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4WD Club Newsletter

February 2011



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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 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

2011

Meeting	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
General		11	4	8	13	3	8	12	9	14	11	9
Committee		2	30		4	29		3		5	2	
		23			25			31			30	

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

A new year has arrived, not all happiness for our Eastern States. I do feel sorry for all the people who have lost everything. Mother-nature has proven she can give us more water than we can handle at any given time. This is another one of those times where all of us could do our little bit as individuals in supporting our neighbours.

I hope everyone is refreshed and got over the Christmas New Year period and coming forward with a lot of trip and guest speaker suggestions. Our new committee had its 1st meeting for the year on Wed 2nd February. I would like to thank everyone for their input and a special thankyou to the past committee members.

There are a good number of interesting trips and outings already placed in our trip co-ordinators hands. For anyone who is planning Easter with the Club at Mt Gibb Station, could you please record your interest as soon as possible on the trip sheet to make things easier for our trip-leader. Reading our 1st trip report for 2011, it was pleasing to see so many visitors on our Australia Day trip.

We are still searching for guest speakers to entertain us at club meetings. Our guest speaker for February meeting will be Glenys Elliott from Canvas Creations.

Max

Editor's Report

Welcome to our 1st newsletter for 2011. It's hard to believe that in our 1st newsletter for 2010 and at our 1st meeting for the year; our Publisher began the mammoth task of setting up our website, resulting in the emailing process to our members of our newsletter. One year later it seems just so easy to view and print our own newsletter and choose what we want from it. So much work has gone into creating an appealing webpage (always check what's new). I believe I would be lost without this service to our club. This year we plan to try some different layouts, fine tuning etc and receiving your input and constructive comments to make for better reading.

Our deadline date for March articles is **23/2/11** which is prior to our committee meeting, hopefully giving us more preparation time. Remember a memory stick is always available from me at every meeting or you can email your articles. If emailing, please send attachment in word format and save as type word 97-2003 and reduce any photos you would like included. Detailed instructions on reducing photos are on our webpage. Alternatively, if emailing an article just copy and paste into your email but include photos as an attachment. As an extra challenge you may choose to add your own photos to your report but these must be pasted as special (instructions on website). I feel a great place to learn more about what you can do on your own computer at home is to try a full trip report (help is always available). To help us could everyone who has a report get it to us as soon as possible after the event as this makes the job a lot easier for our publisher to get it out on-time.

Give a thought to our current sponsors who have paid to advertise in our newsletter for a period of time and helped to generate an amount of revenue for the club. Tell your family and friends what services they have to offer and promote what they have available.

Lyn



Coming Events

Clean Up Australia Day

Sunday, 6th March 2011

Activities: Open to suggestions.

Adelaide Cup

Saturday, 12th - 14th 2011 March long weekend

Activities: Open to suggestions.

Mt Gipps Station Broken Hill

22nd - 26th April 2011 Easter long, long weekend

**Trip Details &
Requirements:**

Caravans, Campers, tents, swags etc. Recovery gear and UHF radio is a must. Please be self sufficient as we are camping at a bush site on the station. Toilet and shower facilities are available but you have to drive from the campsite to them. Please bring your own morning tea on Friday as there may not be anything open.

Costs:

Camping fees are \$20.00 per couple per night and \$25.00 per family per night. Track costs are \$10.00 per vehicle per day.

Meeting Place:

Car park at Tarlee after going through town and over bridge. We will be leaving at 7.00 am **SHARP**.

Website:

www.mountgippsstation.com.au

Trip Leader:

John & Jane - Phone 8523 0657 or 0409 091 851 (Jane)

Willow Springs Station - Skytrek

11th - 13th June long weekend 2011

Trip Limit:

8 - 10 vehicles

Type:

Full day tour of Skytrek, one of the Flinders Ranges most popular and exhilarating 4WD tracks. Camping in Willow Springs camp ground with drop toilet. Drive to showers & flush toilets (near Homestead).

Requirements:

Caravans, Camper trailers, tents or swags. Recovery equipment incl. Jack plate, air compressor, shovel.

Activities:

Leave Tarlee on Saturday, morning tea at Orroroo, lunch & re-fuel at Hawker. Stop at Old Wilpena Station, onto Willow Springs & set up camp. At 9.00 am on Sunday 4WDing Skytrek & Skull Rock. Drive home Monday.

Cost:

Old Wilpena Station \$4.50 adult, \$3.50 conc, \$2.50 child, \$11 family. Skytrek track \$65 per vehicle. Camping \$20 for first 2 people + \$5 extra person per vehicle per night. (all prices correct as at Jan 2011)

Meeting Place:

Leave 8.00 am from Tarlee on Saturday 11th June

Trip Leader:

Quenton - Phone 8523 2507 or 0407 604 601

Peake 4WD Training 25th & 26th June 2011

Trip Limit:	No limit
Type:	Sand Driving
Requirements:	Caravans, campers, tents, swags etc; sand flag, air compressor, shovel, rated recover points, recovery gear & UHF radio. Be fully self sufficient. Bring wood please
Cost:	\$20 per day including \$10 non refundable deposit
Meeting Place:	Rear Shell Roadhouse, Taillem Bend on 25 th at 9.00 am sharp
Trip Leader:	Dave & Karen H - Phone 8524 3508 or 0411 772 226 Dave

Fundraiser – Sausage Sizzle at Woolworths Saturday, 30th July 2011

Activities:	Details to follow
Time:	8.30 - 4.00 pm
Contract:	Deb - Phone 8523 2507

Binns Track Darwin August 2011

Trip Details:	Details to follow
Trip Leader:	Wayne & Sandra Phone 8523 0407 or 0432 339 213 (Wayne)

Peake 4WD Training/Social 13th & 14th August 2011

Trip Limit:	No limit + invitation to Wanderers 4WD Club
Type:	Sand Driving
Requirements:	Caravans, campers, tents, swags etc; sand flag, air compressor, shovel, rated recover points, recovery gear & UHF radio. Be fully self sufficient. Bring wood please
Cost:	\$20 per day including \$10 non refundable deposit
Meeting Place:	Rear Shell Roadhouse, Taillem Bend on 13 th at 9.00 am sharp
Trip Leader:	NEEDED - Contact Trips Officer if interested



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.

GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB



Stickers For Sale

Only \$2.00 each

See **Quenton** at the Meetings!



SUBS ARE NOW DUE FOR 2011

Please fill out renewal form
Members pay \$60.00 annual fee
(+ \$10 joining fee for new members)
Fees have not changed for 3 years
Please pay Quenton before or at March meeting
together with a copy of your Insurance Policy

Hi Club Members,

We currently are receiving a number of newsletters and advertising via our club's email. Below is a list of newsletters that you can individually subscribe to and receive your own copy. Please let me know if you are interested. Thanks. Deb

Home of 12 Volt www.homeof12volt.com.au

Explore OZ Newsletter

West Print Friday Five Newsletter

(There are different options of membership so if interested I will forward these newsletters to you to join from there)



Information on Other Events

Caravan & Camping Show

Wednesday, 23rd - Sunday 27th February 2011

Activities: See NOTICE BOARD section in this newsletter *Discount tickets available*

Meeting Place: Adelaide Showgrounds



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 updated flyer
or www.saafwdc.asn.au

(Application Form & Payment due by 28/2/11)

Ngarkat Working Bee

8th - 10th April 2011

Details: See NOTICE BOARD section in this newsletter

Gawler Show 27th & 28th August 2011

Details: Details to follow



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:

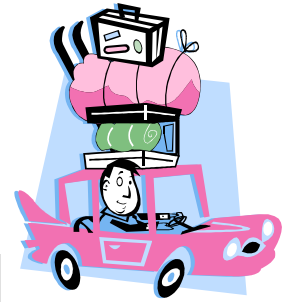
www.banksiaadventures.com.au

or Phone 8285 5033

or email: info@banksia-adventures.com.au.

Proposed Trips

- May/June 2011 History Book Week
- “Bethany Games” – 4WD themed games – Sunday
- Katarapko National Park
- Morgan Club Training
- Burra Club Training
- Burra Creek Gorge



Guest Speakers



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

February Glenys Elliott, Canvas Creations
March Open to suggestions

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, Julie or Barbara any time.

FEBRUARY 2011

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

MARCH 2011

*Rob & Pam C
 Quenton & Deb E
 Simon & Wendy G*

APRIL 2011

*Dave & Karen H
 Peter & Sandra H
 Wayne & Sandra H*

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

Official Information Release from Four Wheel Drive SA



4WD Matters Club Flyer

January 2011
- 13/01/2011
Version 2

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

We Need Staffers For The Want To Help?

The FWDSA invites any clubs within practical reach of the Adelaide Showgrounds to nominate 2-3 members to staff our display at the coming show. 28 Staffers are required to cover the following shifts:-

10.00am-2.15pm & 1.45pm-6.00pm
(includes free entry and 30min overlap)

Wed - Fri 2 per shift : Sat & Sun 4 per shift.

If possible we would like to see ordinary members of clubs dressed in their club clobber (or civvies) so that they reflect the type of person the public will meet when they go to clubs.

(We won't include members of the FWDSA Executive as they are already doing enough for our movement.)

When we have all the offers in we can allocate shifts. Of course we can't guarantee a shift, but hopefully we will get enough nominees.

Please reply no later than Feb 1

Nominations should include contact details ie email & phone number, and the range of days and times they would like to work. Send reply to

secretary@saaawdc.asn.au

Wed 23th - Sun 27th February 2011
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Club Discount Tickets will be posted out to your Club Secretary soon.

Additional tickets will be available on request to FWDSA. Be sure to use them because ticket usage is monitored.

Publicise Your Club at the Show- Get Your Brochures to us

Bring your Club Brochures down to the Show or mail them to FWDSA -
PO Box 178
Enfield Plaza SA 5085

Detail: FWDSA Caravan And Camping Show Committee
Edited: by 4WD Adventurers Club of SA Inc- Direct all correspondence to Editor FWDSA email:- saaawdc@saaawdc.asn.au

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NGARKAT Working Bee - 8th, 9th, 10th April 2011

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- 05/12/2010

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**Ngarkat Conservation Park
8th, 9th, 10th April 2011
Interclub
Working Bee**

A co-operative activity with



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and Natural Resources**Ngarkat Working Bee is on and We Need Your Help**

BORDER TRACK COMMITTEE

A Word From the DENR District Ranger

"Firstly thank you to those participants involved in the working bee last year. The cable and concrete posts have secured their place, with our visitors deciding that they are a bit too sturdy to drive through and so respecting them. It is amazing to see how well closed finger tracks recover with no vehicle use and a good wet year.

Rubble spread last year gave some of the tracks over the dunes just that little bit more 'guts', while still providing a challenge for those drier months. This was evidenced by the number of vehicles using the bypass tracks.

This year the working bee will be held on the weekend of the 8th-10th of April, with the main working day on Saturday 9th. Pine Hut Soak will be the base. This will ensure we can fit everybody in comfortably and make good use of the facilities provided there.

We have decided to give you a break from that tedious rubbing this year, Yay! Effort this year will focus on installing those wonderful cable fences on the one-way and two-way sections. Visitors have decided that there are too many bumps on the track and have driven over vegetation to avoid them, resulting in the need to define the track before more damage occurs. If possible please still bring your trailers to move equipment and posts.

Donna Nussio, District Ranger currently on maternity leave, is looking forward to her return to work in February.

I am sure she will not miss the opportunity to catch up with you all and find out what has been happening over the past year.

It should be a good enjoyable working bee. If you have not been on one before, or you're an experienced 'Ngarkat', there will be lots of laughter and fun all round.

Paul Gillen
District Ranger Mallee"

A Word From the Border Track Committee**Meet at Pine Hut Soak campsite****35° 25.319'S 140° 52.771'E****UTM zone 54 489062E 6080152N****Communications:** UHF Channel 16**Satellite phone:** Emergencies only; incoming and outgoing calls 014 715 3114**Set up camp, if you can, on Friday 8th afternoon / evening.****Otherwise arrive early Saturday 9th, by 9:00 am**

Directions: From Tailem Bend, follow the Mallee Highway; 5km west of Pinnaroo turn right on to Rosy Pine Lane (Ngarkat Park sign at this point, see RAA map 'Upper South East ref:J2); continue south for approximately 17 km:

The campsite is situated just inside the Park entrance when approached from Pinnaroo. It has one toilet.

Camper trailer – yes; caravan – yes

Bring: strong gloves, handsaw, pruners, crowbar, shovel, post-hole shovel, rake, hand tools, etc.**Trailers:** some would be useful.**Other vehicles may be driving down the Border Track**

If anyone possesses high visibility vests or clothing, it would be appreciated if you could bring them along and possibly share them with your fellow workers.

Important Notice to Clubs and Individuals**Please let me know in advance**

- When you plan to arrive?
- No. people and vehicles in party?
- If you are bringing a trailer?

Border Track Committee

(a sub-committee of the NRAU of Four Wheel Drive South Australia)

Contact: Sue (08) 8269 2883 suzy@internode.on.net

Mt. Pleasantry Application/Registration Form – NOTE: DUE DATE 28th FEB**Registration Form**

The Toyota Landcruiser Club of SA Inc.
 Invite you to join them at the
SAAFWDC AGM
 At
 Mt Pleasant

When**March 25th to 27th 2011****Where;**

Talunga Park, Caravan Park , Mt Pleasant, ph 08 85681934

Application Details:

Name of Applicant; Mr. Mrs, Ms, Miss. _____

Address _____

Phone Number; home/work _____ mobile _____
e-mail _____**Vehicle Details;** Make _____ Model _____

Registration no. _____ Club _____

Weekend Costs; includes Camping, Fri-Sat, evening meal & Live Entertainmentno of **Adults** _____ @ \$ 35.00 \$ _____no of **Children** _____ @ \$ 10.00 \$ _____**Total** \$ _____**Meals;****Saturday Lunch** BBQ (free, supplied by the Association), no. required _____**Saturday evening** (included in registration)

please indicate no. for catering purposes

Vegetarian _____

Soup vegetable _____

Chicken _____

Beef, _____

Dessert apple crumble _____

Dessert lemon Meringue _____

Dessert black forest torte _____

Registration Form, completed and returned with payment no later than **28th February 2011**
 A late fee applies if you register after that date. Queries ph **08 82988041**

Make cheques or money orders payable to;**Toyota Landcruiser Club / A.G.M.****Send to P.O. BOX 510 Blackwood S.A. 5051**Note all camp sites are UNPOWERED

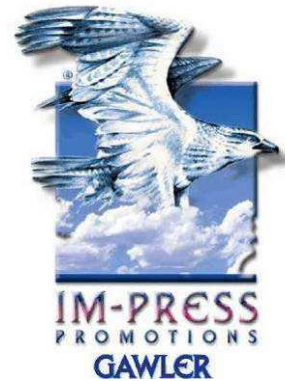
Club Merchandise

Items listed below are to be ordered direct from

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Caps	\$17.00
Beanies	\$17.00



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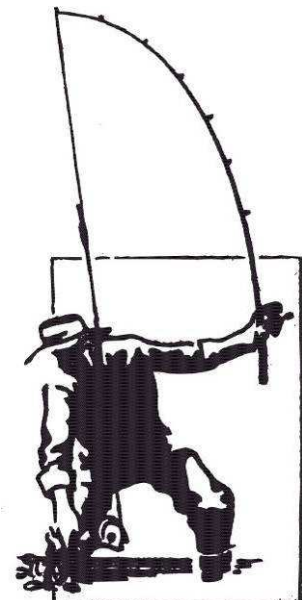
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Trip Reports

Morgan Trip – November 2010

3 vehicles went to Morgan Quarry on November 14th being myself, Jessica, Stephen & Michael (who used to be a club member). The quarry and surrounds have changed quite a bit since I was there last. The high wall of the quarry has changed, some of the steeper climbs were quite moderate now and a ledge on the right hand side where Michael had an edge collapse on him in the past, appeared to be gone.



In another area used quite a bit, there are 3 hill climbs side by side. Two are quite moderate now due to people road building but the other would damage the back of most vehicles through the creek. The other climbs near to these, which most people have not done in the past, look not too bad until you get right to the top - there are large shelves, so we didn't try these.



Another creek bed area we use (and I refer to it as Trevor's Creek, after he modified a guard after just having his vehicle repaired) has also changed a lot. The more extreme climbs which were here are now impassable, unless you had a modified buggy or someone else's vehicle to borrow. There are some very good climbs here which Michael and I tried,



most of which I would not have tried in the past before I raised my vehicle and got some decent tyres. If you made a mistake here you would hit a window high earth wall, 2/3rd the way up the climb. Stephen sensibly didn't want to modify his near new Pajero so gave those a miss. Stephen has done quite a bit of driving in ours and other clubs in a short time and seems much more confident as a new member than myself and others

were when the club started. I only had Jessica as a co-pilot as Michele was busy selling her stickers at an event at the local football club.

We spent the majority of our time away from the more commonly used areas and found plenty of interesting tracks to play on. We all enjoyed the day and the only casualty was a small scratch under the back of each vehicle from going through the creek beds.



[Dave & Stephen]

Christmas Show - 27th & 28th November 2010

Held at the Blanchetown Caravan Park.

It doesn't seem that long ago that we were up at Pt Broughton, and now this year we are along the Murray with the waters rising at Blanchetown. What a lovely spot near lock one. Lots of bird life hanging around for a feed and the boats back and forth.

Some of the club members arrived on the Friday and others Saturday. A good roll up for our club. Friday night was a relaxing night with catching up and a few drinks.



After a good night's sleep, all were up and ready to go on Saturday. Sandra, Norma & Blaze headed in to Waikerie and ended up at the market. Back to Blanchetown and some went for a walk up to the lock for a look, with a few detours along the way.

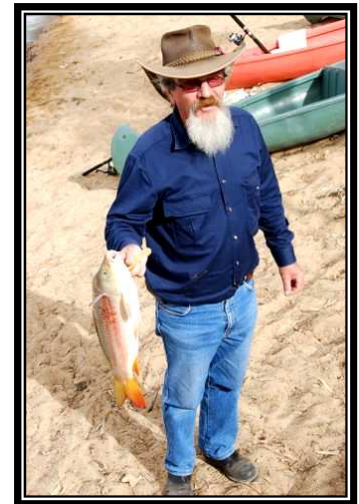


They don't seem to throw away anything they can use around the town, a wooden dingy was used for a herb garden. A very ingenious work of power saving was a bike with a lawn cutter on the front. Save the environment and get fit at the same time.

At the lock the pelicans were looking pretty contented with full stomachs just floating around. Hundreds of them!!!!



Back to the Caravan Park for some water sports that some had already started. John & Nick were fishing - hurling in the carp, Dave bought his peddle canoe which Keryn and myself were the only takers for a try. Keryn had no trouble going where she wanted to go, but I'm afraid myself could only go around in circles with Dave shouting instructions from the bank. Finally he worked out the problem and then I was too stuffed to go anywhere but back to the sandy area of the bank.



Dave must have legs of steel paddling that around!!!!!! Blaze had a swim but you had to be on your guard as the river was running so fast and it would be easy to get into trouble. Others just relaxed, enjoyed each others company with a few drinks and nibbles.



Our shared BBQ tea was once again very filling with all the food, everyone did a fantastic job with all the salads. The only problem was the mossies were about in all their glory and out for a feed. Moving into the community hall for sweets and the excitement was building for Santa's visit. Once again he didn't let us down and with his HO, HO, HO presents were handed out to Jessica, Blaze and Caleb.

The photo competition had plenty of entries for the club photo & the funny sign with Barbara, Marie, Lyn & Max winning prizes.



There was lots of fun & laughter with games played thanks to Michele, Lyn & Keryn.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our very hard working social busy bees Michele & Julie for the work they have done throughout the year and the wonderful organization of the Christmas show. Once again - a fantastic weekend.

[Sandra]

Mouth of the Murray – Australia Day 26th Jan 2011

What a beautiful day to go for a picnic. We rose to a great temperature and met at Birdwood opposite the pub, where there was low cloud and drizzle. We were beginning to wonder if summer clothes were a bit of a dream. What a turn out! There were 14 cars in the long convoy.

Simon led us through the hills to Goolwa for morning tea and the customary letting down of tyres. 2 more cars joined us at this point. Along the beach we had a leisurely drive watching out for all the people, dogs and other cars.



We even saw a ute decked out with his own BBQ and lawn on the back. Talk about taking the back yard with you!



We arrived at the Murray mouth and what a site it was to see without the dredging machine. After watching the water flowing out to sea, Cane & Robbie started to dig themselves into the sand. We decided that lunch at the mouth was a good idea so all the camp chairs, shades and food came out and it was just great relaxing on the beach.

The wind did its damage with some of us suffering wind burn but that's OK. The tide started to come in at around 2.00 pm so all was packed up and we headed back to Goolwa. In Goolwa we pumped our tyres up again and then went our separate ways home.



Thank you so much Simon, Wendy and Cain for organising such a great day. We all had a very relaxing start to our 4WD calendar for the year.



Those on the trip were our leaders Simon, Wendy, Cain, & Robbie, Deb & Quenton, Lyn & Max, Michele, Dave & Jessica, Chris & Julie, John & Jane, Nick, Kerrie & Kaleb, with Sandra & Allen (visitors), Martin & Martin, Karen & John, Bronte & Norma, Marie and Keryn & Brent. Our other visitors were Joan & Daryl, Kit & Nancy, Greg, Colleen & Braidyn, Julie, Michael, Jamie & Jordan.

[Norma]

(last to arrive & tail end Charlie)

Last General Meeting

December 2010

See the attached Minutes (members only)

Raffle Winners

1 st	Wayne H	Green Y47
2 nd	Keryn W	Green Y46
3 rd	Sandra H	Green Y55

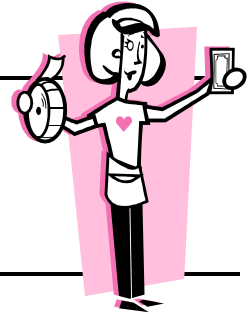


Photo Competition Results:

Lyn Le - judged by Gawler Fishing & Outdoors

Max L - People's Choice

Funny Sign Competition Results:

Marie C - judged by La Dolce Vita

Barbara M - People's Choice

Banksia Adventure bidding - Sandra