



Trip Calendar

September
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. There will probably be someone else after the AGM

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

September 1	AGM and LRC Ordinary Meeting —Eastlakes Football Club	8pm Start
September 16	Monthly Committee Meeting	8pm Start

AUGUST—SUN 31 Vehicle Recovery Day

Join experienced Club members in the bush around Vanity's Crossing as they recover wrecked vehicles from precarious positions and deliver them to a drop-off point, to be later taken away by ACT Forests.

Leaders: Tim Gardiner and Dennis Ford, Distance: 50 kms, Grade: Recovery

SEPT Sat 13	Orientation for New Members <u>Leader: Members of the Driver Education Team</u> Location: Cotter Reserve (site of the burned down hotel)	Time: 9am till Noon
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SEPT - Sun 14—Canberra Times Fun Run

It's time to shake those winter blues and have some fun!!

A group of us are doing the 10K walk on the 14th September and we would like as many as possible to join us. Friday 22nd is the deadline to sign up. Meet at the car park near the Hellenic Club, Woden at 8.30am. It's called a 10k run but we're walking it. The "RUN" will be followed by a barbeque at Black Mountain Peninsula, and if anyone else would like to join us they are welcome.

Trip Leaders:
Anne Darke and
Margaret Bronson
Distance: 10 kms
Grade: Social

SEP - Sun 21 Show and Tell Day

Join club members as they display their set-ups and talk about their wares.

Tap into the knowledge and experience of LRC members as you decide on how to set up your vehicles. Also talk to members about their past trips. They are only too happy to talk about their adventures.

A sausage sizzle will be provided so to help the catering could you please register your intention to attend with the Denis Ford asap.

Location - Molonglo Reach opposite Duntroon and near the Fyshwick roundabout.

Organiser:
Denis Ford
Time:
10am to 3pm

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

OCT Sun 12	Sunday Roast on the Shoalhaven River Break out your camp oven, pack your roast, veges', liquid refreshments and join club members for a Sunday roast on the banks of the Shoalhaven River. Rest and relax by the river while your roast sizzles. Share stories and recipes around a well-renown LRC fire. You could even practise your sand driving while lunch is cooking. This is a great opportunity for campfire-cooking novices to observe the culinary expertise of club members. Depart Bungendore 8.30am to return around 5pm. BYO everything.	Trip Leaders Geoff and Gab Hill Distance: 250kms Grade: Culinary
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November 2008

Nov 1 - 2	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.	Trip Leader: Arie de Bear Approx Distance: 600km Grade: D
Nov Fri 7 –Sun 9	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.	Leader: Roger Quarterman Distance: 450 km Grade: C
Nov Fri 14 - Mon17	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.	Trip Leader: Mike Osborne Distance - 800 km Grade - C
Nov Sat 29 – Sun 30	LRC Christmas Party – Braidwood Showground To be held at Braidwood Show Ground Put this one in your diary now. More details soon.	Social Secretary
NOV Sat 15 – Sun 16	Kings Plain Track This track, in the Alpine Nat Park, drops off the track to Charlies Creek and goes down to the Murray River. The trip will probably depart Canberra on Friday evening to camp at Tom Groggin for an early start on Saturday. Saturday's drive will take you up onto the Victorian high plains then descend onto the Murray. Return to camp at Davies Hut. Sunday will be a leisurely pack up and drive home.	Leader: Paul Sheahan Distance: 500 kms Grade: C+

December 2008

December Fri 5 - Sun 7	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	Leader: Jim Duggan Distance: 1100kms Grade E: Social Trip Limit: 40 members – need room on bus for purchases
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Easter Weekend 2009	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	Leaders: Jim Duggan, Sue Alexander Ria Webb
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April/May 2009	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	Trip Leader: Bob Smith Distance: 5500 – 6000 Kms Grade: B/D
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Westward Ho - Winter 2009

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.

Trip Leader: Rick Fischer