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Club Newsletter  
No. 179



Track in the Bendleby Ranges.



**Club Meeting Details - Next Meeting Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> 2008**

Club meetings are held at 7:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month at the Holden Hill Community Centre (Cnr Valiant Road and Bentley Drive, Holden Hill, SA).

There is no meeting in January.

**Please direct all membership enquires to the club membership officer.**

**Club Web Address**

The club has a website at [www.4wdadventurers.org](http://www.4wdadventurers.org).

**Club Mailing Address**

4WD Adventurers Club of SA Inc, PO Box 35, Holden Hill, South Australia, 5088.  
General correspondence should be sent to "The Secretary" at the above address.

**Club Newsletter**

Please provide newsletter items (including trip reports) to the editor no later than the Friday before the next meeting. Items are preferred in electronic (soft copy) format and can be sent by electronic mail to [ddajmcm@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ddajmcm@bigpond.net.au). Please use comic sans font size 9pt. Paper (hard copy) items may be handed to the editor at the next club meeting or sent to "The Editor" at the mailing address above.

**Committee Positions**

President	Murray Martin	
Vice President	Jason Rowe	
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Treasurer	Ziv Golubovic	
Minutes Secretary	Mary Callery	
Events Officer	Murray Jenke	
Public Officer	Rob Stennett	
Newsletter Editor	Darryl McManus	
Training Officer	Werner Pompeuse	
Insurance Rep	Reno Porapat	
Association Delegate	John Henderson	

**Appointed Positions**

Membership Officer	Roger Glaetzer	
Property Officer	Ray Collyer	
Welcoming Representative	Colin Schubert	
Supper Organiser	Heather Deverson Deidre Collyer	
Fundraising	Walter Kiess	
Club Librarian	Noel Porter	
Social Coordinator	To Be Determined.	
Guest Speaker Coordinator	Club Committee.	
Environment Officer	To Be Determined.	
Advertising Rep	Club Committee	
Aboriginal Liaison Officer	Eric Hofmanis	

Club trainers: - Werner Pompeuse, David Ladd, Tom Hewitson.

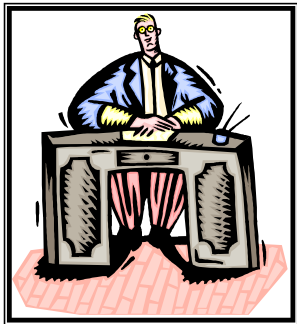
Club advisors: - Colin Schubert.

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### From the Presidents Desk

Unfortunately it is my sad duty to once again advise of the passing of one of our long standing members, Kevin Keltie. Kevin was one of the founding members of this club and was in fact the first trip co-ordinator. He was made a life member for his service to the club.

He was notably remembered for his environmental endeavours particularly with the Mallee Fowl surveys in the Bakara area and Wombat surveys in the Brookfield Conservation Park (part of his contribution to this work can

be seen at <http://www.malleefowlvictoria.org.au/milestone1-2.pdf>). He will be sadly missed.

On another topic, at the last club meeting two vehicles were broken into and GPS units were stolen. I would like to remind you all of the cardinal rule, DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLE ITEMS VISIBLE IN YOUR CAR. The committee has resolved to conduct random checks of the car park during meetings to help alleviate this occurring in the future. In addition it is requested that if this happens again that a report is made to the police. While it may not result in getting your items back it will assist in the collection of data and allow them to target crime hotspots.

So after all that - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Murray Martin, President 4WD Adventurers Club



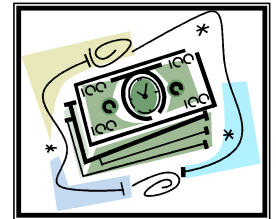
### Editor's Notes

A new year is here and the editor needs photos for the newsletter, especially for the front cover. Of course I could choose photos from my own trips but that may get monotonous for you. So when you go on a trip if you happen to take some front cover quality photos (typically containing a vehicle or two, a scenic background and possibly some happy trip participants) then please forward them onto me. If they can't be used in the newsletter they can still end up on the club website.

Darryl McManus,  
Newsletter Editor 4WD Adventurers Club

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### Updated Club Website

The club website ([www.4wdadventurers.org](http://www.4wdadventurers.org)) has been updated a number of times by Ziv since it was put in place last year. The club newsletter now appears on the website in both high resolution (suitable for broadband - ADSL or Cable) and low resolution (suitable for dialup). A growing gallery of photos from club trips now appears on the website. A collection of club related material such as the club membership application form and latest event calendar appear on the website.

The club committee would like to obtain advertising sponsorship on the website to assist with defraying club operating expenses. As a trial and demonstration to potential advertisers of what can be done the website has been updated with an example of sponsored advertising using Desert Sky Campers.



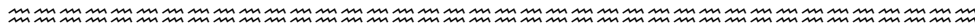
**Kevin Keltie - Obituary**

Kevin Keltie passed away peacefully at the Modbury Hospice on Monday 28 January 2008, aged 70 years, after a hard fought battle with cancer.

The members of the 4WD Adventurers Club extend their heartfelt condolences to his wife Joan and family on the loss of a valued and respected member of the Club. Kevin was a one of the Club's founding members when it was first formed in October 1991. His dedication to environmental causes, friendship and service in various roles in the Club over more than 16 years will be sadly missed for many years to come.

Kevin served the Club on the Committee over several years including in his first position as the Club's first Trip Coordinator. Kevin's passion for environmental issues associated with four wheel driving is remembered by many. This was best demonstrated by his tireless work in supporting various activities in Conservation Parks including the many Club trips he organised and led to conduct Mallee Fowl counts. The Club is indeed fortunate to have had such a member who helped develop a culture of responsible four wheel driving with care and enjoyment of the environment being an important element of the Club's activities.

Many thanks to Kevin and Joan for your support for Club activities, chats around the campfire, and your tireless commitment to environmental issues, which helped to forge the Club into the success it is today.



**Request from the RFDS for Support Assistance**

(The following is a request received from the RFDS for support assistance to an event they are organising at the end of March 2008 - Ed).

Dear Sir / Madam,

*I'm writing to ask for your help please. My name's Dr Andy Killcross and I work for the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Port Augusta.*

*On the 30th March 2008 a group of some 10 to 15 of us will be setting off on an 18 day bike ride from Alice Springs to Adelaide.*

*We'll be covering approximately 1700 Km on unsealed roads and tracks, passing through all three of our division's RFDS bases as well as through many of the towns in which we provide medical services.*

*Our expedition's aim is to raise as many funds for the RFDS as possible, which is now*

*in its 80th Anniversary year and which provides vital medical services to the many rural communities of the state.*

*As part of the trip we're urgently looking for volunteers for the following:*

- 1.) to drive 4x4 support vehicles (which we will be hiring).*
- 2.) a cook to provide snacks and meals to the participants.*

*I'm writing to ask whether you know of anyone either in your 4 X 4 Club or otherwise who might be interested in volunteering their services for 18 days?*

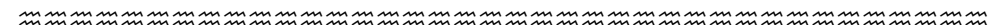
*We're also recruiting participants for the ride (numbers are limited so it will be run on a first come first served basis).*

*I enclose a copy of our registration form which will provide you with more detailed information about dates, planned route etc. (Ed. - See or email me for these details!).*

*Many thanks for considering this request and I very look forward to hearing from you soon.*

*Kind regards*

*Dr Andy Killcross, Medical Officer, RFDS, Port Augusta*



**A note from the Managers of Bendleby Ranges**

(Our club will be visiting there again in June this year, I have been a number of times and certainly recommend a visit! - Ed).

*As you have visited Bendleby Ranges in the past, we would like to take this opportunity to keep you up-to-date with changes and developments in our tourism enterprise.*

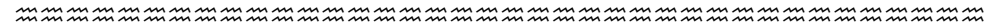
*Attached is a newsletter for you to see what has been happening over the last few months (See*

*<http://www.bendlebyranges.com/content/docs/NewsletterXmas2007.pdf>).*

*Our website has also been updated, so check it out at [www.bendlebyranges.com](http://www.bendlebyranges.com)*

*JANE LUCKRAFT*

*Bendleby Ranges*





**Coonalpyn Day Trip - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

Hi - my name is Eric Williams and my wife's name is Shelley. We are members of the Wanderers 4WD club and drive a '92 4 runner RV6. This is our story of a day out with the 4WD Adventurers.

Around the end of November (2007) Shelley and I stopped off at a camper trailer shop on Main North Road to have a look at their camper trailers. One thing led to another. Rudy found out we were with the Wanderers and we found out he is with the 4WD Adventurers. Our conversation found its way to a trip Rudy was running to a place at Coonalpyn on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Would we like to tag along? - you bet!

We arrived at Coonalpyn at 9am where we were met by Rudy and with the paperwork completed we were introduced to the other members of the 4WD Adventurers. These people were Siggy, Ian, Joylene, Brian, Anne, Walter, Sabrina, Ziv and Sally - a very friendly group of people.

Soon it was time to move. We followed Rudy for about 30 kms to the venue which has a large campground. As we proceeded to air down the tyres the property owners arrived

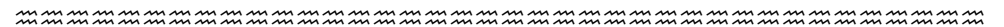
and we were introduced to Bushy and David. The property is about 5500 acres and mostly sand. Bushy led us around showing us some exciting tracks. As I explained to Rudy earlier I am relatively new to 4WDs and still class myself as a novice to this game. We tackled a large number of hills, some easy, some not but one thing for sure they were bumpy!

Around 1pm we stopped for a lunch break. We all found a little patch of sand and fed the little worm within. With the little critter happy it was time for some more fun.



More ups, more downs and more bumps. As much fun as we were having Rudy was ever vigilant about the safety of all. With the time approaching 4:30pm it was time for us to think about the trip home. We followed Rudy out of the property and down the road a short distance to a safe place to air up. It was nearly 5:30pm when we said goodbye and thanked our new friends for the wonderful time they had shown us. We never felt out of place. Shelley and I hope to return the favour one day.

Thank you Rudy for the invite. Thank you to all.  
Ain't interclub relations great? - you bet!





**DEEP CREEK CONSERVATION PARK - 10<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

Location	Deep Creek- Day Trip
Dates	10th February 2008
Trip Leader(s)	Ziv Golubovic
Trip Starting Point	Meadows Main Street opposite service station, 9.30am
Trip Route	Scenic trip to the Deep Creek Conservation Park
Trip Requirements	No Limit to vehicle numbers. Type and grade of driving is Easy maybe some odd rocks, Low range. Standard Recovery gear not essential, UHF radio.
Trip Accommodation	N/A
Trip Costs	No Driving Costs - Only cost to enter National Park approx \$8.00

**COORONG - 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

Location	Coorong Private Property
Dates	8 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2008 (Adelaide Cup Weekend)
Trip Leader(s)	Ziv Golubovic
Trip Starting Point	To be advised, contact trip leader
Trip Route	Adelaide to the Coorong and driving on private property.
Trip Requirements	No Limit to vehicle numbers. Type and grade of driving is easy maybe some odd rocks, Low range. Standard Recovery gear not essential, UHF radio.
Trip Accommodation	Bush Camping, drop toilets Watervalley Wetlands - Salt Creek, Coorong Link to Web address ( <a href="http://www.watervalleywetlands.com.au">www.watervalleywetlands.com.au</a> ).
Trip Costs	Driving Costs \$15.00 per vehicle, Camping \$10.00 per night at Tea Tree Flat- drop toilet available
Notes on Pets	Dogs are allowed however must be under effective control at all times, so as not to be a threat to property, wildlife, or a nuisance to other members or their dogs. Dog lovers (myself included) please be aware not all people welcome the attention of dogs.

**COORONG - 29<sup>th</sup> February to 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2008- Cleanup Australia**

Location	Coorong National Park
Dates	29 <sup>th</sup> February - 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2008 (Cleanup Australia)
Trip Leader(s)	Darryl McManus -
Trip Starting Point	Cantara Homestead, Coorong. Camping available from 4pm on Friday evening 29 <sup>th</sup> February. Cleanup teams will depart 9am on Saturday & Sunday.
Trip Route	Make your own way from Adelaide to the Cantara Homestead, Coorong (about 2 hours). Cleanup Australia Day activities in conjunction with DEH staff and other 4WD clubs in the Coorong National Park. Distance travelled once at Salt Creek <150km. To get to Cantara Homestead travel 6.2km past the 42 Mile crossing turn off, turn left onto the Old Coorong Road, travel 600m and then proceed along a causeway between the north and south arms of Cantara Lake until you reach the homestead.
Trip Requirements	No Limit to vehicle numbers. Type and grade of driving is easy to moderate beach and track driving, Standard recovery gear required (snatch strap and shackles) and UHF radio. Sand flag and air compressor desirable.
Trip Accommodation	Self sufficient camping at Cantara Homestead. Cantara Homestead campsite facilities being made available (showers and toilets) at no cost.
Trip Costs	None.
Notes	Fuel available at Salt Creek. Please advise if you can bring a trailer or ute. Sturdy shoes and gloves advisable.

**AUSTRALIAN 4 X 4 GATHERING MITTA MITTA 2008**



Murray Martin will be leading a club trip to the event in March 2008. The following is information from the official event website (*Ed*).  
*Welcome to the 7th Australian 4 X 4 Gathering to be held at Mitta Mitta at Easter 21st to 24th March 2008 at the Recreation Reserve.*  
Please visit the following website for all the details  
<http://www.national4wdgathering.org/>



# NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK INTERCLUB WORKING BEE

## 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Apr 2008

**Ngarkat Working Bee is on and we need your help.  
That's right; it's that time of year again!**

Due to Anzac Day falling on a Friday this year, the working bee will take place from Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> until Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. Many of you may wish to attend the commemorative services to mark this very special day, so please feel free to come down to Ngarkat later on the 25<sup>th</sup>, or even on the Saturday.

The "base camp" will once again be the lovely Pine Hut Soak Campsite, which, as most of you know, is a lovely spot with basic toilet facilities.

Tasks to be undertaken this time around will include getting the photo point monitoring off the ground, trialling the chain grader (finally!), the normal side track and diversion closures as well as some rubble spreading. We may also have the opportunity to install some new "heavy duty barriers" to stop all our hard work being undone on the two big dunes (for those who don't know, the majority of the fences we installed on the two big dunes in recent years have been ripped out countless times, opening these diversions again and again).

And, if Mother Nature smiles on us, we may get to finally undertake the Banksia seed dispersal we had planned last year!

I have put in my order with the Weather Bureau for a fine, sunny weekend - but given that's the same order I put in last year, I'm not having much luck! Maybe a few more people could put in a request?

Hope to see you there!

**Donna Nussio** Senior Ranger, Mallee

**PS** A word of caution, as this will be the first long weekend since the reopening of the Border Track Summer closure, we may have heavy traffic on the Track. If any of you have high visibility vests or clothing, it would be appreciated if you could bring them along and possibly share them with your fellow workers.

### Meet at Pine Hut Soak campsite

**35° 25.375' S 140° 52.702'E**

**Friday 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. or set up camp Thursday afternoon**

**Directions::** From Tailem Bend, follow the Mallee Highway; 5km west of Pinnaroo turn right on to Rosy Pine Lane (Ngarkat Park sign at this point, see RAA map 'Upper South East ref:J2); continue south for approximately 17 km:

The campsite is spacious, has a toilet and is situated just inside the Park entrance when approached from Pinnaroo.

Camper trailer - yes; caravan - yes

**Bring:** strong gloves, handsaw, pruners, crowbar, shovel, post-hole shovel, rake, hand tools, etc.

**Trailers:** some would be useful.

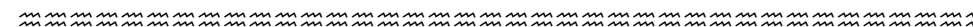
#### Please let us know in advance

- When you plan to arrive.
- No. people & vehicles in party.
- If you are bringing a trailer?

#### Ngarkat Tracks Maintenance Committee

(a sub-committee of the NRAU of South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc.)

**Contact:** Sue (08) 8269 2883 [suzy@internode.on.net](mailto:suzy@internode.on.net)





Trip Calendar Legend  
***Bold Italic*** Club Trip Days  
Underline Long Week End  
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1 Easy Maybe 4WD.  
 2 Mild 4WD High range.  
 3 Moderate Low range, high clearance, experienced.  
 4 Difficult Probably recoveries.  
 5 Extreme Modified vehicles, possible damage.

Trip Calendar  
 From January  
 2008

Month	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	Dates	Location	Trip Leader	Contact Ph.	Type (Grade)	Notes
<b>February</b> 2008	4	5	6☺	7	8	9	10	=> 10/02	Deep Creek	Ziv Golubovic		Hills & Tracks (2-3)	Day trip. Park Entrance costs.
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	=> 16/02	Modbury	Werner Pompeuse		Training	Jacking techniques 10am to 3pm. At Colin Schubert's workshop (BBQ).
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24						
<b>March</b> 2008	25	26	27	28	29	1	2	=> 29/02-02/03	Coorong	Darryl McManus		Sand & Beach (2-3)	Cleanup Australia event.
	3	4	5☺	6	7	8	9	=> 08/03-10/03	Coorong	Ziv Golubovic		Hills & Tracks (2-3)	Camping & Driving fees.
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	/=> 18/03	Club Rooms	Werner Pompeuse		Training	Theory. 7:30-10.00pm
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	=> 20/03-25/03	Mitta Mitta	Murray Martin		Tracks & Hills (2-4)	4WD Gathering Victoria. Camping Fees.
<b>April</b> 2008	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	\=> 21/03-24/03	Port Lincoln	Andrew Jenke		Sand & Beach (2-3)	Bookings with Port Lincoln Caravan Park.
	31	1	2☺	3	4	5	6	=> 01/04	Club Rooms	Werner Pompeuse		Training	Theory. 7:30-10.00pm
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	/=> 15/04	Club Rooms	Werner Pompeuse		Training	Theory. 7:30-10.00pm
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	=> 18/04-20/04	Melrose	Lloyd Kohlhagen		Social	Country Music Concert - costs.
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	=> 24/04-27/04	Otway Forests	Leader Required		Tracks & Hills (2-4)	See trip leader.
<b>May</b> 2008	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	\=> 24/04-27/04	Ngarkat	N/A		Sand & Hills (2-3)	Working Bee - see details in newsletter.
	5	6	7☺	8	9	10	11	\=> 22/04+29/04	Club Rooms	Werner Pompeuse		Training	Theory. 7:30-10.00pm
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	=> 17/05-18/05	Poonunda	Ziv Golubovic		Hills & Tracks (2-3)	Training opportunity.
<b>June</b> 2008	19	20	21	22	23	24	25						
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1						
	2	3	4☺	5	6	7	8	=> 07/06-09/06	Bendleby	Lloyd Kohlhagen		Tracks & Hills (2-3)	Bookings required.
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15						
<b>July</b> 2008	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	=> 21/06	Spalding	Werner Pompeuse		Tracks & Hills (2-3)	Training opportunity.
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29						
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<b>August</b> 2008	21	22	23	24	25	26	27						
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	??/08	Kuitpo	Werner Pompeuse		Mud & Water (2-4)	Training opportunity.
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	11	12	13	14	15	16	17						
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	??/09	Kings Canyon	Roger Glaetzer		Hills & Tracks (2-3)	Camping costs.