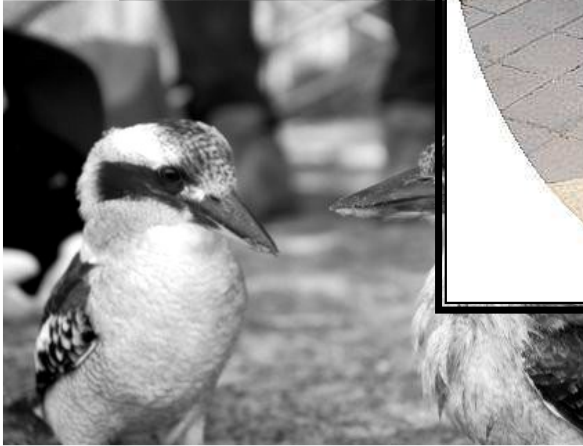
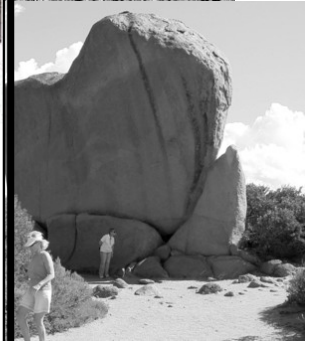


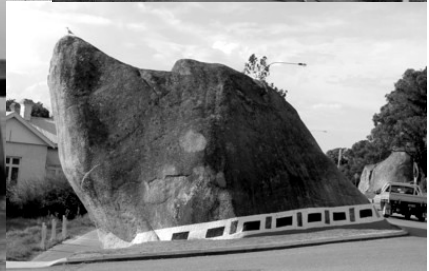
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PHOTO EXPLANATION ON COVER (left to right)

Santa on his trike with a few helpers

Wave Rock at Hyden

Gnomesville

Kookaburras at Meelup

Shovel Scoop at Super Pit

Old Eucla Jetty

Sculpture at Hyden

Dingos at Nullarbor

Gnomesville

Lighthouse at Cape Leeuwin

Dog Rock at Albany

Super Pit at Boulder

Whistling Rock Le Grand Nat Park

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Gawler and Districts Four Wheel Drive Club.

Previously known as The Light Four Wheel Drive Club of SA Inc., an active 4WD club of around 28 members since 2002. Members voted at the March 2008 meeting to change the club's name and meet at Gawler to give the club a more recognizable name and a more central meeting place with the view of attracting an increase in membership.

The club was formed in the middle of 2002 and previously met at Freeling once a month. It has become a very social club and has run many a successful day, week-end, long week-end and extended trips. We are a member of the South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc. which incorporates the Driver Training Unit. The club also has Public Liability Insurance through the Association. Most meetings include a Guest Speaker and a club newsletter is published monthly.

If you are a visitor to tonight's meeting, we welcome you and your family to our club. Please ask as many questions as you want. You can join us on up to 3 club outings before becoming a member, and the club has UHF radios and 4WD recovery gear, which you may loan. Trip Leaders run each outing and will be glad to help you with tips on four wheel driving and how to get the best from your vehicle. If you would like to join us on any trips, please see Dave and fill out your details on the Trip Sheet/s.

The club meets at the Gawler Elderly Centre Hall in Fourteenth Street, Gawler.

Meeting dates are on page 3 of this newsletter.

Our annual membership fees are currently \$60 per vehicle/family, plus \$10 joining fee.

Again, welcome to our club and the enjoyment Four Wheel Driving can bring.



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Schedule of Meetings

<u>2010</u>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>
<i>Meeting</i>												
Committee		3	3		5			4	1		3	1
General		12	12	9	14	4	9	13	10	8	12	10
Committee			31		26	30			29			

Club committee meetings commence at 7:30pm on the scheduled Wednesday, on a rotating basis, held at various committee members' homes. All club members welcome. Check with your committee.

President's Report

Welcome Everyone

Christmas is just around the corner and with this being my final report for 2009, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone, for the support they have given to the Gawler and District 4WD Club, in committee positions and also you, *the members*, for the eventful year that we have had.

This meeting being our AGM, I would like anyone who is nominated for a position on the committee, to give it some consideration and give it a go. If you are nominated in one of the social secretary positions, it is important that the work is not all left to one person. The only positions not to be filled for 2010, are President & Secretary; all other club positions need to be filled.

The Club is also looking for Advertising sponsorships to help with the printing cost of our newsletter. Any members that know of a possible sponsor, please check them out, if you don't ask you don't know. A special thank you has to go to the sponsors we have had for this year, being ARB 4x4 Accessories, Gawler Fishing & Outdoors and Cartridge World.

Just a note before I close my brief report - there will be no general meeting in January. The next Club general meeting will be 12.02.2010, and the next committee meeting will be 03.02.2010. The next club outing will be the Coffin Bay trip 23rd – 30th of January 2010. Thanks. Have a safe and Happy Christmas with a prosperous New Year to follow.

Max

Editor's Report

Hi and welcome to everyone, especially any visitors at tonight's meeting - the last one for the year. For our next meeting on 12.2.2010, we have a guest speaker from Contact Communications.

This has been my 1st year as editor and I wish to thank everyone who has supported me with trip reports, photos and general constructive comments. It has been hard to keep the finance down and produce a quality result. Time is what I have been lacking of late, but manage to skim through just before the deadline time. Once again thank you to everyone who has contributed with interesting articles because without these, a newsletter could not go ahead. The big challenge for next year's editor is to get the newsletter sent to clubs and members through email if they want.

I received a phone call this week from Cartridge World who are closing business Christmas time and will not be sponsoring our club any more, which leaves only one sponsor that financially supports the newsletter. Please put your thinking caps on over the holiday break if there are any businesses that could be approached to support this important task to keep communication happening in our club through the newsletter.

I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and safe and blessed New Year.

Lyn



Coming Events

<u>Coffin Bay</u>	23 rd – 30 th January 2010 (includes Australia Day Public Holiday 26/1/10)
Trip Limit:	Unlimited
Type:	A social week based at family shack. Some accommodation is available with air conditioning, 2 toilets but only 1 shower, family friendly, on beach front. Some camper/van space or nearby Caravan Park, depending on numbers.
Activities:	Organized on daily basis, depending on weather and your choice. 4WDING in National Park (low range required, recovery gear & shovel). Jetty or surf fishing, possible boating, swimming, kayaking, relaxing/reading. Happy hours etc.
Requirements:	Food, some for shared meals, sheets and towels if staying in shack, fishing/swimming gear, sun screen, hats and willing to have a great week.
Cost:	Caravan Park or shared cost of shack, NP entry fee - \$5.50 per day. Yacht, club meal – optional. Dutton Bay museum – gold coin.
Meeting Place:	Tarlee at 7.00 am (ready for 8 hrs trip)
Trip Leader:	Keryn Phone 8522 6478 or 0409 699 671

Proposed Trips –

Burra Creek Gorge

Bri-Glen Park – “Top Gear” week-end

“Bethany Games” – 4WD themed games – Held on a Sunday.

April 2010 - Grampians

June 2010 - National 4WD Gathering, Pomona, Queensland

11 PEOPLE ... ON A ROPE

Eleven people were hanging on a rope, under a helicopter. 10 men and 1 woman. The rope was not strong enough to carry them all, so they decided that one had to leave, because otherwise they were all going to fall.

They weren't able to choose that person, until the woman gave a very touching speech. She said that she would voluntarily let go of the rope, because, as a woman, she was used to giving up everything for her husband and kids or for men in general, and was used to always making sacrifices with little in return. As soon as she finished her speech, all the men started clapping.



A BIT OF AUSSIE CULCHA (with Computer Terminology)

LOG ON:	Adding wood to make the Barbie hotter
LOG OFF:	Not adding any more wood to the Barbie
MONITOR:	Keeping an eye on the Barbie
DOWLOAD:	Getting the firewood off the Ute
HARD DRIVE:	Making the trip back home without cold tinnies
KEYBOARD:	Where you hang the 4WD Ute keys
WINDOW:	What you shut when the weather's cold
SCREEN:	What you shut in the mozzie season
BYTE:	What mozzies do
MEGABYTE:	What outback mozzies do
CHIP:	A bar snack
MICROCHIP:	What's left in the bag after you've eaten the chips
MODEM:	What you did to the lawns
LAPTOP:	Where the cat sleeps
SOFTWARE:	Plastic knives and forks you get at Red Rooster
HARDWARE:	Stainless steel knives and forks – from K-Mart
MOUSE:	The small rodent that eats the grain in the shed
MAINFRAME:	What holds the shed up
WEB:	What spiders make...
WEBSITE:	Usually in the shed or under the veranda
SEARCH ENGINE:	What you do when the 4WD wont go
CURSOR:	What you say when the 4WD wont go
YAHOO:	What you say when the 4WD does go...
UPGRADE:	A steep hill
SERVER:	The person at the pub who brings out the counter lunch
MAIL SERVER:	The bloke at the pub who brings out the counter lunch
USER:	The neighbour who keeps borrowing things
NETWORK:	What you do when you need to repair the fishing net
INTERNET:	Where you want the fish to go
NETSCAPE:	What the fish do when they discover the hole in the net
ONLINE:	Where you hang out the washing
OFFLINE:	Where the washing ends up when the pegs aren't strong enough

Submitted by Roy - Thank you Roy

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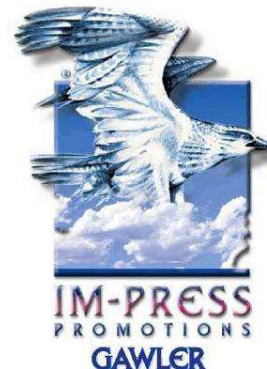
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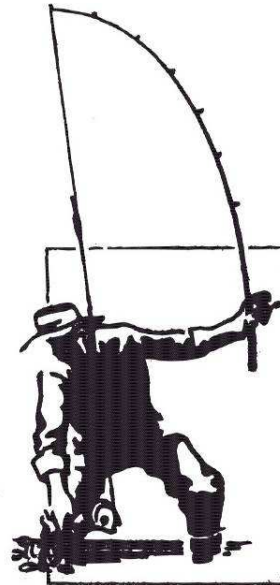
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Argadells Trip - 2nd Oct – 5th Oct, 2009

The long awaited October long week end has finally arrived. We left home with the weather looking a bit dodgy but it soon cleared the further North we traveled. Some areas had been lucky enough to have had a decent rain and creeks were flowing. We had not seen the Flinders Ranges so green for about a decade. Arrived at Quorn in time for lunch and after meeting up with our trip leaders Dave & Karen along with Angus & Marie, we headed off to the Argadells. The property has been under new ownership since the last time we had visited and the improvements that have been made are certainly a credit to them.



After signing in, we all headed off to our campsite, where the Wild Oats and Salvation Jane had been slashed in most parts to allow for camping. The campsite certainly looked a picture and was definitely a change from dirt and dust. Dave and John headed off to collect some wood for the fire as it looked like being a very cold night, and it sure turned out that way. Simon and Cain arrived a bit later on and Martin & Martin turned up at some stage of the night.

After breakfast we went driving up to the top of Mt Arden and along the ridge top. The views were magnificent and scenery spectacular, which made for a very pleasant drive. Back home for lunch and Quenton has now arrived, making our group complete. We also shared our campsite with another club so space was at a premium; they outnumbered us by about two to one.

Most vehicles went out again to drive through the beautiful scenery and returned by tea time. Another really cold night, luckily for us all, the property owners spoilt us, and sent out a big load of wood to keep the camp fires burning. We spent a nice night around the fire with good company and many a story told.



Sunday we set off again through rocky gorges, native pines and fantastic Spinifex country where the Yaccas were an absolute picture. Many photos were taken of their unusual shapes. We had another enjoyable day. Time to sit around the fire once more, life is hard some times!
The other club had a Camp Oven Cook Off, amongst their members. Very entertaining and a diverse range of dishes were judged.

All too soon it was Monday and we had to pack up and head for home, time sure does fly when you are out enjoying yourself.

Argadells Trip (continued)



Marie, Martin # 2, John and I traveled home together. We had lunch at the Stone Hut Bakery; most people can't go past it without stopping! Simon, Cain and Quenton left a bit later. Dave, Karen and Angus stayed another night and on Monday went for a ride on the Pichi Richi Train. I am sure Angus loved it.

A big thank you to our trip leaders, and all participants of the trip, for making it a great week end. We really enjoyed the company and of course, the beautiful Argadells.

Jane

FINAL COUNTRY MUSIC CAMP OUT 23 – 25 October 2009

The Leskes were eager to get away on the Friday night being the only two from Gawler 4WD Club wishing to attend the camp out with unpowered sites. We joined Jane and John camping with the Nissan 4WD Club who made us feel extremely welcome in their group spending the remainder of the night mingling with other Nissan people and listening to country music before retiring to bed. Even though windy conditions prevailed, we erected the new Gawler 4WD banner draped over our caravan to show many other campers several 4WD clubs were present.

The official opening on Saturday was made by Dave Williams from Wellington. Dave is a long time supporter of the Blanchetown Country Music Camp Out and the Royal Flying Doctor Service where all the weekend proceeds will be donated to.

Saturday at 9.00 am, 16 vehicles lined up in convoy fashion waiting for land holders Arthur and Dorathy to give us a history 4WD tour through Bindmurra Station (the property the camp was held on).



Leskes and Jansens were among the 16 but over two days, the newly introduced 4x4 tour on the property, took 70 people on a five hour tour to look at crops, see homes of the early settlers hearing some of their stories, learn how the centre pivots work for potatoes crops, vineyards and how the property owners have changed their method of irrigation to accommodate the low water allocation.

Water tanks were put in the early 1900s when shepherds watched their sheep from Wild Dog's Hill at the station.

Water holes dried up quickly so troughs were built.

Country Music Campout (continued)

The dog proof fence was paid for in their Council Rates and trappers would cut ears off dogs, foxes or dingos, present them to the Council, and get a refund.



Bindmurra was originally made up of 9 small settling houses totally then up to 1,000 acres but a lot larger today. This year's crops should bring in 3 – 4 bags to the acre – a good year should bring in 10 bags. This area is just outside Goyder's line with very light rainfall (average rainfall 6" or 150mls per year), but next year the station plan to try direct drilling. They would travel some 810kms each day in summer to check the water supply which could take 4 – 5 hours but now they have solar pumps.

A wagon was used to cart stones off the land and tip in heaps, but a wheel collapsed and now rests on the fence line.

Our tour continued to view charcoal pits and open cut Gypsum pits, but the highlight of the tour was driving over some rough ground and attempts to get vehicles up some steep sand hills.

We have since heard that Committee members have agreed the campout was one of the best. The weather stayed fine and the attendance was up on previous years by approximately 100 to 509.

The Saturday night camp oven tea of \$15 per head was served to 266 people with food and drinks available to purchase for the whole weekend.

\$62,000 had previously been donated to the Royal Flying Doctors over a period of 5 years. In 2004, the artists who performed in the first Camp Out signed their name on a blue denim shirt that was later put up for auction as a money raiser. This year the same shirt never been worn, was offered back to the committee, who made the unanimous decision to gift the shirt to Dave Williams. Dave has a museum of country music artist and mobilia, and he said he had just the perfect place for it to go on show.



Raffle tickets were available for sale, spinning wheel competitions and pony rides for younger children. MC was Noel Kneebone who constantly recognized the performing artist and a very long list of sponsors. Amenities included mobile toilets, generators for lighting and a few showers.

A Gospel concert was enjoyed by many who stayed. Only one more job to do before the committee can fold up as a fund raiser for the RFD is to audit the books, and make one final donation. A rather sad ending.

[Max and Lyn]

Mystery Drive – Sunday 15.11.09

With a forecast top of 40 degrees, the day was altered and shortened to suit the hot conditions. We met at the Gawler Visitors Information Centre at 8.00am (brought forward by 1 hour due to the heat) and with 6 diehard members; Brent and Keryn, Wayne, Bronte, Quenton and Deb (down from 14 originally on the trip sheet).

We set off up Gawler East soon turning onto dirt roads through Concordia. We travelled through quite pretty country including a water crossing and the delightful town of Rosedale. Continuing through Greenock and along the back roads to just north of Kapunda; turning off the Kapunda to Eudunda road onto Anlaby road and headed to the historic Anlaby Station.

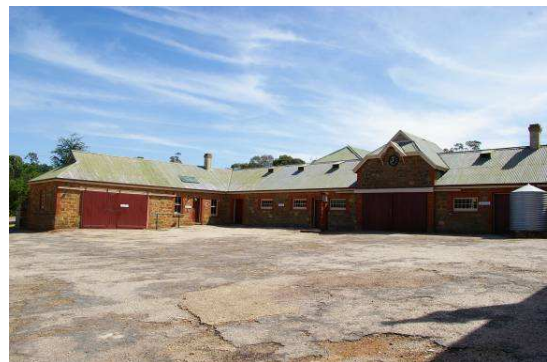


Driving up the Gum studded drive we arrived at Anlaby Station. More like a village than a farm, our guide met us for our 9.00am tour of the homestead. The station was established in 1839 by Frederick Dutton soon becoming a reputable Merino sheep and Clydesdale horse stud.

The buildings and gardens of Anlaby are in the process of being restored and our guide showed us through most of the house including the kitchen, butler's pantry and scullery, the servant's domain and up the stairs to the main formal part of the house. We were shown original cupboards in perfect

working order, expensive drapes, original lighting, flooring, decorative imported timber panelling etc all over 100 years old.

Stories of Henry Dutton and son Geoffrey Dutton who ran the property through the years were told as our guide showed us through the various wings and cellars of the homestead. With no air conditioning and after 8 days of record November heat, the home was comfortably cool. The current owners, Andrew Morphett and his partner Peter Haywood have just purchased the original Woolshed back, and all members present are looking forward to a tour of the gardens and outbuildings as well as the Shearing Shed precinct sometime in the future. A short drive back to Kapunda and a drive through Dutton Park (land donated by the original Dutton family) and a morning tea stop by the duck pond at Davidson Reserve.



As usual, Mystery day trips feature superb morning teas and again with a selection of yummy slices (from Angaston's Sunrise Bakery) and icy cold soft drinks, today was no exception!

The last stop on the tour was a look at the excellent "Light Region Interpretive Display" in the underground rooms of the historic Thompson Building (formally Thompson's Store built in the 1860s). A well put together display – well worth the look.

Everyone agreed, despite the heat, the day was very enjoyable.

[Quenton and Deb]

Gawler and Districts 4WD Christmas Show

Port Broughton 28-29/11/2009

We awoke to a rather overcast day but forever optimistic we continued on to pack and get ready for the weekend. The meeting spot was Mallala where we all gathered waiting for the Schwertz's who were not lost but had somehow misplaced Mallala.

The drizzle continued and the wind was starting to pick up but we continued on. I had written a quiz to be filled out along the way, however some started early by getting local knowledge. They probably should have got extra points for entertaining the local information gatherer.

The trip was a rather easy drive with a quick stop at Pt Wakefield and then on to Bute for morning tea under the protection of a rather large shed. The township of Bute certainly has impressive buildings that the locals keep to a high standard. We heard during morning tea that the wind at Pt Broughton was *brisk* and that sleeping on the previous night was difficult because of it. Thankfully the Caravan Park has a new large Camp Kitchen and our plan was to use this for the evening.

We were expecting to find the park empty because of the weather but were surprised to find it quite busy with lots of really big boats, apparently the Snapper season was starting on Monday and everybody arrives on the weekend to get ready.



great range of salads.

A few brave soles (pun intended!) decided to walk down to the foreshore to see the jetty and surrounds however this was cut short due to the gale force winds (I don't think I have ever walked in such strong winds) and we retired to the camp kitchen for afternoon tea, newspaper reading and rather noisy card playing.

We started to fire up the BBQ about 5.30 and got ready for the Christmas dinner; most of us dressed for the occasion with a Christmas shirt or hat with the eventual prize winner being John M with his rather dashing tie and flashing tee shirt. The dinner was enjoyed by all with a

We were just cleaning up when we heard the familiar HO HO HO of Father Christmas brought in by two good looking but worn out helpers on the caravan parks Pedal Bike. It seems a bit of a theme for Santa to arrive on a 3 wheel bike – although with the economic downturn this year's trike had no motor! Presents were given out to Lachlan, Cooper, Andrew, Blaze and Regina with big smiles all round. Santa even found another present for a girl who was with another group, talk about a resourceful Santa.

The Photo Competition photos were also put on display by Sandra and we were given the opportunity to vote on what we thought was the best one and Lyn was chosen as the best.

Port Broughton **Christmas Show** (continued)

The winner of the best club photo was Jane with her photo of Yakas and received a \$50 voucher from Gawler Fishing and Outdoors as her prize. Thanks again to Karl and the boys for supporting the photo competition for many years. The winner of the funny sign was Marie who received a voucher supplied by La Dolce Vita Italian Restaurant in Gawler and the Heintz's. I am sure the Funny Signs competition will be run again in 2010, so keep your eyes open and camera ready. The travel quiz was a tie won by Chris and Julie and Norma and Bronte.

The evening wound up after a lot of laughter and games and was enjoyed I think by all.

We awoke the next day to a fine day and very little wind. We met for breakfast in the Camp Kitchen and slowly packed up before the rain and after a brief stop at Fisherman's Bay, the group split into two; one group headed home via the Pt Wakefield Bakery which can be recommended whilst the others headed for Moonta and a little known homemade ice cream shop. This shop is on the Maitland road a couple of kms out of Moonta and has great coffee, pancakes, Gelato and Ice cream. I think Sandra managed to taste all! Quenton is still raving about how good the coffee was.

Thanks to Sandra who asked for directions in Moonta. In fact this place was so good, some planning was done over the UHF radios on the way home how another Club Trip could be organised to involve another visit.

Thankyou John & Karyn, Roy & Bronwyn, Max & Lyn, Brent, Keryn, Scott, Lachlan, Cooper, Nick, Robb & Andrew, Julie & Chris, Sandra, Wayne & Blaze, Bronte ,Norma, Josh & Reggie, John & Jane, Marie, Mark, Quenton and Deb for a great weekend and despite the weather, all went well.

Deb

CAMPING DIRECTION JOKE

While looking at a house, my brother asked the real estate agent which direction was north because he didn't want the sun waking him up every morning.

She asked, 'Does the sun rise in the north?' My brother explained that the sun rises in the east and has for sometime.

She shook her head and said, 'Oh, I don't keep up with all that stuff....

'They Walk Among Us! & they vote!
