



# Trip Calendar

July 2008

## Grading of trips:

- A Grade:** Very difficult trip. Winching probably required
- B Grade:** Moderate to difficult trip. Winching may be required.
- C Grade:** Moderate with some sections requiring caution.
- D Grade:** Relatively easy trip.
- E Grade:** Very easy, usually on sealed or formed roads.

**Weather conditions on the day may require the trip categories to be upgraded**

**Distances indicated are approximate total distance, i.e. return trip.**

## Essential Equipment:

- Your own snatch strap and two "D" or bow shackles (rated).
- Strong towing points on the front and rear of your vehicle.
- Extra food, water and warm clothing in case bad weather traps you unexpectedly.

## Radios:

UHF Channel 10 is used by the club on trips. A UHF radio is not essential for new members, but advisable for your comfort and enjoyment of trips. The Club has a number of portable radios for use by members - new members given priority.

**If you need to borrow a radio for a Club trip contact the Trip Coordinator**

## Trip Bookings

**Unless otherwise indicated, bookings should be made with the current Trip Coordinator - Geoff Hill 6254 2493**

Please note that booking does NOT automatically mean confirmation. You will be contacted prior to the trip to confirm your place. If you need to cancel, please advise the trip coordinator in the first instance **as soon as possible**. Or the Trip Leader for that trip.

## July 2008

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| July 12-13     | <b>Christmas in July</b><br>See Magazine for details<br>Limited numbers - Last chance to book   | <b>Contact:</b><br>Ria Webb, 6231 5396 (ah).                                      |
| JULY<br>Sat 19 | <b>Woodlawn Bioreactor</b><br>Tour of the Woodlawn mine which is now used to generate green power from gas generated from Sydney's rubbish, followed by lunch at the Loaded Dog.  | <b>Leader:</b><br>Stewart Needham<br><b>Distance</b> - 150 km<br><b>Grade</b> - E |
| July<br>Sun 27 | <b>Radio Communications</b><br>This day is planned for practising the use of UHF radio using the VKS 737 network, probably in conjunction with another club distant from Canberra.<br>Details to be arranged according to participants. | <b>Leader:</b><br>Roger Quarterman<br><b>Distance:</b> Minor<br><b>Grade:</b> N/A |

## August 2008

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| AUG<br>Fri 8 - Sun 10 | <b>Accredited and Certified Driver Training</b><br>See LRC News - Page 20 - July edition for details  | <b>Leader:</b><br>Kevin Phillips   |
| August<br>9 and 10    | <b>Binalong Pubstay Weekend</b><br>An opportunity to enjoy the company of other Club members and spend a weekend in the quaint village of Binalong. Overnight accommodation at the Hotel Binalong with 3 course dinner and cooked breakfast. The hotel is old but very clean and tidy with various room configurations. Cost for accommodation, dinner and breakfast is about \$80 per person. Visit the Motor Museum and Glass Blowing Gallery if open. Members with children are welcome and the kids are allowed in all parts of the hotel except the public bar area. Before I go ahead and firm up on the booking I need an indication of numbers. A deposit may be required | <b>Leaders:</b><br>Pete and Lyn Smith<br><b>Phone:</b><br>02 6297 2039 or<br>0429 338 999<br><b>Email:</b><br>peteandlyn22@bigpond.com<br><b>Distance:</b> 200km |

## October 2008

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| Oct 4-11 | <b>Murray Sunset National Park</b><br>Explore the Murray Sunset NP in Victoria's north-west corner. Stop at Mildura to visit local attractions. Three nights in Murray Sunset NP exploring the eastern side, visiting the Pink Lakes etc. Return to Canberra via Echuca, camping on the banks of the Murray. <b>Trip is full</b> | <b>Leaders:</b><br>Thea and<br>Derek Moyes<br><b>Distance:</b> 2,500 kms<br><b>Grade:</b> C/D |
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<b>Oct 13 – 24</b>	<b>Sand and Water</b> Trip will start in NW Victorian desert country east of the border track (Big Desert) and work back through Wyperfield, Sunset Country, and Hattah Lakes. Then follow the Murray upstream as far as the Barmah Forest. Initially there will be some serious sand driving. One aim is to fill out the Campground Corner record for this part of the world. But it should also be a good time for the wild flowers.	<b>Trip Leader:</b> Mike Osborne <b>Distance:</b> – 2500kms <b>Grade</b> – B/C
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### November 2008

<b>Nov 1 - 2</b>	<b>Long Plain Hut - Long Plain Hut – ‘an on-going LRC Project’</b> Join other club members in the Kosciuszko National Park as we continue the restoration and maintenance of one of the Park’s better-known huts. Come down for the day or camp overnight. Visit the Long Plain page on our website to see the great work we have been doing.	<b>Trip Leader:</b> Arie de Bear <b>Approx Distance:</b> 600km <b>Grade:</b> D
<b>Nov Fri 7 –Sun 9</b>	<b>MOU trip in Kosciuszko NP.</b> Details to be confirmed with NPWS but intention is to camp at Long Plain Hut Friday & Saturday, and undertake MOU activity all day Saturday and possibly en route home on Sunday. More detail closer to the date.	<b>Leader:</b> Roger Quarterman <b>Distance:</b> 450 km <b>Grade:</b> C
<b>Nov Fri 14 - Mon17</b>	<b>Erinundra Waratahs</b> This trip takes you into the south-east Gippsland area where there is still some pristine temperate rain forest, and the waratahs should be in full bloom. They were spectacular this time last year. Some minor variations on last year’s trip.	<b>Trip Leader:</b> Mike Osborne <b>Distance</b> - 800 km <b>Grade</b> - C
<b>Nov Sat 29 – Sun 30</b>	<b>LRC Christmas Party – Braidwood Showground</b> Put this one in your diary now. More details soon.	Social Secretary

### December 2008

<b>December Fri 5 - Sun 7</b>	<b>Murray Muscat Meander 2008 - Ovens Valley - Myrtleford</b> For this years Murray Muscat Meander we are heading west from the Kiewa Valley by one range and touring the Ovens Valley to sample some of it’s produce. Starting with another Friday drive via a scenic route to Myrtleford we then will be bussed around on Saturday for a winery tour. Sunday we visit the old Myrtleford Butter factory. If time permits we will head over to Booths Taminick Cellars to sample some fortified wine before we head home. Trip is filling up fast	<b>Leader:</b> Jim Duggan <b>Distance:</b> 1100kms <b>Grade E:</b> Social Trip  <b>Limit:</b> 40 members – need room on bus for purchases
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<b>Easter Weekend 2009</b>	<b>A Bush Banquette — Willandra NP – Western NSW</b> We travel to Willandra via Hillston for the Easter Weekend. On Saturday; a guided ranger tour of the Willandra buildings and it’s history. A black tie Bush Banquette 3 course dinner style evening meal and wine tasting On Sunday: Social tennis – match referees the Needhams A evening Club BBQ followed by a Woolshed dance. Camping if you wish or authentic Sheep Station Accommodation. Accommodation is available for up to 32 people. Contact Jim to make your accommodation booking. Contact Sue or Gemma to list your help for the Banquette. Easter Monday we pack up and drive home or onto further destinations	<b>Leaders:</b> Jim Duggan, Sue Alexander Ria Webb
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<b>April/May 2009</b>	<b>Simpson Desert</b> A trip across the mighty Simpson Desert: This time we will go Birdsville to Mt Dare. Following the crossing we will travel down to the Flinders Ranges before heading home. Canberra to Birdsville, Mt Dare to the Flinders and the Flinders to Canberra (Duration - 3 Weeks) Trip is Full	<b>Trip Leader:</b> Bob Smith <b>Distance:</b> 5500 – 6000 Kms <b>Grade:</b> B/D
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<b>Westward Ho - Winter 2009</b>	Rick Fischer is looking for interested parties to visit Geraldton, Shark Bay, Ningaloo Homestead and Ningaloo Reef, and Carnarvon (you will need all your rods) and the Pilbara. Tinny would be handy too. Off road camper trailers too if you are confident and comfortable with one in soft sand and dune country, and that it will not come to pieces on tracks like the Anne Beadell, CSR, Gunbarrel, Great Central Road etc. Travelling via Oodnadatta, Painted Desert, Coober Pedie, The Anne Beadell and Leonora with possible return through CSR Well 33, Gun Barrel , Alice and points East – could involve a Simpson Crossing to Birdsville. If Broome and the Gibb were to be included then perhaps down CSR to 33 or down the Tanami. Look at 12 to 16 weeks sometime between April and September – No Race, No Rush, and flexibility a must. Numbers must also be limited.	<b>Trip Leader:</b> Rick Fischer
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