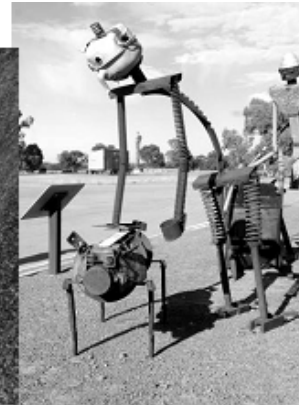


Gawler & Districts

4WD Club Newsletter

May 2010



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Explanation on Cover Photos

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 the Trip's Co-ordinator 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.

P.O. Box 486

Freeling SA 5372

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

Enquiries Contact – Lyn or Max Ph: 8524 9002 or
0403 332 432 (Lyn) 0427 807 066 (Max)

EMAIL: info@gawler4wd.com.au

Committee Members

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WELCOMING OFFICERS Bronte / Lyn / Dave / Bronwyn	ASSOCIATION DELEGATE John Ph: 8522 5664 or 0408 824 654

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.



Coming Events

Mystery Drive **Sunday – 16th May 2010**

- Trip Limit:** Unlimited numbers
- Venue:** Drive off the Black Top with a lovely lunch spot at the end
- Requirements:** 4WD preferred unless rained recently, then necessary. Bring morning tea. Lunch can be BYO or bought from our final destination. Chair or blanket to sit and relax over lunch
- Meeting Place:** Freeling Agpoint car park at 8.45 am
- Remember:** Slip on a shirt, Slop on some sunscreen, Slap on a hat, Seek some shade and Wrap on some sunnies
- Trip Leader:** Michele – Phone 8525 2765 or 0419 813 805

Farm Fair – Mt Crawford Forest **Sunday – 23rd May 2010** **36th Annual Event**

- Venue:** Birdwood Primary School - *Gawler 4WD represented*
- Cost:** Adults \$7.00, Children Free. Maximum \$12.00 per car
- Activities:** Fee entry competition, Animal Nursery, Log Chopping, Face Painting, Craft Activities, RAAF Cadets, CFS Demonstration, Medieval Sword Fighting with the New Varangian Guard, Pony Rides, Sheep Shearing, Live Music, Restored Machinery, Interactive Kids Games, Animal Welfare League, Tractor Rides, Performing Dogs, Scouts SA, Native Wildlife.
Art Gallery, Plants for sale, Home made Jams & Craft Stall
- Food:** Soup, Hot Chips, Bakery Stall, Freshly Baked Damper, Billy Tea, Coffee, Milkshake, BBQ & BBQ Meat Pack
OR bring your own and have a picnic or BBQ, set up a camp fire and relax.
- Website:** birdwoodps.sa.edu.sa/farmday.html
Enquiries Simon 0417 852 219 or 8568 5259

Outdoor Recreational Trip Leading **Saturday 22nd – Sunday 23rd May 2010**

- Trip Limit:** Open to Gawler & Districts & Barossa 4WD clubs
- Venue:** TBA from 9.00 am – 4.00 pm sharp
- Requirements:** Writing materials, own lunch, casual dress
Tea, coffee & morning tea supplied
- Cost:** Low cost, depends on numbers
- Trip Leader:** Dave & Karen– Phone 8524 3508 or 0411 772 226 or Norm - Barossa

Bri-Glen Park June Long Weekend – Saturday 12th – Monday 14th June 2010

Trip Limit:	12 vehicles
Activities:	An ideal property to learn 4WDing & capabilities of your vehicle
Type:	Driving the Dare Hill Circuit, exploring Bri-Glen property near Hallet north of Burra, driving back Mountain Track, Bri-Glen Springs, Cobb & Co Track. Two new tracks Reg Sprigg look-out, Bri-Glen lookout, old Gold mine, old Diamond mine. Night 4WDing. Motor bikes OK with permission of owner. Toilets and showers, but no power
Costs:	\$15/vehicle per day/night. Gold coin donation for Sir Hubert Wilkins Cottage
Requirements:	Morning tea to share. Drinks, nibbles, BBQ meats, salad to share for Saturday night. Full tank fuel at meeting point. Camper Trailers, Tents, Swags, Off-road Vans, recovery gear, jack plate, chain saw, walking shoes, all food & water
Meeting Place:	8.00am Saturday Tarlee parking bay in town (with public toilets – next to roadhouse)
Trip Leader:	Quenton – Phone 8523 2507 or 0407 604 601

Peake 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



Information on Other Events

4WD Parts Swap Meet

Sunday 6th June 2010 (gates open 5.00 am)

- Type:** Military Vehicle Preservation Society of SA Inc - Inaugural swap meet for 4WD & military vehicle parts. Opportunity to sell 4WD parts & accessories and find something that you need
- Place:** National Military Vehicle Museum area, 10 Sturton Road, Edinburgh Parks - south of RAAF base (UBD map 61 A4 in 2009/10 books). Public parking outside secure area and adjacent to the entrance gates.
- Activities:** Demonstrations of 4x4 and 6x6 military vehicle operation. 9.00 am visit Military Vehicle Museum. Food & drinks available on site
- Cost:** \$5.00 entry, vendors and public
- Website:** www.military-vehicle-museum.org.au
- Contact Person:** Trevor - Phone 0418 829 320 or 8384 1695 leave a message

Australian 4x4

10th – 15th June 2010
Gathering Pomona Qld

- 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
- Website:** www.australian4x4gathering.org.au

2010 4WD WEEKEND in WHYALLA (WW6)

2nd, 3rd & 4th of October 2010

WHYALLA & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB

Activities include:

- Camp-oven Cooking Competition • Mt. Laura Circuit
- Get to know your GPS Session • Tagalong tours
- Night Navigation Challenge • Andrew's Canyon
- Camping with all facilities at Whyalla Showgrounds

Visit www.whyalla4wd.org.au for more details.

October Long Weekend

Saturday 2nd - Monday 4th October 2010

6th Annual Event, now every 2nd year

- Trip Limit:** Open to all financial members of SA 4WD Assoc (Insurance purposes)
- Activities:** Mt Laura Circuit, Camp-oven Cooking Competition, Get to know your GPS Session, Tagalong tours, Night navigation challenge, Andrew's Canyon.
- Website:** www.whyalla4wd.org.au

For more information and registration form see web site.

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Official Information Release from Four Wheel Drive SA



4WD Matters

April 2010
- 26/04/2010

South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Incorporated ABN 24 620 935 575 www.sa4wd.org.au

Off-road Maybe - But Not Off-track

One of our principles is that we drive and camp with "Minimum Impact". With tourist season back in the outback, stress will again be put on the roads and tracks by an influx of travellers from cities keen to see the outback rivers in flood and water in Lake Eyre.

Some travellers will have limited **bush track** experience - people who don't like any sort of corrugation. Last year many of these (and maybe some experienced 4WDers also) drove parallel with main tracks to avoid minor corrugations, causing considerable

damage to the sensitive environment. These new tracks in turn became corrugated up and bulldust holes created, so the track kept moving out.

Major remedial work was flagged to 4 locations in Witjira National Park (Simpson Desert Parks) and \$60K of grading to the William Ck. to Halligan Bay (Lake Eyre) Public Access Route No.13 still didn't prevent off track driving.

All of this adds up to us preserving our ACCESS to these areas sticking to the designated tracks.

Track Access Success - three new Public Access Routes

The FWDSA NRAU recently joined negotiations with the Pastoral Board to add three new PARs on Eyre Peninsula. These tracks had been accessed by the public for some time.

PAR 22 (Googs Track) - 22km on the Kychering Pastoral Lease (Wilgena) from Yellabinna Regional Reserve to the Transcontinental Railway.

PAR 23 (Nonning) - from the Iron Knob-Yardea Mail road (near Nonning Homestead) to Kimba.

PAR 24 (Secret Rocks) - A picture ground on the Whyalla-Kimba road 44km east of Kimba featuring the large granite outcrops common on Eyre Peninsula.

What is a PAR? Public Access Routes are public routes that cross rangeland or pastoral property to an area of public interest (eg historical sites). Permission is not required per se, but note that PARs can be closed for a variety of reasons (eg stock movement or weather).

Please Help Locate These Signs



FWDSA has been requested by the Dept. for Environment and Heritage (DEH) Outback Region to help record the location of the Simpson Desert Signs - several locations are known but a number are not. These signs are scattered throughout SA, NT and Qld. and need updating.

If on your travels you see one of these signs could you please let DEH know as follows.

Sarah Ahlin Interpretation Ranger - Desert Parks Outback Region
Dept. for Environment and Heritage
Ph: (08) 8648 5347 Fax: (08) 8648 5301
PO Box 78, Port Augusta, SA 5700

DEH Regional Contact Details Update - How do FWDSA Clubs Handle Track Matters?

Clubs should maintain ongoing liaison with local Dept. for Environment and Heritage (DEH) Regional Conservation Delivery contacts. Be careful to coordinate issues raised to

local and State DEH contacts to prevent multiple contacts. Statewide issues will be done by/through the FWDSA NRAU Chairman to DEH Visitor Management.

West Regional Office: (08) 8688 3111
A/Dep Regional Conservator, Simon Clark
Phone: (08) 8688 3171 Email: Simon.Clark@sa.gov.au

Outback Regional Office: (08) 8648 5309
Regional Conservator: Geoff Axford
Phone: (08) 8648 5366: Email: Geoff.Axford@sa.gov.au

Northern and Yorke Regional Office: (08) 8841 3400
District Ranger, Southern Flinders, Danny Doyle
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Murraylands Regional Office: (08) 8595 2111
District Ranger, Phil Strachan
Phone: (08) 8595 2175 or 0427 604 254
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Adelaide Regional Office (08) 8336 0926

South East Regional Office: (08) 8735 1177
Senior Ranger Southend, Glenn Jackway
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Email: Glenn.Jackway@sa.gov.au

Kangaroo Island Regional Office: (08) 8553 2381
District Ranger East Phone: (08) 8553 4422

Regional Conservation Delivery Directorate:
Regional Contact Details Update Feb 2010
- motor vehicle access issues

Detail: All detail Department for Environment and Heritage, Pastoral Lands Board, and FWDSA Natural Resources Advisory Unit Edited: by 4WD Adventurers Club of SA Inc- Direct all correspondence to Editor FWDSA email:- saafwdc@saafwdc.asn.au

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Proposed Trips



- Morgan Club Training
- Burra Club Training
 - Burra Creek Gorge
 - “Bethany Games” – 4WD themed games – Sunday
- April 2011 – Grampians



Guest Speakers



These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us (at the following general meetings):

May	Sandra on East Timor
June	Kai Heisen, representative from TCIS Insurance
July	(Proposed Police Officer)
August	Map Shop Representative
September	(to be announced)
October	Jonno’s Camper Trailers Barossa Valley

Raffle Roster

We ask if all members could kindly donate an item for a raffle prize each month to approx value of \$15.

These can be given to Michele or Julie any time.



JUNE

Quenton & Deb E
Simon & Wendy G
Dave & Karen H

JULY

Wayne & Sandra H
Martin K
John & Jane J

Driver Training Criteria



FOUR WHEEL DRIVE SOUTH AUSTRALIA

<http://www.sa4wdc.asn.au/>
Driver Training Unit, P.O. Box 725 SALISBURY SA 5108



11 February 2010

Revised Assessment Criteria for Driver Training Effective February 2010

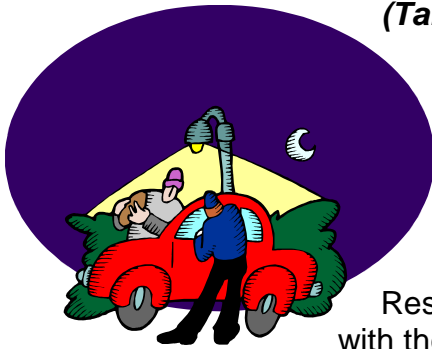
The number of training / Assessments required for each competency will be as follows:

Competency	Training	001 Assessment	002/003 Assessment
1.1. Vehicle Inspection	1	1	n/a
1.2. Forward stall start	1	2	n/a
1.3. Reverse stall start	1	3	2
1.4. Drive up an incline	1	2	2
1.5. Drive down an incline	1	2	2
1.6. Drive in mud	1	2	2
1.7. Drive in sand	1	2	2
1.8. Drive in water	1	2	2
1.9. Drive in rocks	1	2	2
1.10. Drive in sloping terrain	1	2	2
1.11. Drive a winding bush track	1	n/a	See note (a) 2
1.12. Change a wheel	1	1	See note (b) n/a
1.13. Snatch strap recovery	1	3	2
1.14. Tyre repairs	1	n/a	1
1.15. Winch recovery	1	n/a	3
1.16. Lift recovery (High lift jack)	1	n/a	See Note (c)
1.17. Lift recovery (Exhaust jack)	1	n/a	See Note (c)

Note:

- a. The winding bush track is an advanced competency therefore must contain advanced features.
- b. Must be trained / assessed in either sand or irregular terrain
- c. Lift recovery will consist of one training session on both high lift jack and exhaust jack but the assessment will be nominated by the trainee from one of the following choices:
 - Two high lift jack assessments (sand & mud terrain)
 - Two exhaust jack assessments (sand & irregular terrain)
 - One assessment of each type of jack (either of the appropriate terrains)
- d. Where there are 2 or 3 assessments required for a competency the assessment must be done by two different assessors.
- e. The changes to the training /assessment criteria will be effective from February 2010

(Taken from the newspaper article in The Bunyip 8/4/10 page 2)



GPS THEFT PROMPTS WARNING

A NUMBER of GPS units have been stolen from cars in the region in recent weeks prompting police to issue a warning to local motorists.

Residents are being urged to protect their GPS by taking the unit with them when they leave their car.

Police also suggest removing the support cradle and suction pads and wiping the suction pad marks from the window when leaving the car.

Avoid leaving GPS units in glove boxes or the centre console as this is the first place thieves look, and mark or engrave the unit with your driver's licence number prefixed by the letter 'S' for South Australia and note the make, model and serial number of the GPS.

Police say following these tips will reduce your chances of becoming a victim of property crime.



POSITIONS VACANT – Can you help?



FWDSA Association

wants a
Secretary

Ngarkat Track

wants a
Organiser

National Park Committee

wants
Members



Any queries phone John on 8522 5664 or 0408 824 654

Kapunda Farm Fair Promotion Friday 16th & Saturday 17th April 2010



A special thank you to the club members who loaned and set up equipment, gave up their time to promote the club and to the Keryn who not only made some fabulous honey biscuits in the shape of a 4WD but used them as a wonderful marketing tool to sell tickets to the parents of biscuit loving kids!!

Many brochures and application forms were handed out to help promote the club and new memberships have already resulted from these efforts.

Big thank you to Wayne for allowing us to display his V8 diesel converted Nissan! This certainly added an attraction for some of the 4WD enthusiasts.



We also managed to sell all of our fund raising raffle tickets and a few of Julie's photo cards to help raise funds for the club.

Members that attended and promoted the club were:

Norma & Michele
John & Jane
Max & Lyn
Chris & Julie
Keryn and her biscuits



Congratulations to Max for winning a Farm Boss Stihl chain saw whilst at the fair!

Want to advertise in our Newsletter?



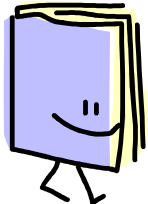
Contact our editor editor@gawler4wd.com.au for details

Have you checked out what DVD's or Videos the Club Library has?



See our Librarian, Roy, and for a gold coin donation, you can view these items in the leisure of your home and return at the next general meeting. On a cold winter's night at home or with some friends, you may wish to visit places like the Kimberlies or South-West Victoria.

If there are areas you wish to see and the Librarian doesn't have them, please speak to Roy and they may be put on a list for purchasing.

Landroving 4WD Club Dangali-Innaminka – June 1998	BMP	
Cairns & East Coast 2000	BMP	
A Gippsland Adventure 2001- Overland 4WD Club	BMP	
The Corner Country 2001	BMP	
The Red Centre 2001	BMP	
West Australia 2002	BMP	
2 x The Kimberlies – Overland 4WD Club – Shoelace Prod.	BMP	
Adelaide to Katherine	BMP	
SW Victoria & Mungo	BMP	
The Flinders Ranges	BMP	
The Kimberlies	BMP	
Argadells 2003	BMP	
Bendleby Ranges & Peake	BMP	
Burra Creek	BMP	
Timber Creek to Alice Springs	BMP	
2 x Too Long in the Bush	BMP	
Sky Trek, Willow Springs, Flinders Ranges	Len Beadell	
Flinders & Gammon Ranges, plus Argadells	Lifestyle Video Productions	
Simpson Desert & Beyond 1997 – Landroving 4WD Club	Blue Tongue Productions	
Bendleby Ranges	BMP	
Victoria High Country	Sandra	
Simpson Desert	Sandra	
Glendambo 4x4 Challenge		
Guide to 4WDing - Merrick Beesley	Ron Moon	
2003 Outback Challenge – Aust. 4WD Event	Tag-a-long Trips	
6 th 4WD National Gathering – Tasmania 2006		
Whyalla Weekend October 2004 – Light 4WD		
The Canning Stock Route		
Glendambo – 4x4 Endurance & Field Day	Reacter Media Productions	
Christmas Berri 2005 – Light 4WD Club		
Bendleby Ranges – Power point		
Adventure Offroad Campers – Read Campers		
2 x Over the Top Victorian High Country	Lifestyle Video Productions	
4WD Monthly Simpson Desert Adventure Vol 9		
The Canning Stock Route	Blue Tongue Productions	
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2005 ARB Alpine 4x4 Challenge		
4WD Monthly – How to 4WD Vol 10		
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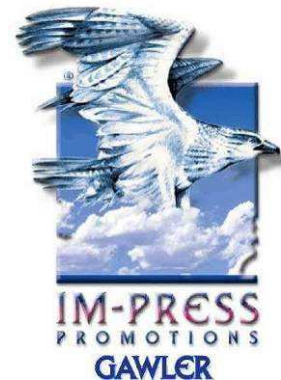
Club Merchandise

Items listed below are to be ordered direct from

IM-PRESS Promotions Gawler

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
Child Polo Shirts – Sizes 4 to 14. Style code PS24	\$29.00
Polar Fleece Windcheater – Navy with red or gold. Unisex S to 2XL. Child 6 to 14.	\$48.00
Stadium Jacket. Style HZ20	\$92.00
Bucket hat	\$18.00
Caps	\$17.00
Beanies	\$17.00



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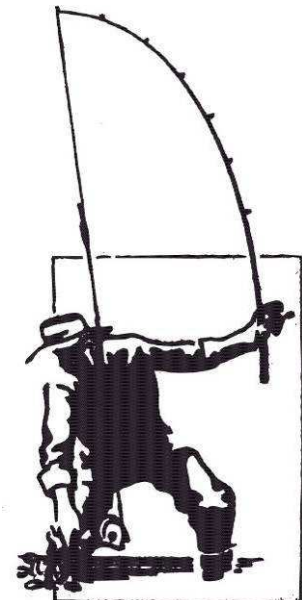
Open Mon – Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm

Proudly donating the trophy for the photo competition.

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Trip Reports

Ngarkat Interclub Working Bee 16th – 18th April 2010

38 members from 7 clubs and 1 visitor worked and had loads of fun at the Conservation Park. We thank Martin & Martin for representing our club. From all accounts, it was a job well done!!

Angorichina Easter Weekend 2nd – 05th April 2010

Friday 2/4/10.... Day 1

Before day light we were at Tarlee Parking Bay, and at 7.15 we took off. Our destination – Angorichina Tourist Village, between Parachilna and Blinman. The starters were: - Trip Leaders John and Jane, their friends Chris & Gayle, Simon, Wendy and Cain, Lyn and Max, Roy and Bronwyn, John M, Martin and Marie.

We headed north as the sun rose, through Auburn and the rolling hills of the Clare Valley, Spalding and finally a stop at Jamestown at the well kept park. Another 57 kms through pastoral country on the RM Williams Way, found us at Orroroo, a well laid out rural centre. Some of us gave the bakery a visit. On the road again, 107 kms to Hawker where our fuel tanks were topped up for the long days of driving to come. It was also our lunch stop.



Karen, David and Angus had caught up and joined the group as we headed for Parachilna. From Hawker, views of the rugged Wilpena National Park and St Mary's Peak were seen on our right. The road crossed Edeowie Soak and Brachina Creek on the 89 kms to Parachilna. There we left the bitumen and hit the dusty dirt road to Angorichina. At around 2 pm we pulled into the Village, announced our arrival and found our allotted campsites and facilities, which would be our bush home for Easter, surrounded by

mountain ranges. During the afternoon camps were set up, finances organised, it was time to relax. Later we gathered for Happy Hour under the long shelter shed and talked about Saturday's plan. After a well earned meal, we spent more time chatting until about 9.30 pm when it was time to hit the swag, or for the lucky ones, the inner spring mattress.

[Marie]

Saturday 3/4/10....Day 2

When we go away, it's eggs and bacon and that's exactly what we had today. Poor Dave did a vehicle check to find a weeping brake hose. He decided to travel at 9.30 am in Martin's vehicle to Copley (80km away) as they thought they may have the part, while Karen and Angus stayed back in the van.



Another Dave (Henery) brought a key to the Caravan Park and 8 vehicles left to venture the Mt Samuel track which took approx. 6 hours. Our convoy consisted of John & Jane; Chris & Gayle; Darren (John's son), Laura, Jesse & Walter; Wendy & Simon; Roy & Bronwyn; Marie; John & Martin & Max & Lyn.

Angorichina Easter Weekend 2nd – 05th April 2010 continued

The self drive tour went through places called Valley Paddock and Lindow Bore before seeing the Panoramic Views over the Heywood Valley where the Heysen Trail travels. There was too much to see that we forgot to stop for morning tea. Sighted the weeds Prickly Pear (scattered around) and the Junction, building up an appetite for lunch at the Summit.

Here we all had a discussion over the 2 Mt Samuels. In the early days, it's believed independent surveyors could not agree, which resulted in Mt Samuel & Mt Samuel Proper both covered with a thick layer of weathered white quartzite deposits – orange/maroon colour. A great backdrop to enjoy our lunch stop viewing Lake Torrens, Nilpena Sand hills, Heysen & ABC Ranges.



Mt Buggery Gorge lived up to its name and certainly was a challenge shaking lunch down. Finally getting to Bolton Valley Bore, John, our trip leader, (just temporarily) lost the track or was it the plot!!! It was soon found with some help from his friends. It was interesting to note the average rainfall over the last 10 years was 245mls; no wonder there is little fear of an American using his holiday house and sheds near the creek bed.



Arriving safely home to share happy hour at 4.30 pm, Dave told us he had no luck at Copley but will try again tomorrow. Dave stirred up a funnel web spider which was ready to pounce. We joined Darren, Laura, Jesse & Walter for a short rock pool walk near the park. After tea, all enjoyed "Angorichina Under the Stars" seeing the tracks we went on today, photos from Moonta trip and our weekend air flight with Banksia Adventures over Lake Eyre. Heaps of bugs fried on the projector and stuck to the big screen which now look like eagles in the sky. Many sat waiting for more pictures but

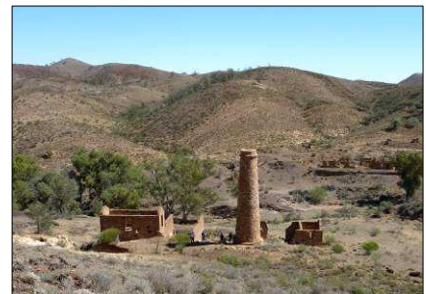
that's all folks!! What a great fulfilling day. Thanks John & Jane for your leadership and to everyone else for your wonderful company, extremely relaxing.

[Max & Lyn]

Easter Sunday in the Flinders...Day 3



Easter bunny had left some goodies and the little ones enjoyed finding them. The big kids did not miss out either! After breakfast we went for a drive to the Nuccaleena Copper Mine site. It was an interesting drive winding through the country side and



creek beds. The trees were looking very refreshed after the recent rains, although there was not much water lying around. You could see the force with which the water had been through the area, by the flattened grass and debris up the trees.

Lunch was in a creek bed under the shade of the beautiful gums. Clarentyne decided it was time to fly the coop not coping with sitting on the back of John's Patrol and sucking in the dust any longer. Cain gave Clarentyne some of his puffer to help him breathe again.

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We stopped back at Blinman for an ice cream. When we got back to the vehicles, Marie noticed a flat which was only the start of her dramas, with the nuts being too tight and sheering off when the boys tried to take the tyre off. The boys managed to fix the problem and off back to camp for tea.

Monday we packed up camp and went home in different directions.

Thanks to the trip leaders for a wonderful weekend.

[Simon, Wendy & Cain]

Monday 5/4/10....Day 4

Monday morning dawned, another superb day in the Flinders Ranges, we could not have asked for better weather. It has been absolutely glorious the entire time. We would appreciate the next trip leaders (whoever they may be) ordering more of the same for the club's next adventure.



Unfortunately this is our last day and nobody really wants to go home, but we set off anyway at around 9.30 with our group of Chris & Gayle, Max & Lyn, Roy & Bronwyn, Marie and ourselves. Simon, Wendy and Cain, Martin and John all went via Wilpena and left at different times. Dave, Karen and Angus decided to go touring on their way home so they set off by themselves.



We travelled along the same route that we came up on. We stopped at Hawker for fuel and Orroroo for lunch. We encountered plenty of wildlife along the way including Emus, Eagles and thousands of grass hoppers. Being in the front, we managed to collect the majority of them so it was not so bad for everyone else. Max was sure that John and I had a huge load of them stashed in the vehicle, and at strategic places were letting them out for him to collect. Not true Max, as we had about 3" thick of grass hoppers on the front of the Nissan when we arrived home.

We had one more stop at Clare for drinks and ice creams were eaten by some, before going our separate ways.

John and I would like to thank everyone for their company and friendship on the trip; we had an absolutely great Easter.

[Jane and John]

Last General Meeting

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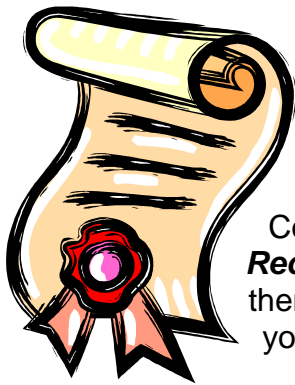
Guest Speaker:



Steve Johnson from the VKS 737 Radio Network gave a presentation about Radio Communication from the early to present days. He also included the RFDS beginnings and how rescue operations (mainly outback) are co-ordinated with the Radio Network, SA Police and the Ambulance Service etc. Our thanks to Steve for a very interesting and informative display.

Raffle Winners

1 st	Julie S	White 057
2 nd	Jane J	Blue A28
3 rd	Norma R	White 065



Congratulations!

Congratulations to both Bronte & Norma for achieving the **“Drive & Recover a 4WD Vehicle”**. Dave, our Training Co-ordinator, presented them both with their certificates at our last general meeting. Well done to you both!