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Club meetings are (generally) held on the third Tuesday of each month at The Riverside Rowing Club, Bridge Road, Adelaide, SA 5000 commencing at 7.30 pm. Details of meetings are published regularly in The Advertiser in the Motoring Club notes each Thursday.

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Vice-Presidents Report.

As with the previous year, the 2019 Christmas Dinner was an excellent meal and well attended by members. It certainly got the Festive Season off to a good start. Unfortunately, as we all know, it has been down hill since then. The devastating fires, both locally and nationally, have once again touched very close to home with Gerry and Anne Schmied's home once again coming under imminent threat. It was only back in January 2015 that their house was saved during the Sampson Flat fires and in 2019 they have suffered extensive loss and damage to external out buildings and garden structures. Later this year a Working Bee will be organised to help then get re-established. More on this later.

The Committee has decided, for various reasons, to break with tradition and has moved the January 21st meeting to the Riverside Rowing Club, with a 6:30pm start time. New and prospective members together with Club Sponsors have been invited and a sausage sizzle with salads will be provided. To help off-set expenses, a gold coin donation will be requested. A cash bar through the Riverside facilities will be available. Definitely no BYO.

The March Adelaide Cup Long Weekend club trip to Morgan is filling fast, so if you would like to join in, please add your name to the Trip Folder.

The Management and Trip Committees are working on several club outing for the year, including Easter and a Drive & Dine during Autumn. There will be more on this over the following months.

Looking forward to catching up with you all at the January meeting.

Regards Geoff

Geoff Playford
Vice-President
RRDC

Editor's Note

Welcome to the New Year. We have photos of our Christmas Dinner and some more trip reports from the Gippsland Gadabout.

Our thoughts go out to all those who were affected by the fires all over this wide brown land.

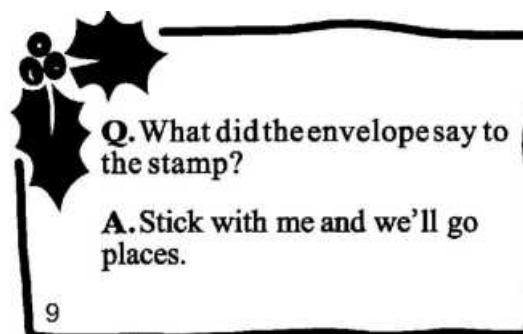
2019 wasn't a good year for Land Rover with some saying that Tata was looking to offload the company but there is the new Defender and in a recent magazine report on the best cars for 2019 the Range Rover Sport SV R was nominated as the Best All-Rounder knowing that its performance focus compromises its offroad ability and vice versa. Of course the article also mentioned that with Range Rover there's always the danger that you'll get a "Friday Car".

Lets hope that this year Land Rover can improve its image.

Garry Cooper



It was suggested at the Christmas Dinner that we put the jokes from the Bon Bons in the magazine so here is the first one and I hope it elicits as much laughter now as at the dinner.



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Tux the Linux mascot



**The next monthly meeting will be held on
 Tuesday 21st January 2020
 Riverside Rowing Club
 Bridge Rd, Adelaide 5000
 Commencing at 6.30pm**

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous meeting
4. Business arising from minutes
5. Correspondence
6. Treasurer's Report
7. SAAFWDC Report
8. Magazine Editor's Report
9. Club Calendar
10. Trip Reports
11. Other business
12. Supper
13. Activity; Meet and Greet and BBQ

Club Calendar

The following meetings/events have been arranged by your Club's Committee for your benefit. Please participate and make full use of your Range Rover Discovery Club membership.

January 2020

Tuesday 21st
6pm onwards

New Year's Meet and Greet – Come and mingle at the Club rooms and enjoy a BBQ tea provided by the RRC: Riverside Rowing Club

February 2020

◆ Sunday 9th
1030am – 4pm

All British Day – Echunga Showgrounds

Tuesday 18th
730pm

General Meeting Riverside Rowing Club -- Guest speaker Member Ian McDowell to speak on engine design and his interesting career

March 2020

Saturday 7th –
Monday 9th

Driver training at Morgan Quarry – Base at Morgan Caravan Park
Trip folder = Geoff Playford: 0412 019 327

Tuesday 17th
730pm

General Meeting Riverside Rowing Club. AGM

April 2020

Friday 10th –
Monday 13th

Easter activity TBA

Tuesday 21st
730pm

General Meeting Riverside Rowing Club. Guest Speaker TBA

May 2020

Tuesday 19th
730pm

General Meeting Riverside Rowing Club. Guest Speaker TBA

Saturday 23rd –
Friday 29th

Cactus eradication project: Flinders Ranges
Trip leader – Peter Allmand. Trip folder to come

June 2020

Tuesday 16th

General Meeting Riverside Rowing Club. Guest Speaker TBA

730pm

Club members wishing to participate in any or all of the above trips are advised to contact the nominated trip leader and place their name in the appropriate trip folder.

Club members wishing to do other trips must contact the trips committee convenor, Geoff Playford, and be prepared to assist in organising the trip.

✦ Denotes a non RRDC organised trip or event



Trip Folder

Morgan Sand Quarry

**4x4 Off-Road Driving Reinforcement
and Beginner Familiarisation**

Township Historic Walk

Morgan to Waikerie Loop Drive

Adelaide Cup Long Weekend

March 7th to 9th 2020.

Trip Leader : Geoff Playford

Track Conditions: 4x4 Off-road Driving in Quarry.

Tag-along tour on sealed and unsealed roads.

Level of Difficulty: Various

Itinerary Morgan Sand Quarry: March 7th to 9th 2020.

Day/Date	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Friday 6 th March		Arrive Morgan Caravan Park Review layout of Sand Quarry	Arrive Morgan Caravan Park Sundowners
Saturday 7 th March	While awaiting morning arrivals, visit Morgan Landseers Museum or Free time for fishing etc.	4x4 driving at Sand Quarry	Sundowners Long Table Dinner
Sunday 8 th March	Extended 4x4 driving for those interested or Morgan Historic Walk	Morgan to Waikerie Loop Drive. Visit winery, wet lands, olive oil factory	Trip Dinner at TBA
Monday 9 th March	Depart Morgan Caravan Park.		

Accommodation:

Morgan Colonial Motel. 1 Federal St. 8540 2277. PoA

Morgan Riverside Caravan Park. 92 South West Tce. Pet Friendly.

As it's a Long Weekend, 3 night minimum. Hopefully will be able to negotiate if required.

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Monday, 16 December 2019



The RANGE ROVER DISCOVERY CLUB Christmas Dinner at the Grange Golf Club









Gippsland Gadabout Tuesday 19th November

With low clouds this morning shrouding the top of Mount Oberon, thwarting the idea of some to drive to Telegraph Saddle and walk up the mountain trail, it was decided instead to explore some of the northern attractions of the National Park. A four car convoy comprising Peter and David joined by passenger Carol, David and Carolyn, Geoff and Jo with passenger John, and Steve and Rose set off at 10am under leaden skies to drive the 20km or so to the Five Mile Road carpark. This was the trailhead for a 4km return walk to Millers Landing on the eastern coast of the peninsula.



We followed an easy, gently undulating track through a delightful banksia and stringybark woodland to the Landing. The banksias were quite large trees with hundreds of dead cones on each, with the few early developing flowers occasionally spotted leading us to conclude that the scrub would be a magnificent blaze of yellow when they were in full bloom. We spotted a couple of wallabies and mostly heard the local bird life as we walked along. As we arrived near the end of the path above Millers Landing, we could see a large expanse of mangroves around the point – the most southerly stand in the

world –and extensive wetlands with a good number of black swans and cormorants on the water. Called Corner Inlet, it is an internationally significant wetland habitat for migratory birds.

As the path down to the shoreline was much steeper, some of the group elected to stay there enjoying the view from the conveniently installed bench seat, while



Spot the odd one out - Ed

the rest ventured down for a closer look and found that the mangroves here were much lower than generally found elsewhere, presumably due to the colder climate. The return walk to the carpark was just as delightful as before, with fine misty rain creating an ethereal effect to the landscape. A wallaby, seemingly unfazed by the group's presence, was encountered in the bracken right

next to the path and was observed for a good while as it fed. It started to rain more heavily as we neared the carpark and, as it was almost midday when we arrived, we huddled around the picnic table under a tree there to have a quick hot drink for morning tea before leaving.

A ten minute drive southwards brought us to the Prom Wildlife Walk where we saw three Eastern Grey kangaroos in the carpark as we pulled up. Fine intermittent rain meant a short venture along the marked path was a somewhat damp exercise and as no further wildlife was evident, no doubt all sensibly



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sheltering out of the rain, it was decided to return to camp after about fifteen minutes. The 16 km trip saw us back at Tidal River by one o'clock, time for lunch! The afternoon was an opportunity to do our own thing and explore whatever walks we wished, or to just relax. As the skies had cleared and the Mt Oberon summit was visible, Peter and David and Geoff, Jo and Carol drove up to Telegraph Saddle to find the carpark full to overflowing with more cars parked a long way down the access road, so they returned straight away. While others explored a bit more of the surrounding attractions, Carolyn and I enjoyed afternoon tea with Rose & Steve and Carol & Grant, then looked around the natural history displays in the

Visitor Centre and checked out the general store. Sundowners at 5:00 tonight included celebrating Carol's birthday with an icecream cake, and eventually broke up just before 6:30 for tea.

Carolyn and I decided to first return to the Promontory Wildlife Walk as the weather was now fine and we anticipated the wildlife would be out and about as sunset neared. Arriving at 6:40, we were rewarded on the two and a half kilometre walk through open grassland and bushy scrub with sighting 4 wombats close up, 4 emus and dozens of kangaroos and



wallabies. We left at 8:15 as the sun was setting for the cautious drive back to Tidal River as we passed a number of wallabies grazing on the roadside. There we found John had gone to climb Mt Oberon, a two hour return walk, reaching the summit just on sunset to enjoy the expansive views and returning to camp in the dark at about 9 o'clock. It had been an enjoyable day exploring some of the park's many attractions and, although tonight was our last night here, we could easily have stayed longer to see even more.



David Harwood



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Also held in the 'Club Library but not listed above are a number of 4WD'ing videos, DVD's, workshop manuals, and spare parts catalogues which also can be borrowed. If interested see me at coming 'Club Meetings.



John Harrison - Librarian
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22 and 23, 61 to 63 (reserved)

(The above information was compiled as at September 2011)

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Michael Bull 8387 2576 or 0429 022 494

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