

4WD Club Newsletter

April 2011



Happy Easter
Everyone!



Easter Holidays are Here!



Gawler and Districts 4WD Club Incorporated
is a member of the South Australian Association
of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Incorporated

If you or your family is travelling over this period then please take extreme care on the roads and enjoy your break away.

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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 before Committee Meeting date
 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

A special welcome to John & Astrid; approved as members at our March Meeting. We as a club hope there are plenty of activities and trips to interest everyone throughout the year. Continuation membership renewals have finished as of last meeting but for any late fees, it's the \$60 membership + \$10.00 joining fee which applies.

On the 25th – 27th March the AGM of the Four Wheel Drive South Australia Association was held at Mt Pleasant. John, Peter (wearing 2 hats), Lyn & myself were present from our club. A few things of interest:- Association's new web page (www.4wdsa.asn.au) is up and running and the Bull Bar controversy has been resolved to our benefit. The Body Lift is still being discussed with the relevant Government departments and Road Transport. There was also an apology that the Limestone Coast booklets were not available; they will be available at the next delegates meeting or posted to clubs. The main thing from the Treasurer's report was that our Association fees will rise from \$17.50 to \$20.00 at the beginning of 2012/13 financial year. The Vice President reported that the Caravan and Camping Show was a huge success (Minutes in separate attachment).

There is Mt Gipps Station via Broken Hill at Easter, Ngarkat Working Bee 8th & 10th both happening in April, please refer to coming events for all the details. There have been a few trips during March, the reports should make some good reading.

Our editor and publisher are doing a great job of the newsletter. To help with this task, could everyone who has a report get it to them as soon as possible after the event which makes the job a lot easier for our editor/publisher to get it out on time?

Thanks

[Max]

Editor's Report

Keep a check on our website and find out what's new. Chris is constantly updating trip photos, current newsletters, training, and is in the process of linking our sponsors to their websites. Links to magazines and articles such as Westprint Friday, Home of 12 Volt and Explore Oz newsletters have been added so you can choose to subscribe directly to your email address.

Our deadline date for May articles is 25/05/11 (always the committee meeting date). If you plan to email photos, please try to reduce them so both yours and our emails are not congested or lost. If unsure how large your photo is, just hover the mouse over the attachment and each photo should be approx. 600mm x 480mm. An easy reducing program can be installed on your computer for free – simple instructions on how to install Irfanview are on our website. You may want to challenge yourself and add your own photos into your trip report (some have already done this very successfully, thank you).

When printing your own newsletter at home, you can save ink and paper by selecting 2-up, double up or 2 per page which creates a smaller font and can even print back to back (depending on your printer). This 2-up format will be handed out to our visitors reducing our printing cost but still allow us to give them a taste of what the club has to offer.

Thanks to Stephen and Deb for writing individual reports in this month's newsletter. Jane is collating last meetings survey results and soon we should have a great variety of trips, guest speakers and newsletter articles! Thanks everyone for making great suggestions.

Enjoy your Easter celebrations.

[Lyn]



Coming Events

Mt Gipps Station **22nd - 26th April 2011 Easter extra long weekend**

Broken Hill

Trip Limit

Sorry, trip is now FULL!

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)

Bri-Glen **22nd - 26th April 2011 Easter extra long weekend**

Trip Details & Requirements:

Caravans, Campers, tents, swags etc. Please be self sufficient - bush site. Toilet and shower facilities available but no power.

Contact:

Property owner Brian Sambell on 0417 826 560 before arriving

Food Handling Course **Wednesday 11th May 2011**

Costs:

Free by Gawler Council but RSVP required before course date

Contact:

Deb – Phone 8523 2507 or Jan McKay, COTA Phone 8232 0422

Rail Trail **Sunday 22nd May 2011**

Trip Details:

A day trip visiting different country Railway Stations. Bring Morning Tea and picnic lunch.

Meeting Place:

Meet 9.00am at Gawler Railway Station, 23rd St, Gawler.

Trip Leader:

Quenton - Phone 8523 2507 or 0407 604 601

Basic Theory Training Session **Saturday 28th – Sunday 29th May 2011**

Meeting Place:

Ahrens, east of Gawler together with Barossa 4WD club

Trip Leader:

Dave & Karen H - Phone 8524 3508 or 0411 772 226 Dave

Willow Springs Station - Skytreck 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 11 th 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:	Fundraiser. Sub Committee – volunteers still needed
Requirements:	Wear 4WD name badges
Time:	8.30 am - 4.00 pm
Contract:	Dave R – Phone 8525 2765 or 0419 992 881 or sub committee

Binns Track Darwin Saturday, 30th July – Saturday 27th August 2011 (4 weeks)

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 13th at 9.00 am sharp
- Trip Leader:** **NEEDED** - Contact Trips Officer if interested

Christmas Show at Pt Hughes 26th & 27th November 2011

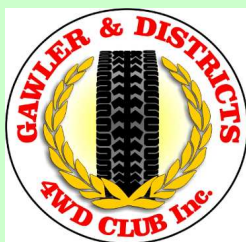
- Cost:** \$30 per night for site or \$50 for 2 nights which are payable as a deposit (bookings under Gawler & District 4WD club). Cost based on 2 people per site, \$7 extra per adult and \$6 per child per night Ask for Tracey from Pt Hughes Caravan Park, corner Minnie & West Terrace when making your booking. Ph. 8825 2106
- Meeting Place:** Details to follow
- Website:** www.yorkepeninsula.net.au (and see Port Hughes Caravan Park)



The **Gawler and Districts 4WD Club** would like 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.campertailer.com.au or contact **Brian or Susan** on 08-8562 8370.

GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB



Stickers For Sale - Only \$2.00 each

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See **Quenton** at the General Meeting!



Information on Other Events

Ngarkat Working Bee 8th - 10th April 2011

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

A co-operative activity with



Government of South Australia
Department of Environment
and Natural Resources



Ngarkat Working Bee is on and We Need Your Help

BORDER TRACK COMMITTEE



28th -31st July
Caravan Camping & Off-Road Sale
Adelaide Showground



Details: <http://www.caravanandcampingsa.com.au/page.asp?parentid=257>

Gawler Show 27th & 28th August 2011

Details: Details to follow

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.

Proposed Trips

- Callington – Joint Training Trip
- “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):

April	Penny Kazla, Community Education Officer, SA Country Fire Service
May	Kai from TCIS Insurance Brokers
June	
July	Graham on History Week

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 the Social Committee (Michele or Barbara) any time.

APRIL 2011

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

MAY 2011

*Alan H & Barbara M
John & Astrid G
Darryll & Joan G*

JUNE 2011

*John & Jane J
Stephen K
Martin K*



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.



Notice Board

GENERAL MEETINGS

The small hall will be used by another group for the coming year.
Please use the **Fourteenth Street side entrance**
to get into our area for the meetings.

Thank you

A **FREE Food Handling Course** run by the
Gawler Council will be held on
11/5/11 from 9.30 am – 1.00 pm.
RSVP to Deb (Secretary) if interested

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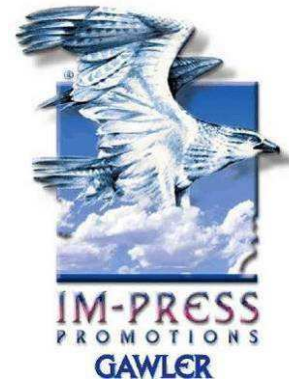
Club Merchandise

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Caps	\$17.00
Beanies	\$17.00



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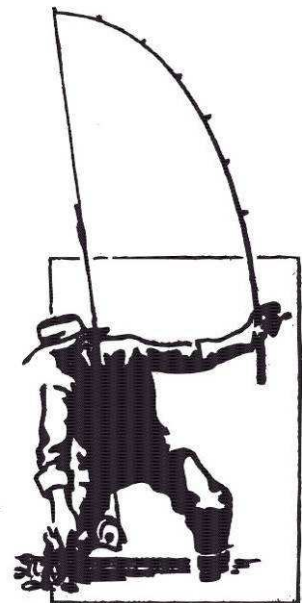
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Raffle Prize Banksia Adventure Tour Wine, Water & Wildlife Experience on 06/03/11

Weather forecast for Sunday was 27° and it was glorious. We were driven to Parafield airport at Banksia Adventures depot. The 7-seater luxury Chrysler jeep vehicle departed at 9.15 am already seating an American couple it had collected from Adelaide, together with our chauffer, Colin. With plenty of room of only 5 occupants in air conditioning comfort, we meandered through the Adelaide hills of Golden Grove, Tea Tree Gully, Houghton, Paracombe, Cudley Creek and Chain of Ponds. Our 1st stop was the Whispering Wall, then onto Cockatoo Valley. Lyndoch Bakery had the best beinestick we have ever tasted for morning tea. Checked out opals etc at old Chaetau Yaldura, continued through to Rowland Flat and tried our wine tasting at Grant Burge Winery – very busy at that time but managed to buy too much wine for our 1st stop. Stanley Wines in Tanunda was next and after tasting chocolate port, who could refuse to purchase? Kaesler's Restaurant was catering for a wedding but lucky Colin had pre-booked our lunch of Kangaroo and Trout. Time for more wineries, Saltrams at Angaston, then viewed Mengler's Hill to show our American tourists who were only in Australia for 13 days. Talked Colin into visiting Bethany Wines set in an old quarry but once again checked if there was plenty of room for our purchases. Chaetau Dorrien intrigued our tourists with the murals on old concrete wine tanks and of course more tastings. Whistler Wines have a lovely garden setting together with their nice wines and then last of all, just before 5.00pm we tried Two Hands at Marananga which only opened about 7 months ago. 7 wineries all up and we could still both walk out the vehicle sober – amazing!!! Lived in the Barossa Valley most of our lives and never experienced a winery tour. We want to go again (but do we have to wait for another raffle prize to go??)



[Max & Lyn]

Trip Reports

The Five Ferry Run Sunday, 13/3/2011

The day began in the dark with the expectation of showers, however, it turned out to be a fine and bright day. We met the group of Nick, Kerrie & Kaleb, Bronte, Norma & Wayne, Joann & Peter, John & Astrid, Marie, Peter & Sandra, Brent & Keryn, Martin (on his motorbike) & Bronwyn & Roy at the Institute Park in Mt Pleasant and set off to explore the Murray River and five of its ferries (no Wayne & Brent; ferries not fairies).

We meandered on the black top through Sedan to the first ferry at Swan Reach and it was here that Quenton explained one of the side activities for the day; Poker. Each car was to be given a card at each ferry in which to play Poker with the winner to be announced at Wellington.



Next was the morning tea stop by the swollen river front at Swan Reach with a vast array of yummy cakes shared by all. From Swan Reach we travelled on to Walker Flat stopping off at the lookout over Big Bend. This lookout gave us a great view over the river and the force and quantity of water now flowing down the Murray River.



The murky brown colouring was of no surprise as we had seen the colour of the water at the river mouth last month but what was surprising was the amount of algae covering the outer part of the river as far as the eye could see.

The next stop - Walker Flat and another smooth ride across the river although there was some discussion about if beards are part of the uniform of the ferry operator.

The third ferry ride was at the very busy town of Mannum, I think most of northern Adelaide had chosen that day to visit. Both ferries were operating, however, the wait was still lengthy and it took three ferry rides to get the group across but this gave us a chance for a chat and to admire the mural at the local caravan park.



The ride across was like crossing the Tasman during winter, well that may be a slight exaggeration but if the journey went any longer sea sick tablets may have been required.

The trip to Murray Bridge was through typical saltbush country and we arrived at the river front to enjoy our picnic lunch, however, the weather had changed and we were greeted with a cold wind and grey skies.

The river front has certainly changed over the years, however, the Bunyip



was still in fine voice and many of the beaches we had seen previously are now covered by water.



Yalumba from Angaston.

We left Murray Bridge under the threat of rain and travelled through cow country to Jervois where the ferry ride across to Tailem Bend was a lot smoother but there was certainly more evidence of the river bank damage that had occurred.

On the trip to Wellington the radio was littered with talk about card swapping and blatant card cheating this was, however, curbed by Quenton who walked car to car during our wait for the ferry with warnings (well that's what he told me in defence to the lousy cards I was given).

We arrived at the Wellington Court House ready for an afternoon tea of what else but scones and coffee and to find out who the winner of our Poker run was. The winner with a "straight flush" was Kerry, Nick and Kaleb. Their prize was a wine pack donated by



This afternoon tea was a welcome stop and we were also given an impromptu story of the history of the Court House. The walk around the compound was interesting and we were given a fishing lesson by Bronte. I'm not sure but I thought I heard the fish laughing?

We inspected the "Ferryman's" rooms under the courthouse, (now B&B rooms) and all agreed they would make a lovely romantic spot to stay.

We then all went our separate ways and made our way home after a most enjoyable day. [Deb]

Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday March 6th 2011



This year the Gawler and Districts 4WD Club decided to register a site for Clean up Australia Day which was Henry Chenoweth Park (the park behind the Elderly Centre).

At 9.00 am, 14 of us armed with gloves, hats, bags and tongs began the task of cleaning up the park. Luckily the river was dry and we were able to fill up about 15 of the twenty bags we were given.

Items we collected were a fire extinguisher, computer hard drive, the obligatory shopping trolley, office chair, sheets of iron, wire, lots of paper and a life size blue doggy.



The whole clean up process was great because it was was piled in the designated to head for Clonea Park for our Quenton fired up the BBQ Angaston and we spent the generally enjoying the Thankyou to everyone who little effort we made a cleaning up of the Gawler



took us about two hours which starting to heat up. The rubbish pick up spot and we all departed post clean up BBQ.

kindly lent to us by Eblens at afternoon eating, chatting and company and surroundings. joined in on the day as with a significant contribution to the area. [Deb]

New Identity Change??



I recently took part in the World's Greatest Shave 2011. You can see my humiliation and suffering in these photos! I miss the beard the most and want it to grow back ASAP! Although it was fun too, and is for a great cause. Around here at the moment, it would look more unusual to have hair.

The money I raised is used by the Leukaemia Foundation to fund services to support patients and families living with leukaemias, lymphomas, myeloma and related blood disorders.

All the services are free.

My fundraising also funds blood cancer research to find better treatments and cures. A number of Ahrens Group employees are participating in this worthy cause. Total raised by the team so far is \$69,637 for the Leukaemia Foundation. Ahrens is currently the second highest fundraising team nationally. The Foundation is still only 55% of the way to their goal.



If you would still like to make a donation, please visit www.worldsgreatestshave.com.au and click on the green sponsor tab, then type Stephen and Kelly in the two individual search boxes, or type Ahrens into the team search and click on me.

Every March thousands of people shave, colour and wax their hair to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. It's one of Australia's biggest fundraising events, it's also the most fun!

Every hour, someone in Australia is diagnosed with leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma. Every two hours, someone dies from one of these blood cancers. Almost 10,000 Australians will be diagnosed with blood cancers and related blood disorders this year. Although survival rates are improving, blood cancer is our second biggest cause of cancer death. In 2010 it is projected that: more than 4,700 Australians will be diagnosed with lymphoma; more than 3,200 Australians will be diagnosed with leukaemia; more than 1,500 Australians will be diagnosed with myeloma.

The Leukaemia Foundation receives no ongoing government funding, so supporting this event makes our Vision to Cure and Mission to Care possible.

Thanks!

[Stephen]



Last General Meeting

March 2010

See the attached Minutes (members only)

Guest Speaker at March Meeting

Our thanks to club member Quenton for his display and informative talk about suggested items for trips and a few requirements for your vehicle. These included safety and recovery, communication, spares etc.

Jane is compiling the club survey taken at the last meeting. A big thank to all whom participated. Results of “best” suggestions at next months meeting!

Raffle Winners

1st	Yellow W63	Peter H
2nd	Yellow W75	John G
3rd	Green Y92	Norma R

