

# Bulldust

River City 4WD Club

June 2006



Storm – Broken Hill  
Blue Lake – Mt Gambier

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ADVENTURE



Top of lookout – Flinders Ranges  
Deep Creek Outlet – 7Km Hike

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We meet the **second Wednesday** of every month at **7:30pm**  
upstairs in the

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## **The Club uses UHF CB Channel 28**

Prospective members are welcome to attend as many General Meetings as they wish. Visitors or prospective members are welcome to attend trips, **providing their vehicle meets Club standards** (tow points, etc.) A participation fee of \$5 per vehicle shall be paid to the Club. Any member who introduces a visitor will be responsible for that visitor during the trip.

All vehicles will be registered & in a road safe condition and have the following: a working CB, tow hooks/points front and rear, a snatch strap, 2 x 3.25T rated shackles and Club sticker. All drivers must sign the trips book. Signing the trips book is your advice to the Club that you comply with the above.

**The trip Leader has the right to refuse entry to the trip to anybody not complying with the above.**

## **Membership fees**

\$50 per year based on \$12.50 per full or part quarter, determined by joining date, PLUS a \$5 joining fee. \$50 for existing members - due 1st July each year. (Per vehicle, not person).

## **Magazine Advertising Rates**

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# PRESIDENTS REPORT

G'day to all as this will be one of my last reports I would like to remind everyone that the A.G.M. is approaching very soon, and there WILL be a couple of vacancies.

On a lighter note, the car rally is coming together, all we need is YOUR support to turn a good day into a great day in the southeast.

The next trip for me is Stanthorpe so see you there or at the next meeting.  
your pres.  
Andrew  
(for not much longer)

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## GOSSIP

An anonymous club member was listening to the morning show on radio station MMM recently. They have a "moral quandary" segment, where you ring in with a dilemma, for listeners to offer opinions on.

On this day, the dilemma was that an upstairs unit in an apartment block, had a couple who insisted on making noisy love in the middle of the night. The unit owner below them would get woken up with the noise and wanted to know if he should approach them about it or not.

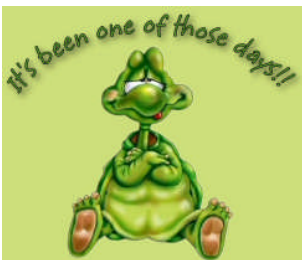
A caller phoned in and stated his views, in a real ocker voice. "I'd go up there, knock on the door and say, if you're not going to let me join in, you better keep it down." The announcer replied "Thanks, Adam from Thornlands".

The anonymous member says he sounded very much like our Adam and on Adam's past experience of calling in to voice his opinions (remember that previous call...I think it was to do with how he proposed to his lovely wife), it looks like he was at it again.

**CLUB MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE – PLEASE PAY AT THE JUNE MEETING**

**ALL COMMITTEE POSITIONS ARE OPEN AT THE NEXT AGM. THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WILL DEFINITELY NOT BE CONTINUING IN THEIR CURRENT POSITIONS:**

**TONY APPLETON – TRIP CO-ORDINATOR  
KERIN STINEAR – BULLDUST EDITOR**



**I went into the BP gas station today and asked for five dollars worth of gas.**

**The clerk farted and gave me a receipt**

**QAFWDC Meeting - Thursday 25 MAY 2006**

**Chairman: Scotty C**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

So far this year some \$12,000 has been spent on the hall that is painting etc  
Also club memberships for 06/07 are now due

**CLUB GENERAL BUSINESS**

The annual Jeep Jamboree will be held this year at Black Duck Valley 4X4 Park at Gatton in September and will be hosted by QLD Jeep Club. They have set up a web site QLDJEEPERS.COM.AU  
They also advise that only jeeps will be invited and allowed but others can come only if they are riding or driving a jeep

**CARE**

A CARE Rep is needed from each club as rumours are coming out of Canberra of funny things that could happen in regards to land use and access. A track register is to be compiled and it would be appreciated if anyone knows of a track closure for whatever reason please advise your club committee so the info can be passed onto the national office.

Also the CANNING STOCK ROUTE is now closed in several places because it crosses large tracks of land that is now owned and controlled by aboriginal land councils or corporations. The national office has taken this case in hand because it raises several questions such as camping-stopping-diverting and keeping to the formed track

**A.N.F.W.D.C.**

No important issues exist at this time

**HALL COMMITTEE**

A TV aerial is being installed. Security screens are to be installed. The hall will be sprayed for white ants

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

The Deaf Society 4x4 club has been given a donation for the cost of hiring an interpreter so they can do trips and driver awareness course and they at present use text messages on their mobiles to communicate  
Also CITY VIEW PARK at Beaudesert is having an issue with the Beaudesert Shire Council about letting visitors use caravans and camper trailers and the only way at present to stay overnight is to pitch a tent but more news as it comes to hand

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**MINUTES OF RIVER CITY 4WD CLUB GENERAL MEETING  
10.05.2006**

**Meeting Opened:** 7.42pm

**Visitors:** Glen (Cruiser Ute), Ian (Navara) & Ian (Pajero)

**Apologies:** Tony Appleton, Adam Murray, Terry, Bischoff, Kim & Sonyja Cowell

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Lost by Kerin

**Correspondence Report:** Moved by Jenny Gesch  
Seconded by Kerin Stiener

**Raffle prize for tonight:** \$20 note

**Treasurer's Report:**

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| Income   | \$   | Expenses         | \$    |
| Interest | 0.36 | Cheque presented | 13.00 |
| Deposits |      |                  |       |

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| Balance B/F        | 2936.81 | Total                          | 13.00 |
| Total              | 2937.17 | Previous unrepresented cheques | 40.00 |
| Balance 30.04.2006 | 2924.17 |                                |       |

Moved by Scott Crawford  
Seconded by Jenny Gesch

**QAFWDC :** Andrew Bischoff gave a report on the Corroboree. He said it was a great success but a shame that no other River City members attended. In all 45 vehicles who had booked a spot didn't show up and only 15 of them rang to give their apologies. Three River City members didn't advise. The next Corroboree will be held in Mackay.

Andrew also advised that the Qld Deaf 4X4 Club need an interrupter for their driver trainer courses. If any knows of someone who would be interested please contact the QAFWDC. Andrew asked if the contents of the fines tin could be donated to the Deaf Club as they need funds to pay for the interrupter. It was decided that a vote would be taken at the next meeting on this issue.

**Trips Completed:** The Corroboree  
Easter at Jackadgerry – thanks to Terry for a great trip report.

**Trips Coming Up:** Queen Mary Falls day run – 21 May  
Stanthorpe – 10 – 12 June (Blue Topaz C.P.)  
Progressive Dinner – 19 July

**Fines:** Every member at tonight's meeting for not attending the Corroboree

**Driver Awareness Unit:** Nil

**Technical Advice:** Nil

**General Business:** Scott Crawford raised the following points:

1. The High Court has given control to the indigenous councils quite a lot of the land on which the Canning Stock Route passes through. There is no access at present.
2. 4wd Qld is investigating a member benefit scheme with BP re savings on fuel, plus deals with Super Cheap 25% off, and Anaconda.
3. A vote will be taken of whether 4wd Qld runs the National Gathering of 4WDs in 2010.

**Meeting closed:** 8.34pm

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**F.Y.I.**

Dear Sir / Madam

As the inventor of a new product (Lube Tube) that I developed to apply rust inhibitors to 4WD's, I invite you and your members to visit my web site [www.lubetube.com.au](http://www.lubetube.com.au)  
Any feedback would be appreciated, as I believe lube tube would be beneficial to all 4wd owners.

Kind regards

David Smyth, 6 Dalpura St., Buddina Beach, QLD 4575 dsmyth@powerup.com.au

# Whats On

## STANTHORPE – QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> June

LEADER:

TIME: 7.30am Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June

WHERE: Goodna McDonalds (carpark outside Cash Converters)

Facilities: **Country Style Accommodation Park**  
New England Highway, Glen Aplin.

Cost: \$21 a night and they have the 10% discount for the big 4 members.  
Pets welcome.

## *Progressive Dinner/Car Rally - Saturday July 15th*

Start time - **11am** at **Iron Bark Gully - Samford** The club is putting on a Sausage Sizzle lunch, so all you need to bring are your chairs and yourselves.

The rally will start by 12.00 and will make it's way around the place, stopping somewhere for Afternoon tea which the club is providing.

It will then meander off again on another trek and end up at a location known only to a few, where dinner will be had by all.

The approx cost for dinner will be between \$20-\$35 per head - this is their main meal prices I mean. This place is good for anyone with Kiddies as there is a play room with games and stuff. So don't let those little Rug Rats spoil your day and not let you come.

Dessert will be at Kim and Sonjyas, and we need to get a rough idea who will be going so we can cater with some goodies!!

this should be an excellent day with John and Helen organising the Rally. Thanks to them for doing this :)

Please put your name in the trips book at the next meeting so we can organise food etc.

thanks

Deb



# To The South & Beyond

We're heading to South Australia, Victoria & NSW.

March 11<sup>th</sup> through to April 19<sup>th</sup> 2006

2<sup>nd</sup> Installment



**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March:** Changed our minds we'll stay one more day, do a catch up on the postcard writing, cleaning, loo needs an empty.... All the fun things in life! Did all that then took a drive to the south that was suggested to us but it really paled in comparison to the drive through Brachina Gorge. Ended up back up at Hawker 20 k south of camp. Bit of a nanny nap, chat with the neighbours then we all headed off to the Woolshed Restaurant also met up with Bev & Gordon (site managers) so we had a great table of 8 for the buffet. Could've had a taste of emu but passed on that. We won't eat something from the coat of arms. Had a good end to our stay at Rawnsley Park Stn. Shane finished the night off with another fire.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March:** We're getting the hang of this now & did a nice slow chatty pack up. Just as well we were in the bush ,most parks expect you out by 10.00am. we said our goodbyes to the Coopers & the Allen's , they'll have a nice quiet & probably early night without us. Drove out @ 11 & headed south, weren't sure if we'd go to Clare Valley or Adelaide but ended up aiming for Adelaide. At Quorn we went into the local pub to take out some money from the ATM machine (advertised in their window) & have a drink. Shane ordered the drinks & I went to the machine which would only give me \$100. Thinking it was calibrated for reducing gambling problems I commented on such only to be given a short lecture on tourists travelling through only taking out money & not spending any of it there, Then was asked if we wanted to order some lunch, all of a sudden my appetite left. We continued to chat with this lady ( the publican) & heard about how the tourist dollar is needed in such a small town. Shane & I had lunch in the next café around the corner. It wasn't so much what she said but how she said it, our tourist dollar went elsewhere in town. Managed to navigate our way easily to our destination ,thanks to Don & Karon lending us their Navman. We booked in to Adelaide Shores C/Pk & began setting up to the delicate sounds of jet aeroplanes taking off. Ahhh... ambience! We are very close to airport. The resident mngr Michael came down & gave us his recommendations for the wineries in McLarenvale. Apparently the planes stop around 11pm, hope so....???Went for a wander through the park before settling in for the night.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Set off for the wineries around 9am better not get there too early. Stopped in to the Info shop & had a look around & a cup of coffee to set the stomach right. First stop was d'Arenberg got 5x bottles of the good stuff, then on to Coriole & left there with 9 nice bottles, wasn't impressed with the next one for service but they had a good Chardy so I got 2 of those too. Stopped at the Blessed Cheese Café & deli & waited 40 mins for our lunch which fortunately was worth the wait, we had a fancy burger type thing which kept us going for the rest of the day. We also picked up a couple of nice cheeses. One more winery, Wirra Wirra got 4 more there & then organised to forward a dozen of what we'd bought in the area home which is less to lug around. Went on to Hahndorf around 3.30, for a look. Hahndorf is a small German town ,we had a wander for an hour or so , got some nice confectionery. There were some amazing old buildings in the area, some had been well restored. Got back to the van in time for a good walk & then a bit of a relax , write some postcards, pack up to leave in the morning.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Up & off to the south. We've stopped at the Deep Creek Conservation Park for night. This is a National Pk up our way. We went up to the ranger stn to check where would be the best spot for us. Which was a good thing to do because some of the sites had limited access. We ended up in site 8 which was perfect probably could've fitted the 4wd club in there! We got a bit adventuresome today & decided to do the 7k hike to the Deep Crk Blowhole. Hike is an accurate description because there was some quite steep sections to negotiate .Now whilst there was mostly 3 or so k's of down to get to the blowhole, this meant there was 3or so Ks of up to get back (it was not a loop). The track was challenging in places due to loose rocks ranging in size from fist to football , & also being in a steep downward style. It's funny but on the way back once we got past the worst of the up hill stuff it was actually quicker because we didn't have to worry about our footing so much. So what was it like when we got there?? Well you'll just have to walk it yourself. No just kidding, it was so worth the hike. To stand down in this tiny little cove that really not that many will get to see , was so special. It was the outlet to the sea for Deep Crk, which was just a trickle out of a deep gorge in the con. Pk. For those who may be curious, yes we were responsible hikers & took plenty of water, a snack or 2, & a jacket just in case the weather turned, we also wore good enclosed footwear. When we got back to the camp area the roos had come in for their evening feed & allowed us to view them at a 20mtr distance. Grabbed the cameras at sunset ( Half way through dinner )& went to the top of the campsite for some shots. There was a good balance of cloud & sky so we think we've got some great shots. Warmed dinner back up when we finished. Turned in early, feeling a little worn out, don't know why???? I think we'll be little stiff tomorrow.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Very overcast this morning, glad we did our hike yesterday. We headed off to Robe today as all & sundry have said we must go there. Had an uneventful trip, we stopped at Strathalbyn for brekky & a look about. Got the up shot on the best route to take & decided the touristy one off the highway. This entailed a short trip on the ferry @ Wellington to cross the Murray Rvr, as they have not put a bridge in there yet & it is free. We followed the coastline nearly all the way to Robe, which was beautiful in places when it opened up. Robe almost let us down. We booked in to the Seaview C/P after prebooking a site this morning giving our van size etc.. we expected a site to suit. We drove down the alley where our site was to find it a dead end & our site at the very end. Fortunately the site opposite was empty so after a lot of manoeuvring we did get the van in & ready to set-up but it was such a shitty site that fell away at the side, couldn't park the car nearby because it was either the awning or the car. I thought stuff this I'm not paying \$25 /nt. to be squished in like a sardine, we're going. So I went back to the office got a refund & we got the van back on the car & out of the sardine can in half the time it took to put it in there. Drove down the road 1/2 a k & into the Lakeside C/P, much better, the sites are half the size again & grassy. So I'm sitting here in the cool of the evening out in the awning with grass under my feet , a glass of wine , waiting for the washing to finish & bringing my story up to date.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** Up early today with purpose. Went off this morning on a deep sea fishing charter, got to give Shane a fix. Beautiful morning, crystal clear, quite comfortable. The boat was big enough , our skipper John was very friendly. We had 4 other fishing companions, which was just enough. We erred on the side of caution & took a Kwill tablet each, no seasickness for us! There was one guy there going through as much bait as all the rest of us put together & wouldn't you know it he ended up with the 2 best snapper of the trip. We managed to finish the trip, around 1pm, with 3x good size Parrotfish & 1x Swift. Couldn't take any footage as it was hard enough just to keep balance without filming as well. When we got back to the park we went up to the filleting & cooking room for fish or Cray. Great little set up, there's a cooker, sink , metal bench & a hose to clean the whole area once you've finished. Went back into the village for a wander through the shops, have an ice cream, as you do, grabbed some dinner at the local chinese. It passed for food, just. Very early night we are buggered.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** Slow start today , had a big day ahead us , don't know how we managed to do the k's , all 115 of them. We've just gone down the road to Mt Gambier, booked in to the Big 4 Lakeview CP around 11. Got the van set up & lunch before setting off to see the sights. First stop was the viewing of the Valley Lake & it's picnic area, then up the hill to the Centenary Tower & when I say up I mean it, we had to go about a k up a very steep hill to get it. Very specy as we could see the full 360o,( if this was a dirt road it would've been low 4 all the way) which is why as well as being a tourist destination it is also used by the fire authority as a fire tower. On a clear day the view is approx. 70k, all the way to the Vic/SA border. Really quite an amazing achievement to have built it so high up in early 1900-1904, using the local limestone which was hauled up there using a cart & 4 drays. Then off to the info place to see what else there was in the area. Next, the tour of the Blue Lake, now words will be redundant here as you really do have to see it to believe, but if you could picture the prettiest deep turquoise blue & clear as crystal , then you're almost there. The water is well filtered through the limestone about 1foot a year before it comes through to the lake from the aquifers, so for the town water usage a very minor amount of chlorine is added to kill any bacteria.

Spotted a Rivers Outlet with a sale on so popped into there for a squiz & I got 2pr of the same shoes I picked up in Darwin last holiday, & for \$10 less each pr & a few pr for Shane. Not a bad deal 2x pr black court heels, 1pr boat shoes, & 1pr boots all leather & a nice shirt \$220. Then we went down the road a bit to the Laughton Park Gardens & Tea-rooms for their famous scones. They cook them fresh while you go for a wander through their gardens, they have anything up to 3x weddings each Sat. This is the Blacker Express Tour Company, now departing for the Umpherston Sinkhole. Again another crater turned into a pretty garden, they also have resident possums that have been hand fed for many generations (fruit only ) so when I spotted one I said Oh! Isn't it cute, apologised to it that I had no food. So it came over sniffed my toes & bit me. Shane reckoned because I had no food. Grabbed some supplies & headed back to the van. When I checked the touristy brochures that we picked up earlier, there was a list of 12 must do's – we did 10 this afternoon. Got some very happy friendly neighbours today, which is a pleasant change. Cooked dinner on the excellent BBQ in the camp kitchen, best set up we've seen so far. Heaps of bench space, microwave full oven/stovetop, sink & seating for about 20 people. Had a quiet evening in.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March:** A leisurely cooked brekky & then off to see Dingly Dell Cottage @ Port MacDonell. This was where Adam Lindsay Gordon (poet, & Australia's leading steeplechase jockey) spent a good measure of his life. The on-site manager Alan takes you through the cottage where there is an amazing collection of memorabilia given to the cottage by various descendants of family & friends. After a quick wander around the gardens we did a drive a round the port & came across a silly young man who had got his commodore bogged in sand trying to get onto the beach. What was he thinking? He wasn't thinking , that's the point! Anyway we did the righty & winched him out, mainly because he had the wife & kids there too. Idiot! Then down around the bend to the Picinini Ponds, the clearest & amongst the deepest sinkhole dive spots in Oz , only experienced need apply. There is an amazing labyrinth of caves down there that apparently are yet to be fully explored.



Got back to the van around 3 & went up to wash the car .Ran into a young couple up there who were on the last 2 months of 10 on the road, wow had they been to some places. It was 6 by the time we got back to the van. Did another BBQ tea, watched some more of the Commonwealth Games.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March:** On the road again! We got to Warrnambool today, all 200 or so k. had a bit a drive around. I think we're tired of amazing old houses & incredible ocean views. We did enjoy the cheeky little sea lion down at the boat ramp, grabbing any off cut thrown by those filleting their catch for the day. A bit more of a drive around town, a walk through the shops, then back to the van for a quiet night in.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Rained for much of the night. Very dreary driving the Great Ocean Road area, in fact the fog that was rolling in with the rain made it almost impossible to see anything. We decided to go through to Lyn & Tony (Elle's sister) at Geelong & hope for a good day to go back & see The Road. Got to Lyn's around 1ish, so by the time we had said our hello's , picked up the kids from school , tour of the property & managerie the day was nearly done. I cooked dinner for 7 or 8, I'm not sure?? Lyn loves my cooking , only because then she doesn't have to! Early night , I think we were worn out from the difficult drive. The worst thing of the day was one ignorant man towing a van who refused to pull over in the overtaking/slow vehicle areas going through the hills behind the Great Ocean Road, at times he was doing 36 k in a 100 zone.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Off to the zoo today. Werribee open range zoo just down the road a bit. All the kids are at day care or school so the ideal time to go. We were fortunate enough to see the male hippo get out of the water to have a go at the bus we were on, it was quite a cool day so the animals were quite lively. Had a nice lunch at a café before doing the afternoon pickup. My sister has a 4yo- Jayden, 14 yo Gavin ( runner extraudinare) , 15 Natasha ,18 yo Anthony & 26yo Kelly all still at home.

Tony & Lyn took us , his brother & wife & Kelly all out to a local Steakhouse just recently opened. Had a marvellous meal there.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March:** It is a bright sunny day so we took of to do the G.O.Rd again. It was sunny nearly all the way. Cold! But sunny. When we started the day it was just going to be a quiet drive on the coast. Soon we had the drama of a workers esky that had taken a leap of a work truck just in front of us, Shane stopped & rescued the main part of the esky but the lid had gone down the side too far. The worker went down the side of the hill & soon lid & esky were together again. Next we had an attention seeking Koala that had managed to get itself up a speed sign on the road side but couldn't go anywhere else so we did a U-turn & helped another couple get the koala to a better spot. Yay! Blackie to the rescue AGAIN! Shane had some fun at the viewing area for the 12 Apostles , as usual there was a couple of bus loads of Asian tourists all pushing & shoving to see their 12 seconds of this part of Oz . Shane leant over the fence said "ooh look Penguins!!!" pretended to take a photo, then stood back to watch the melee. Cruel? , maybe but you only need to go to a few places & be elbowed out of the way to appreciate the joke. So that was our trip along The Road, we returned via the inland road & saw more cute little old townships with grand old churches.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March:** The day started normally but soon turned to crap. The plan was to get the kids all off to their respective spots for the day, take the cat to the vet, then head to Melbourne for the Markets. BUT as we were dropping Tash off she didn't check the road & opened the car door into traffic & nearly got it ripped off along with her leg, fortunately she hadn't put her foot out the door. So after calming her & getting the car towed & the cat to the vet that was the day at the markets washed up. Guess we weren't meant to go. PS the cat had been in a fight & it's front leg was extremely swollen a few antibiotics & it'll live. Had so much fun for the rest of the day , what with cleaning the van & doing the washing & ironing.

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Up & off to Ballarat today, around 199ks, not sure if Shane can drive that far in a day. Ha Ha. Booked in to a park & then had a look around town , plumped up the food supplies & had a quiet dinner before heading to the light show at Sovereign Hill. Quite impressive the way it was put together but we thought it would be more people acting the story out, there were no actors just a recorded story with the lights flashing , explosions here & there & the odd fire to expand the story. Not happy with the park, had young girls yelling & screaming till 11pm.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Found out there is 3 groups of 10-11 yo girls in the park for a soccer tournament, after putting a complaint in about last night. Went off to the Sovereign Hill gold diggings replica, had a good day wandering around. Shane got me in to trouble with the redcoats at the end of the flag raising ceremony, the sergeant dismissed his troops to stand around for photos, innocent you may think but that is not how he said it. " I will now allow my privates to fall out for photos to be taken" Shane of course started laughing loudly & I couldn't help but laugh too. So then the sergeant in his most pompous English tone berated me for where my mind was. We think only the Aussies in the crowd got the joke. Got back to the van around 3pm & had the same girls screaming through the park again. Couldn't put up with it much longer, so at 9.30 rang the office to get something done. That was after having a word with them earlier, just about hit one with the door of the van when I opened it , they were running that close to the van.

# For Sale

**CHAIR COVERS** - You know the ones! Be the envy of all your campground companions. A variety of colours available, in ooh-so-cosy polar fleece. Ph: Jenny 3802 1355



**HONEY** available at meetings - fresh from a local producer - better GI than processed honey. \$12 for 2 litres. See Wayne or Andrew. 3287 3771

## Club Merchandise

Club stickers: \$2 (all members must have one of these)

Windscreen stickers: \$6

Embroidered Polo Shirts: \$27

Short Sleeved button up shirts (2 pockets) **ON SPECIAL**

Grey - 2 x Large, 1 XL & 1 XXL

## What 's On ?

M T W T F S S

### June 2006

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**STANTHORPE WINERIES**  
**GENERAL MEETING**

### July 2006

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**GENERAL MEETING**  
**PROGRESSIVE DINNER/CAR RALLY**



McDonalds reaches Africa

"WAX is Not your Friend"

All hair removal methods have tricked women with their promises of easy, painless removal - The epilady, scissors, razors, Nair and now...the wax.

My night began as any other normal weeknight. Come home, fix dinner, play with the kids. I then had the thought that would ring painfully in my mind for the next few hours:

"Maybe I should pull the waxing kit out of the medicine cabinet."

So I headed to the site of my demise: the bathroom.

It was one of those "cold wax" kits. No melting a clump of hot wax, you just rub the strips together in your hand, they get warm and you peel them apart and press them to your leg (or wherever else) and you pull the hair right off. No muss, no fuss. How hard can it be? I mean, I'm not a genius, but I am mechanically inclined enough to figure this out.

(YA THINK!?!)

So I pull one of the thin strips out. Its two strips facing each other stuck together. Instead of rubbing them together, my genius kicks in so I get out the hair dryer and heat it to 1000 degrees. ("Cold wax," yeah...right!) I lay the strip across my thigh. Hold the skin around it tight and pull. It works! OK, so it wasn't the best feeling, but it wasn't too bad. I can do this! Hair removal no longer eludes me! I am She-rah, fighter of all wayward body hair and maker of smooth skin extraordinaire.

With my next wax strip I move north. After checking on the kids, I sneak back into the bathroom, for the ultimate hair fighting championship. I drop my panties and place one foot on the toilet. Using the same procedure, I apply the one strip across the right side of my bikini line, covering the right half of my \*hoo-hoo\* and stretching down to the inside of my butt cheek (Yes, it was a long strip) I inhale deeply and brace myself....RRRRIIPPP!!!!

I'm blind!!! Blinded from pain!!!!....OH MY GOODNESS!!!!!!!!!!

Vision returning, I notice that I've only managed to pull off half the strip.

CRAP!!! Another deep breath and RRIIPP!! Everything is swirly and spotted. I think I may pass out...must stay concious...Do I hear crashing drums???

Breathe, breathe...OK, back to normal. I want to see my trophy - a wax covered strip, the one that has caused me so much pain, with my hairy pelt sticking to it. I want to revel in the glory that is my triumph over body hair. I hold up the strip!

There's no hair on it. Where is the hair??? WHERE IS THE WAX???

Slowly I ease my head down, foot still perched on the toilet. I see the hair. The hair that should be on the strip. I touch. I am touching wax.

CRAP! I run my fingers over the most sensitive part of my body, which is now covered in cold wax and matted hair. Then I make the next BIG mistake...remember my foot is still propped up on the toilet? I know I need to do something. So I put my foot down.

DAMN!!!!!!!!!! I hear the slamming of a cell door. \*hoo-hoo\*?

Sealed shut! Butt?? Sealed shut!

I penguin walk around the bathroom trying to figure out what to do and think to myself "Please don't let me get the urge to poop. My head may pop off!"

What can I do to melt the wax? Hot water!! Hot water melts wax!!!

I'll run the hottest water I can stand into the bathtub, get in, immerse the wax-covered bits and the wax should melt and I can gently wipe it off, right???

WRONG!!!!!!!!!!

I get in the tub - the water is slightly hotter than that used to torture prisoners of war or sterilize surgical equipment - I sit. Now, the only thing worse than having your nether regions glued together is having them glued together and then glued to the bottom of the tub...in scalding hot water. Which, by the way, doesn't melt cold wax.

So, now I'm stuck to the bottom of the tub as though I had cement-epoxied myself to the porcelain!!

God bless the man who had convinced me a few months ago to have a phone put in the bathroom!!!!

I call my friend, thinking surely she has waxed before and has some secret of how to get me undone. It's a very good conversation starter -

"So, my butt and who-ha are glued together to the bottom of the tub!"

There is a slight pause. She doesn't know any secret tricks for removal but she does try to hide her laughter from me. She wants to know exactly where the wax is located, "Are we talking cheeks or who-ha?"

She's laughing out loud by now...I can hear her. I give her the rundown and she suggests I call the number on the side of the box. YEAH!!!!

Right!! I should be the joke of someone else's night.

While we go through various solutions. I resort to scraping the wax off with a razor.

Nothing feels better than to have your girlie goodies covered in hot wax, glued shut, stuck to the tub in super hot water and then dry-shaving the sticky wax off!!

By now the brain is not working, dignity has taken a major hike and I'm pretty sure I'm going to need Post-Traumatic Stress counseling for this event.

My friend is still talking with me when I finally see my saving grace....the lotion they give you to remove the excess wax. What do I really have to lose at this point? I rub some on and OH MY GOODNESS!!!!!!

The scream probably woke the kids and scared the dickens out of my friend.

It's sooo painful, I but I really don't care. "IT WORKS!! It works!!"

I get a hearty congratulation from my friend and she hangs up.

I successfully remove the remainder of the wax and then notice to my grief and despair....THE HAIR IS STILL THERE.....ALL OF IT!!!!!!!!!!

So I recklessly shave it off. Heck, I'm numb by now. Nothing hurts. I could have amputated my own leg at this point.

Next week I'm going to try hair color..... Now that's funny ..... Nottttttttt.