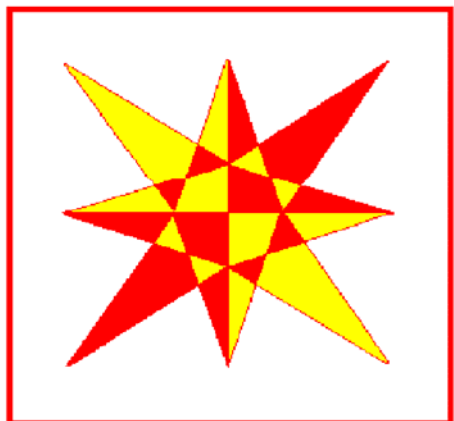


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Four-Told

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CENTRAL HILLS 4WD CLUB Inc

newsletter



CLUB INFORMATION & NEWS

INCORPORATION – the Club was formally incorporated on 13 March 1996

POSTAL ADDRESS – PO Box 1047, Mt Barker 5251

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TELEPHONE NUMBER – 0408 847 667. Phone is held by Secretary.

WEBPAGE – <http://users.chariot.net.au/~ch4wdc/>. Comments or suggestions should be directed to the Club Secretary via email.

GENERAL MEETINGS – are held on the fourth Thursday of each month (except December) at 7.30 pm in the CWA Hall, corner of Mann and MacLaren Streets, Mt Barker. Meetings normally feature a guest speaker (*see the Club Program within this newsletter*) followed by light refreshments.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS – are usually held on immediately after a General Meeting - any Member may attend a Committee Meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS – detailed Minutes are recorded of all Committee and General Meetings, and are published in this newsletter (except financial and correspondence records).

NEW MEMBERS – receive an Information Kit (a CD) on joining the Club. This is available from the Membership Officer. It covers 38 topics, with a lot of general advice, and includes a copy of the Club's Constitution and By-Laws.

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER – is issued sequentially by the Treasurer when joining the Club. It lapses when the Member leaves the Club, and is only reissued if the same entity rejoins at a later date.

NAME BADGE – Members are requested to wear their name badge at Meetings. See Membership Officer for replacement.

SUBSCRIPTION FEES – annual Club fees are renewable by 30 June each year. Payment may be made at any Meeting prior to 30 June, or can be paid by EFT to the Club's bank account by that date. The current membership fee is \$75, being prorata from January each year, and a one off \$15 joining fee. Members are requested to **complete a Renewal Form each year** so that Club lists are kept up-to-date. They are available from the Membership Officer or website.

BANK ACCOUNT – the Club's bank account is in the name of "Central Hills 4 Wheel Drive Club Inc",

PARTICIPATING IN CLUB ACTIVITIES – to do so, enter relevant details into the appropriate trip folder, and if you need further information, speak to the Trip Leader. If after registering for a trip, you then decide not to participate, please advise the Trip Leader ASAP. **Please note** – the Club insurance cover extends to only one vehicle per event/trip per membership. Participants are advised that there may be some degree of risk associated with four wheel driving and camping activities.

PHOTOGRAPHS – the Club Librarian is always seeking photos of Club events – please contribute to our albums.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS ETC - notify Secretary, Membership Officer & Newsletter Editor if changing postal address, e-mail address, or telephone number.

RADIO CHANNEL – the Club utilises UHF Channel 20 as its prime channel.

DISPOSAL OF YOUR VEHICLE - please remove all Association and Club stickers from the vehicle, in case the new owner uses it in a manner that may bring discredit to our Club and the 4WD Movement.

SA ASSOCIATION OF FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUBS INC – the Club is a member of the SAAFWD, to which \$16 of annual fees is paid, plus \$8.00 for Public Liability Insurance (includes 50c GST).

FRIEND OF PARKS – the Club is a registered Friend of all SA Parks.

NEWSLETTER - the newsletter is normally distributed by electronic means. The deadline for contributions closes on the Sunday prior to a Club Meeting. Submit articles etc by email, on a 3.5" floppy disk in Word format or on paper (preferably typed). Receipt will be acknowledged of all articles emailed to editor by return email. Contact Editor via e-mail at

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GENERAL INFO:

This is a special edition of Four-Told in that we have 3 trip reports from junior trip participants, and they are all very entertaining.

GUEST SPEAKER INFO:

Remember – this coming meeting is NOT at the CWA Hall – see page 5 for details.

COVER:

Sunset at Whalebone Bay, WA, taken by Barrie during the 2009 WA Coast trip

Smiling is infectious, You catch it like the flu. When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too. I passed around the corner, and someone saw my grin. When he smiled I realized, I'd passed it to him.	I thought about that smile, then I realized its worth. A single smile just like mine, could travel the earth. So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected. Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!
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Club Executive

Club Committee:

President
Vice President
Secretaries
Treasurer
Member
Member
Newsletter Editor
Trips Coordinator

Club Officers:

Driver Trainer
Environment Officer
Librarian
Membership Officer
Property Officer
Social & Welcoming Officer
Webmaster

Club Delegates:

Aboriginal Liaison Unit Delegate (ALU)
Driver Training Unit Delegate (DTU)
Natural Resources Advisory Unit Delegate (NRAU)
Association Delegate (SAAFWDC)

Association Office Bearers:

State Treasurer
State Driver Training Treasurer

Central Hills 4WD Club
MEMBER OF THE YEAR
Perpetual Trophy



The Central Hills 4WD Club Perpetual Trophy will be awarded each year to the person voted as Club Member of the Year. The award will normally be presented at the Annual Dinner in February.

Members will be invited to vote for a Member whom they consider to have worked willingly for the year towards the betterment of the club. That Member may be one with little spare time, but cheerfully donated that time to the Club.

There is a voting slip at the back of this newsletter - please fill it in and return it to the Social Officer, John.

One vote is offered per member, being only those members whose names appear in the current membership list in the magazine. (That is, each partner in a membership will have one separate vote.)

Club Diary – November 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1.
2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
	ALU Meeting	○ Full moon				Bronwen birthday
9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
NRAU Meeting			DTU Meeting			
16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.
		● New moon	SAAFWDC Meeting			
23.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.
	Dee birthday		Club General Meeting			
30.						

CLUB PROGRAM

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

To follow immediately after next General Meeting

General Meetings – 4th Thursday nights

DATE	PROGRAM / GUEST SPEAKER
22 Oct 09	Visit to Mt Barker 4x4 (ARB) – 10% of sales that night to RFDS
26 Nov 09	Christmas breakup
28 Jan 10	
24 Jun 10	2010 AGM

Club Trips & other Events

DATE/S	TRIP/EVENT	DETAILS	LEADER/S
22-25 Oct 09	Blanchetown Music Festival		
29 Nov 09	Christmas picnic	At Turner's home,	
10-24 Jan 10	Victorian High Country		
20 Feb 10	Annual Dinner		
24 Apr-8 May 10	Northern Flinders		
27 Apr-6 Jun 10	Cape York		
3-24 Jul 10	Simpson Desert		
2011	Northern Australia	No details yet	

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Our next Meeting on the 22nd October will be different.

HOW ? YOU ASK ?

It will not be at the CWA Hall – do not go there we will not be opening the Hall at all.

It is a night of exploration with Glenn Bull the owner of Mount Barker 4x4 Centre,

Shop 10, 4 Dutton Road, Mount Barker, S A. 5251

Ph 8391 4391

www.mountbarker4x4centre.com.au

Meet us a 7.30pm there, bring a chair, your smile & a shopping list

Items purchased on the night will attract a 10% donation to the Royal Flying Doctor (not on labour to fit items purchased, just the item)

Come & join us to see what we can all learn together!

Another (and more central) location to buy **club clothing** and badges from -

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another GREAT coming event

Victorian High Country

15 days: Sunday Jan 10 to Sunday Jan 24, 2010
 (Options to leave trip earlier: 7 days, 10 days or 13 days)

Planned Itinerary (subject to favourable weather, road & vehicle conditions)
 Total distance approx. 2,500k

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Part 1 (getting there) - Tailem Bend, Corowa, Albury/Wodonga, Omeo

Day 1	Sun	10 Jan	700k	Tailem Bend, Piangil, Corowa Caravan Park
Day 2	Mon	11	250k	Albury/Wodonga (food shopping), Omeo Caravan Park

Part 2 - Bentleys Plain (Moscow Villa) area

Day 3	Tue	12	50k	Drive to Bentleys Plain & set up camp for 5 nights
Day 4	Wed	13	80k	Drive Haunted Stream track & return
Day 5	Thu	14	100k	Drive to Cassilis Historic mining area & return
Day 6	Fri	15	200k	Drive to Ramshorn & return
Day 7	Sat	16	--	Rest day & start packing up

Part 3 - Licola area

Day 8	Sun	17	100k	Drive to Licola area (via Bairnsdale) & set up camp for 3 nights
Day 9	Mon	18	100k	Drive to Horseyard Flat, do walk, & return via Mt Wellington if time
Day 10	Tue	19	50k	Drive to Dimmick Lookout, Howitt Hut, tracks?? & return

Part 4 - Walhalla area

Day 11	Wed	20	100k	Drive to Walhalla area & set up camp for 3 nights
Day 12	Thu	21	50k	Explore Walhalla area, history, tracks (train tunnel)
Day 13	Fri	22	--	Rest day & start packing up

Part 5 (getting home) - Walhalla, Bendigo, Mt Barker, Adelaide

Day 14	Sat	23	300k	Walhalla, Bendigo
Day 15	Sun	24	500k	Mt Barker, Adelaide

Trip leader – Rob

See trip folder for further information

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NSW National
Parks trip, 2009

TRIP REPORT

by Taylor
(aged 12 years)

Written by Glennise, copied from Taylor's diary.

Sunday July 12th. Left Mt. Barker at 9a.m.

Mum took me to Grandma and Grand-dad's (Glennise and Bill's) at 8-45a.m. As we had packed the car the day before we were right ready to go. I kissed Mummy tata and we set off, I was very excited as I have never been away from Mum and my sister Pheobe for so long! We met the trip leader Robert and the other travellers at the Mt. Barker Council Chamber car park. Besides us, there was Robert, his friend John and Jenny with her sister Debbie (from Melbourne).

After introductions, radio check etc. We set off.

Filled up with diesel at Murray Bridge then we were really on our way. Next stop was Karoonda where Grandma had attended school when she was a little girl. We had morning tea there and I had a quick play on the play-ground and saw the statue of the Big Ram. Stopped for lunch at Loxton. Grand-dad and I walked down to the bakery where I bought a yummy veggie pie. We found out latter that Robert LOVES to stop at bakeries. Glennise, Jenny and Debbie made their lunch.

Back in the car, we set off for Chowilla.N.P. It was a big drive to get to Chowilla where we camped at Little Gums. I helped put up the tent then we went for a walk. I went to bed very early, straight after tea! Luckily there where toilets at the campsite so we didn't have to dig a hole!



Monday. 13th.

Arose early, had brekky and packed down the tent we saw Emus walking behind our campsite.

We also saw a rundown, diss-used humpy, complete with stove, 'fridge and bed frames, wood stove, but no roof. We wondered --- had it been Possum's?



Stopped along the old Wentworth road for morning tea and shared the cake and Anzac biscuits I had made.

Every-one said they were yummy. So were the cornflake biscuits. That Jenny had made.

Weren't out of the car long, it was freezing cold and windy. Next stop Wentworth. Bought lunch at a bakery, we were learning quickly that Robert can't pass a bakery without stopping. After lunch we went to see the river junction where the Murray/Darling Rivers join. We then left for Mildura.

Stopped at Spotlight as Robert needed Velcro and Grandma couldn't pass a wool shop without buying wool!

We called in to see a friend of Robert's who now owns the "Delight's" shop in Mildura. Had a coffee there with him. It started raining while we were in

there and looked very miserable outside.

Nobody was complaining because we know the rain is badly needed. We left for Redcliffs and luckily for us it stopped raining before we got there although it was very cold. We decided we would get a cabin for the night. Jenny and Deb got a unit for two but no other large units left so we put up our tents and went to the Redcliffs Community Club for tea. (at least it was warm in there)

I went to bed as soon as we got back to the tent as I was so tired. We had been busy and seen heaps of things. Today we had had breakfast in S.A. Lunch in N.S.W. And tea in Victoria.

Tuesday. 14th.

Wasn't cold in the tent but cold when we got up, wet under foot, icy. Packed down wet tents, got ready and set off to see Big Lizzie which is a very large machine tractor thing, used in the past for carting wool and clearing land for farming.

We went back to Mildura for diesel then on our way to Mungo N.P. Over the bridge into N.S.W. I was excited about that.

We are now heading for Mungo N.P. Stopping on the way for morning tea .We went straight to the information centre to pay our camp fees and had a very quick look through the centre. We found a good camp site and put up our wet tents, before having lunch.

We went back to the centre to buy some firewood although Robert had brought along quite a bit of firewood from home on his trailer. Jenny and Debbie had stopped at the shops before they came to Mungo and had bought me three packets of marshmallows. (we had forgotten them) Thanks ladies. Robert had brought some along as well. The trip leader must remember everything!

After tea I toasted marshmallows before going to bed very early, after another tiring but exciting day. Jenny and Debbie had been on a drive tour of Mungo.

Wednesday. 15th.

After brekky we looked through the old historic shearing shed, then we went on a self drive tour of Mungo. We stopped and looked at the "Wall of China". We had morning tea there before going on our drive. On the way I had a sleep and when I woke up we saw a large outback goat trap. We walked around that and I thought that was very interesting although no longer in use.

Next stop was Vigor's Well where we had lunch under a tree, then I walked up to the well where coaches used to stop to water their horses in the olden days. I noticed there was a paddy melon in the bottom of the well. When the others had packed away the lunch things they came walking up to the sand hill where I was. I ran down the side of the sand hill, climbed up again and repeated the run. Fun. I also saw emu tracks in the sand. On the way back we stopped to look around the old Zanci Homestead and went down into the cellar which was used years ago to shelter from the searing heat (as well as a cellar). I wonder what the pioneers who built this homestead would have made of us tourists wondering around their place in 2009 ? Back at the tent and I helped Granny cook a yummy tea. Then bed after a fantastic day.

Thur.16th

.I had bread and jam for brekky and when we were ready to go all the adults had a meeting because some of the roads were closed due to rain further north, instead of heading for Kinchega we decided to go to Mootwingee NP via Broken Hill, we stopped on the way for morning tea but I was asleep, it was a long drive. Stopped at Mildura for diesel and a bit of shopping on our way to Broken Hill.

Trip Leader also bought us a coffee .When we got back to Broken Hill we booked a cabin with shower and toilet! We had chicken schnitzel, mashed potatoes and salad for tea and then I hopped straight into bed. Robert and John came into our cabin to have supper with Grandma and Grand-Dad. Jenny and Debbie had taken a motel room as no more units were available, also Debbie was not feeling well.

Friday 17th

. Grand-Dads birthday. We gave him his presents, packed up and left early, Robert and John also gave him a present. As we left the caravan park I bought a lovely souvenir tea towel for Mum and a bookmark for Pheobe. Jenny rang and said they would stay one more day as Deb's not well.

Filled up with diesel again and headed for Mootwingee. Stopped at a place called Stephens Creek, 16k.m.s out of Broken Hill because there is an Owl museum and Granny collects owls.

The man that owns the place put the head of an owl costume on me and Grandma took a 'photo of me. That was sure an unusual place. We didn't stop for morning tea because Robert wanted to get to the National Park, we arrived in time for lunch. After lunch we put up our tents and then went for a short walk which turned *into a 6 km. Hike!* It was a lovely walk over the top of the ridge, except I fell and hurt my leg. Soon recovered and went on. We saw some kangaroos, and the scenery was beautiful in all directions. When we got back I had a rest. When I woke up Granny was getting tea. I had baked bean toastie roasties and vegies cooked in the coals. Again I went to bed very early. The grown ups sat around the camp-fire enjoying a birthday drink with Grand-Dad and each others company, making plans for tomorrow.

Saturday.18th.

Enjoyed a leisurely brekky as we didn't have to pack down the tents, then we went for a drive to see the ruins of the Rock Holes Hotel. We saw heaps of goats, kangaroos and emus.

Drove on further, stopped and went for a walk through wilderness area. We were not even aloud to walk together, we had to spread out so we didn't make a walking track. We walked to Split Rock.

Again we saw lots of goats. Had morning tea when we got back to the car park. Drove back to camp site where we had lunch then another short walk to see Aboriginal paintings on the rocks, on the way back to the tent we saw trailers full of the wild goats that had been caught to be taken to the butchers. After tea I had a banana split down the middle (still with the skin on) filled with pieces of chocolate then put in the hot coals of the camp fire until the choc. has melted, that's yummy. Then bed after another very enjoyable day.

Sunday. 19th.

We got up very early after Grandma had told Robert (trip leader) that we wanted to sleep in, being Sunday. It was freezing cold.



We left Mootwingee about 10a.m. And we stopped at the information bay to use the public 'phone so I could ring my Mum as we didn't have coverage on our mobile. And I hadn't talked to Mummy for a few days. Jenny and Debbie didn't come with us as there time was running out and they wanted to visit friends of theirs that lived on an outback station. We will probably call there on our way home. Then we headed to Milparinka stopping on the way for morning tea. When we arrived we put up our tents on the banks of Evelyn Creek. The creek was dry. After lunch we went and had a look around the old courthouse that had an historic display of the olden days at Milparinka. We had tea at the Albert Hotel, one of the only buildings left there. Home (tent) to bed.

Monday.20th

After breakfast we went back and had a more thorough look at historic Milparinka. I bought myself a lovely silver charm windmill for my charm bracelet at the courthouse/tourist centre. Then we drove out to Mt. Brown gold fields where we saw a man with a metal detector who had found a couple of small pieces of gold. Of course we didn't find any.

We had a look at an old cemetery (Granny loves looking at old cemeteries). It was a very remote place but we got mobile coverage there so I rang my Mum, she's never had a 'phone call from such a remote place.

We looked at ruins of the Mt. Brown town and I found some lovely pieces of broken pottery.

On the way back to the tent we looked through the Milparinka cemetery and found the Headstone of Mildred Chambers. We had seen a notice on the back of the toilet door which said to research her story in the information centre. Robert found what we were looking for. A letter Mildred had written to her sister a week before her wedding to her beloved Fred in 1899. Before her wedding she was burnt to death while burning some letters and never got to marry Fred. It didn't say what happened to him. Went straight to bed after tea.

Tuesday.21st

I helped pack up the tent and then we drove out to Mt. Poole. Climbed to the top of Mt. Poole to look at the Cairn that Capt. Sturt had had his men build when they were stuck there in 1845, due to drought, so that they didn't become bored! After that we went to Depot Glen where James Poole was buried, he died of scurvy in 1845. We had morning tea here before we left for Tibooburra. When we arrived there we all had a chicken pie at the shop for lunch. I bought a souvenir pack of cards here. Granny and I went for a walk to check out the hotels for tea and to look at the museum. Grand-Dad had to have his tyre fixed as it had had a slow leak for a couple of days. We had to go to the National Parks depot for help as the nuts on the tyres had been done up too tightly and Grand-Dad broke the thing trying to undo the nuts. Any way we got it fixed and the ranger also welded up the broken tool for Grand-Dad.

Robert and John went on ahead to Dead Horse Gully to find us a camping spot, when the tyre was fixed Grand-Dad and I had an ice-cream then went and put up our tent. We all went back into Tibooburra and had tea at the hotel, back to the tent and bed. We had had a great day!

Wednesday. 22nd.

Packed up camp and did some laundry at Tibooburra, bought a few supplies and went to look at the large whaling boat (replica) that Charles Sturt had dragged up here on a horse drawn dray. It was freezing there. We then headed off towards Olive Downs stopping on the way for morning tea. It was a very nice drive. Stopped to look at an outdoor museum of old farm machines and a whim. We stopped again to look at a large man made tank (dam) and here we saw a very large wedge tail eagle close up. Saw a couple more further on. Arrived at Olive Downs and Grandma said that we put the tent up in exactly the same spot as they did when they were here last time, I made a yummy dip for happy hour. Again I was into bed shortly after tea as I was very tired after another exciting day. Olive Downs was a lovely place to camp.

Thursday.23rd

Drove to Fort Grey and saw hundreds of kangaroos along the way. Had lunch when we arrived before putting up the tents then heading off to see Cameron Corner. I was excited, I had never been there before. We looked around, took lots of 'photos and I rang Mum. Robert explained to me all about the old fashioned surveyors and how they had to drag chains for the "chain" measurement. Back to camp, cooked tea and went to bed early as it was so cold.

Friday.24th

We woke up to the sound of cockies screeching. It was so cold that water left on the table the night before was frozen. Granny cooked porridge to warm us up. We went for a walk before we left (that soon warmed us) to see the large lake, now dry and the remains of an old homestead and very large windmill. Then we drove 120 km. to Theldarpa Station where Robert had arranged a farm stay for us. When we got there the owners of the station were not home and they had left a letter on the gate for "Robert and friends" telling us where we could camp or use the shearing quarters to sleep in. We chose to camp by the creek, so when the tents were up and tea on the go we all went back to the shearers quarters for a very welcome shower. We cooked damper in the coals that night for tea. The stars were amazing to look at, not just here but everywhere in the outback. Granny and I went to bed early, it was too cold to sit around the camp-fire, we left the men there chatting.

Saturday.25th

After brekky and packing up the tents we left for Broken Hill, driving out to see "The Three Sisters" (hills) first. That was still on the station and it was very, very barren, I couldn't even see what the sheep could eat! We had morning tea at Hawker Gate and driving south we followed the dog fence for kilometres, we saw an emu trying to get through the fence. Next stop was lunch then we pushed on towards Broken Hill. It was getting late and we were all getting tired. Stopped at the turn off to "Lynray" (the station where Jenny and Debbie had gone to visit) to discuss whether we would call in there or not. Decided it was too late, so we pushed on. It was almost dark by the time we got to Broken Hill, we put up our tents, then went to the Tavern for tea. When we got back to the tent, Mummy rang to say we have got a very sick alpaca at home and she has to take it to the vet. We were in bed in no time as it was cold and we were all tired after a very enjoyable day.

Sunday. 26th

Woke up to the sound of rain on the tent, it was too warm and cosy to want to get up. We could hear the Trip leader up, so we ventured out, only to find his tent was wet inside and also some of his clothes. We went to the camp kitchen for brekky where it was warm and dry. Packed up our wet tents, and had a quick look around Broken Hill. Had coffee at the Mine Rest. I had hot choc. And rocky road that Robert bought for me. We visited the tourist centre where I bought some more souvenirs and Granny bought a silver charm for Pheobe and me. Had a quick look around the park where there was a display of mining equipment, it was too cold to stay out of the car for too long.

Headed for Peterborough, we hired cabins because it was cold and we didn't want to put up wet tents. We had Happy Hour in the trip leaders cabin and they came into our cabin where Granny had cooked tea for everyone, as this was our last night. All retired early, ready for our trip home tomorrow.

Monday, 27th

I was awake very early 5.45a.m. Because I was excited about going home and seeing Mum and Pheobe, so I hopped into bed with the Grandies for a cuddle. When we had packed up we went to the main street to look through the train museum. That was very interesting and we were allowed to go through all the carriages. Went from there to Burra, through Terowie. Had lunch at Burra in a bakery (been awhile since Roberts seen a bakery) because it was raining. Then drove home via the Barossa Valley, very scenic drive. Stopped before Hahndorf to say cheerio to Robert and John and to thank them. We have had a very fun, enjoyable trip and I can't wait until we go again.

Thanks to Grandma, Grand-Dad Robert and John for such an exciting holiday.

Taylor

Thank you Taylor for such an interesting story, Ed

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How to propose a new trip

Interested in leading a trip somewhere, or organising an event for Club Members?

Here is some advice on how to set about it.

Generally your decision to nominate a new trip or event will be welcomed by the Club, but there are a few steps to consider in the process.

Firstly, **CLUB BY-LAWS AND RULES FOR CLUB ACTIVITIES** – you need to be aware of them all, but specifically the following –

1. CLUB ACTIVITIES.

For the purpose of these By-Laws and Rules, only those activities, which have been approved by The Club Committee or a General Meeting and noted in Minutes, shall be recognised as official Club activities. Any activity not so approved shall be considered as a Member's private activity and shall only be discussed at General Meetings during General Business, if time permits.

In these By-Laws and Rules, the word "trip" includes events and activities, and for these the title of "Trip Leader" refers to that Member or those Members who are the principal organiser(s).

6.2 Trip Leaders.

On trips, the Trip Leader has absolute authority over the whole trip, and has the right to refuse any Member or Visitor participating in the trip. All Members and Visitors participating in Club activities shall at all times abide by the direction of the Trip Leader.

6.10 Numbers of Vehicles.

The number of vehicles on a Club activity shall be determined by the Trip Leader but may also be subject to requirements of outside authorities.

You will note from the above By-Laws, that any proposed trip has to be "approved", and this is normally done at a Committee Meeting by the Club's Committee. You will also see that you have the right of refusal for a trip (eg if a Member's vehicle is not insured, or does not have approved recovery points), and you have the right to determine trip numbers.

To place your proposal before the Committee, complete a "NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED TRIP" form (copy over page), and hand it to the Trips Coordinator (whose job includes submitting new trip proposals to the Committee).

Depending on the trip and your perceived ability and experience, the Committee may approve the trip straight away, or may ask for more details from you. There are several reasons for this, the main one being that you, as Trip Leader, and the Committee, both have a duty of care to Club members.

When you complete the "NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED TRIP" form, give prospective participants (and the Committee) sufficient information to enable them to make an informed decision about your trip. Besides the headings covered on the form, you could include such detail as terrain, radios, trailers, etc.

And finally, an "approved" trip has cover under the Club's insurance scheme for various entities, including you, the Trip Leader.

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13 September 2009
St Kilda mangrove
walk

TRIP REPORT

by Mikaela
(aged 14.5 years)



It was a windy but sunny day in St Kilda. The Mt Barker 4wd Club were meeting at the White Horse Inn, all ready to go for a walk along the Mangrove Trail. When all 7 vehicles arrived at the hotel, it took a 15 minute, leisurely drive to get to the Mangrove Trail. Everybody rugged up and got prepared for the walk. We walked to the office a couple hundred metres away from the car park and paid the fees.



As we began the walk along the boardwalk, we read lots of interesting information about the Mangroves in a brochure. Every few metres there were a sign telling us to look out for particular things and giving information. For some it gave many facts, others it was just a relaxing walk with good views but for Barry's' Grandchildren it was fish, crab and bird spotting.



We were unable to do the full loop of the Mangrove Trail due to the wind wrecking the boardwalk, as much as Terry and Barry wanted the challenge to continue going through water and broken boardwalk, we went back the same way we came and we walked as far around the loop the other way as we could. At the end of that loop there was a Lookout looking out to the sea and back on all the Mangrove Trees.



Once we had finished the walk and arrived back at the car park we were invited back to Fiona and Peter's house for lunch and be in the warmth. Their house was lovely, with great views over the Marina, with lots of sailing boats moored in the water that everybody admired. This was a great way to end the day.

another great report from a younger member – thanks Mikaela - Ed

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St Kilda mangrove
walk

TRIP REPORT

by Thomas
(aged 7 years)

Laura and I went to St. Kilda Mangrove Swamp with Grandma and Grandpa.

The favourite thing was seeing the crabs and the baby fish from the board walk.

It was bad that the damage happened to the board walk. We thought that it was caused by a king tide.

We went to Fiona and Peter's house for lunch because it was cold and windy. I really liked Peter's boat.

The other favourite thing was having an icecream on the way home, I liked the playground as well.

Fantastic report Thomas; hope to see another from you soon. Ed