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4WD Club Newsletter

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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 was founded 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.

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

2010/2011

Meeting	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
General		11	11	8	13	3	8	12	9	8	12	10
Committee		2	2		4			3			3	1
			30		25	29		31	28			

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

Well November is here, Christmas is just around the corner. Has everyone booked their Chrissie party site at Blanchetown Riverside Caravan park, hopefully it will stay above water for us? Thanks to Michele for organising the venue, please read the flier so you know what to bring. There is a mention of Christmas spirit, sounds like a nice drop to try.

There is a trip on the agenda for Sunday 14th November - please check the trip list for details. The October long weekend at Peterborough was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended. Thanks to the lover of the outback for the well presented trip report. The Australia Day holiday will be a day trip to Goolwa. Please keep posted as there are no meetings after the AGM until February.

Our next meeting on December 10th is the AGM. Could everybody please get your nomination forms in, come to the meeting in good form and give consideration to a position if nominated? It is important to have a flow of new blood on the committee.

A special thankyou to all members for the support you have given to the Club throughout 2010, without you there would be no club. This is my last report for the year and I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and hope to see you all in the New Year in whatever position we may hold.

Max

Editor's Report

A hearty welcome to all visitors and club members at tonight's meeting. I hope you enjoy our invited social outing by trying your luck at bowling for a change.

This year has been enjoyable as well as challenging producing good quality and a professionally looking newsletter with the help of a Publisher to proof read and "tidy up" a very readable paper. He just gets it better every month. I only wish I could give him more time to play around with it but I believe we have come a long way within 12 months. Big thanks has to go to the Publisher as well as many of you who have taken your own time to write great trip reports and organise coming events for everyone.

If there is a club trip, function or guest speaker that you have really enjoyed, why not volunteer to write about it and submit it for publishing in the newsletter. Everyone loves reading the trip reports but rarely volunteer without twisted arms to do one. Another challenge is to insert your photos into the report just how you would like it presented – help is always available if needed or just resize your photos and email them through. A club memory stick is available if needed. This saves so much time for the editor and you have contributed to someone else's enjoyment so they can read your article. Will you get involved and be the next volunteer for our coming events at Morgan or the Blanchetown Christmas party and share the fun you had with others that maybe could not attend?

Keep in mind any General Notice articles and anyone you know that may wish to advertise at a very minimal cost. This could be something to sell, to purchase, or a business letting our club and others know using the net. It doesn't have to relate to 4wding. This year receiving advertising and going on line has financially helped our club a lot, which means the cost of our subs can be kept down which will only benefit you.

The deadline for December newsletter articles is **2nd DECEMBER 2010**.

From the Editor and Publisher, this last report wishes everyone a very Happy Christmas.

Lyn



Coming Events

Morgan Quarry **Sunday, 14th November 2010**

- Trip Limit:** No limit
- Activities:** Day trip. Have a Casual 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 & Jessica – 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**

- Activities:** Morning tea stop at Goolwa wharf – bring your own. Lunch at Murray mouth. Bring own picnic - remember it will be fire ban season. Afternoon tea possibly at Cox Scrub if time permits.
- Requirements:** Recovery gear for beach travel, chairs & sun shade if hot – always slip, slop, slap.
- Meeting Place:** 9.00 am at Main Street Birdwood, opposite the pub. Leave 9.30 am sharp
- Trip Leader:** Simon & Wendy – Phone 0417 852 219 Simon or 0407 838 950 Wendy

Clean Up Australia Day **Sunday, 6th March 2011**

- Activities:** Open to suggestions.

Mt Gipps Station Broken Hill **April 22nd – 26th Easter long, 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)

Willow Springs Station - Skytreck **11th – 13th June long weekend 2011**

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



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)



The **Gawler and Districts 4WD Club** would like to thank Johnno's Camper Trailers for kindly donating some CGear Matting to the club for use as prizes. Anyone interested in any camper trailers, camping gear or camping products should contact Johnno's Camper Trailers.

Check out their website www.campertrailer.com.au or contact **Brian or Susan** on 08-8562 8370.



Information on Other Events



GAWLER BOWLING CLUB NIGHT
Friday 12th November 2010

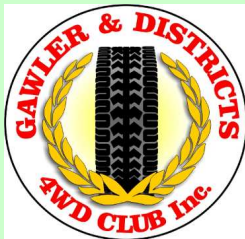
OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING

*Will be at the Gawler Bowling Club,
Nixon Terrace, Gawler*

COME ALONG FOR SOME FUN
7.30PM START

Please bring a plate of supper to share and wear flat shoes. Bar facilities available. Cost \$6.00 per game. Christmas Hamper raffle tickets for sale at \$2.00 each. To be drawn at December meeting

GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB



Stickers For Sale

Only \$2.00 each

See **Quenton** at the Meetings!



The **Gawler and Districts 4WD Club** would like to 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.

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.



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Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th November

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Web: <http://www.blanchetownriverside.com.au>**



**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**

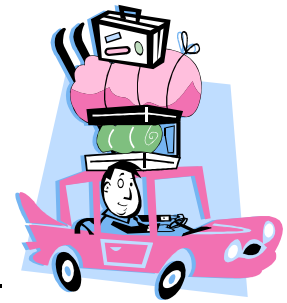


**Come for the Day or stay the weekend
All Members and their families welcome!**

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):

November	Meeting at Gawler Bowling Club
December	No Guest Speaker
January	No meeting
February	Glenys Elliott, Canvas Creations

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.

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

*Everyone for a
Big Christmas Hamper*

FEBRUARY

*Lindsay & Ruth B
Roger & Susan B
Marie C*

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 **CLOSING this MONTH!**

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.



Please label on the back of each photo your name and where the photo was taken. Photo should be a copy (not original). Size 6" x 4" (15cm x 10cm) and given to Sandra by November General Meeting. Maximum of 3 photos per person.

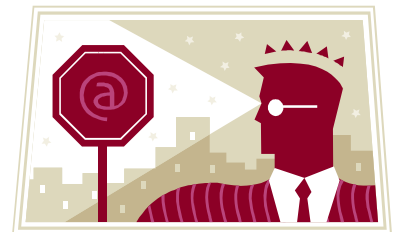


FUNNY SIGN COMPETITION **CLOSING this Month!**

It's on again this year!

1st prize.....funniest sign
2nd prize.....people's choice

Hope you have been photographing those funny signs!



Winners announced at Christmas Show, Blanchetown.

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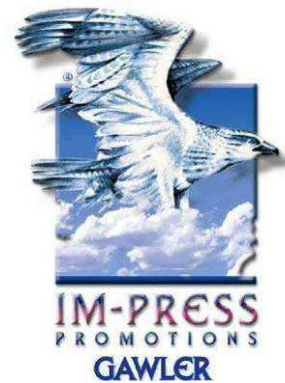
Club Merchandise

Items listed below are to be ordered direct from

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Beanies	\$17.00



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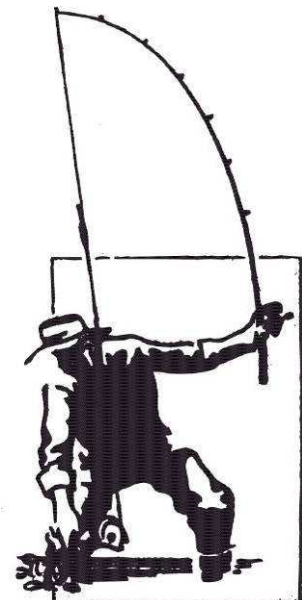
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[Fees apply and payment is to be made prior to printing]

Newsletter Funnies

For all of you who have emailed me when my spelling is wrong

Eye halve a spelling chequer, it came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue, miss steaks eye kin knot sea.
Eye strike a key and type a word, and weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write, it shows me strait a weight.
As soon as a mist ache is maid, it nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite, its rarely ever wrong.
Eye have run this poem threw it, I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect in it's weigh, my chequer tolled me sew.

Submitted by Keryn via another 4wd club's newsletter



DECEMBER RAFFLE Christmas Hampers

Please can everyone bring something extra along to the next couple meetings for us to make up some Hampers.

You Know You're Living in 2010 when.....

1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of 3.
4. You e-mail your friend who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends is that they do not have 3-mail addresses.
6. When you go home after a long day at work, you still answer the phone in a business manner.
7. When you make phone calls from home, you accidentally dial "0" to get an outside line.
8. You've sat at the same desk for four years and worked for three different companies.
9. You learn about your lay-ff on the 10 am news.
10. Your boss doesn't have the ability to do your job.
11. Contractors outnumber permanent staff and are more likely to get long-service awards.
12. You read this entire list and kept nodding and smiling.
13. As you read this list, you think about forwarding it to your "friends".
14. You got this e-mail from a friend that never talks to you anymore, except to send you jokes from the net.
15. You are too busy to notice there was no No. 9
16. Bet you actually looked back up to check that there wasn't a No. 9

Submitted by Keryn via another 4wd club's newsletter

Trip Reports

Willangi Bush Escapes – October 2010

Our October L.W.E adventure was enjoyed I am sure, by all who took part and so must be recorded. Taking it all in were: Trip Leader – Quenton, Deb and David, Simon and Cain, Max and Lyn, Steven, Marie, Roy and Bronwyn, and early birds, the Wilkins and Jansens, who arrived on Friday.



We headed off through the Clare Valley, Spalding, Jamestown, Yongala to Peterborough. First stop was a visit to Willangi Office. There we met the vivacious Antionette. Finances were settled and she gave us maps and information on how to find Camp No 2. We drove out to Paradise and in the green slopes below the ranges; our camps were soon set up. After a late lunch we set off on the first 4WD which took care of the afternoon.

Gate openers and closers were kept busy. Willangi is a working sheep property with rules to be followed. A windmill was noticed, spilling water out over the ground, and later we were able to contact the owners who thanked us and repaired the break. Tyre pressures were dropped as the tracks were sharp rock, edged with flowering wattles through the ranges.



Higher up we captured views of blue peaks of the Lower Flinders in the far distance.



Back at Camp 2, it was time to make tea. Then at 7.30 we all drove back to Peterborough to attend the Railway Sound & Light Show at 8.30. The reception area of the Steamtown Depot Museum was filled with sale items, books and souvenirs, model engines etc. which kept us busy until we were escorted to



the railway carriage to sit and view the show.

The full history of S.A.R. development with the Three Gauges and various engines, and the importance of Peterborough as the centre of railway activity, was the theme. A very interesting and informative show to complete the busy day.



Sunday, with clocks pushed forward an hour, we moved out at 9.30 for a long half day's track driving. Not far out we came across an old homestead and outbuilding ruins which took some investigating and kept the cameras clicking.

The undergrowth was so thick that the tracks disappeared at times and some tacks went nowhere.



Lots of U turns. Morning tea kept us going until all our planned drive was done. Back at Camp 2 we farewelled Quenton & family, and after a relaxing lunch we all headed into Peterborough to explore the town. Of main interest was the Motor Bike Museum, which included a full range of antiques and brick-a-brack. The couple in charge made sure that we did not miss a thing. Next stop was the coffee shop.

On the way back, a stop at a garage sale had good results for Roy, Bronwyn and Marie, who all scored a bargain.

Back at Camp 2, the fire was stoked up for camp ovens, and Lyn brought out some happy hour food, homemade dips and slices.



The nature lovers led by Keryn, had gone missing on an echidna trail. Eventually they returned with photos and much excitement and joined in the happy hour. The coals were arranged and camp ovens prepared and set, as well as BBQing. The main meal was enjoyed by all and followed by a crusty damper from Max and a fruit sponge pudding from Keryn. Great job everyone. There



was nothing left to do except sit back and enjoy the fire.

Reluctantly Monday a.m. was pack up the gear time, and by late in the morning we were on our way home, through Whyte Yarcowie, Hallett (for a pastie) and Burra to Tarlee where



the police were waiting to breath test some of us. Altogether a very enjoyable and relaxing weekend, with beautiful green countryside, great company and food, a well presented campsite, thanks to the dedicated owners, the Sleep Family. It was appropriately named 'PARADISE'. The Club must go back some time in the future.



Banjo Patterson's poem "The Old Australian Ways" has a verse which goes -----

*"The wind is in the barley-grass,
The wattles are in boom;
The breezes greet us as they pass
With honey sweet perfume;
The parakeets go screaming by
With flash of golden wing,
And from the swamp the wild-ducks cry
Their long-drawn note of revelry,
Rejoicing at the Spring."*



[By A LOVE OF THE OUTBACK]

Willangi Bush Escapes #2 – October 2010

15km north of Peterborough, Southern Flinders Ranges

What a peaceful and picturesque long weekend just a few hours away from Gawler.



Phil & Antoinette have 9500 acres of sheep grazing property where they have opened part of this land in October 2009 for self-driving tracks and bush camping for many groups to enjoy. Current access tracks are by 2wd and Caravan to 6 different campsites with plans for more by 4wd only. A fire ring and wood is supplied at every campsite.

Being so new and the only campers for the whole weekend, we were able to pick and choose the best campsite and tracks to go on. There are a variety of low to medium to high 4wd

tracks with clear mud maps pinned together with numbered sheep ear tags. The maps may have been clear but not so for the tracks which were lucky to receive a nice lot of rain for the long grass to grow over the markers after approx. 15 years of drought.

A highlight we missed was the private hot bush bath where rolling hills can be seen during the day and stars by night – a must next time we visit. What more can you want except a comfortable clean eco-friendly, self-biodegrading loo – the very best I have been in. The sweet aroma remained all weekend with so many using this great facility. The secret from Antoinette was shared with me and she doesn't mind if I share with you.

A recipe for a loo freshener after sprinkling ash on the deposits.

1 tablespoon bi-carb soda

8 tablespoons vinegar

8 tablespoons tea tree oil

4 tablespoons Eucalyptus

Dash of straight fabric softener

Add approx 2 lts warm water then bottle up which can be put in a shaker or spray dispenser. Of course you can ½ it for a smaller quantity. Another

one of her secrets was to sprinkle aromatherapy oil (I think she used lemon grass) onto the wooden posts inside the loo. Perhaps this all added to the campsite name Paradise as well as the scenery.



Ask our Trip Coordinator, Roy for a coloured leaflet on this great 4wd bush camping experience or check out their website www.willangibushescapes.com. I know we will go back again but a little unsure if we will stay an extra week like Max suggested without a shower but that's when we find that lovely hot bath.

The Sound & Light Show at Steamtown

Another new experience - the only visual light & sound show in SA explaining the history story while sitting in a 1916 historic rail carriage. The viewing is shown at night for 1 hour with varied carriages lit up in various illuminated colours as a backdrop, then a roller door comes down where the movies were shown. We listened to the story of the creation of Peterborough as a centre point for the railways.

The Motorcycle Antiques are housed in an old Church building with more renovations still to be made. We were so busy checking out the motor bikes that the damper had risen too high over the pot which had to be needed down again ready for the camp oven that night.

[Lyn]

Last General Meeting

October 2010

See the attached Minutes (members only)



Guest speaker – Johnno's Camper Trailers

Our special thanks to Brian & Susan Hammerling from Greenock for setting up one of their camper trailers in the Elderly Centre car park before our meeting. We were shown lots of camping gear they sell and how quickly it was to assemble/dismantle the camper trailer. Most items are available for hire as well as purchase. So much interest was shown that we ran out of daylight!!

Contact Brian or Susan on 8562 8370 or check the website: www.campertrailer.com.au and view the Barossa Valley section.

Raffle Winners

1 st	Steven K (visitor)	Blue A9
2 nd	John J	Black D71
3 rd	Max L	Red 97

