



Trip Calendar

August 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.

Monthly Meeting Dates

August 4	LRC August Ordinary Meeting—Eastlakes Football Club	8pm Start
August 19	LRC Committee Meeting, —Eastlakes Football Club	8pm Start
September 1	AGM and LRC Ordinary Meeting —Eastlakes Football Club	8pm Start

August 2008

AUG Fri 8 –Sun 10	Accredited and Certified Driver Training See LRC News - Page 20 - July edition for details	Leader: Kevin Phillips
August 9 and 10	Binalong Pubstay Weekend 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	Leaders: Pete and Lyn Smith Phone: 02 6297 2039 or 0429 338 999 Email: peteandlyn22@bigpond.com Distance: 200km

October 2008

Oct 4-11	Murray Sunset National Park 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. Trip is full	Leaders: Thea and Derek Moyes Distance: 2,500 kms Grade: C/D
Oct 13 – 24	Sand and Water 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.	Trip Leader: Mike Osborne Distance: – 2500kms Grade – B/C

November 2008

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| Nov
1 - 2 | <p>Long Plain Hut - Long Plain Hut – ‘an on-going LRC Project’
Join other club members in the Kosciusko 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.</p> | <p>Trip Leader:
Arie de Bear
Approx Distance:
600km
Grade: D</p> |
| Nov
Fri 7 –Sun 9 | <p>MOU trip in Kosciuszko NP.
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.</p> | <p>Leader:
Roger Quarterman
Distance: 450 km
Grade: C</p> |
| Nov
Fri 14 - Mon17 | <p>Erinundra Waratahs
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.</p> | <p>Trip Leader:
Mike Osborne
Distance - 800 km
Grade - C</p> |
| Nov
Sat 29 – Sun 30 | <p>LRC Christmas Party – Braidwood Showground
To be held at Braidwood Show Ground</p> | <p>Social Secretary</p> |

Put this one in your diary now. More details soon.

December 2008

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| December
Fri 5 - Sun 7 | <p>Murray Muscat Meander 2008 - Ovens Valley - Myrtleford
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</p> | <p>Leader: Jim Duggan
Distance: 1100kms
Grade E: Social Trip

Limit: 40 members – need room on bus for purchases</p> |
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| Easter
Weekend 2009 | <p>A Bush Banquette — Willandra NP – Western NSW
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</p> | <p>Leaders:
Jim Duggan,
Sue Alexander
Ria Webb</p> |
| April/May
2009 | <p>Simpson Desert
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</p> | <p>Trip Leader:
Bob Smith
Distance:
5500 – 6000 Kms
Grade: B/D</p> |
| Westward Ho
- Winter 2009 | <p>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.</p> | <p>Trip Leader:
Rick Fischer</p> |