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# 4WD Club Newsletter

July 2011



*Gawler and Districts 4WD Club Incorporated*  
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of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Incorporated



Mt. Gipps Station 2011

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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
<b>General</b>		11	4	8	13	3	8	12	9	14	11	9
<b>Committee</b>		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.



## Coming Events

### Morgan Quarry Training

**30<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

- Trip Limit:** No limit - Combined with Barossa 4WD Club  
**Meeting Place:** Details at July General meeting  
**Trip Leaders:** Dave H Phone 0411 772 226

### Binns Track Darwin

**Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> July – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2011 (4 weeks)**

- Type:** Everything including bull dust  
**Requirements:** Camper trailers, tents, swags, recovery gear & UHF radio. Be fully self sufficient. Some bush camping, some Caravan Parks.  
**Meeting Place:** Tarlee on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 6.15 am to leave 6.30 am sharp  
**Trip Leaders:** Wayne & Sandra Phone 8523 0407 or 0432 339 213 (Wayne) or Bronte & Norma Phone 0438 120 342

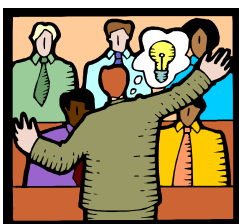
### Peake 4WD Social Only

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2011**

- Trip Limit:** No limit + Wanderers 4WD Club will also be attending  
**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<sup>th</sup> at 9.00 am sharp  
**Trip Leaders:** Peter Phone 8523 0889

### (Suggested) Bri-Glen

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> October Long Weekend 2011**



**Please let us know if you are interested at the July General Meeting!**

**Christmas Show at Pt Hughes 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 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

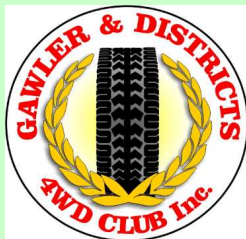
**Meeting Place:**

Details to follow

**Website:**

[www.yorkepeninsula.net.au](http://www.yorkepeninsula.net.au) (and see Port Hughes Caravan Park)

**GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB**



Stickers For Sale - Only \$2.00 each

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See **Quenton** at the General Meeting

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](http://www.wurth.com.au)

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

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**Community  
lottery**

Big thank you to all the club members who either bought a ticket (or two ☺) or sold complete books of tickets to themselves, friends and/or colleagues!!

Several of our members did a **really good job** and sold multiple books (big thank you!!) and therefore the entire 20 books have now been sold resulting in a return of \$400 to the club's funds. This is a great lottery and a good way for clubs to raise funds.

**NEXT: BBQ FUND RAISING - STILL WOULD LIKE SOME VOLUNTEERS!**



## Information on Other Events

### Fundraiser – Sausage Sizzle at Woolworths

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> 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 special sub-committee



28<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> July 2011

Caravan Camping & Off-Road Sale  
Adelaide Showground



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1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011

Mount Lofty Rangers Incorporated  
presents

4WD Octoberfest  
Peterborough, SA



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Check out their website [www.campertailer.com.au](http://www.campertailer.com.au) or contact **Brian or Susan** on 08-8562 8370.

## Proposed Trips

- Rail Trail
- “Bethany Games” – 4WD themed games – Sunday
- Katarapko National Park
- Morgan Training
- Burra Training
- Kersbrook Training
- Burra Creek Gorge



## Guest Speakers



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

July                      Graham Tucker - Gawler History  
August  
September

## 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.

### ***JULY 2011***

*Max & Lyn L  
Lyn Li  
David & Carol M*

### ***AUGUST 2011***

*John & Karyn M  
Dave & Michele R  
Bronte & Norma R*

### ***SEPTEMBER 2011***

*Roy & Bronwyn S  
Chris & Julie S  
Brent & Keryn W*



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](http://www.banksiaadventures.com.au)

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or email: [info@banksia-adventures.com.au](mailto:info@banksia-adventures.com.au).



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## Ask “CLARENTYNE”

*Here is this month’s question! Be prepared to help with your contribution at the next meeting. If you have some interesting questions/photos please give them to a committee member!*

### **TWO TYRES WITH NO AIR!!**



It is a glorious morning at Peake and a few of us decided to have some fun driving round / over / through the dunes.

Went to commence a run towards a little steep dune but something was not right! Checked and found that the inner bead of the driver's side, front tyre had popped off. No problem, I've got a spare. Got all the wheel changing kit out and then found that not only had the air escaped from the RH tyre, it had escaped from the LH side as well.

So, this month’s questions to Clarentyne are:

- **What went wrong?**
- **What do we need to do get Mr Prado back on the road?  
(we only have 1 spare!)**

Tune in next month for Clarentyne’s thoughts.

[Thanks Peter for this month’s question]

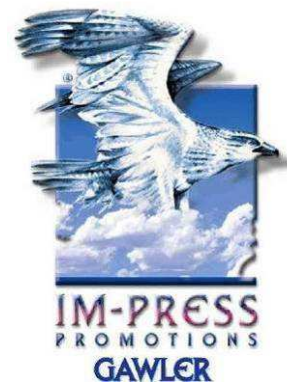
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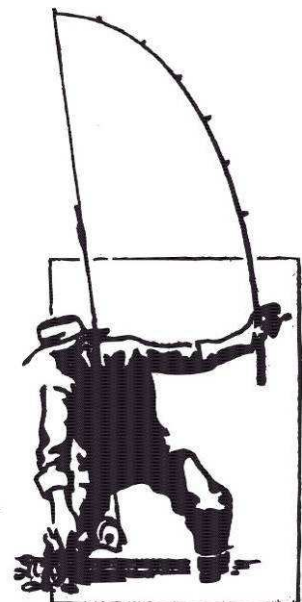
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## Trip Reports

### After the Mt Gipps Station, Broken Hill 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011

#### Wednesday-Sunday for Max & Lyn

Yes, as was stated previously, we went on our yabby mission alone after enjoying such an excellent time with friends at Mt Gipps Station – what a fantastic start to any 10 day holiday.

Wednesday night was spent at Wentworth Caravan Park, charging up batteries and filling our water supply preparing for more bush camping and planning to catch that BIG yabby.

The tourist office told us this Caravan Park was flooded but we stayed on dry land together with everyone else. Max led our caravan to places he had not seen for about 40 years. A few landscapes had totally changed due to new land developments.

After checking several prime spots, we settled by a lovely creek near Chowilla and of course the yabby nets had to go in well before actually setting up for the night. Excitement shone over Max's face that yabbies were actually biting and when I was shown



the size of them, I needed to get my gloves on to help with the catch. This was certainly the spot to set up camp with not a soul in site – total isolation with peace and quiet. No animals came to visit us, just the delight of the birds singing different tunes every day. Surprisingly we did not get sick of dining on yabbies.



Time to move on to recharge the battery and the water supply so we stayed at Paringa Caravan Park for a night. I was asked if we should book in for 1 or 2 nights but having a taste of a good time a

few days prior, 1 night was sufficient. Next morning we set up camp at Custom's House where house boats come in. The free camp sites were like little private camping bays and of course once again yabbing needed to be tried.



The creek had subsided and was quite muddy so best results were achieved off a bridge. Sunday morning we slowly packed up and stopped at Banrock Station for a 1 ½ hour boardwalk – the remainder still under flood. We treated ourselves to a delightful meal at the winery but you really wouldn't read about it. Max chose a steak with YABBIES!!!

So nice to go home after 10 days bush camping and soak in a long hot bath. The van has since had an internal

spring-clean ready for the Willow Springs trip in June.

[Lyn & Max]



## Willow Springs Station, 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June Long Weekend

### Saturday, 11th June



We met in the car park in Tarlee. Some of us were early, some had to return home to check the stove was off!! Chris and Julie went up the day before. In 6 vehicles, we left soon after 7am. Quenton, Stephen, Marie, Darryl & Joan and Max & Lyn. Bronte and Norma were tail-end Charlie with a load of wood in the back ready for the fire.

The trip was lead by Quenton, who was the only one who had been to Skytrek

before, a favourite.

We passed Auburn at 8:30, Clare at 8:45 and stopped at Spalding at 9:15. It was overcast and a chilly 13 degrees.

We stopped again at Orroroo between 10:30-11:00, some stopping at the shops and having morning tea at the Big Gum Tree just north of town. Quenton was very helpful with photos for the tourists. Stephen missed the turn but after a bit of a drive out of town, got there eventually.

We passed Carrinto at 11:20 and a back way into the Bendlby and Quenton and Marie think that it would be fun for a future trip!

Arriving at Hawker around 12:20, most went off to the Mobil to refuel. Stephen headed to the BP since he didn't have a company fuel card for Mobil and after they very ungraciously told him they couldn't use his cards. At the BP everything was on but no one was home!. Eventually he found and worked out how to use the only manual pump in town at the Shell servo.

Lunch was at the Railway Station park at Hawker. At 1:30 we arrived at Wilpena Pound, got our tickets for the Old Wilpena Station and did a bit of shopping. At the old station, it was good to stretch our legs walking around checking out the homestead, the blacksmith's, the store, the cemetery and the ingenious stables. Lots of reading about the history of the station and how life was back then. Signs were everywhere like those in the toilet detailing the life you could see in there, not just a redback on the seat!! There were plenty of emus and kangaroos that now call it home.

We arrived at the Willow Creek Station camp site (Grasswren) at about 4pm. Set among rolling hills by the creek. It was a quick

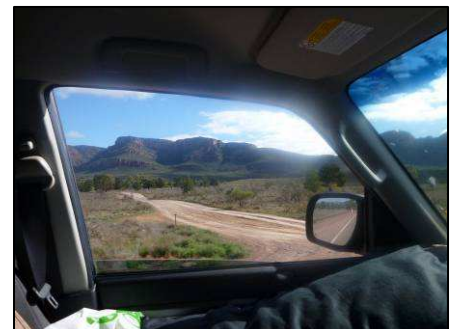


hello to Chris and Julie then quickly setting up so we could go and see the sunset.

At 4:30 we went to the Stokes Hill Lookout and setup nibbles next to a model of Wilpena Pound with the real thing clearly in sight. It was cold as a ... you can fill in the blank. It might have been 10 degrees but with the chilling wind felt like less than zero. Nibbles were great

and we where soon joined by a tour group and were able to listen in and see a fine sunset.

Back to the camp for dinner, Bronte and Max soon had the fire going. It was very appreciated. The wood pile was maybe a little close and probably got as warm as we did. After an overcast day there was not a cloud in the sky until late in the night. We sat around the campfire well into the night looking forward to the well renowned Skytrek the next day!



[Stephen]

## Sunday 12th June

### **Or when is a kookaburra not a kookaburra?**

Day 2 of our Willow Springs trip dawned COLD but promising. The mood was buoyant as we prepared for a day on Skytrek. With top rate directions and points plotted clearly on the map we obviously weren't going to get lost. (Also told to look out for "The Phantom" but more on that later)

I opted to drive early knowing there was a harder spot later on (yes, chicken). According to Chris I drive just a little too close to the left -- but I can't avoid the holes AND the bushes. But two heads are better than one and we are learning together how to get the best out of Paj and lessen those scratches!!



We give up after a while trying to tick off the numbered highlights against the speedo and just enjoy beautiful creek beds and rich red cliffs. The undergrowth is thick and the vegetation fresh from some good rains in the past year. We stop at Moxons hut for morning tea but mindful of a full day we soon press on.

The country opens out and the track winds gently through a bushy plain with just the right level of interest driving-wise for me. (No scary bits) Quentin gets his exercise jumping in and out doing the gates as Deb is home doing "her report".



The terrain gets a little harder before the lunch stop in Murrays Gully so Chris takes the wheel. That leaves me free to cover my eyes with both hands when the road

disappears before us. The lunch stop is short and the dodgy dunny feels more risky than the track. There's a feeling that the whole pot could disappear down the hole at any minute.



Onwards and upwards now towards Mt Carnaervon. Ahead of us is a truck with kayaks on board - do they know something we don't? Eventually at the 920m peak we stop for pictures - Clarentyne indulged in a spot of planking!!



Its windy up here and soooooo cold! But if you climb down behind the peak you are sheltered from the wind. Grass trees abound and the landscape is spectacular. I could have stayed there for ages but Quentin cracks the whip



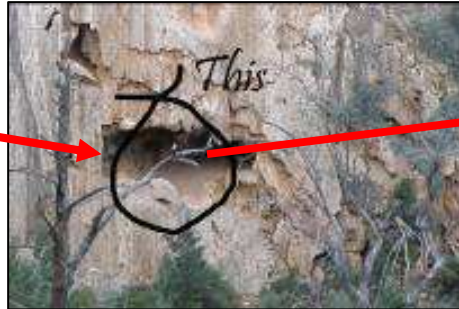
The day is passing quickly and a visit to Skull Rock must be fitted in especially if we are to catch up with "The Phantom".

So downwards we go! Off to see the home of the "Ghost who walks". The Skull Rock carpark is just a little tight and with a large deep mud pit in the middle just begging to mess up Q's car. A short walk (it could have been longer if everyone had followed me who didn't spot two large rock arrows on the ground) to a viewing point for a spectacular rock formation.



In our search for "The Phantom" there were lots to be seen including the Kookaburra in the old oak tree!! Wondering why it wasn't moving, Julie solved our dilemma !! Check out the zoom-in and I also swear that's a rocky wallaby in the shadows within the skull rock caves!!

So, ***Kookaburra: a large woodland kingfisher that lives in Australia and New Guinea.***



*Is not a Kookaburra but ...*

Late in the day we all stumble back into camp and with the cold descending quickly, stoke up a decent fire. It was a full day and there are a few rather shattered looks in camp.

[Julie & Chris]

### Monday, 13th June



Had a very lazy morning sleep in, helped others pack up and left the camp site at 10.45 am while Daryl and Joan were lucky enough to stay 2 more nights at this majestic site. Many took photos of the Eagle Wing Sculpture at the entrance to Willow Springs Station.



Didn't travel very far on the black top when the need to capture one final photo of this area on Huck's Hill lookout. We were reminded of the golden rule "*last vehicle to arrive at the start of the trip, must do a trip report*", so today was our day to contribute.



Took a leisurely ride through Hawker and stopped at Quorn playground for either lunch or morning tea (depending on our hunger needs). Passed a few old trucks – Morris commercial and a Comer.



Our next stop was at Stonehut to purchase their famous goodies but most were sold out over the long weekend. The premises have now included several huts for accommodation. We continued on our progressive food binge to Laura for a Golden North Ice Cream – so many flavours, it was hard to choose just one, so we had 5. Noticed a fairly new roundabout at Gladstone but this town must have forgotten about the Monday holiday as the 25 km flashing lights were operating past the school which we had to abide to. Stopped at the Driver Reviver in Clare at 4.50 pm for a cuppa and the offer of jam and cream, but everyone was way too full. This was our last chat and farewells before heading home on our separate ways.

We took a millage from Willow Springs to home which was 413 kms just out of curiosity. A special thankyou to Q for his organisation of this very cold but really enjoyable, long weekend. Don't think I will ever forget just how cold Stokes Hill Lookout was at sunset!!!

[Lyn]

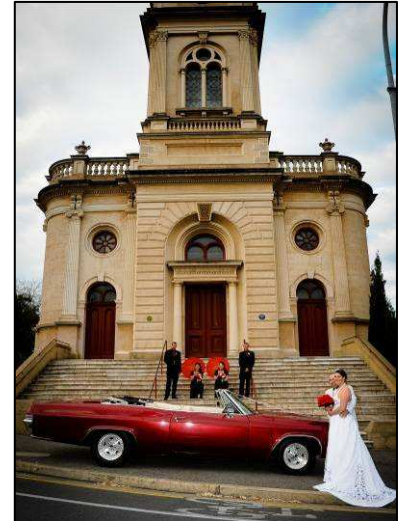




## **Barbara and Allan's Wedding** Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011 – Brougham Place Uniting Church



The day went off without too many problems, the only small hiccup was the hire car due to pick the groomsmen up broke down half way to Allan's parents home in Fairview Park and the driver had to make alternate arrangements which had the groomsmen arrive literally 5 minutes before the bride and bridesmaids.



The weather was perfect – slightly cloudy but warm with only a cool breeze. Just right!

As Allan and his groomsmen waited patiently inside the church for Barbara's arrival, Barbara was being helped up the steps to the church by son James and her bridesmaids, as her legs had turned to

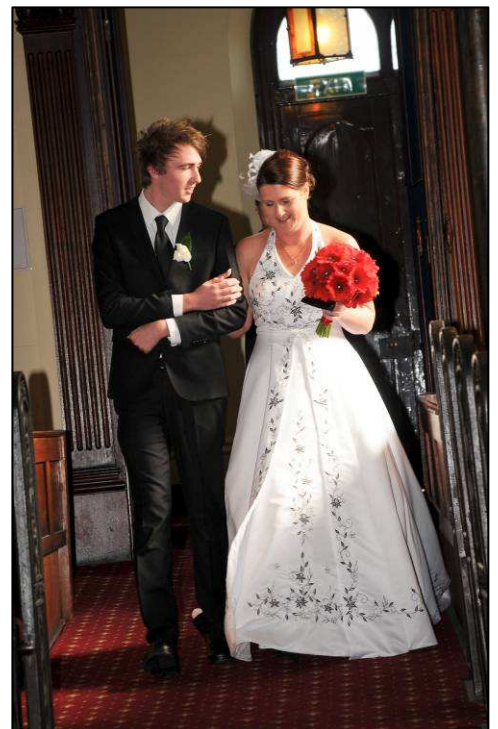
jelly and she could hardly walk. Rather amusing that she was so nervous, after all they have been together for 15 years, but never the less she was!!

Barbara walked down the aisle on James' arm to the Pacabel Cannon played by the church organist on the grand old pipe organ – a magical entrance.



Allan and Barbara shared their vows in the presence of 85 family members and friends and signed the wedding register to a solo performance of Ava Maria which brought a few tears to some of their guests, including Barbara's mother.

Following the church service Allan and Barbara celebrated their marriage with their family and friends at the Tea Tree Gully Golf Club in Fairview Park with a 3 tier white wedding cake served as their dessert.



Thank you to everyone for making the day perfect.

**[Congratulation Barbara and Allen – members of the Gawler & Districts 4WD Club]**

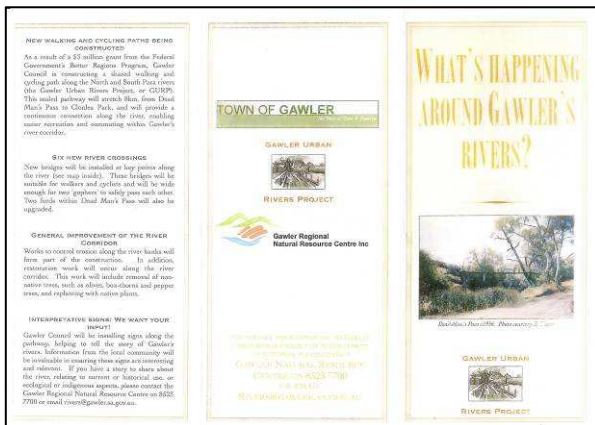
## Last General Meeting

# June 2010

**See the attached Minutes (members only)**

## Guest Speaker Roundup

Rachel Brdanovic, an Environmental Consultant from Down to Earth spoke on the Gawler Urban Rivers Project (GURP). Contact Rachel on 0407 775 868 or email [rachel@dteconsulting.com.au](mailto:rachel@dteconsulting.com.au). Website [www.dteconsulting.com.au](http://www.dteconsulting.com.au)



**A \$3 million grant from the Federal Government's Better Regions Program resulted in Gawler Council constructing a shared walking, cycling and electric mobile scooter sealed pathway along the North and South Para rivers for 8 km. Work includes new bridges, river bank erosion control and some tree removal.**

**The project is expected to be complete by June 2011.**

**Challenge – Make suggestions to help name the Gawler River Trail.** If you have a storey to share about the 3 rivers running together, relating to current or historical use or ecological or indigenous aspects, contact the Gawler Regional Natural Resource Centre on 8523 7700 or email [rivers@gawler.sa.gov.au](mailto:rivers@gawler.sa.gov.au).

## Raffle Winners

1st	Orange D51	Chris S
2nd	Orange D50	Darryl G
3rd	Purple B27	Roy S

