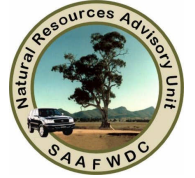




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## Pastoral Lease Access Request Documentation

Following much consultation, the Public Access Working Group has released the format of documentation to be used when seeking access to pastoral leases in South Australia. The two documents are:-

- ◆ The Pastoral Lease Access Request Form - to be completed and forwarded by the entity (seeking access) to the pastoral lessee, giving such information as identity, reason for desiring access, timing, numbers, vehicles, and safety equipment.
- ◆ The Pastoral Lease Access Consent / Refusal Form - the reply document from the lessee back to the applicant, with notification that access has either been approved or refused, and if refused, the reasons why. The document also contains a disclaimer.

Copies of these two documents are circulated with this newsletter.

Representatives from the Pastoral Program, the Pastoral Board, the South Australian Farmers' Federation, and the South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc. were all members of the Public Access Working Group.

### DESERT PARKS PASSES

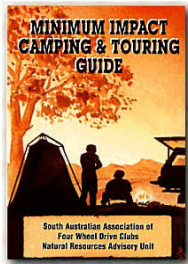
The Desert Parks Pass system in South Australia provides a source of funding for the management of the various "Desert Parks" in the outback of South Australia.

The pass is available from agents across Australia. You can obtain information on the location of agents or purchase a pass by ringing the Department for Environment and Heritage toll free hotline 1800816078 or Email [parkinfo@augov.sa.gov.au](mailto:parkinfo@augov.sa.gov.au). Alternatively you can contact the Port Augusta Regional Office, 9 Mackay St, Port Augusta SA 5700 (Phone (086)485310; Fax (086)485311).

With the Pass comes some very useful information for travellers, including a Handbook and maps which will be helpful when planning your trip. The handbook provides advice on how to travel safely in the outback. More detailed information is also available from the above outlets to assist you in planning an enjoyable and safe trip.

People do take a chance and access our Parks, break the law and get caught - not having a current pass, having dogs with them and/or the carriage of firearms are the most predominant offences.

Where the Pass is required, the visitor **must** have one in his/her possession. Penalties apply for non compliance. To avoid this possible situation, it is strongly recommended that you obtain the appropriate Pass before entering the area(s) concerned.



## Minimum Impact Camping and Touring Guide

have you got your copy yet?

**Care of Tracks** - Modern four wheel drive vehicles, as against two wheel drive or 'domestic' constant four wheel drive, are capable of successfully negotiating difficult, slippery and muddy

terrain with relative ease. Those who drive four wheel drive vehicles for recreational touring should not attempt to 'push on' or 'try to make it through regardless' in the more difficult areas without due consideration of the damage that could be caused to track surfaces and resultant damage to the environment of the area in which they are travelling.

All track users should be conscious of the limitations of their vehicles and the condition of the terrain over which they will drive, as well as the likely impact of the vehicle upon the track surface.

In rural and remote areas, these tracks are the supply and lifeline for those who reside in what is termed the "Outback". Mail, food, supplies, stock, produce etc, are moved by road throughout these areas. Track damage through irresponsible use, particularly when wet, can cause tracks to become hazardous or even force their closure if deemed to be unsafe. Damage to tracks can seriously impair the ability to move vital goods, equipment as well as emergency services, such as the Royal Flying Doctor Service, to residents in those affected areas

Tracks also provide a 'minimal impact' pathway for vehicles to access areas of sensitive environment. Care must always be foremost in protecting these tracks from damage. Careless use of tracks may result in denial of visitor vehicle access on both public and private lands, further restricting entry to areas of great beauty, archaeological, historical and cultural significance.

*(More to follow in future editions of this newsletter)*

## Stock Route History

A book, describing the history and usage of stock routes in the out-of-hundreds areas of our State, is available for sale for \$15.00 through the Outback Areas Community Development Trust (Freecall 1800 640 542).

The history, "Pads, Tracks and Waters", was prepared by Keith Yelland for the Trust, following the finding of a rare linen-backed 1905 map of the designated stocks routes of the North.

## TRACKS CLOSED TO PUBLIC

There are no further closures to report, **BUT** tracks in Cox's Scrub Park have been and are being abused, and there is a distinct possibility that they may be closed in the near future.

If in any doubt about outback tracks, consult the RAA Outback map – if the track in question is not shown on it, it is not open for public access

## CAMPING ALONG THE COORONG

The Coorong, some 50,000 ha, lies adjacent to the mouth of the River Murray, and consists of a long, shallow, saline lagoon more than 100 km in length, separated from the Southern Ocean by the sand dunes of the Younghusband Peninsular.

The Coorong offers some wonderful camping areas, but permits are required, and can be obtained from

- ◆ Self-registration stations at
  - 28 Mile crossing                      Parnka Point
  - Wreck Crossing                      Long Point
  - 32 Mile Crossing                      Godfreys Landing
  - 42 Mile Crossing                      Barkers Knoll

- ◆ Permit sales outlets in
  - MENINGIE                              KINGSTON
  - NPWSA office                          BP Roadhouse
  - Caltex Roadhouse                      Mobil Roadhouse
  - Melaleuca Info Centre                Shell Roadhouse
  - Kingston Caravan Park
  - The Big Lobster

- POLICEMANS POINT
- Coorong Caravan Park
- Coorong Hotel/Motel

- HINDMARSH ISLAND
- Marina

- SALT CREEK
- Shell Roadhouse

- GOOLWA
- South Coast Marine
- Signal Point Centre

- TAILEM BEND
- Tourist Info Centre

## CLUB ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Unfortunately no other Club responded to the invitation to detail their Club's projects, so this segment may be scrapped next issue.

If **your club** is involved in any environmentally friendly projects, please forward details to The Editor, NRAU Newsletter, PO Box 178, ENFIELD PLAZA 5085, or via email to [bigdaddy@picknowl.com.au](mailto:bigdaddy@picknowl.com.au)

# Pastoral Lease Access Request Form

<b>To:</b>	
<b>From:</b>	
<b>Fax Number:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

Name.....

Address.....

Phone Number..... Fax Number.....

When do you intend visiting?.....to.....

Reason for visiting the property .....

Name of group or Club (If applicable).....

How many vehicles in group.....

What type of vehicles (eg motorbike, 4WD)  
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What locations do you intend to visit on this property?

- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....

What tracks do you intend to use?

- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....

How long do you intend to stay on the property? .....

What forms of communication and safety equipment will you be carrying?  
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Signed ..... Date .....

# Pastoral Lease Access Consent / Refusal Form

<b>To:</b>	
<b>From:</b>	
<b>Fax Number:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

I.....  
As the landholder/s of ..... and..... station/s consent /  
refuse .....access to the  
above mentioned station/s on the dates..... To.....  
with ..... number of vehicles. The group intends to use the following  
tracks:

- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....

and visit the following points of interest:

- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....

I understand that the above mentioned people will be carrying  
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..... communication and safety equipment.

Reason for refusal (if applicable):  
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Signed: ..... Date.....

### Disclaimer:

1. If consent to this proposal is given, This shall be only on the basis that access is at your own risk – no liability will be accepted as a result of this consent.
2. Please contact the lessee approximately a week before you intend to visit - any approvals are contingent on weather conditions.
3. Outback travelling guidelines are available at [www.rangelands.sa.gov.au](http://www.rangelands.sa.gov.au)
4. Visitors are responsible for their own insurance.