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4WD Club Newsletter

September 2010



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is a member of the South Australian Association
of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Incorporated



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WELCOME

to the Gawler & 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.

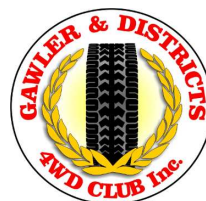
It has become a very social club and has run many a successful day, week-end, long week-end and extended trips. We are a member of the South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc. which incorporates the Driver Training Unit. Most meetings include a Guest Speaker and a club newsletter is 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. 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 and enjoy what Four Wheel driving can really bring, please fill out your details on our Trip Sheet/s.

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

The meeting dates are shown on page 3 of this newsletter.

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



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Schedule of Meetings

2010

Meeting	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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.

President's Report

Welcome Everyone

Where has the time gone, the season is moving so quick, or I am getting slower?:- one or the other. The report for August was skipped. Time ran away from me as I was focused on getting everything ready for Cleve Field days. There have been a number of trips and outings. The Bri Glen trip didn't seem to have a lot going for air mattresses. The rumour has it; another caravan has been purchased. Perhaps Jayco should throw some commission to Brian from Bri Glen for the help with the sale. Congratulations John & Karen on your new buy.

The Caravan, Camping and Off Road show was visited by a few members including ourselves. While in the equipment purchasing area, a worth while visit to (BCF) Boating, Camping & Fishing store at Gepps Cross is certainly recommended. Peake was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks Dave & Karen for leading the weekend.

Coming events:- Peterborough & Whyalla October (2nd - 4th). Please get your bookings in place for whichever one you choose to go to. Also have you booked for the Christmas party? Time is moving on - check details in coming events section of the newsletter. Keep it in your mind - our November meeting will be at the Gawler Lawn Bowling Club.

A thankyou to all members who have used the email version of the newsletter which has saved the club an enormous printing cost. Printing for visitors and a few members that prefer their hard copy of the newsletter, is available in black & white only.

Max

Editor's Report

Welcome to any visitors at tonight's meeting. Please make yourselves known to Club Members, join in the fellowship over a cuppa and collect yourselves a September newsletter. You can check our website to find what our club is all about, newsletters, trips, etc or a hard copy of previous newsletters may still be available for collection tonight.

Have you been keeping your favourite and funny sign photos for the 2 photo competitions? They need to be submitted by November meeting.

Australia Day 2011 needs a trip and a leader to suggest a place for our club to go - start thinking!! In fact if anyone has ideas for any trips or guest speakers, just let a committee member know and arrangements can be made. It's your club, have your say, - perhaps even in the general business section at our meeting. We wish to know what you want to learn about or what you want to see on trips. New ideas are always welcome. Maybe someone could even make a suggestion box if that is an easier way to bring up ideas, improvements or fund raisers for our club. Get yourself involved.

The deadline for October newsletter articles is **1ST OCTOBER 2010**.

Enjoy reading this edition and comments are always welcome.

Lyn



Coming Events

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

- Trip Limit:** 12 vehicles (min 6 people – max 26 people to Sound & Light Show)
- 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 degree 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 \$40 – club price - 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

Morgan Quarry Sunday, 14th November 2010

- Trip Limit:** No limit
- Activities:** Day trip. Have a play in the quarry and sand.
- Requirements:** BYO lunch and drinks or buy from the shop.
- Meeting Place:** 9.00am behind Morgan Caravan Park.
- Trip Leader:** Dave & Michele – Phone 0419 992 881 (Dave)

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

Australia Day Wednesday, 26th January 2011

Trip Activities: Have a go, plan a day trip that you think the club may enjoy. Let any committee member know your plans and have it published in next month's newsletter. Committee members can give you a helping hand if needed.

Trip Leader: It's your turn to be trip leader

**Mt Gipps Station
Broken Hill Easter long weekend 2011**

Trip Details: Further details to follow

Website: www.mountgippsstation.com.au

Trip Leader: John & Jane – Phone 8523 0657 or 0409 091 851 (Jane)

3 Choices in the Flinders June long weekend 2011

Trip Details: Details of each trip to be discussed at October General Meeting

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



The **Gawler and Districts 4WD Club** would like thank **Banksia Adventures** for kindly donating a weekend wine adventure tour for the club to use as raffle prizes.

Anyone interested in any of the tours available from the **Banksia Adventures** should check out their website:

www.banksiaadventures.com.au

Or Telephone (+61) 08 8285 5033

Or Email: info@banksia-adventures.com.au.



Information on Other Events

2010 4WD WEEKEND in WHYALLA (WW6)
2nd, 3rd & 4th of October 2010

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

- 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

Subaru 4WD Club of South Australia inc

Family Fun Day

Where - Bonython Park (City side)
Date - Sunday 17th October 2010
Start - 10.00am / Finish - 4.00pm

- Raffles - \$2300+ worth of prizes - Silent Auctions
- Free Wine Vouchers
- Fun & games for you to join in or watch
- Get acquainted with other clubs

shades - BYO - sunscreen
 chairs - BYO - drinks

RSVP ASAP - Please let us know if your club is coming or not and how many will attend (to help with preparations)

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All profits to the Royal Flying Doctor Service

Bonython Park Sunday 17th October 2010

Family Fun Day

Fund raiser for RFD by Subaru 4WD Club.

RSVP ASAP!

For details see flyer
or www.subaru4wd.asn.au

Official Information Release from Four Wheel Drive SA August 2010 - 27/08/2010

South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Incorporated ASN 24 036 898 953 - www.saafwdc.asn.au

Hosted by the:
Toyota Landcruiser Club of SA Inc

Four Wheel Drive SA invites you to

A Weekend of (Mt.)Pleasantry

Where: Mt Pleasant, Talunga Park
When: 25th - 27th March 2011

Please join the festivities which will include

- Dinner
- Entertainment
- AGM
- Fun Driving Activities
- Local Tours

Details & Application Form out Later

Detail: Toyota Landcruiser Club of SA Inc.; Graphics: 4WD Adventurers Club of SA Inc
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Mt Pleasant, Talunga Park Friday 25th – Sunday 27th March 2011

A WEEKEND OF MT.PLEASANTRY

At Talunga Park
Hosted by Toyota Landcruiser Club

For details see flyer
or www.saafwdc.asn.au
(Four Wheel Drive Matters – Aug 2010)

Christmas Show 2010

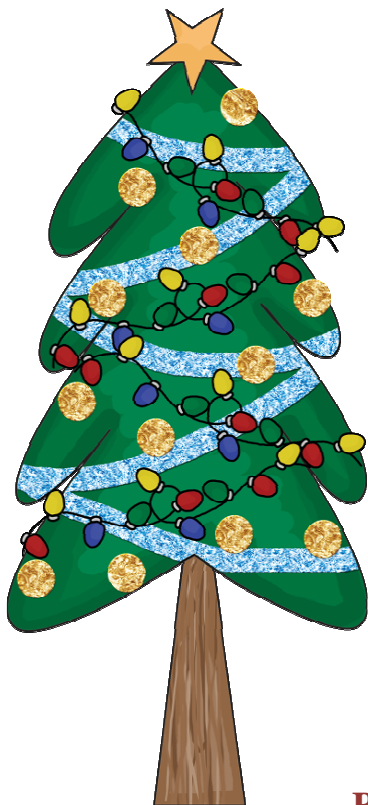
Join your fellow Club Members for a relaxing weekend by the River Blanchetown is where we will meet for this years Christmas Party.



Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th November

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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**

**Don't forget the present from Santa
for any Children to the value of \$10**

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

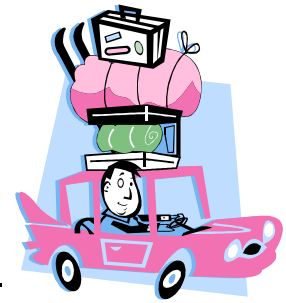


**Come for the Day or stay the weekend
All Members and their families welcome!**

Hope to see you there - Michele & Julie

Proposed Trips

- Katarapko National Park
- Morgan Club Training
- Burra Club Training
- Burra Creek Gorge
- "Bethany Games" – 4WD themed games – Sunday
- May/June 2011 History Book Week
- Aug 2011 Binns Track, Darwin



Guest Speakers



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

September	Paul Bryant, Senior Constable Police
October	Jonno's Camper Trailers Barossa Valley
November	Meeting at Gawler Bowling Club
December	No Guest Speaker
January	No meeting
February	(Proposed Canvas repairer)

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.

SEPTEMBER

John & Karyn M
Terry P
Dave & Michele R

OCTOBER

Bronte & Norma R
John & Robyn R
Roy & Bronwyn S

NOVEMBER

Chris & Julie S
Brent & Keryn W
Daryl & Lyn B

The **Gawler and Districts 4WD Club** would like thank the **Wurth** Group and their representative, Neil Burton for kindly donating a generous selection of **Wurth** products to the club for use as prizes.



Anyone interested in any products from the **Wurth** product range should check out their website: www.wurth.com.au

Contact **Neil Burton Ph 0400 075 227** to order any of their products.



Notice Board

REMINDERS



PHOTO COMPETITION COMING UP

Start going through any club trip photos taken during the year in preparation for this year's photo competition. Photos in by November General Meeting and to be judged by our sponsors, Gawler Fishing & Outdoors which will be announced at our Christmas function at Blanchetown.



FUNNY SIGN COMPETITION

It's on again this year

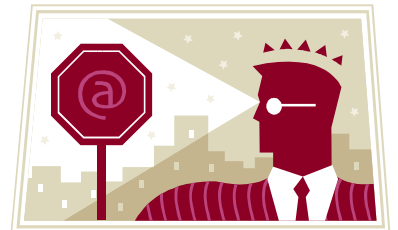
1st prize.....funniest sign

2nd prize.....people's choice

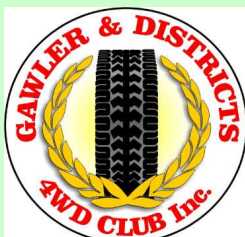
Hope you have been photographing those funny signs!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Photos in by November General Meeting

Winners announced at Christmas Show, Blanchetown.



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Stickers For Sale

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See **Quenton** at the Meetings

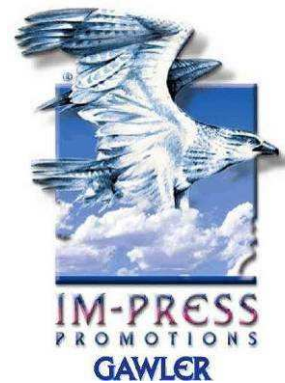
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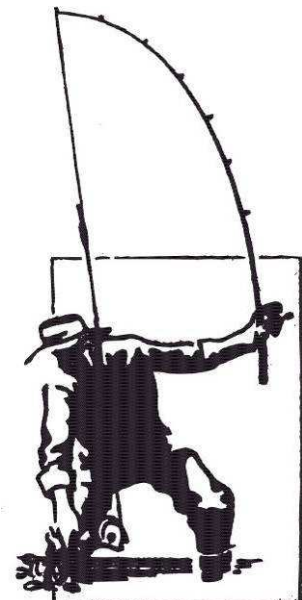
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Trip Reports

Peake 4WD Training Weekend Report: (14th–15th) August 2010

Saturday 14th August

WWW.PEAKE!!

Wet, Wild and Windy that is. Members of the Gawler, Wanderers and Nissan clubs had a thoroughly good weekend in spite of the weather. Thank heavens the campsite is in a bit of a hollow, protected by the surrounding sand hills but even so the tent pegs had little to hold them in the wet sand.



So began our journey to learn the right way to do it. The wet worked to our advantage and with Karen and Dave to 'hold our hand' we began by squaring up on the littlest sand hill which to Julie took on the proportions of Mt Kosiosko. Big deep breath and pedal to the metal and yahooooo!!!! Julie made it up and down the other side still holding her breath.



Then came the inclines!! Chris had a shot but was a little too gentle so Dave showed him how it should be done, flinging sand in every direction with all the grace of a bronco. Chris quickly got the hang of it even if our car did keep letting out some beeps of protest which, when we find the car manual, maybe we can work out what it was really trying to tell us!!

Julie was a little reluctant at first to drive through what looked like an ocean of seriously churned up sand but eventually found the courage and surprised herself!



Thanks Norma and Bronte for leading the final tour of the dunes. By this time Julie had worked

out there wasn't too much damage to be done in sand by having a go and even got a little "air" under the car at one point whilst climbing over a challenging sand dune crest (by accident of course!!).

Have to say the Pajero did us proud over the whole weekend.

Dave even showed us how to use a winch when he got himself bogged. Good one, Dave ☺, I'm sure it was just part of our training program!!

Sunday 15th August

There were all sorts of other bits of training happening and the snatch strap exercises attracted anyone willing to brave the elements.



I got a whole lot out of the weekend in spite of myself. Thanks also to all the other members who attended, it was great to chat around the fire and see everyone

really enjoy the weekend and the training activities despite the wind and rain on Saturday night!

Special thanks to Dave (Nissan Club), Dave and Karen (Gawler Club) for your time, expertise and overall patience!

PS. Sorry Dave about those heart palpitations when you thought I might dump you into that bush whilst negotiating the rather steep downward hill!

[Julie]



The Dunny Report

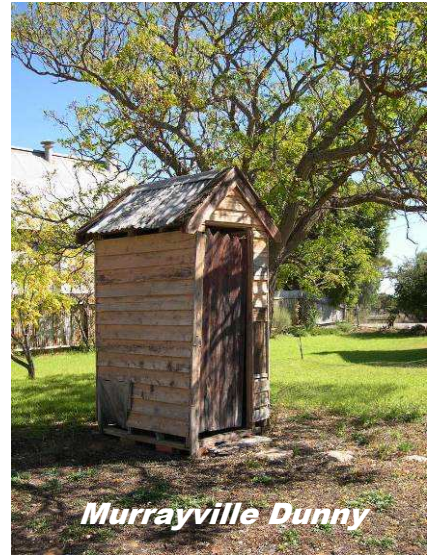
Some of you will have heard these true stories, but they are worth repeating!

A group were out camping in the bush. No dunny was available but they had their own folding stool type toilet with the proper seat attached, so off he went for his morning walk, carrying the board stabilizers, shovel and toilet roll to find the best spot. He dug a hole, perched



Mallee Bird coded dunny ...

himself comfortably to complete his business. Then came the time to use the toilet paper but it was know where to be found. A quick desperate look around was to reveal that it had rolled itself into the hole under his toilet seat, standing



Murrayville Dunny

on its end, and there neatly nestled in the middle of the roll was his business. We never got to hear the rest of the story, but it sure puts a new meaning to "A hot dog in a roll"

We were camping at Radium Hill. After happily scratching around in the pit for a couple of hours looking for old coins, toys and other treasures, the others knew where to find us two...still in the pit. We had a wonderful time.....then they spoilt our day by telling us we were in an old septic toilet pit. Ah well!!!



Mallee Lock ...

Early in our camping days we heard the story about the couple who were excited about the purchase of a new 'port-a-potty'. There was a hell of a commotion in a nearby tent, which revealed that the instructions had not been read and falling over in the tent without the 'port-a-potty' being properly sealed, its contents had spilled everywhere. Those present still laugh when they think of this unfortunate incident!!

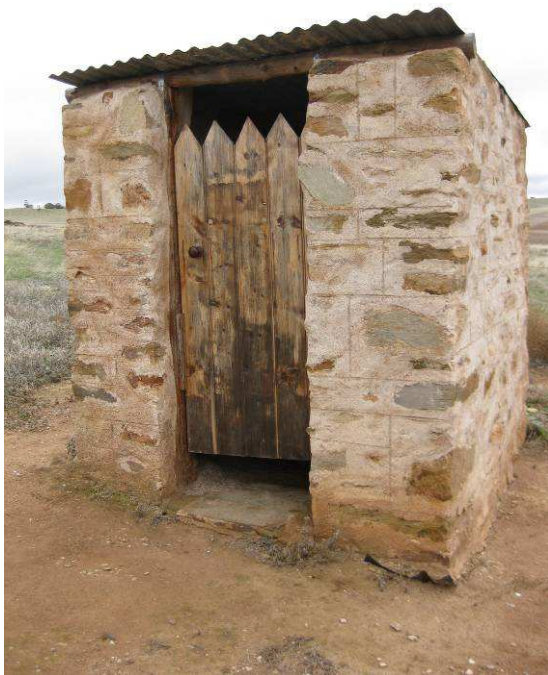


Original bag seat comfort ...

While out in the Australian outback, bush camping, one of the girls was having an early morning squat, when rudely interrupted by a dingo sniffing around. I'm not sure who got the biggest shock!



Back home again, the fish tank had been cleaned out due to fungal disease and a crushed sulphur tablet added to the water. Ever hungry Figero the fish was madly eating the tablet crumbs from the floor of the tank. Next day however was a different story. Poor Figero didn't look at all well, all bloated and looking sad through those big goggly eyes. He was going to die anyway, so a gentle squeeze of that fat belly.....bbbbzzzz. That got rid of his constipation!!!! He was now happy and swimming about again.



Camping Hint

Take a 'P' bucket camping for night use, especially when it is freezing weather.

Hint-make sure it has a good seal on the lid. It's not good if it gets kicked over during the night!!



Camping Toilet Etiquette

We were so excited about going away on our clubs first big camping trip to the Simpson Desert. It was a new experience for most of the group, but we were well prepared and we had a fantastic experienced leader – Murray. He taught us lots of things on that trip that will stay with me forever. One was toilet etiquette.



Out bush, there can be a problem with dingoes or foxes digging up our toilet sites. They are attracted to our poop. As they dig up the soft earth, toilet paper gets spread everywhere, which is an eyesore, and very unpleasant for others camping after us.

Remedy

Dig a hole as deep as you can, but put your toilet seat next to the hole. Do your business, and then put spent toilet paper into the hole.



Cover the paper with a small amount of soil, and then push "the business" into the hole with shovel. Cover with remaining soil.

This method also means the stool is stable while seated, as it can become a problem if the hole is too big.

In the past, it was recommended that you burn the paper, but this has caused bush fires if the wind picks up the burning paper. *Not a good practise!*

Overcoming unstable toilet seats

Attach two pieces of timber to the base of the stool frame. This helps balance while preventing the legs sinking into the soft sand.

Set up toilet seat near a bush. Then hang on tight!

Stories have been told where a bush has saved those that have started sinking and overbalancing in the sand. *Not a good visual!!!!*



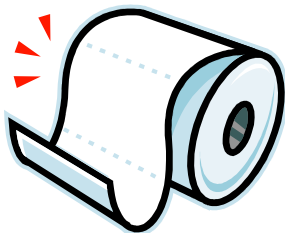
Set up portable toilet tent immediately below a sturdy tree branch. Hang a rope from the tree to hold on for balance.

If you don't like a bit of adventure while away camping, stay at home.

On some occasions, groups have set up a communal toilet while camping in one place for several days.



This overcomes the problems of numerous soiled places around favourite camp grounds. A pop-up shower/toilet tent is very quick and easy to erect. A hole is dug as deep as possible using a folding box type toilet seat and then filled in before leaving the site.



The job is not finished till the paper work is done!



If you have more dunny stories or photos, please send to our magazine editor.

[Cheers, Keryn]

Last General Meeting

August 2010

See the attached Minutes (members only)

Guest speaker



– Anthony from The Map Shop, Adelaide. He gave us a very informative presentation on the correct use of GPS units, Map Scales, Map Display units and Phone maps etc. How many of us knew that GPS signals can't penetrate water and therefore when a human holds the GPS too low in front of them it acts like a shield and reduces the overall GPS accuracy!!



Our special thanks to Anthony for taking the time to visit us and show all these new map devices and gadgets.

For more details look them up on the web under www.mapshop.net.au for a full range of products and services.

Raffle Winners

1 st	Quenton E	Yellow W7
2 nd	Max L	White A79
3 rd	Peter H	Blue Y41

