

Welcome to our Newsletter.

This month we have no trip report, because we didn't go anywhere.

I did omit to mention that last month some members went to the Bindmurra Country Music Campout, which is held at Blanchtown in October. Sounds like a great weekend was enjoyed and the trip report can be found at our website. Thanks Deb R.

Don't forget, we are going to The Rocks at Balaklava on Sunday 14 December 2008 for our Xmas Picnic. Cuffs has already sent out the details. Hope to see everybody there.

### Upcoming Trips

For 2009, Cuffs has some great ideas for trips throughout the year. He has sent everybody a calendar of events for the whole year. Don't forget to provide feedback and ideas if you want to see other spots.

### Meetings

Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at Cavan. We will be advised about January09 and February09 meeting is scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Useless Information

The largest cell in the human body is the female egg  
And the smallest is the male sperm.



Thanks Carolyn

### Random Fact

What is the world's smallest mammal?

The world's smallest mammal is the bumblebee bat from Thailand weighing less than a penny.

Aw cute!!



Sniff out various types of pets listed below in this special pet-themed word search.

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Dog	Guinea pig	Gecko	Hamster
Cat	Goldfish	Mouse	Rabbit
Ferret	Snake	Turtle	Canary
Hermit crab	Parrot	Horse	Frog



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Thanks Barb

### Handy Hint

Recycling Drink Poppers

Once the drink poppers are empty thoroughly wash them out and use them as small, convenient

containers for such things as cooking oil, vinegar, sauce &

mayonnaise. They are easy to pack and pour

from, tough & they are also neat cooler blocks when filled with water & frozen. Thanks Barb



### Did you know?

It is believed that Shakespeare was 46 around the time that the King James Version of the Bible was written. In Psalms 46, the 46th word from the first word is shake and the 46th word from the last word is spear.

Spooky .....

## Member Profile

Every month, we will profile one of our members and their vehicles. Starting with our committee and moving on to our regular members. This month Barb Sampson, our Membership Co-ordinator.

Name – Robert Armstrong

Partner – Barbara Sampson

Age – Rob 46 years, Barbara – 60 years

Gosh where do I start?

Rob has always been an enthusiastic outdoor life person. He has progressed from racing Moto Cross bikes to cars and camping, driving a truck, long and short haul. To where we are today, being an owner driver steering wheel attendant (up to date term for Driver!), with a 6 ton truck and having a 4WD as well. We met in 1996 and at the time I did not have much experience of camping let alone having been to many places on holiday, but that was not the same for Rob. By then he had travelled quite extensively and had seen a lot of Australia, camping and otherwise. Back then we did not have a 4WD because Rob was doing courier work in a Mazda E2000 Van so that was our work and touring vehicle and my initiation into camping rough, fishing and seeing more of this country than I had ever seen. Our camping and fishing trips then were sleeping on a mattress in the back of the van and cooking on an open fire and the two man tent was used to store our gear in. We also had a three man tent we used occasionally if we stayed in a caravan park. The longest trip we did in the trusty van was Adelaide to Darwin and return. I don't think Mazda made those vans for 4 wheel driving, but the places Rob took the old van, even the manufacturers would be surprised! Then in 1998 we upgraded to a proper 4WD. We traded the van in for our 1985 Toyota Landcruiser and the fun really started. Our form of camping accommodation got upgraded as well, we bought a bigger tent and then bought Rob's mum and dad's camper trailer that was equipped with a three way fridge and a cooker as well. It had pull out beds and to us that was luxury. All of this enabled us to embark even more on our 4 wheel driving, camping and fishing adventures that we have had on our own and with family and friends (especially Luke Rowe) over the last 12 years. Our mode of accommodation has changed in that time, as we went from camper to caravan and bigger tent to as we camp today – just a good canvas tent with a separate kitchen and toilet/shower tent (such luxury!). But alas recently we

had to retire the trusty Landcruiser and as a change Rob decided to try out Nissan Patrols. Hopefully we get as good years with this one. Most of our camping and day adventure trips now are done with the club, sharing so our experiences we have gained over the years with the other members gives us great pleasure. So guys here are cheers to our next adventure! Barbara Sampson

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## Contributions

Members are encouraged to contribute to our Newsletter. Any clean jokes, recipes, handy hints or tips, and of course please feel free to email me your profile. I try to get the newsletter out by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. My email address is [helentaylor@adam.com.au](mailto:helentaylor@adam.com.au)

Thank you to the couple of people who are helping me with contributions etc. It is greatly appreciated.



Those men and their organs! At the Gawler Ranges – and Henry please stop bragging!!

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On a sad note – Bryan Wood, one of our long time and oldest members recently passed away. We was a true gentleman, with always a kind smile and an interesting story. Rest in Peace Bryan.

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I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the club members a very happy and festive Christmas. Please drive safely during the holidays and we look forward to the adventures awaiting us next year – New Year Resolution – no bogs for the Territory!

Cheers everyone ..... til next time!!!

