augusta on Saturday 7 November 2026.

We Would Love Your Input To help make the day meaningful and engaging, we invite suggestions and contributions, including: Presentations showcasing the valuable work being undertaken by your group Volunteer success stories and experiences that could be shared with others.

For further information please contact Pin Needham



Moolooloo Cactus Cull June 2026

In 2022, the TLCCSA Environment Officer Michael Polacek, began discussions with Tarina and Reece Warren of Moolooloo Station whether we could assist with the eradication of Wheel cactus (*Opuntia robusta*). This nationally declared weed had been silently taking over their landscape for many years. In March 23 TLCCSA trialled *Cactoblastis* (*Cactoblastis cactorum*) harvested from a remote locality in nearby Gum Creek Station. While *Cactoblastis* was successful in Qld, it failed to have the desired effect. Now using preferred biological control Cochineal (*Dactylopius coccus*), the TLCCSA began

treatment in mid-23, mid-24 and unfortunately cancelled mid-25 due to unseasonable rains and closed roads. 2026 will be our third year.



PARTICIPANTS

Michael Polacek (Trip Leader), Chris Adams, Graham Adams. (Field Leader), Solveiga Asaris, Simon Critchley, Trevor Duggan, Ray Gedritis, Pam Humeniuk, Vlad Humeniuk (Field Leader), Andrew McDonald, Pam McDonald, Kim Needham, Brian Stone, Sue Stone.

DAY 1 - Sunday 14 June:

Nineteen club members registered for the event but as time approached, only fourteen members committed themselves to the task. Four members stopped at the Blinman nursery with the hope of finding Cochineal only to find none. Apart from finding dead Wheel and Devil's Rope pads, a dozen more fresher Wheel cactus pads had been laid. With possible scant areas of Cochineal to harvest, six members on the way stopped at a nearby property with the hope of finding Cochineal. Luckily Cochineal was found and harvested. Club members arrived throughout the day via Glass Gorge Road from the Blinman end that had been recently been graded. The Parachilna end was still closed to traffic. Five members took up lodgings in the Shearers Quarters while the rest brought caravans.

By late afternoon, a briefing was held to discuss the coming event. Tarina & Reece Warren's daughter Julia who had done some agricultural studies also joined the briefing and was intrigued in our activities. It was planned that we would work two groups in 100m allotments starting from around 8.30am next morning east of Moolooloo homestead.

DAY 2 - Monday 15 June:

More cochineal had to be sourced from plants closer to the homestead. Many of the plants found were only 4 – 5 wheels high indicating being only 3-4 years old, but some plants were quite old. Evidence of *cactoblastis* activity was found in one plant south of the road. The two groups set out to walk four sectors alongside the PAR east of the homestead on the road to Ferguson Gorge. More cochineal was needed after the mornings work, so we proceeded to Witchies campground and filled the trailer with more infected pads for the following days.

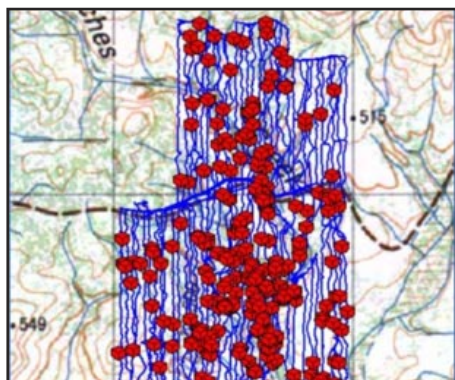


That night we all enjoyed a BBQ supplied by the club a delicious apple slice made on site by Sue Stone. Once again, Julia joined us for the fun and fellowship.

Tally for the day: 239 cacti over 158 waypoints.



DAY 3 - Tuesday 16 June:



Work continued back out to the east with both groups completing Patch A and Patch B. The terrain on Patch B was very varied with cliff edges, ridges and heavy vegetation. This was an exhausting and long day time wise. Occasional thunder could be heard but no precipitation occurred. Inclement weather has been forecasted for Wednesday.

It was thought at first that the area would be less infected than others, but this was not the case. More plants would be found down-stream and surrounds. Witches Creek is a major tributary to the Oratunga Creek system. In the evening most of the group entertained ourselves playing 5 crowns and Trains

Tally for the day: 445 cacti over 276 waypoints.



DAY 4 - Wednesday 17 June:

With rain estimated mid-afternoon, it was decided to start only two search runs. The last part of the track to Witchie's Camp proved difficult for off road parking, steep, heavy vegetation and creek cliff edges. The two runs were completed around midday, so it was decided to search north an area 800m wide west of the western side of the road which proved fruitful in finding many more cactus. The steepness of the northern hills limited our searching northwards despite more cacti could be seen further up the slopes. Of the plants, many were aged, but it was evident that a new population of younger plants were emerging.

A few plants were found infected with Cochineal which is encouraging which also supplemented our dwindling stocks. We had to abandon further runs due to the onset of inclement weather. The incoming wind driven rain was solid and consistent for around 7 – 8 hours. Back at the shearers quarters the area became muddy but we again entertained ourselves by the fire and playing games. It was estimated up to around 8mm would be received.



Tally for the day: 575 cacti over 290 waypoint locations.

DAY 5 - Thursday 18 June:

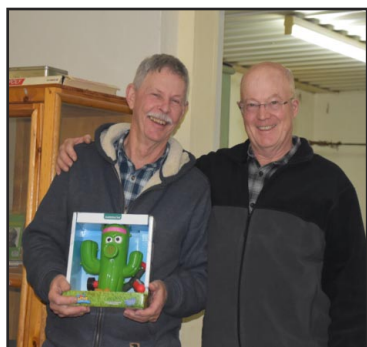
Set as a rest day, drives to local sights were abandoned due to the wet and muddy roads. The wind dropped significantly in the morning but later sprung up to assist the road surfaces to dry.

Solveiga Asaris and Kim Needham made a random walk northwards of the homestead and their observations were very surprising. Recorded on GPS were - 109 waypoints for 170 cacti which included 4 x Devil's Rope. Also were 28 plants infected with Cochineal. Plants with enough Cochineal for future harvesting were also recorded.

Light rain began again around midnight for the next 12 hours. It was estimated up to another 6mm may be received.

Trevor Duggan cooked a great batch of scones for all of us to share. A group of us went for a walk up to Sunset Boulevard for a stretch and admired the beautiful views.

After tea, we had a quiz night. Simon Critchley prepared six rounds of 10 questions. We were split into 4 teams, Tags, Cactus Cullers, Chicken Dinner and Cactus Killers with Tags eventually winning the competition.



Graham Adams - Captain of Tags Team



Kim Needham - Cactus King



Ray Gedrits - Data Mng



Winning Team - TAGS



Day 6 Friday 19th June

With light rain still falling, it was decided to harvest Cochineal from the original Devil's Rope site and infect (at least) the sites north of the homestead. A final collection of Wheel cactus pads would be gathered to refurbish the nursery at Blinman. Unfortunately, it was considered the condition of the track was deteriorating even more so it was decided after Devil's Rope, the group would pack up and travel 'as one' to Blinman.

The overall tally for the week: 1263 cacti over 728 locations.

By the time everyone was packed the roads became very slippery and some difficulty was experienced leaving the shearers quarters. In true TLCCSA style, everybody was looked after in negotiating the various danger points. Travelling along the Glass Gorge Road, muddy road conditions became worse and car



and caravan combinations were becoming difficult to control. We were all down to Low 4WD with traction control systems turned off. We came across a tourist couple with a car and caravan who were hopelessly bogged. Graham Adams stopped to assist and suffered the same fate. Progressively vehicles (Vlad & Pam) became bogged with Ray towing vehicles out before he too became bogged. Michael also became bogged and then came to the rescue, winching Ray, Graham & Christine and

the tourists out of their bogs. All of the mud covered max tracks were loaded into the trailer. It took over four to travel the 23km to Blinman. We were very pleased to have trainers Michael and Andrew with us who calmly managed the situation and got us all safely to Blinman.



At Blinman, some of the team members cleaned out the cochineal nursery and restocked it with fresh cactus pads that were interspersed with new infected pads. Some of the group decided to travel to Hawker, stay the night and have dinner at the pub whilst others continued their journey to home. Many thanks to Michael for cleaning all of the max trax and the club trailer when he arrived home.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

1. To Tarina and Reece Warren for their support and generous offer of free accommodation whilst on site (thank you).

2. To Michael Polacek (Trip Leader), Ray Gedritis (Data Manager), Graham Adams and Vlad Humeniuk (Team Leaders) for their organisation and leadership.

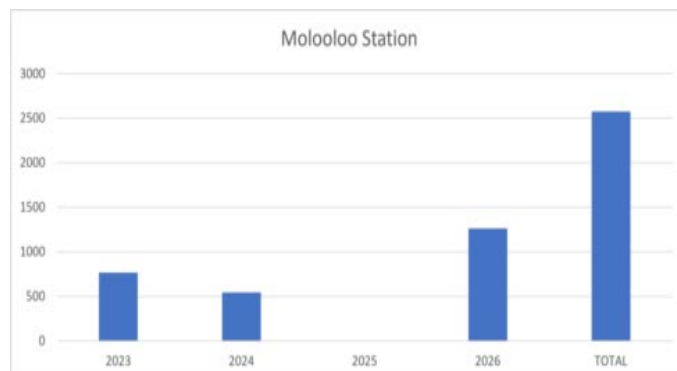
3. To Ralph Abbot, AOM of the Toyota LandCruiser Club SA who sadly passed away in February of 2025. Ralph had been the inspiration to our Club, kindred clubs and community groups for the eradication of cactus particularly in the Flinders Ranges. Ralph has been the backbone in producing and archiving such technical reports in the past, so we hope to continue his legacy under the TLCCSA banner for many years to come.

4. To the members of the TLCCSA and who volunteered their time, efforts, energy and photography in this challenging cactus cull.

TLCCSA manhours expended in the field	324 Hrs
TLCCSA kilometres travelled in the field	174 km
TLCCSA kilometres travelled overall	9,642 km

The bar graph shows a total of 2,574 cacti found on Moolooloo Station during 2023, 2024 & 2026.

Written by Ray Gedritis and Brian Stone





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Victorian High Country Snow Trip – August 2026 (Part 1)

Dates: 15th to 21st August 2026

Trip Leader: Craig Marchant Participants: Michelle and Leon Stiglingh, Andrew Mannix, Leigh Brown, Peter Bradley and Jeff Vincent

Day 1 – Team Meet, Drinks and Dinner at a Brewery

We all met at the Mansfield Holiday Park at 5pm for our team meet and greet. The usual paperwork was completed, and being a warm and sunny afternoon, we sat around for a little while, having beer o'clock and re-acquainting ourselves.

The Mount Buller Brewery is an easy 10-minute walk from the caravan park, so we made the most of the nice weather and strolled around for another drink or 2. The brewery does nice pizza's, so with this potentially being our last night before 7 days off grid, we made the most of it, and ordered lots of food.

The pizzas are quite a decent size and some of us were able to control ourselves, planning to use food warmers to heat up left overs for lunch/dinner tomorrow. It was a good evening, and a nice way for a couple of the crew who hadn't met the others, to get to know each other.



Day 2 – A winter morning, Mountain ascents and an Alpine Hut

We woke to a chilly high-country morning. -1c so the cars had an ice covering on them. It was a perfect winters morning. Clear, no wind and once the sun rose, so did the temperature, and steam started rising off the damp ground.

It needed to be an early start this morning as we had 140km to do before ascending beyond Woods Point. We were on the road at 8:30am, with spirits high and the excitement building as we passed Jamieson and onto the Woods Point road. Following the Goulburn River as it gently ascends the valley, it's a great drive.



Arriving at Woods Point, we aired down and had morning tea by the river. 4c at 10:30am, it was a little reminder of how different it is once you ascend the mountains. Before leaving Woods Point, we had to get the iconic photo of the crew in front of the Commercial Hotel.



It's a dirt road from Woods Point (Woohoo!) which continues to ascend to 1,000m before we turned onto the Walhalla Road and headed east to Mt Selma. At about 1,300m, you would normally expect to see a smattering of ice and snow but not

today. It had been one of the warmest starts to winter they'd had in a while, so unfortunately for us, no snow! ☹️

The trig point at Mt Selma is 1,450m and a popular place to go if you want to do some snow driving. Even at this altitude, it was unseasonably warm. We spent an hour up there having lunch. Barely any wind and warm sunshine, it was amazing to be this high up and be able to stand around chatting away, having our left-over pizza and sandwiches, in what could be considered summertime weather.



The original itinerary had us continuing on the Mt Selma Road, then South Rd and onto our camp spot, but with the weather being so warm and the conditions perfect for a bit of cross-country driving, we decided to take a more adventurous route south. Mt Selma Tk takes you down to the Aberfeldy River and is an easy drive in dry conditions. When wet though, you need to be more careful as there are sections that are a bit muddy and slippery.



Particularly the last section just before the river, that has a clay base, is steep, off camber and rutted. You need to drive the ruts carefully to avoid panel and underbody damage, and keep your car under control.

At the bottom of the ruts, and after crossing the river, one of the crew admitted “that was the most uncomfortable I’ve ever felt in my car!”



We turned onto McGuire's Tk and continued SE through the forest. The track was in good condition, making it an easy drive as we coasted along past tall gums, big ferns and gently flowing streams.

There's so much interesting history in the area relating to the gold rush period. It is worth stopping and reading some of the historical markers.

Continuing onto Springs Rd, then Donnelly Creek Tk, we were at our camp spot by 4pm, Store Point Hut. A really nice location, with an alpine



hut in great condition and an open fire, it made the perfect overnight camping spot for our group.

It wasn't long before we had the fire on, and were able to sit down in the relative comfort of a warm alpine hut having beer o'clock. As the evening approached, we stoked up the fire, opened a bottle of Brown Brothers Port, and with plentiful amounts of dark chocolate, had an enjoyable evening of laughs and banter.

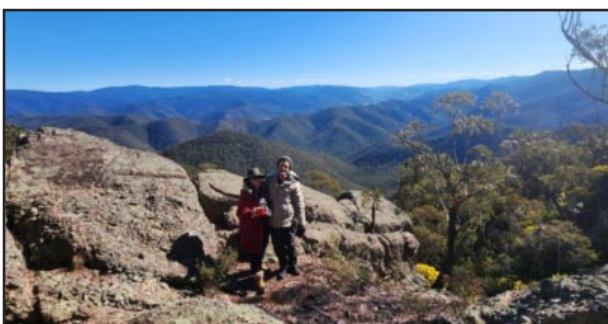


Day 3 – More alpine views, amazing weather and camping at altitude

We woke to a crisp winters' morning (-1c) with the cars having a nice layer of ice on them. Another calm morning, the sun rose and started defrosting the cars. The fire was restarted in the hut, to give us some reprieve from the cold while we had breakfast and got the day underway.

This morning's tea break was McMillians Lookout, a nice drive that 1st takes you down to the Macalister River, then further east on Hickeys Creek Tk to the lookout. On the way Peter discovered his auxiliary battery was not charging. Oh no, with a weeks' worth of food inside, this was not good.

Once we got to the lookout, Andrew was able to diagnose the problem. Using a multi-meter to trace the circuit from the cranking battery, it was quickly spotted that the cable connecting to the auxiliary battery had some loose connections. It may have been spotted just in time, as the terminals had started to melt due to the poor connection, potentially creating a bigger issue.



From the lookout, you get great views of the Licola valley, and west towards Burgoyne Tk and the Macalister River.

With another perfect day weather wise, we continued cruising along, turning north on Mt Margaret Tk. This is one of the longest ridge line tracks you can do. From the Hickeys Creek Tk turn off, its 40-50km to the Tamboritha Rd. So quite a drive in low range as you crest the ridge lines and drop down into the saddles.



We stopped at the base of Mt Margaret for a well earned lunch. Once again, the weather was warm and pleasant, so surprising for this time of year. Our planned camp spot for the night was a popular one. This generally means firewood can be scarce, so we took the opportunity to collect up some easily accessible logs and load up the roof racks.

Another 12km had us arriving at the Tamboritha Road before the ascend commenced to Arbuckle Junction. We left camp at 9am this morning and with it now getting onto 3pm, we'd spent the majority of the day in low range, ascending and descending some great high-country tracks. It was at this point, one of the crew called out they thought



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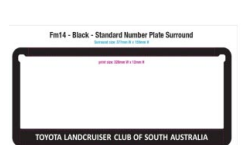
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their transmission was overheating. Oh no for a 2nd time today!

A discussion on the radio concluded it was likely still ok and within its operating range. We'd keep rolling on, and see if it slowly came down now that we were doing a high range ascend at between 40-60kph.

It certainly highlighted the need for everyone to know what normal looks like for their vehicle. What engine and trans temps generally look like on the Hwy vs long beach runs vs mountain driving for example. Operating ranges can be quite large and every vehicle is different. Some handle it better than others in OEM spec, and some makes/models can benefit from inter-cooler or transmission cooler upgrades for example.

Just like how the crew was able to fix the auxiliary battery issue, it was another example of the benefit of going on club trips. There's only so much you can learn and experience on training weekends. It's not until you go out and really start stressing your vehicle, will you learn all its ins and outs.

We continued on and not long after Arbuckle Junction at about 1,300m success! Our 1st snow citing! Woohoo. Well ice really. And you'd probably find more in your deep freezer, but it was at least a start. While a few of the crew helped Craig re-secure the firewood on his roof, the others went off to have a play with the snow.

With the afternoon ticking away, we pressed on as we were passed our normal beer o'clock time. By 5pm we'd arrived at The Pinnacles. Almost 1,500m but still no snow (Grrrr!) Oh well, the positive was that it was another calm and warmish evening. Incredible at this altitude.

The Pinnacles was severely impacted by the Dec / Jan '26 bush fires and it was amazing to see the extent of it. We had to laugh though when we stopped and got out of our cars. We'd spent quite a bit of time and effort collecting firewood at our lunch stop, only to end up camping in an area with more fallen trees and park ranger chopped up logs than anyone could ever utilize! Oh well, so we left all the firewood strapped to our vehicles, and quickly collected some fallen timber before making a big fire.



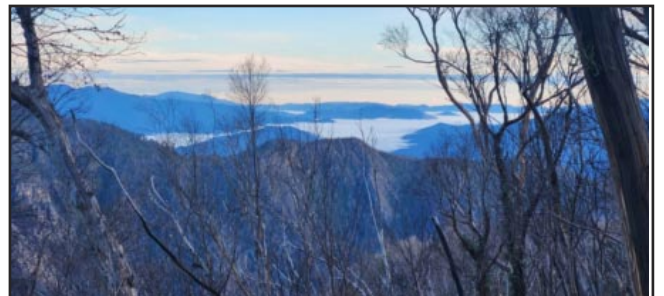
By the time we'd got the fire on and had beer o'clock, it was 6pm, so the crew made their dinner before settling down around the fire. After dinner treats tonight were Muscat and more dark chocolate. Yum! After a long day, we didn't stay up too late, with everyone tucked up in their warm beds by 10:30pm.

Day 4 – The Dragons Neck,

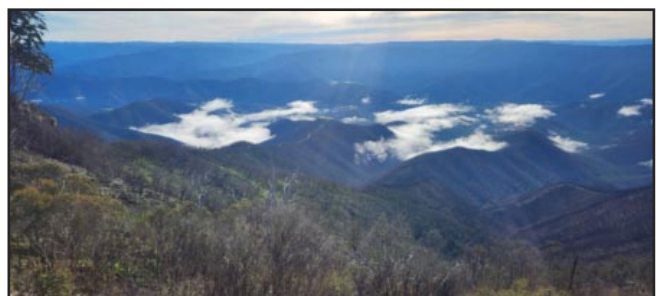
A pub lunch and sunburn in winter. The travel gods continued to shine on us. An unusually calm night had the mercury sitting at 3 degrees this morning. With no wind, there was barely a chill

factor, incredible at this altitude. Most of the crew went for early morning strolls, taking in the amazing views. It's not every day you can wake up above the clouds.

We all had simplified camp setups, so even with a casual pack up, everyone was ready to go by 9am. When the call goes out to engage low range straight out of camp, you know it is going to be a good day 😊 A couple of minutes after leaving camp, we were descending Billy Goats, and out on the Dragons Neck. With its drop offs on either side, it's not a spot you want to stop if you suffer from vertigo! But it does provide for some stunning panoramic view.



We spent 15 minutes up here, amazed again how in the middle of winter, and at nearly 1,500m it was so calm and warm. There should have been patches of snow and ice on the ground but we weren't complaining. Stunning views and you could also see the extent of the recent bushfire.



The whole area was blackened, with it now being in the early stages of recovery.

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