

Gawler & Districts

4WD Club Newsletter

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Photo Explanation on Cover

Wave Rock at Hyden	Sculpture at Hyden	
Gnomesville	Dingos at Nullarbor	Super Pit at Boulder
Kookaburras at Meelup	Gnomesville	Whistling Rock Le Grand Nat Park
Shovel Scoop at Super Pit	Lighthouse at Cape Leeuwin	
Old Eucla Jetty	Dog Rock at Albany	

Club Welcome

WELCOME

to the Gawler and Districts Four Wheel Drive Club

Previously known as "The Light Four Wheel Drive Club of SA Inc." this active 4WD club has around 28 members since it was formed in 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 more members.

The club 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.



Gawler & Districts 4WD Club Inc.

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Club meets second Friday in the month at 7.30 pm
(Except on a long weekend when it is one week earlier.)

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Schedule of Meetings

2010

<i>Meeting</i>	<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>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>
General		12	12	9	14	4	9	13	10	8	12	10
Committee		3	3		5			4	1		3	1
			31		26	30			29			

NOTE: DEADLINE TIME - All newsletter articles to the editor by Friday prior to the General Meeting

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

A new year for all the activities and challenges we face as a club. Firstly I would like to thank all the new faces on the 2010 committee, for the input at our 1st committee meeting. Being our 1st meeting for the year it became a little long with the amount of things that had to be discussed.

The Kapunda Farm Fair discussion held the floor for a little while. It was decided that we try a raffle and raise some funds to cover the site cost.

There are a good number of interesting trips and outings already placed in our trip coordinators hands. We are still searching for guest speakers to entertain us at club meetings. Our guest speaker for our March meeting will be James Reeves from Banksia Adventures.

Just a reminder that our membership Subs are now due. The Subs are \$60.00 for continuing members and for any new members there is an additional \$10.00 joining fee. These can be paid to Quenton with a proof copy of your current comprehensive 4WD vehicle insurance. Please try to get these tidied up as quickly as possible so the new Club membership tickets can be printed.

Max

Editor's Report

We welcome any visitors at tonight's meeting and thank our club member Chris for his talk on setting up our website (didn't know we had one!!).

It was decided at our committee meeting to have a strict deadline date of Friday prior to the general meeting to receive all articles for our newsletter, giving enough preparation time for the editors to check and prepare files for emailing etc. A big thank you to Chris Sieben for all the knowledge and work he has contributed in reducing the size of our newsletter. This now means we can email it out to other clubs and members if they wish, which will cut our printing and postage costs enormously. Emailed newsletters will be sent prior to the general meeting in colour and hard printed copies will be in black and white available on the night of the meeting to members not wanting the email option.

If you do not wish to send articles by email, I can give you a club memory stick or our fax number at our general meeting in preparation for the next newsletter.

Care must be taken in reports sent to me that names are spelt correctly – these can be checked from the membership list.

We still only have 2 sponsors for our newsletters. If anyone knows of a business or person that would be interested in sponsoring the newsletter and receive advertising, please let a committee member know so they can be approached.

I welcome any ideas or items you would like to see in our newsletter for your and other club member's interests this year.

Lyn



Coming Events

Wayville Showgrounds

Wednesday 24th - 28th February 2010

Type: Caravan & Camping and Outdoor Adventure Show 10 am – 6 pm daily
Cost: \$13 entry fee or \$7.00 to club members only with application form
Website: www.sacaravanandcampingshow.com.au

Cleanup Australia Day

Sunday 7th March 2010
(Details at February Meeting)

Moonta Bay

Adelaide Cup weekend - Saturday 6th, 7th & 8th March 2010

Trip Limit: 18 (numbers to be confirmed at tonight's meeting)
Type: Sightseeing with some sand driving
Activities: Visit Cape Elizabeth, Wheal Hughes Copper Mine Tour (maximum 18 people – no one under 6 yrs allowed in mine)
Requirements: Air compressor, shovel and sand flag
Cost: Cooper Mine Tour \$15 adults, \$13 pensioners, \$8 under 18 yrs
 Accommodation in Moonta Caravan Park:- \$30 powered, \$28 unpowered sites per night (minimum stay 3 nights Fri – Sun)
Meeting Place: Moonta Caravan Park on Friday night
Trip Leader: Dave & Karen - Phone 8524 3508 or 0411 772 226 Dave

Angorichna

Easter weekend - Friday 2nd - Monday 5th April 2010

Trip Limit: 10 vehicles
Activities: Camping & 4wding
Requirements: Fully self sufficient, high clearance, low range vehicles. Camping & track fees apply
Cost: \$23 powered & \$20 unpowered
Meeting Place: TBA
Trip Leader: John & Jane - Phone 8523 0657 or 0409 091 851

Kapunda Farm Fair

Friday 16th & Saturday 17th April 2010

Where: Kapunda Harness Racing Complex
Type: Club Advertising & Fundraiser
Website: www.kapundafarmfair.com

Requirements:	Volunteers needed for both days
Cost:	Entry \$10 each day. Free for children up to 15 yrs with an adult. Concession & senior card holders \$7 and student card holders \$5. 4WD Volunteers \$12 each for a 2 day pass
Meeting Place:	Collect tickets from Freeling for volunteers or at gate for spectators
Event Leader:	Max Phone 8524 9002 or 0427807 066 Michele Phone 8525 2765 or 0419 813 805

<u>Ngarkat</u>	Friday 16th – Sunday 18th April 2010
Where:	Ngarkat Conservation Park
Type:	Interclub Working Bee (see trip leader for notice)

<u>Fraser Island</u>	Saturday 29th May – 10th June 2010
Trip Limit:	Unlimited
Activities:	Camping, 4wding in sandy terrain
Requirements:	Fully self sufficient, vehicles to be in A1 condition. Tent, swag or camper trailers only
Cost:	Ferry to Fraser Island \$80 per vehicle and passengers. \$45 campers
Meeting Place:	TBA
Trip Leader:	Martin - Phone 8524 2032 or 0409 770 498

<u>Australian 4x4 Gathering Pomona Qld</u>	10th – 15th June 2010
Requirements:	Fully self sufficient, vehicles to be in A1 condition. Tent, swag or camper trailers only
Cost:	\$130 Registration + \$20 per night for 2 nights camping. Merchandise available t-shirts, beanies, stubby holders etc
Meeting Place:	TBA
Trip Leader:	Martin - Phone 8524 2032 or 0409 770 498 For more details on Australian 4x4 Gathering go to www.australian4x4gathering.org.au

<u>Peake</u>	4WD Training - Saturday 26th & 27th June 2010
Trip Limit:	No limit
Type:	Sand driving training
Requirements:	Caravans, Campers, Tents, Swags etc; sand flag, air compressor, shovel, rated recovery points, recovery gear, UHF radio. Be fully self sufficient
Cost:	\$15 per day + fuel costs

Meeting Place: Rear Shell roadhouse, Tailem Bend on Saturday at 9.00 am sharp
Trip Leader: Dave & Karen - Phone 8524 3508 or 0411 772 226 Dave

Peake **4WD Training - Saturday 14th & 15th August 2010**

Trip Limit: No limit + invitation for another 4wd club to join us
Type: Sand driving & recovery training
Requirements: Caravans, Campers, Tents, Swags etc; sand flag, air compressor, shovel, rated recovery points, recovery gear, UHF radio. Be fully self sufficient
Cost: \$15 per day + fuel costs
Meeting Place: Rear Shell roadhouse, Tailem Bend on Saturday at 9.00 am sharp
Trip Leader: Dave & Karen - Phone 8524 3508 or 0411 772 226 Dave

Proposed Trips

- June week-end 2010 Bri-Glen Park – “Top Gear”
- Morgan Club Training
- Burra Club Training
- Burra Creek Gorge
- “Bethany Games” – 4WD themed games – Sunday
- April 2011 - Grampians

Club Merchandise

Items listed below are to be ordered direct from

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All embroidered with club logo

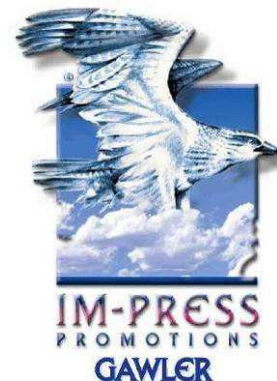
Polo Shirts – Navy with red or gold piping. Men’s S to 5XL. Ladies 8 to 18. Style codes PS17 & PS18	\$31.00
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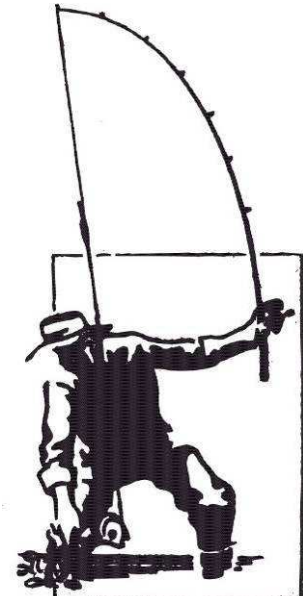
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Trip Reports

2010 Coffin Bay Trip

SATURDAY 23RD JAN

Finally the day has come. Coffin Bay here we come. Keryn and Brent, double kayak on the roof racks, Clarentyne and the mystery bag of tricks. Bronte, Norma and a trailer to transport 'SS NORMA' and its (now - one wheeled trailer), and Roy and Bron – yes they made it. A good trip over via Gladstone, Whyalla for lunch, Pt. Neil for a look at Electroplating (mainly gum leaves, sea creatures), Pat and Roy's for afternoon tea at Cummins (just after finding out how much fuel Bronte's tank holds). Met with Barb, Allan and James and Max and Lyn at the shack for Yiros tea. [Keryn]

Max & Lyn left early to deliver a wide load to Lock and when turning into Yorkey's crossing at Port Augusta, a 4WD owner (brand new) panicked when he nearly lost his bull bar cutting the semi short on the corner". Highlight of the day – Arriving at the caravan park to begin our holiday - long waiting. 1st night, ripped the bed sheet! [Max]

SUNDAY 24TH JAN

Took in the magnificent views from the Coffin Bay lookout with Keryn and Brent, who gave us the history of each area and of the Coffin Bay oyster farms. A fabulous way to start our day. Next stop was the Coffin Bay markets where we were able to relax and enjoy some of the locals produce and find a bargain. The remainder of the day took us to the Coffin Bay National Park where we all enjoyed cockling at Gonyah Beach for a few hours with lunch on the beach. Once we were all completely wet and our buckets full, we drove to some of the other lookouts and beaches in the park. Back to the shack for Happy Hour and a combined BBQ tea. A wonderful day was had by all. [Barb]

Allan's trip highlights

- Memory cove at Lincoln National Park
- 4WDing through the Coffin Bay National Park
- Tuna Fishing!!!!
- Driving down 7 Mile Beach
- Cockling on Gonyah Beach
- Shopping in London
- The Company

James' Highlights

- Going out on the boat
- Catching more fish than Mum and Dad!!!!!!
Go James!!
- Getting to know the 4WDing Club better.
- Catching a puffer fish (that thing was just weird)
- Going to the Tunarama

MONDAY 25TH JAN

Highlight – Roy's fishing charter and catching fish which I cleaned – ready for a meal. [Max]

Brother Brenton took Allan out fishing for the day. You should have seen Allan's smile when he got home!!!! I think he is still smiling. He caught a 10 kg Tuna. Bet he hasn't stopped talking about it yet. Brenton showed him how to clean it and we all had a taste of raw tuna (It was surprisingly good). The rest marinated and BBQ'd, also made into mornay with a bit left to take home. Father Roy took Bron, James and Max out whiting fishing. They got a mixture of about 12 fish. Others relaxed, kayaked, slept or talked at the shack. [Keryn]



TUESDAY 26TH JAN

“Well here it is Jan 26th 2010 AUSTRALIA DAY . It all began with BBQ breaky (pancakes, bacon, eggs on toast etc.) After breaky we all headed to the ‘Beachcomber’ (service station and general store) for fuel, nibbles etc, where we experienced the 1st flatty for our trip. After sorting everything, we headed to Coffin Bay National Park for some 4WDing fun. Just before leaving the Black top we came across a permanent resident of the park – a goanna. That got all the cameras clicking. We Arrived at Seven Mile Beach around lunch time and enjoyed the crashing of waves as we ate. It was there that the activities started. We were asked to carve a map of Australia from a cuttle fish bone. Continuing on to ‘Sensation Beach’ where we had the Tuna Toss, but first we had to guess its weight and makeup. Bronwyn was spot on with the weight of the fish, 5.5 kgs and Allan threw it the longest distance of 8 metres. Roy had the last throw where we all saw the contents of the fish!! Nobody guessed that right. Well done.

From there we returned to Black Springs. A few went for a swim while others relaxed on the beach. After that we all returned to ‘Pearly Shell’ for happy hour and evening meal. After tea the fun began – games included making tea cups from biscuits and lollies, blowflies on the hat game and ‘I went to London to Shop’. Everybody had an excellent day. Thank you very much to Keryn and Brent. [Bronte]

It was fantastic to see everyone get into the spirit of Australia Day. We had a ‘sauce gun’, Australia shaped toast, eggs, cheese, and froth on coffee, all double yolker (one triple yolk eggs), aprons, singlets, PJ’s, T-shirts (Where the hell is Boinka), lantern, tiny, large and really huge Australian flags, Australian shaped biscuits and cuttlefish. Pancakes, bacon and juice. Oysters natural and Kilpatrick were enjoyed at happy hour along with ‘misfortune cookies’ Dene and Lea came to visit. [Keryn]

WEDNESDAY 27TH JAN

I slept in and rose around 8am. We all had a leisurely breakfast and lazed at the shack all morning. We had lunch and then decided to go for a drive. We went to Dutton Bay Woolshed Museum then to Farm Beach to see the tractor grave yard. These old tractors have been used for launching and retrieving boats from the beach. The brands and years are extensive. From here we went to Gallipoli Beach and saw where the beach scenes were made for the movie ‘Gallipoli’. Then we did a scenic drive which included an antique shop and Kellidie Bay. Back to the shack to get ready for tea at the Yacht Club. As we were ordering, the power went off. We still got tea and then went back to the shack for a cuppa, boiling the water on the BBQ. An early night with no reading. Power came on about 4 am next morning. [Norma]

Allan, Barbara and James said their goodbyes in the am, even though there was still much to do. We will visit the brumbies next time! Bron got her way, and we visited an Antique shop near Kellidie Bay. Max was interested to find out that the piggery's stock came from his neighbour at Sheoak Log. Bronte was puzzled how he could possibly get his ‘butt in bin’ outside the yacht club – and why you would want to!!! [Keryn]

THURSDAY 28TH JAN

Keryn, Brent and Bron started the day with a walk to the Coffin Bay Look Out via the Oyster walk. We stopped for a look at the local cemetery. Later we gave ‘SS NORMA’ a scrub up then launched her in a fashionly manner. Brent, Keryn and Lyn practised their rowing skills. Roy took Lyn, Keryn, Bron and Max for a leisure ride in the boat around the bay and Kellidie Bay to look at the mansion from another angle. After landing on ski

beach and exploring the point, we headed back to the shack for the very important part of each day - Happy Hour. [Keryn]

FRIDAY 29TH JAN

Highlight – Went to Port Lincoln. Bought fresh vegies from the only fruit and veg shop in Lincoln. Joined the rest of the group, walked the street and had early lunch at a bakery. Whalers Way coastal scenery - could have spent another hour there. Cooked tea in the cabin and loaded up ute with hot meat and vegies. **Birthday cake for Max** was served as sweets. (Mixed fruit, flour and orange juice) [Lyn]



Travelled to Port Lincoln via Winters Hill lookout, saw statue of Mikybe Diva on Lincoln Foreshore, and did a tourist lap around the Marina. Clarentyne accompanied us to Whalers Way. The weather was perfect to spend time viewing the fur seals (sur feals if you say it too quickly!), the blowhole, sinkhole, wind farm, and crevasse. Unfortunately we ran out of time to venture into the caves, but not through lack of trying. Next time! We bought crayfish spiders on the way home for happy hour!! [Keryn]

SATURDAY 30TH JAN

No plans were made for today, but we managed to fill in the day nicely after a sleep in. Clarentyne lazed back in the shade during bacon and egg breakfast. It was time to start packing up after we had been for a walk, launched 'SS NORMA', been out fishing, been to Koppio, been out fishing, going out for tea.....tomorrow. Max and Lyn decided to visit the Koppio Museum. Brent took the kayak out paddling, exploring areas not seen for many years. [Keryn]



Norma, Bron and Keryn went for a long walk along the oyster walk. The wind had by then dropped completely and the water was now like glass, so we phoned Roy to launch the boat one last time. He took Norma and Bron for a leisure trip before going out fishing with Keryn. Sure wish father Roy was with us to show us the good spots! We caught about 7, and lost some gear, but it was fun. At the end of the day, we all went to the Coffin Bay Hotel for tea to help celebrate Roy and Pat's 56th Wedding Anniversary.

SUNDAY 31ST JAN

0600 rise with packing up and cleaning in full swing. We left beautiful Coffin Bay after a wonderful week of perfect weather. The boat was tucked back into the shed at Cummins. Goodbyes to Mum and Dad and a quick visit to see Lea's art work before heading back to Adelaide. No time was wasted on our return trip, arriving home at 7.30 pm. Thank you all so much for the wonderful company and great time we had. [Keryn]



SUBS ARE NOW DUE FOR 2010

Members pay \$60.00 annual fee

(+ \$10 joining fee for new members)

**Please pay Quenton before or at March meeting
together with a copy of your Insurance Policy**