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4WD Club Newsletter

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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.

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. 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 fill out your details on the Trip Sheet/s. Welcome to our club and the enjoyment Four Wheel Driving can bring.

The Club meets every second Friday in the month at 7.30 pm at the Gawler Elderly Centre Hall in Fourteenth Street, Gawler

Meeting dates are shown on page 2 of this newsletter.

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



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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.



Coming Events

Kiupto 4WD Training - Saturday 7th & 8th August 2010

Type: Driver Training Unit professional development weekend
Advanced mud & water training

Trip Leader: Dave & Karen- Phone 8524 3508 or 0411 772 226 Dave

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

Trip Limit: No limit Wanderers 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

Peterborough October long weekend Sat 2nd – Mon 4th October 2010

Trip Limit: 12 vehicles (min 6 people – max 26 people)

Activities: 4WDing on “Willangi” just out of Peterborough. Willangi has a number of medium to high skill self-driving 4WD tracks over rolling hills, with rocky outcrops to add to the challenge. From the hilltops you get 360 degrees views of the local district. Bush camping or Peterborough Caravan Park. Peterborough Historic Walk, Steamtown Heritage Rail Centre “Sound & Light Show”, Peterborough Motorbike Museum

Requirements: Caravans, camper trailers, tents, swags, recovery gear, jack plate. All food & water, walking shoes, camp ovens, bedouries. Bring along your best camp-fire cooking recipes

Cost: Camping on Willangi \$10 per person per night, Child 5-15yrs \$5 per person per night, under 5yr free (includes firewood) Tracks \$45 per vehicle (full length of stay) or \$43 per day if not camping. Sound & Light Show \$20 per person (Must be pre-booked and paid when adding name on trip sheet) OR stay at Caravan Park – at your cost. Peterborough Caravan Park - 8651 2545 Peterborough Motor Bike Museum \$5 per person

Meeting Place: 8.00am Saturday at Tarlee parking bay in town (with public toilets – next to roadhouse)

Trip Leader: Quenton – Phone 8523 2507 or 0407 604 601

Christmas by the River Blanchetown **Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th November 2010**

- Requirements:** A salad to share for BBQ Dinner. BBQ meats etc provided. BYO drinks, chairs, plates, glasses, cutlery & Christmas spirit. Bring present from Santa for any children For more details see flyer
- Cost:** Site \$33 per night for 2 people. Cabins start from \$75 per night, extra \$8 Child & \$10 Adult
- Website:** www.blanchetownriverside.com.au



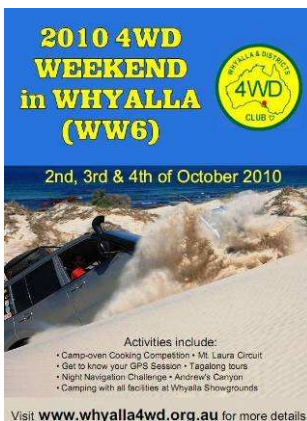
Information on Other Events



Wayville Showgrounds
Thursday 29th July – Sunday 1st August 2010

Caravan Camping & Off-Road Sale

Website: www.sacaravanandcampingshow.com.au

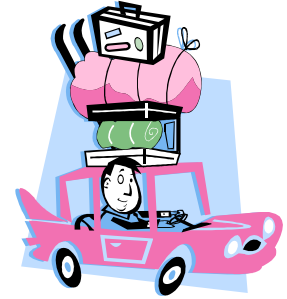


October Long Weekend
Saturday 2nd - Monday 4th October 2010

- 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

Proposed Trips

- Sept 2010 Annlaby Station Gardens - Sunday
- Later 2010 Kadaraco
- Morgan Club Training
- Burra Club Training
- Burra Creek Gorge
- "Bethany Games" – 4WD themed games – Sunday
- April 2011 – Grampians
- Easter 2011 – Yarpoona Springs, Sth Flinders
- May/June 2011 History Book Week



Guest Speakers



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

July	Neil Burton, Wurth Aust
August	Map Shop Representative
September	(Proposed Paul Bryant, Senior Constable Police)
October	Jonno's Camper Trailers Barossa Valley
November	(to be announced)
December	Nil

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.

<i>JULY</i>	<i>AUGUST</i>	<i>SEPTEMBER</i>
<i>Wayne & Sandra H</i>	<i>Max & Lyn Le</i>	<i>John & Karyn M</i>
<i>Martin K</i>	<i>Lyn Li</i>	<i>Terry P</i>
<i>John & Jane J</i>	<i>David & Carol M</i>	<i>Dave & Michele R</i>



PHOTO COMPETITION COMING UP

Start going through your photos taken during the year on one of our club trips in preparation for this year's photo competition. Judging is near the end of the year by our sponsors, Gawler Fishing & Outdoors.



Christmas Show 2010



Join your fellow Club Members for a relaxing weekend by the River
Blanchetown is where we will meet for this years Christmas Party

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th November

Bookings by August 1st
Riverside Caravan Park (Big 4 Member Save 10%)
Sanders Street
Blanchetown SA 5357

Phone: 08 8540 5070 Fax: 08 8540 5278
Email: enquiries@blanchetownriverside.com.au
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10 Sites booked under Club Name
Check in from 11am Saturday
Site tarrif is \$33 per night for 2 people,
Cabins start from \$75 per night for 2 people up to \$155.
Extra children per site or cabin are \$8 per night and \$15 for adults



Please bring a Salad to Share for BBQ Dinner
Meat, Bread and Sauce along with
Fruit Salad and Ice cream will be Provided

Dont forget the Present from Santa
for any Children to the value of \$10

BYO Drinks, Chairs, Plates, Glasses,
Cutlery & Christmas Spirit

Come for the Day or stay the weekend
All Members and their families Welcome

Hope to See you there Michele & Julie



Training Officer's Report

Hi All, can you believe we are halfway through 2010 already. In stating that I thought I would put in a report on where the club is, as far as training this year. We had some mud & water assessments in Moonta on the March long weekend and in May we had a theory weekend on SROODR002 Outdoor Recreation Activities and the Trip Leaders Course combined with the Barossa and Overland clubs. Of 14 attendees, 8 were from Gawler & Districts 4WD club. The attendees for the Outdoor Recreation Activities course have to hand in an assignment before completing the course and though I have already received some assignments I am still waiting for a few to be handed up.

Sand driving in Peake on June 26th & 27th has just happened and unfortunately we had half of those on the trip sheet cancel for one reason or another, even so it was a very productive weekend. Lots of training and assessments completed including a real recovery, everybody who attended got plenty out of it, even the visitors. Many thanks to Geoff Green for his assistance & also to Karen. The following weekend July 3rd we had tyre repair training which included tyre and tube repairs. Thanks to the Overland 4WD club for allowing some of our members to join in on one of their training days.

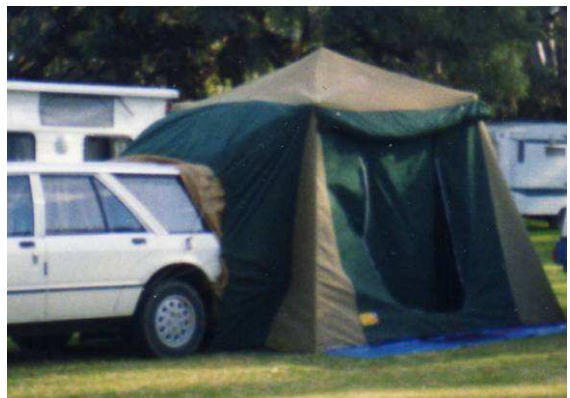
Coming up, we still have advanced mud & water training at Kiupto on August 7th & 8th this being the Driver Training Unit professional development weekend. There are no vacancies left for this weekend. We have sand driving again at Peake on August 14th & 15th in conjunction with the Wanderers 4WD club & this will now be an annual joint event to get the number of attendees up. I am hoping we can slip in another 2 training sessions before the end of the year, one being at Morgan and the other possibly at Burra or the Flinders Ranges for advanced driving.

Congratulations go to Bronte and Norma for completing their SRODVR001B Drive & Recover a 4WD Vehicle Certificate of Attainment which is a nationally recognised achievement.

[Dave]



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National Resource Unit Article

What is the NRAU? = **NATIONAL RESOURCES UNIT**

The SAAFWDC has an internal organization of “Units” that are charged with specific responsibilities in representing the interests, or coordinating the activities, of clubs of the Association regarding matters pertaining to environment and represents it on matters of access. This involves preparation of detailed written submissions to government and other interested parties in presentation of the views of the Association and its members.

- **UNIT COMPOSITION** – the NRAU has a committee, made up of members, representing as many member clubs that will become involved.
- **COMMITTEE MEETINGS** – currently we meet monthly, on the 2nd Monday of the month.
- **UNIT EXPENSES** – are basically \$400 to \$600 per year Expenses involved include copying, fax machine, fuel expenses for one member to attend Coorong Consultative Committee meetings (four per year). The Department pays Ramsar Meeting costs.
- **AIMS**- our present focus is on **ACCESS** – attempting to keep tracks open for our use – we attempt to influence the decision making process (where possible through reasonable argument and discussion) when tracks and camping areas are under threat or restriction, thus hopefully reducing the number of tracks closed as authorities regulate to overcome problems with incorrect behavior.

HOW DO WE TRY TO ACHIEVE THIS – Approximately 70% of South Australia is the area we are most likely to want to us – these are Pastoral Leases, National Parks (NPs) and Aboriginal Lands. The ALU (Aboriginal Liaison Unit) has been left to work towards gaining improved access Aboriginal Lands.

The other two areas (Pastoral and NPs) is where the NRAU attempts to influence decisions. Over the years we have developed close contacts within relevant Government Departments which allow us to monitor any topics of interest to the Unit.

We do this by making regular calls to individuals within Government Department’s, and ensuring the NRAU is on mailing lists for draft management plans and other publications, newsletters, etc. NRAU representatives are involved on various committees (see below), and the National Association gives information from around Australia. When items come up of interest, we analyze and decide whether to comment or not – the unit attempts to respond in a positive manner to proposed draft management plans for NPs and other proposals, such as Ramsar (bird protection), West Coast 2000 strategy, and use of pastoral lands.

We research, and may act on any issue which could affect where and how we can drive and camp.

MEMBERS OF THE NRAU ARE INVOLVED IN – the Coorong Consultative Committee (for NPs), Innamincka and Strzelecki Parks Friends, Friends of Coorong, Friends of Simpson Desert, Coorong and Lakes Ramsar (our representative is on Coorong Consultative Committee but still able to push 4WD attitude), Coongie Lakes Ramsar, Public Access Sub Committee of Pastoral Board, National Council Access Committee, and the Wilderness Committee.

PROTECTED AREAS POLICY and PARTNERSHIP WITH PARKS – the member Clubs have just voted YES in favor of it – is basically a mechanism for regular meetings between SAAFWDC representatives and NP senior staff and Pastoral Branch staff to discuss problems, and design ways of overcoming them.

We do not expect to alter existing access in Parks, but when plans com up for review or before draft plans are written, suggestions will be submitted for allowing tracks to remain open as long as they can be shown to be sustainable. It requires three members of the Association to attend 2-3 meetings a year, and preferably have knowledge of areas under discussion.

NPs with Protected Areas Policy many allow access onto management only tracks, particularly if some trade offs are possible, eg SAAFWDC involvement in track maintenance, bird surveys, clean ups etc.

Partnership with DEHAA/NPs.

Forestry access is hopeful after building up rapport and confidence with local managers.

Access into Special Areas – Memorandum of Understanding

DO WE ACHIEVE ANYTHING? – we think **YES**. It is not always highly visible, but underneath the attitudes to 4WD use have changed over the years and 4WD touring is now recognized as a legitimate form of recreation. We prefer to work with Departmental personnel rather than politicians, and try to influence decision making behind the scenes.

At the Coorong, we have managed (with the assistance of the Nissan Patrol Club involvement) to keep both the 28 and 32 mile crossing open where Management Plans recommended closing on them down.

On Committees and at seminars and forums we are able to counter negative attitudes to 4WDs and camping, and sometimes eventually win people around to our way of thinking. If there is no one there representing SAAFWDC, attitudes would remain negative along with recommendations for restrictions and closures.

THE NECESSITY FOR CLUBS TO BELONG TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION AND FEDERAL COUNCIL – Departments and Ministers prefer (and sometimes demand) dealing with representatives of the overall movement instead of from individual clubs. This started back in 1974 when the Anne Welsh report on off road vehicles called for all the State to be closed to vehicles beyond properly made roads.

WORKING BEES BY CLUBS – are a positive step towards continued access – adopt a track in a NP, forest, etc – clean up days in these areas. All great ideas and feedback from local staff is always positive. (One problem is that frequently only local staff knows and appreciate work done. Manager's change and new staff have to be educated as to arrangements. The partnership agreement may help to overcome this).

WE NEED COMMITTED VOLUNTEERS ON THE NRAU WITH – computer skills, knowledge of the State, NPs, forests, and pastoral areas; time to go to meetings; knowledge of Government Department ideas; and possibly retired.

IN THE FUTURE YOU WILL NEVER HAVE MORE ACCESS THAN YOU HAVE NOW – more areas will be closed – the user pays principle will increase – it is already in national parks – coming in private and leasehold areas.

It always amazes us that people spend between \$20,000 - \$60,000 on a off road vehicle, perhaps another \$10,000 on a tent/camper trailer, and more \$s on associated camping equipment. They then want to go and use those assets in a remote area, but object to paying a few dollars to a central organization that attempts to maintain open access to the areas which they enjoy.

We also continually have problems getting sufficient people to volunteer onto Committees to “fight the fight”. The average club member just seems to think that it's not all that important and they should just be involved in having a good time. **This is very short sighted!** - ever thought as to whether your children or grand children are going to be able to have some of the experiences we have had traveling and camping in pristine remote areas.

GET MOTIVATED! GET INVOLVED! - think passionately about your chosen recreation **before it's too late**, otherwise you are likely to be jammed into that crowded caravan park along with everybody else. That may be slightly over the top, but really it needs thoughts like that to jolt the uninterested majority into either doing something or at least caring that somebody else is trying.

**Submitted by John
Association Delegate**

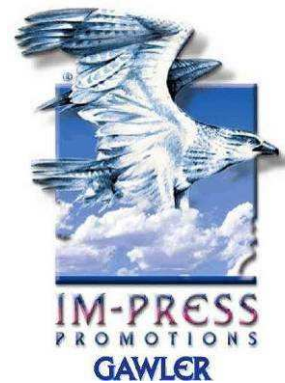
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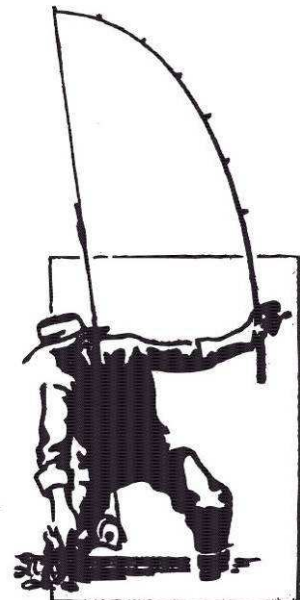
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NGARKAT INTERCLUB WORKING BEE – 16th-18th April 2010

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NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK - INTERCLUB WORKING BEE

All work at the annual Ngarkat Working Bee, held from April 16th-18th, was concentrated on the Border Track. Once again there was an excellent outcome with an amazing amount of work completed.

Five teams, each tasked with a specific type of activity, were formed from the 39 participants and 25 vehicles. Eight clubs and one non-member took part.

Workers didn't have far to go to start work. At the start of the track, repairs had to be made to the fence adjacent to the gate. During the annual fire danger season closure, a group of vehicles had broken through the post and rail fence ignoring the track closure signs and the closed boom gate.

Along the length of the one way section of the Border Track, timber post and twin cable fences were installed at various places to close unnecessary alternative tracks. New polypipe fences were erected to block off undesigned camping areas. In one instance a fence was installed to narrow the track, allowing future revegetation of the enclosed area. On the two southern most dunes of the one-way section, some of the alternative tracks were closed with concrete post and twin wire cable fencing.

South of the junction with the Centre Track, on the two way section of the Border Track, additional keep left signs were put in place where twin tracks existed over the crest of dunes.

At the start of the Border Track and at several locations on the track fence posts were painted to blend with the surrounding bush.

Just to prove that all is not work, on the Sunday Bob Bolto (Mitsubishi Club) led a trip for interested parties into the Big Desert State Forest. For some this was a chance for their canvas to dry after overnight rain.

Statistics may provide a tangible measure of the continuing success of these iconic Working Bees on this iconic track in Ngarkat. They don't however give measure to the massive effort of planning and performing the work by a dedicated, homogenous group under the leadership of Sue Linnell

16th, 17th, 18th April 2010



BORDER TRACK COMMITTEE



Working Bee stalwarts Malcolm, Kevin, and Brenton (Riverland 4WD Club) and Bruce & Kay (Toyota 4WD Club) formed the Team C-Rubble Party with 3 vehicles and 3 trailers which had to be towed laden over dunes and along the sandy track.

Working on the northern quarter of the track, they spread 13 tonnes of rubble on a small swale and on the north slope of two dunes.

Particularly gratifying was to have the availability of Graham Stoeckel's (Riverland 4WD Club) small front-end loader to assist in the heavy loading work. Graham was a non-starter as he had injured his hand, but Malcolm Wiesman delegated for Graham and brought the tractor down.



Crimp and Save - Steel Cablers

Along the length of the one way section of the Border Track previous closures were extended where vehicles had been driving around the end of the fences. They were also made more substantial with 10mm steel cable replacing the existing polypipe.

The only problem was how to "tie-off" the cables at the end of a section, as the cable could be undone with a spanner if a wire cable "grip" was used. Ideally it needed "crimped sleeves" but this would require a prohibitively expensive 100 tonne press.

A "Bloke and his Shed" (Darryl Golding - Mitsubishi Club) came to the rescue in the form of a home-made "ball-joint puller" adapted to become a "sleeve crimper". The crimped joint is not designed for high stress but is more than sufficient to do the job in this application.

Text Contributions: Sue Linnell (Border Track Committee); Darryl Golding (Mitsubishi Club); Brenton Schrapel (Riverland Club)
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Military Museum 4x4 Swap Meet - Sunday 6th June 2010

Max & Lyn headed off to the Swap Meet at Edinburgh Park with a semi trailer load of gear. To my amazement as we got closer, the single gate soon became a double one, and one of the gate attendants was a lad whom I knew from Wasleys. There was a \$5 entry for vendors and public. I asked, "Who do I pay". The answer was, "Just follow me". By now I was starting to wonder if my 1st bid to Sims Scrap Metal was the place I should be. Well, we pulled up on the roadway and Lyn quickly climbed up the bunk in the semi for a nap because of the early morning rise and was continuously rocked to sleep by people crawling all over the precious cargo.



By now you are all wondering what the load consisted of. The parting of friendship with my 1st 4WD. My old Ford Blitz - all rusted and covered in moss with flat tires which were just about falling off the rims. Yes, this was the day. But all Lyn could say was "What will they do with that junk". Don't worry, Brent had a look at the load and I could read his mind - don't let Keryn see that or it will be at his place.

Egg and bacon breakfast was the order for the morning and after a quick look around we found another well known Club identity, Simon selling his wares. It was time to show Lyn what this junk can look like. The museum had a couple of Blitz's in their showroom but not the big military dump truck version that I had. Negotiations began. "Sims can not have it" they said. A group from the Museum approached me with an offer. I said, "It's a bit light on, I need to think about it." It wasn't long and they came back with \$100 better offer for the whole load, so I let them have it. Sims scrap iron price was still better but this was an opportunity to help the Museum. It will be used for transplants into better bodies.



Time for spectator's photos and drawing of a crowd, the unloading of this precious piece of equipment was not without a struggle. They arrived with a little fork lift so I put the ramps in place at the back of the semi. When they tried to lift the front of the Blitz and tow it off, the back wheels of the fork lift were well off the ground and the Blitz tried to stay with me, refusing to budge. The guy went to the workshop and came back with a towmotor shunt truck. We hooked the chains on, took up the slack and after a lot of tire smoke and a few jerks, I steered the wheel of the Blitz from the cabin and drove it off. This was the end of another eventful morning.



A little bit of further information about Max's 4WDs. The second one being an International C1300. This one was used to haul the boat around, did a trip to Ayres Rock (as it was known in those days), Alice Springs and Darwin all before the Stuart Highway was bituminized. This was my 1st business vehicle.

In its final years, it found its way into paddocks used as an Agricultural spray plant as per picture. This vehicle was my bread and butter in the early days of setting up business.

We have now moved on to our 3rd current 4WD, the Ford Courier. This was also purchased as a work horse at the time we had to have pilot vehicles for transporting our wide loads. This has also found its way around the country towing camping gear here and there.



Enough about Max & Lyn. Being the 1st swap meet that was held by the Military Museum, I feel the attendance



was very poor, but in saying so, the gear that changed hands seemed to be OK with genuine buyers attending. Simon with his early rise went away quite happy with his results. There were about 9 stall holders together with the breakfast & drinks stands. One stall holder even slept over night to book his site. An organizer thought the response was a little disappointing as some 4WD Clubs had promised they would attend but didn't show up. All up, an interesting morning.

[Max]

Bri Glen Trip 12th -14th June '2010 (1st Report)

Quenton & Deb, Norma & Bronte, Brenton & Keryn, Nikki, Rob & Andrew, Barbara & Allan, Julie & Chris, Dave, Michele & Jessica, Karyn & John, Peter & Sandra, Lorraine, Matthew & Andrea, Sandra & Wayne. Roy & Bronwyn, Sue & Roger met us at Bri Glen. It was a very cold & brisk morning to meet at Tarlee and guess who was last and got the job of writing the trip report, not Wayne but Sandra because he reckons I was the one who made him late!!!!!!



Off we went following our mighty trip leaders Deb & Quenton into the wild grey foggy morning along the black top. Our beloved Keithy was with us once again for the morning weather reports & when to hang our washing out to dry. Michele had doubts that the fog would lift but Keithy reassured her that it would. First stop Hallett for fuel for some and a couple of books, picked up about Sir Hubert Wilkins.



Turning off onto the dirt, Keryn our jack of all trades has found the excitement of geo caching (if you would like to know more, ask her about it), so with co ordinates in hand led us all to our first find

which Norma found in the hollow of the tree.

Travelling through the beautiful country side of browns & greens our next stop was Sir Hubert Wilkins birth place, a cottage in the middle of rolling paddocks. This is one of Brenton Wilkins relatives.





Another cache here which Andrew found with the help of Keryn, a box of goodies that one item is exchanged for another and you leave your name & date it was found. Next stop was Mt Bryan East School, with another cache and a resident sleepy lizard protecting it!!!!!!!

gates need lots of incentives & bribery!!!!

Brian gave us a talk about the property and said he had pneumonia but it still didn't stop him talking or working around the property. First thing WOOD, and the unpacking of the bikes, had to get our priorities right. Some of the group went for a drive around while others stayed to relax & build the fire.



Lorraine, Matthew & Andrea left after the drive but I believe they enjoyed themselves and we hope that next time you are able to stay and get to know us better. Our first night together was just relaxing, getting to know one another, telling jokes and a few ports to warm the cockles of our hearts and minds (maybe also just to numb them as it was so cold). Clarentyne was once again with us making sure we behaved. I was warm over night as I got into warm pj's, warm bed with the hot water bottle, beanie and socks

and of course Wayne.

Up early the next morning for a walk and people already around the fire –Julie was cold; Sandra had not slept as she was so cold with a mattress on the floor of their tent. A few pointers given to help her to sleep better, make sure you put something under your mattress, like cardboard, paper, blankets etc. John & Karyn, once again the air mattress let them down. Karyn was very verbal in making sure John knew that they would never ever come camping in a tent again. I think he got the picture.



We had a good laugh as they must be the only couple that their air mattress never stays up on trips. The caravan is looking better all the time. Keryn met up with me for a walk and there was frost on trees and the ground, and boy was it cold. Back to camp for breakfast and the back of Roy's ute was covered in ice.

Once again more wood was collected by Wayne & John in the Bri Glen truck which they had to bring back as it had a fuel leak. Just as well Brenton & Roy had the ute full.

Off 4WD around the property with fantastic views from McEachens look out, hills that we could go down, then some reversed up so they could come down again. Andrew found a thick tail common gecko which had lots of photos of it taken. Harding's Hut & mine shaft was worth a look with a kangaroo tail found for John & Wayne for their stew, but they didn't want it, said it was a bit like leather. Back to camp for lunch & some bike riding.



Then 4WD again with some staying behind to get the coals ready for cooking. Team work for the group out 4WD when we came across a fallen tree that some were not able to get over. A good walk for some of us as well over the rolling green paddocks. The Courageous Cats (Norma, Bronwyn, Keryn & Sandra) had to lead the group back to camp in the dark after Keryn found our way up to the highest peak on the property. I must say here that a few other names came up before the one above that we shall not repeat.

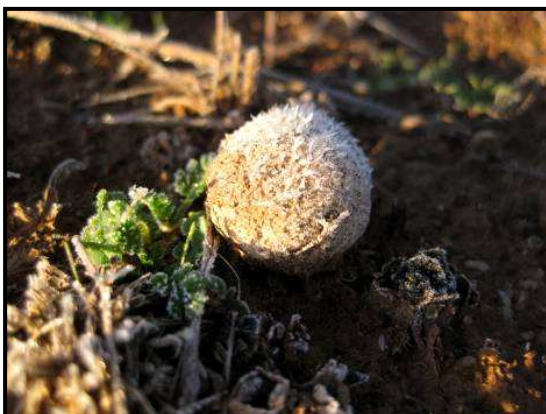
We also had lots of interference from the 2 way back at camp about lost carrots for the Rivett's roast. Back at camp the smell of Bronte's roast was mouth watering then all the culinary delights were on the go, Deb's stew with dumplings, Keryn's Chicken & veg and Sandra made scones to share. A decision was made to make shared pizzas next time in the camp ovens. Once again around the camp fire a fantastic night and it was a bit warmer. The night sky was filled with beautiful brilliant sliver streaks of twinkling stars that was magic to look at. Wayne & I left early the next morning so I hope someone finishes the trip report, but thank you to all for a fantastic long w/end.



[Sandra]

BRI-GLEN 12th – 14th June 2010 (2nd Report) CLARENTYNES POINT OF VIEW

The air is crisp and fog all around as we head for Tarlee. The fog looks beautiful as the trees loom out of it, which should indicate a beautiful day ahead. Wondering if Roseworthy was meant to be the meeting place this morning, as that's where everybody is congregating for last minutes!!! (ice fuel etc.) Then over the air 'Keith Martins' early morning weather report confirms that the fog will lift at 8.55am. Coffee at Tarlee to warm the inside, almost everyone is bright, cheery and early – except Maude!!!!



Soon we are on the move with 'Keithies' updated weather report, now 7C , 150mt above sea level, heading in a northerly direction. 10 vehicles in all, here we come. We travelled through 'Elvis' home town and did a bit of reminiscing on days of old. The fog is still low and a trail of vehicle lights wind through the mist behind us like a string of pearls. 250mt above sea level now at Manoor (spring of water).

No locals to be seen as we travel through small towns. Green country side with neat, freshly ploughed earth and groups of new born lambs scatter

the road sides as we meander towards Burra, talking about Ruddles and the Budgie smuggler, and a story about a local girl winning Miss Gala Day at the Boarders Lagoon competition. The fog had lifted at exactly 0855. Well done 'Keith'.

Leaving Burra after a quick coffee stop, we sighted the Wurley Gigs standing and whirling majestically in front of us. Talk had changed to how unsightly and noisy some think they are. Their speed, how they are slowed down to prevent over production of power when the grid is full and how they don't like temperatures over 40C or they over heat. At Hallett, several people bought the book 'The Last Explorer Hubert Wilkins' before we headed towards Wilkins cottage, beautifully restored and maintained with a wealth of history of this incredible man. Brent suggests that the only thing that he inherited from his great uncle is his 'inquisitiveness'.



On the way, we stopped according to the GPS coordinates to find a cache. Everyone jumped out, not knowing what they were looking for, until all was revealed in a hollow at the base of a roadside tree.

An item was exchanged and the log marked of our presence, (remember that sometimes it's not the destination but the journey undertaken to get there that counts) then on the road again. Another cache was found at the cottage, while everyone enjoyed a delicious shared morning tea.



A quick stop at old Mt Bryan East School revealed our last cache for the day and a hibernating shingleback lizard snugly curled up under a piece of tin. Roy and Bron met us along the way as we headed towards Bri-Glen property to spend the weekend.

MONDAY 14th

Wayne and Sandra left camp early. After last minute turns riding the quads and motorbike, everyone was packed and ready for the journey home. We left about 1030 travelling the Mt Dare Circuit, lolly rations on the gate posts for tail end Charlie, again beautiful green hill sides

with blue hills in the distance. Like Quenton, we would love to be heading north for an extended holiday. The sky is blue and sunny but the air is nippy.

We saw the miniature Grand Canyon where the flood waters have scoured into the plains. Passed the ruins of 'Mallet' (a town that was surveyed but never developed) then Ketchowla Homestead for photos. This substantial complex of magnificent houses and outhouses in its hay day, surrounded by beautiful, rugged hill formations. Next stop was at a gully with a creek crossing, a square stone tank and a look at Ngadjuri Aboriginal rock carvings. We travelled past Pandappa Conservation Reserve until we reached Terowie for a late lunch.

Deb gave us a quick guided tour of this historical railway town and its buildings as we drove out towards home. The end of a wonderful weekend that ended way too quickly. Thanks to our leader Q and the great company of our friends.

[The Crow]

A FEW HANDY CAMPING HINTS

- Put thermals on when leaving home. Leave on all weekend
- Always pack 2 extra single air mattresses when using airbeds
- When heating water for super, save some for hot water bottle and thermos (can be used to wash face or other precious areas in morning) may also be hot enough for coffee before the fire is stoked up
- Never put eggs in jacket pocket
- Get ready to duck if pushing Deb or Julie's buttons
- Invest in a 'P' bucket with good sealing lid to avoid walking long distances in the cold to the amenity block and waking light sleepers by the musical zippers of tents
- Secure baggage zips to avoid jocks from getting full of dust and trying to escape from back of ute tray
- Check out your egg supplier before buying more eggs
- Bring own music supply if you don't like Wayne's. Excuse me!
- Bring a bottle or two of Port if you want to meet Morton and his pet mud crabs
- Bring a bow saw to get rid of that darn branch that Wayne trips over
- Warn Clarentyne that Bron is reversing with a ute load of wood
- Get the carrots ready for Sandra's Roo Stew
- Call on the 'Courageous Cats' for your next night time navigation trip
- Book Julie for a guided night time Ghost tour of Bri-Glen
- Be nice to Sandra Harper for a delicious home made cake
- Call on Roy for a night time cache hunt
- Ask Bronte for spare nuts, bolts, screws and the tools to fix anything
- Don't ask Wayne!
- Allan is helpful in shifting trees with his 4WD
- 'Keith' is our very accurate and up-to-date weather reporter
- Have a packet of wet ones if you've been eating dust (or for many other purposes when water is scarce)
- Take a packet of bird seed for Clarentyne – and to attract other local birds to the camp site

[Keryn]

Last General Meeting

June 2010
See attached Minutes" (members only)

Guest Speaker: No guest speaker for June

Raffle Winners

1 st	Max L	Black D49
2 nd	Wayne H	Red E79
3 rd	Sue B	Blue Y17

