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Monday
23rd November, 2026

Monday
18th January 2027



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from your President

Hello Members,
The end of the year and the festive season are fast approaching. West Adelaide Football Club dining room will be open before the November general meeting so members can meet and enjoy some festive joviality. Meal bookings are included in the TryBooking general meeting booking. At our November general meeting our guest speaker will be our main sponsor, Cornes Toyota who will also present the annual Club awards. Cornes Toyota has graciously provided two wonderful prizes for our end-of-year raffle. Tickets are available at the November meeting and the Port Elliot Christmas Party.

October has been a very busy month, and sincere thanks go to many members who organized excellent activities. Many thanks to Sue Bradley for organising a very informative tour of the Adelaide Oval. It was fascinating to see the changes in the oval from the mid-1800s to today and hear about the many sporting legends who entertained us over the years.

Congratulations to Vlad Humeniuk for leading a dozen cars on the Lions Club Yankalilla Run, seeing spectacular sights from a privileged perspective whilst helping the Lions Club raise money to support their causes.

Thanks to Pin and Kim Needham for running the Mexican Poppies Eradication Trip into the Arkaroola region. Looking forward to hearing about their activities and the positive effect our members had on the environment.

A huge thank you to Gordon Combeer and the many members who assisted with the Adelaide 4WD and Adventure Show at Wayville, promoting the Club to the public, informing them of our purpose and activities and signing up new members.

Thank you to Darryl Royans and Michael Polacek for organising and running this year's historic vehicles gathering and car run. It is a good opportunity to crank over those old cylinders and meet with similar-minded people who are preserving older vehicles.
Thank you to Ray Gedritis for representing the Club and doing a presentation at the Volunteer Celebration Day and informing many other organisations and representatives of the exemplary work our Club does to improve our environment.
Congratulations to Andy Davis, Ray Gedritis and Graham Adams for successfully receiving a grant which will be used to purchase addition Club equipment.

Simon

Simon Critchley
TLCCSA President

NOVEMBER MEETING

The West Adelaide Football Club will be open for dinner on Monday 23rd November from 5:30pm to celebrate the festive season prior to our general meeting. Book now!!

https://www.trybooking.com/DHIXI

STOP PRESS

The **23rd November 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/DHIXI***

SPECIAL NOTE Please register!! Many members are attending meetings without registering making it difficult for the attendance officer.

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Next General Meeting & AGM:
23rd November 2026, 7.30pm,
West Adelaide Football Club.

Trip Reports:

Guest Speaker:
Daniel Munday - Cornes Toyota Dealer Principal

Newsletter Articles Deadline:
Friday 4th December 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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- *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,*

Welcome!

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

- Troy Johnstone from Two Wells
- Wade Laube from Panorama

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

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club yearly calendar - 2026 / 27

November 2026

Sat 7th ~ 2026 Desert Pea Festival

Sun 8th ~ SA Arid Lands Volunteer Celebration Day

Sat 14th ~ Wheel Bearing Maintenance

Wed 18th ~ Celebration of Life - Colin Brown

Sun 22nd ~ Historic Car Run

Mon 23rd ~ General Meeting & Dinner, WAFC

Fri 27th - Sun 29th ~ Christmas Party

December 2026

Sun 6th ~ Tyre Repair Training

January 2027

Mon 18th ~ General Meeting, WAFC

Fri 22nd - Tues 26th ~ Beachport

February 2027

Wed 10th ~ New Members Night

Fri 12th - Sat 20th ~ South Coast Beach Run

Sun 14th ~ Summer Brunch

Sun 21st ~ Caravan Safety Awareness Course

Mon 22nd ~ General Meeting, WAFC

March 2027

Fri 5th - Mon 8th ~ Clean Up Australia Cantara

Sat 13th ~ Sand Driving Training, Peake

Mon 22nd ~ General Meeting, WAFC

Fri 26th - Mon 29th ~ Bendleby

Club Awards



Who is going to win our prestigious club awards??

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

Be there at the November General Meeting on the 23rd to see who gets this year's honours. These awards will be presented by our gold sponsor, Cornes Toyota.

Dont forget to buy ***raffle tickets*** for the Cornes Toyota Prize at the meeting. You can now use your credit or debit card to pay if you wish.

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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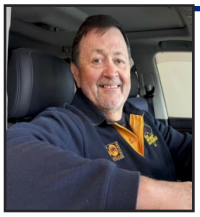

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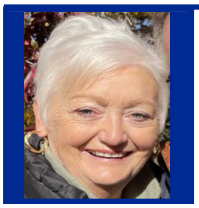

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trip ratings

***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.*

First Aid Resources

1. Trip leaders (and members generally) should be aware that TLCCSA has 3 first aid kits and 3 Defibrillators available to be taken on Trips, especially to remote areas.

2. These kits are to be taken even if there is no trained First Aider going.

3. All members are encouraged to get their First Aid training and to have their own first-aid kits.





events calendar

Register now via trybooking.com

1. Historic Vehicle Gathering & Run

Date: Sun 22nd November, 2026

Where: Euchunga Memorial Institute, 23 Adelaide Rd, Echunga

Leader: Darryl Royans & Michael Polacek

Convoy: Unlimited **(14 vehicles 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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2. Sturt Desert Pea Festival & Volunteer Celebration Day

Date: Sat 7th - Sun 8th Nov 2026

Venue: Arid Lands Botanic Garden, Port Augusta, then to Pichi Richi Park Quorn

Leader: Ray Gedritis / Pin Needham / Kim Needham

Detail: The Sturt Desert Pea Festival is free entry from 9am to 5pm with a Lions Club BBQ lunch. Guided tours pf the Arid Lands Botanic Garden & Sturt Desert Pea information. Guest Speaker is Sophie Thompson

https://www.trybooking.com/DOATH

Saturday night is at Pichi Richi Pass Park. Bring your caravan, camper, tent or stay in the accommodation facilities.

The Volunteer Celebration Day, hosted by the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board will run between 9:30am to 12:30pm and provide an opportunity for environmental volunteers from across the region to come together reflect on achievements, share experiences and celebrate the valuable contributions environmental volunteers make to our communities and landscapes.

https://events.humanitix.com/volunteer-celebration-aridlands

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3. 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 **(57 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

4. Beachport 2027

Date: Fri 22nd – Tues 26th Jan 2027

Leader: Timothy Welch

Convoy: 20 vehicles **(9 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 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.

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

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5. South Coast Beach Run

Date: Fri 12th – Sat 20th Feb 2027

Leader: Craig Marchant

Convoy: 4 vehicles **(3 booked)**

Rating: Long sections of beach which will be soft and at times difficult to drive on. Inland coastal tracks that will be rocky, rough or sandy.

Details: Starting at Little Dip C.P. travelling south via Canunda N.P. & Carpenters Rocks, Port MacDonnelll to Piccanennie Ponds to the S.A. / Vic Border. Back to Robe via beach and inland tracks. Finishing at Kingston.

Full recovery gear to include Maxtrax (or equivalent), snatch and extension straps. Long handed shovel.

Camping permits for national and conservation parks required.

https://www.trybooking.com/DQPFD

*** NEW ***

6. Summer Brunch

Date: Sunday 14 February, 2027.

Where: Home of Sue and Brian Stone, "The Birches" - 653 Kenton Valley Road, Kenton Valley SA 5233

What: Very Social

Numbers: unlimited

Cost: $10 per head.

Comment: Come along and start the year with a Social Brunch at members, Sue and Brian Stones' home. A yummy brunch will be cooked by the Social Committee, and includes welcoming bubbles and orange juice.

10.00 am start. Bring your own picnic table, chairs, tablecloth, cutlery, crockery, glasses and decorations. Prizes for fanciful decorations. Meet old friends, make new friends. Everyone welcome. Please note this event will be cancelled if the day is declared "Extreme or Catastrophic Fire Danger."

https://www.trybooking.com/DRAUM

*** NEW ***

7. Caravan Safety Awareness Course

Date: Sunday 21 February, 2027. 9am - 4pm

Where: Regional Transport Training Services facility, Nuriootpa, SA

Numbers: 6 Caravans

Cost: $10 per head.

Detail: The Caravan Awareness Course is conducted by the Rotary Club of Barossa District. The course facilitator is a professional driving instructor who has his own Transport Training business.

All proceeds go towards Rotary projects. The course is designed to help caravan owners and partners gain a better understanding of how to Tow, Load and Reverse your Caravan as well as other essential legal requirements pertaining to driving caravans on public road.

This, ONE DAY, course comprises of 2 parts - theory session followed by a practical session. It will be great if you can bring your own Caravan and partner! We want to help couples work together in all aspects of caravanning.

https://www.trybooking.com/DRHSA

*** NEW ***

8. Clean Up Australia Coorong NP & beaches

Date: Fri 5 - Mon 8 March 2027

Leader: Pin Needham

Rating: Moderate - sand driving.

Convoy: Unlimited

Comment: The Coorong is about 200km from Adelaide. Based at the Cantara Homestead there's plenty of camping area, or limited accomodation in the homestead, all with access to toilets and showers on site. CUA activity involves cleaning up the Coorong beaches and campsites. A well supported activity. Members usually arrive on the Friday beforehand (5th) to set up camp. Work is then carried out on the following day followed by a Club provided BBQ tea on the Saturday night. Possible clean up on the Sunday or a day of relaxation. Leave on Monday. Bring recovery gear, shovels, good gloves - footwear and sun protection.

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

https://www.trybooking.com/DRFIV

*** NEW ***

9. Bendleby Ranges Easter Trip

Leaders: James & Lin Edwards

Date: Fri 26 - Mon 29 March 2027

Convoy: 20 vehicles

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

Detail: Camp will be at one of the remote bush sites, suitable for vans, trailers & tents. Camp sites have toilets and please bring your own firewood. You wil need to be self sufficient for food & water. Fees are $100 for the weekend plus $39/night per person, ($117 pp for 3 nights). Please bring evidence of Basic 4WD experience especially ascent & descent training at either Morgan or equivalent . Rated recovery points & equipment are required.

https://www.trybooking.com/DRCMQ

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10. Central Australia and WA Expedition

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: 12 vehicles **(9 booked)**

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 re-imbursed.

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

https://www.trybooking.com/DIYRN

That's all for now folks!

On The Fence

Film Promotion

Wed, 18 November, 9:30-11:30 at the Piccadilly North Adelaide Cost: GA $32.41 or CA $27.19

My name is Harry Vincent and I'm the director of On The Fence, a new independent Australian documentary exploring the dingo, the 5,600km Dingo Fence, and the complicated relationship between dingoes, people and the Australian landscape.

We're bringing the film to Adelaide for a special screening and filmmaker Q&A, and I wanted to reach out to see whether the Toyota Land Cruiser Club SA might be interested in helping us spread the word. On The Fence has been more than five years in the making and was produced entirely independently. A significant portion of the documentary was filmed in South Australia, including some incredibly remote parts of the state.

The film follows the Dingo Fence and takes audiences through outback communities and landscapes while exploring dingoes, pastoralism, conservation, predator management and the very different perspectives of the people who live and work in these places.
Given TLCCSA's strong connection with four-wheel driving, remote travel and exploring South Australia's outback, I thought the film might be particularly interesting to your members.

Tickets and further information are available here:
https://events.humanitix.com/on-the-fence-adelaide-premiere-and-filmmaker-q-a
I'd be very happy to send through the poster, trailer, social media assets and some ready-to-use copy to make sharing the screening as easy as possible.
We're really excited to bring the film to South Australia, and any support in helping us get it in front of your members would mean a great deal.

training calendar 2026 — updated Nov 2025



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FROM	TO	ACTIVITY	WHERE	FEES	DEPOSIT	INFORMATION
Wed 11th Feb 2026	cancelled	New Members Night	SCC			https://www.trybooking.com/DHYVJ
Sun 1st Mar 2026	completed	Theory	SCC	$20 per person	$20 per person	https://www.trybooking.com/DHINY
Sat 7th Mar 2026	Sun 8th Mar 2026 completed	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 completed	Ascent - Descent	Morgan	NIL	$30 per vehicle	No cost for basic training for enrolled members.Deposit refunded on Saturday night https://www.trybooking.com/DHIOB
Sat 25th Jul 2026	Sun 26th Jul 2026 completed	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	cancelled	Theory	SCC	$20 per person		https://www.trybooking.com/DHIOD
Sat 5th Sep 2026	Sun 6th Sep 2026 completed	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 cancelled	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	cancelled	Ozi Explorer & Explore Oz	TBA			**https://www.trybooking.com/DMCJO**
Sun 25th Oct 2026	cancelled	Trip Planning	TBA	$20		https://www.trybooking.com/DHYVK
Sun 8th Nov 2026	cancelled	Basic Wheel Change and Pre-departure	Ironbank	$10 per person	$10 per person	Anyone enrolled in the training program who has not completed these two elements. https://www.trybooking.com/DHIOH
Sat 14th Nov 2026		Wheel Bearing Maintenance	Melrose Park			https://www.trybooking.com/DMCJL
Sun 6th Dec 2026		Tyre Repair	Ironbank	$20 per person		Fee covers the cost of materials and refreshments **https://www.trybooking.com/DHIOA**

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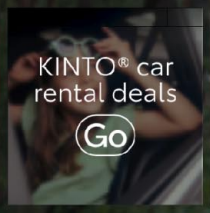

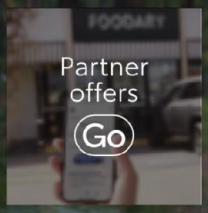

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Guest Speaker Review

Paul Hoskins - Life as A Semi-Trailer Driver



Paul gave a brief rundown of his personal and work history and then shared some invaluable insights into the challenges faced by truck drivers and how all motorists can better communicate and share the road.

Driving a truck has changed in Paul's time from 18m vehicles with no speed restrictions, to current day 50m road trains at controlled speeds. Things to be aware of when assessing an overtaking manoeuvre include the size of the vehicle, road conditions, quality of the road, size of the road and amount of line of sight you have.

Wet conditions can play a big part in your decision to pass a multi combination vehicle - longer vehicles have more axles and produce more spray.Paul explained the difference between the various types of trailers. By listening to channel 40 you can gather a lot of information on road conditions.

Typical length of a passing lane is 1000-1500m. Most truckies will sit on either 90kph or slightly over 100kph, which requires a lot of space to overtake them. Travelling at 90kph, the RT will cover the overtaking lane distance in 1 min and 8 seconds, requiring 108kmh to pass. Try to communicate with the truckie if you want to overtake and they will ease back a little to allow you to get around. Likewise, if the truckie is coming up behind you, let them know if the road ahead of you is clear and ease off for them to pass you.

Wind shear can be dangerous when trying to pass a road train and can push a caravan considerably. Paul displayed some webcam shots taken on the Augusta Highway showing drivers not leaving sufficient space to overtake and a car on the wrong side of the road hitting the front of a truck.

Questions and comments were taken on:
- Mechanical assistance on the vehicles.
- The back of the trailer can move around up to a metre from side to side.
- On how to ensure you are talking to the correct driver when trying to communicate on the road.
- If there is any requirement to mark how long the vehicle is for the driver behind to know the length of the vehicle – No.
- Road trains are limited to 90kph up to Port Augusta and 100kph beyond that
- The risk versus the amount of time gained by taking a risky manoeuvre and the commending the towing course supported by the club.
- A large space is required to pass a cyclist to avoid wind shear.
- Problems with tyres – issues are minimal if the company are maintaining well - in a truck with 80 wheels, one blown doesn't create too much trouble.



Simon made comment on communicating within the convoy to enable other vehicles to overtake safely and thanked Paul for the interesting presentation.



Celebration of Life - COLIN BROWN.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday 18th November 2:00pm - 5:00pm at the Henley and Grange Baseball Club, Bartley Terrace, West Lakes Shore. All members are welcome to attend. Please register on trybookings.

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Tour of Adelaide Desalination Plant.

On Wednesday 23rd September, 25 people took part in a tour of this very large facility at Lonsdale, owned and operated by SA Water. On arrival, we met in the Kauwi Interpretive Centre, and we were immediately impressed by this very attractive building. With rammed earth walls, and large windows overlooking the coastal waters, it had many informative displays to help educate visitors about water sources and their use in SA. We live in the driest state in the driest inhabited continent, and we were reminded of the millenium drought, and the severe water restrictions we were under in that time. Now the desalination plant operates in some capacity throughout the whole year, contributing to our water supply, and is very important for SA's water security.







We watched a video which helped explain the running of the plant, and then boarded a bus which took us on a drive through the very large 32 hectare site. Our guide Kylie explained the various locations and operations within each building.
The process begins with water being drawn in from the sea, through an intake tunnel 1.4 km offshore, 20 m deep, and is large enough to drive a bus through, being 2.8m in diameter. The water enters a plant where it is pretreated by filtration, then undergoes reverse osmosis, to produce pure water. Surprisingly, this is not drinkable, and needs to have various ions reintroduced, and it is cleaned and disinfected.

There are actually two identical plants able to process the seawater, each filled with miles of filtration pipes and reverse osmosis tanks. We were able to walk inside one of the plants, as it was not working at that time, but operations alternate between the two plants. Having this set up enables the filters to be cleaned, and maintenance to be carried out. We were very impressed with how clean it was, and were told that the high level of maintenance has enabled the equipment to run many years past their expected lifespan.

The Desal plant has been producing water since 2012, and if running at full capacity, can produce up to 300 million litres a day. The treated water is stored in massive storage tanks, then pumped to Happy Valley Reservoir and blended with treated water, so that we always have consistent water. From there, it may be distributed as far as Salisbury to the north, if needed, and down south to Port Willunga.
We also passed the 69,000 solar panels which contribute to the running of the plant.

The saline concentrate from production is dispersed through an outlet tunnel 1.4 km offshore. The salinity levels and water quality are continually monitored, and reported to the EPA, and there is said to be an improvement in the marine environment offshore.
The grounds have been landscaped and planted with local plant species, and have attracted many local birds. There is a short walking trail outside the plant which is publicly accessible and has three lookouts over the gulf. Some of us may return to explore this, as it looks very appealing.
We left feeling very impressed by the facility, and the planning that had gone into it. A lot of specialised knowledge has gone into the construction, and great care has been taken to make it sustainable, so that it will be an asset for our state into the future.

We were given some links to the SA Water website, with information which was interesting. Some links are: (but there are many interesting side links)

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Written by Chris Adams



Lions Club Yankalilla Fleurieu Run 2026

This year's run was on the Saturday (10th October), starting at the Yankalilla Oval at 8.30am. Fortunately, the wet weather troubling Adelaide and the Fleurieu on the previous day had abated somewhat, leaving us a great day for cross-country motoring. An easy drive to Yankalilla with a compulsory stop at the Bakery for breakfast. Great coffee and a fresh buttered Finger Bun did the trick.

The Lions people had things organised well, so payment of fee and grouping the cars went without a problem. TLCCSA was represented with 10 cars there, so thanks to:

Anthony Blaser and two guests (Frank Affede, Chris Tilley)
David Burgess and guest (David Stoneman)
Paul and Jennie Hoskins
Vlad and Pam Humeniuk
Tim Jarrett and partner Karina
Craig and Marilyn Kirton
Lee and Julie Livesley
Christine McDonald with Edmund and Anne Morries riding shotgun.
Tim and Deb Welch with Hannah and Toby



We were split into two groups as the 4 convoys were organised with 6 – 7 cars each. The run was in reverse this year, going south from Yankalilla along Hay Flat Road to Deep Creek Conservation Park, then onto Sheep Hill (just before Cape Jervois) along tourist roads. Next came 2 km of cross-country overgrown tracks to Starfish Hill and wind farm. Did not stop there as access was controlled in case "things fell off" the turbines. Onto Delamere past one of the Second Valley Forest Reserves for morning tea.



Then climbed up to Mt Rapid (277M) with great views across the gulf, before a very steep descent into Rapid Bay. Lunch was not at the primary school as in previous years (school holidays), so another very steep climb out of the Bay towards Second Valley. Again, steep grassy overgrown tracks down to the Valley and up the other side.

Lunch was in the gullies behind Wirrina alongside the creek. Lots of wildflowers here and everywhere.

After lunch, more track driving around the base of Baker Nob, in the Kalamunda Forest and the gullies of the Yankalilla River. Again steep up and downs, with magnificent views on the "ups", not only to the gulf but also inland. Another steep decline to the west to join the main road at the Hobart Memorial and off home.

Thanks to the Lions Club of Yankalilla for organising this event and to our participating members for driving with care. I like not having to record any incidents!

Vlad Humeniuk

ARGADELLS ~ October Long weekend



Well, this year's Argadells trip came around rather quickly. Lin & I have both been busy with personal stuff topped off with that dreaded four letter word "WORK". We ended up arriving a lot earlier on Friday than anticipated surprising a few people with our presence in the middle of the afternoon rather than the middle of the night.
This year Wints campsite was chosen so as to open the trip up to as many people as possible with a far great number than what we had possible to be accommodated, the ability to have shelter in times of inclement weather and for those that chose to stay in the caravan park it was only a short 1 minute drive to participate in happy hour etc.

By 6pm everyone had arrived and settled in ready for a weekend of driving, catching up with people not seen for a while and of course to have fun. The weather played its part with fine days, and cool evenings and nights making the camp fire the place to be at the end of each day. A couple of newer members (not mentioning names AMY & JOSH) struggled to find the campfire on the first evening – I'd have thought the glow would have given it away, but all was not lost as they snuggled up together canoodling on a picnic rug to watch the stars like newlyweds.
This first night was a relatively quiet one with everyone just settling in getting over the drive to get there. The weekend was shaping up to be another great adventure with great people.
It was decided to split into two groups due to the numbers, with James & Lin taking one and Peter & Sandra the other. Therefore, there are two takes on each day of the days.

Author: James

Friday 2 October
Members began arriving at Argadelle's campsite after 2.00 pm and settled in for the weekend. At 5.00 pm, over drinks and nibbles, James and Lindley welcomed everyone and provided a briefing for the weekend ahead. This was followed by introductions, giving members an opportunity to get to know one another and enjoy some relaxed conversation.
This trip was especially significant for Craig and myself, as it brought back many memories of Ralph Abott and previous Argadelle trips. Our first introduction to the club — and to Australian bush camping, complete with the "luxury" of a long drop — was at Cockroach Valley in 2014. We arrived then with a tent and enjoyed the experience so much that we went home after the weekend and bought a camper trailer.

Saturday 3 October
We woke to a beautiful sunny spring morning, with birdsong adding to the atmosphere. The day's briefing was held at 9.00 am. With a total of fourteen vehicles attending, the group was divided into two parties for the day's drives. James led one group of seven vehicles, while Peter led the other group of eight, with plans to meet at Springs for lunch.
The creeks were looking spectacular, with plenty of water about. After a brief wrong turn and a little backtracking, we rejoined the group and stopped for morning tea on the way up Mount Arden. Lindley provided a delicious almond cake, which was appreciated by all.



The landscape was looking particularly impressive, with Salvation Jane creating sweeping patches of purple across the Flinders and the countryside unusually green and lush following an exceptional 600 mm of rain in the area.
Lunch was enjoyed in the valley at Billy Goat, after which the group headed to South Gorge for a walk.





Happy hour that evening was a cheerful occasion, with everyone sharing stories from the day's events. Dinner was prepared around the campfire, with several members cooking over the coals. Laughter and conversation continued well into the evening. Many thanks to James and Lindley for their excellent organisation and hospitality throughout the trip. James being a calm and supportive trip leader, while Lindley contributed her usual humour, interesting anecdotes and characteristic quirkiness. Saturday was a very successful day and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.
Author: Marilyn

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Saturday 3rd October



Our group: Peter (leader), Sandra, David, David, Elaine, Gary, Amy, Josh, Sue, Monty, Andrew, Bruce and Isabel.
In a convoy following Peter, our very calm and experienced leader, we all tuned in to channel 18 and left camp for a day of 4WD adventure. In perfect weather under a blue sunny sky from Wints campground we followed green (rated 4WD easy) tracks through Buckaringa Gorge where you can see signs and a stile for the Heysen Trail long distance hike, to Steve's Gorge for morning tea, joining the other Toyota club group led by James and Lin.



We also met for lunch at Billygoat, reached by green and yellow (intermediate) tracks with a side trip on a red (advanced) track (ratings according to the office supplied map).
The trip back to camp was on green and yellow tracks with a stop along the way at South Gorge and a stroll through the scenic gorge. Tadpoles swam in a few pools of water and strange loud noises part way up a wall of the gorge turned out to be David placing/locating a geocache.

David is passionate about geocaching and often places or finds caches (hidden containers) in difficult terrain. Amy is also into geocaching.
This was our first Toyota club trip and while I haven't done any club training, Bruce has and he was able to put learning into practice. The vehicles and drivers demonstrated their capability over rough tracks, creek crossings, steep ascents and descents, rocks, holes and washouts, and cars and drivers performed expertly. There were a few challenges, but careful and slow driving got us through areas such as rock steps. I was very impressed that the 4WD vehicles can climb rock steps; you (as far as I could see) just need to use the skills learned through club training. I think nerves of steel probably help and a sense of adventure.





Salvation Jane (colourful weeds) reached high along the middle of the tracks and the whole area was green after recent rains.

If you're thinking of joining a future club trip, we can recommend the Argadells for the rugged and spectacular scenery, distant views, variety of track and the safety and company of being in a well organised, friendly and encouraging group.

Author: Isabel

Sunday 4th October

Sunday morning started with a little confusion for a couple of us over whether daylight savings had decided to join us for the day – apparently, it had! We were greeted with a cool, clear morning, birds chirping away and just a hint of evidence that a few sore heads were lingering from the night before. Obviously, it must have been the smoke from Saturday night's campfire!
We headed off at 9.00 am with Lin and James leading the group, followed by Phil, David and Catherine, Craig and Marilyn, Craig T, Simon, Bruce, and tail-end Charlie duties being ably handled by Jeff and Cathie.
Our first destination was the infamous Oh Shit Hill and Mt Arden. There was plenty of water in most of the creek crossings, which is most unusual. The countryside was looking particularly lush, although there was also an impressive amount of Salvation Jane and thistles.
The scenery was lovely as we made our way down the steep, shaley descent towards the bottom of Oh Shit Hill. While the hill itself lived up to its reputation, the most challenging part for some was actually the creek crossing at the bottom. It certainly gave a few of us a new appreciation for just how capable these 4WDs really are!



We then headed back to camp to pick up Karen and Isobel and stop for lunch. This also gave James some time with help from Jeff, the opportunity to remove a couple of wheels in an attempt to locate a mysterious rattle. It worked, as the rattle disappeared!



After lunch we headed off towards Noodies Camp, before turning right onto a yellow track. Phil and Karen encountered a little technical refusal from a particularly uncooperative rogue rock. This provided the perfect opportunity for a couple of the ladies to stretch their legs and take a quick hike up the hill while the car was sorted.

Along the way, Lin also spotted what she identified as a few opium poppies, which naturally left some of us wondering exactly how she had acquired such specialised botanical knowledge!

We eventually made our way back to camp right on schedule, just in time for Happy Hour around the fire. Unfortunately, the rain had other ideas, and we were soon forced to retreat into the shed, where the caretakers kindly provided us with a fire pit.

Naturally, this was a classic case of Murphy's Law. No sooner had we moved everyone inside than the rain stopped! So, with the weather once again behaving itself, we all ended up back outside enjoying the clear, fresh air and a roaring fire. The red wine flowed, the stories got better as the evening progressed, and the night eventually descended into some rather questionable songs being played.

All in all, it was another fantastic weekend away with great tracks, beautiful scenery, plenty of laughs, and excellent company. A big thanks to Lin and James for leading the group and to everyone who contributed to another memorable 4WD adventure.

(Author: Cathie)



Descent from Mt Arden

Monday 5th October

Another clear morning for our last day at Argadells. With most packing up to head home, and farewells exchanged, small group decided to venture out and explore (try to find) an old track that Ralph had been forging a few years back. Ultimately this was unsuccessful and the team headed back to camp to commence packing up themselves before heading into Quorn for a late lunch of burgers and cake. More farewells and it was time to head home, even though we REALLY didn't want to. Until next time, oh that'll be the long weekend in October next year – can't come soon enough!

Author: James









ADELAIDE OVAL TOUR IN OCTOBER



A group of 18 members met on Thursday 15th October at the main stadium entrance to Adelaide Oval for a walk around this iconic Adelaide venue.
We were treated to a video as we arrived, giving a brief outline of Adelaide Ovals history and then split into two groups to walk around the oval and see behind the scenes of this iconic ground, where cricketing greats like Bradman, Tendulkar, Hobbs and Hadlee made history.

We were able to take a seat in the cricket viewing room where press from all over the world report and visit the changerooms graced by so many international and domestic stars.

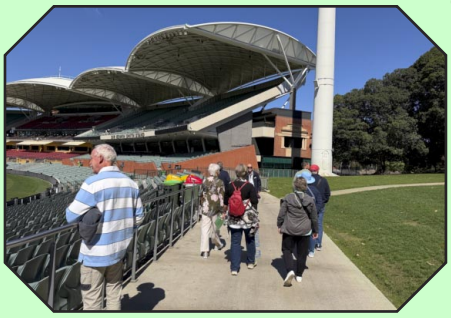


When we walked out of the player's tunnel into the oval there was a recording of thunderous applause of the crowd replicating what the players would experience. It was truly a noise that travelled right int your bones.

The oval turf is closely guarded and monitored, and our guide described the process of replacing the pitches and explaining that any event held on the grass (e.g. Concerts) the promotors had to completely make good the pitch and that could cost upwards of $100,000.



Unfortunately, the legendary scoreboard was having repairs to its roof, so we were unable to go inside, but our guide gave a good description of the pulleys that carry the large number plates up and down within the scoreboard. The scoreboard is heritage listed and so Adelaide will never see a 'digital or computerised' version of the scoreboard.



After the tour finished many of the group took the opportunity to view The Bradman Collection. This is a dedicated exhibition about the world-renowned sporting legend, Sir Donald Bradman AC. Residing at Adelaide Oval, and this collection holds priceless and personal memorabilia spanning from 1927 to 1977.

We then all adjourned to the little café near the entry and enjoyed a light lunch before heading off home.



A very interesting tour and beautifully presented by volunteers at the Oval.

Written by Pam Humeniuk







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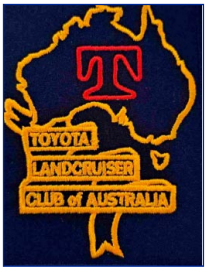

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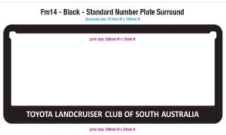

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What started as a new adventure for us has become a very special chapter in our lives. To all of our guests – thank you. Thank you for choosing to stay with us, for sharing your stories, for enjoying our beautiful backyard and for the many laughs, conversations and friendships along the way. We have so many wonderful memories to take with us, especially of fun times at Longview Lookout, keeping warm by Jim's fire while watching some beautiful sunsets and enjoying a few wines and nibbles.

We would also like to say a very big thank you to Station Stays SA – an amazing group of people who are passionate about sharing the Flinders Ranges and Outback with visitors. We have been very lucky and proud to be part of this wonderful group. Thank you to all the members for your friendship, encouragement and support, and especially to the amazing people who lead and support the group and give so much of their time to help us all.

It is certainly a bittersweet time for us. We will miss seeing our regular guests, meeting new people and sharing our back yard with visitors from near and far. But after twenty busy and rewarding years, we feel that the time has come for us to slow down a little and take life a bit easier – while still enjoying the privilege of living in this beautiful part of the world.

We are incredibly grateful for the support we have received and for the memories we have made along the way. Thank you for being part of our Horseshoe Top-End journey. It has been an absolute pleasure sharing our little corner of the Flinders Ranges with you.

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- Once receipt number is issued for the deposit please email this receipt to the TLCCSA Treasurer, ***treasurertlccsa@gmail.com***

Bank	Beyond Bank, Modbury
Account Name	Toyota Landcruiser Club of Australia (SA) Inc
BSB	325 - 185 Account number 0403 8506

2. Instructions for those paying MEMBERSHIP on the TLCCSA Website by credit card

- Go to the Club Web page www.tlccsa.asn.au and effect your membership renewal. Click on the member's login at the very top that will then take you to the "Members Zone".
- Click on membership renewal and fill in your credit card details and submit. An email confirmation will be sent to your email address.

3. Instructions for those paying for TLCCSA SOCIAL CLUB ACTIVITES by direct crediting (excluding credit cards)

Bank	Beyond Bank
Account Name	Toyota Landcruiser Club of Australia (SA) Inc Social Club
BSB	325 - 185 Account number 0403 9446

When you make a deposit to one of the Beyond Bank accounts, please send the treasurer an email treasurertlccsa@gmail.com letting her know what your deposit is for. Beyond Bank only puts your name on the deposit, with no reference details. The Commonwealth Bank account is no longer available to receive payments.



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