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4WD Club Newsletter

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



Willow Springs 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
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.



Coming Events

Bri Glen Weekend

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th September 2011

Trip Details & Requirements:	Caravans, campers, tents, swags etc. Please be self-sufficient – bush site. Toilet & shower facilities available but no power
Cost:	\$20 per vehicle per day
Meeting Place:	Tarlee at 8.00 am
Trip Leader:	Quenton - Phone 8523 2507 or 0407 604 601

Angorichina Long Weekend

Saturday 1st – Tuesday 4th October 2011

Note: Extra day on end of weekend

Trip Limit:	No limit
Type:	Flat-out 4WD driving. Basic to advance driving skills required. Rocky terrain, steep inclines & declines, creek beds, washaways
Requirements:	Caravans, campers, tents, swags etc; rated recovery points, recovery gear, UHF radio, high clearance & low range vehicle. Be fully self-sufficient.
Cost:	\$15 per day camping fees at Angorichina homestead and \$20 for Oratunga Track
Meeting Place:	Blinman Hotel at 12.00 noon on Saturday 1 st October
Trip Leaders:	Dave & Karen - Phone 8524 3508 or 0411 772 226

Training at Headquarters

Saturday 19th – Sunday 20th November 2011

Trip Limit:	No limit
Type:	4WD - SRO DRV002 Theory. Plan outdoor recreation activities.
Requirements:	Logbook training number
Cost:	Minimal
Meeting Place:	DTU Headquarters
Trip Leader:	Dave - Phone 8524 3508 or 0411 772 226
	Note: If considering, please contact Dave ASAP for further info

Christmas Show at Pt Hughes Friday 25th, Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th November 2011

Cost:

\$30 per night (bookings under Gawler & District 4WD club to get a 10% discount). Powered sites. Cost based on 2 people per site, \$7 extra per adult and \$6 per child per night.



Ask for Chris when booking. Pt Hughes Caravan Park, South Terrace – new park near golf course. Phone 8825 2106 or email phcp@yorkepeninsula.net.au

Sites are filling up fast!!

What to Bring

Salad to share for BBQ Dinner. (Meat, Bread & Sauce along with Fruit Salad and Ice Cream will be supplied.) BYO drinks, glasses, plates, cutlery, chairs & Christmas Spirit. Don't forget the present from Santa for any children to the value of \$10 - \$15.

Website:

www.yorkepeninsula.net.au (and see Port Hughes Caravan Park)

Kataraptko Creek National Park Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th February 2012

Details:

Still to come

Trip Leader:

Dave R – Phone 8525 2765 or 0419 992 881

**Merno Mora Good Friday 6th April to Easter Monday 9th April 2012
Easter long weekend**

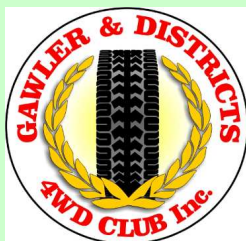
Details:

Still to come

Trip Leader:

Jane – Phone 8523 0657 or 0409 091 851

GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB



Stickers For Sale - Only \$2.00 each

Magnetic Name Badges - \$10 each

See **Quenton** at the General Meeting



Information on Other Events



1st - 3rd October 2011

Mount Lofty Rangers Incorporated
presents

4WD Octoberfest
Peterborough, SA



Check the Mt. Lofty Rangers website for trip updates, downloadable brochures, registration forms and merchandise - www.mountloftyrangers.com.au

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Nuts & Bolts Day at Angle Vale

Sunday 23rd October 2011

Details: Wanderers 4WD Club invites us to join them from 9.00 am – 3.00 pm. Viewings of rigs & demos of battery welding, temporary radiator repairs, gas bottle protection, cooking, water storage and more.

Contact Person & Address Geoff & Jeanne, 283 Heaslip Road, Angle Vale (north of Trinity College, Gawler River Campus on west) Phone 8284 7095 or 0417 016 146



28th, 29th, 30th September, 1st October 2012

Mt. IVE Station in 2012

9th Australian 4WD Gathering 2012

where: Mt IVE Station – Gawler Ranges S.A.

If you have any queries please email gathering4wd9th@hotmail.com



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.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):

September	RFDS Fund Raiser - Cobby Bob, Bush Poet
October	
November	
December	AGM
January	No meeting

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 Norma) any time.

SEPTEMBER 2011

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

OCTOBER 2011

Lindsay & Ruth B
Nick & Kerrie B
Roger & Susan B

NOVEMBER 2011

Marie C
Quenton & Deb E
John & Astrid G



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

REMINDER



PHOTO COMPETITION COMING UP

Start going through any club trip photos taken during the year in preparation for this year's photo competition. Photos in by November general meeting and will be judged by our sponsors, Gawler Fishing & Outdoors. Winners announced at our Christmas Show function at Port Hughes.



FUNNY SIGN COMPETITION

It's also on again this year!!

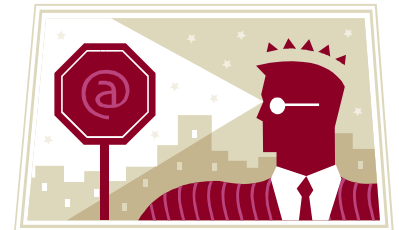
1st prize.....funniest sign

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

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

Photos in by November General Meeting

Winners announced at Christmas Show, Port Hughes.



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.

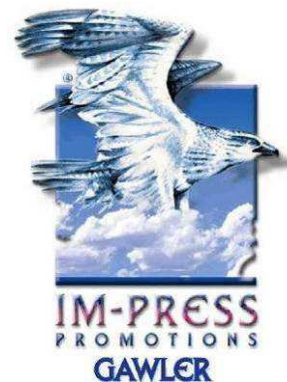
Club Adverts

Items listed below are to be ordered direct from

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Polo Shirts – Navy with red or gold piping. Men's S to 5XL. Ladies 8 to 18. Style codes PS17 & PS18	\$31.00
Child Polo Shirts – Sizes 4 to 14. Style code PS24	\$29.00
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Stadium Jacket. Style HZ20	\$92.00
Bucket hat	\$18.00
Caps	\$17.00
Beanies	\$17.00



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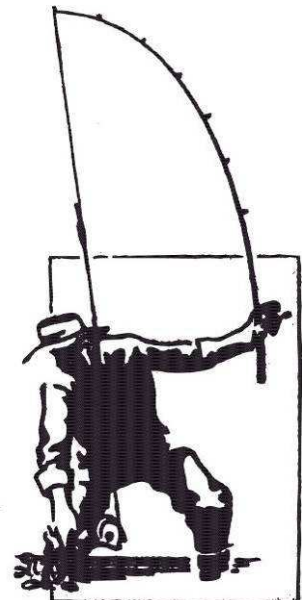
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Trip Reports

PEAKE – 13th & 14th August 2011

After availing ourselves of breakfast and coffee at the Taillem Bend Roadhouse, 6 vehicles from the Gawler and Districts Club and the Wanderers Club headed off on a cool Saturday morning for a social weekend at Peake. For those of you who have been along the road from Taillem Bend towards Peake recently, you might be “saddened” to learn that the “marker dunnies” have gone (yes, there were 4 earlier this year).

Camp set-up was a leisurely affair with morning tea being grabbed before we all gathered around the campfire spot for a short briefing on the weekend plans. The common agreement was that social weekends were for fun and fellowship; no pressure and no deadlines. With 8 vehicles ready for some driving, we split into two groups and headed in opposite directions.

The morning’s drive was a very sedate affair that provided all an opportunity to become familiar with the general environment at Peake. Nothing is very far away at Peake so it was back to camp for lunch before splitting up, once again, to go seek some challenges. On some occasions, the sand at Peake can be very soft, but they had had a reasonable amount of rain in the previous week and the soft blowy sand had become quite firm. Still, that didn’t mean that all of the sand dunes were easy; far from it and a competition between Toyota and Mitsubishi soon began – all in good spirits, of course. Remember, that firm sand is probably wet sand, and wet sand is heavy, and heavy sand can take a lot of pushing out of the way.

Once back at camp for happy hour, the general consensus was “a good time had by all”. Sure, a couple of vehicles just couldn’t get up “that dune”, but, by gee we gave it a good try. Although we have no photos, one of the vehicles managed to get themselves into a precarious position that took a fair degree of skill and experience to recover. I’m sure there are photos to be had that can be added to the “Ask Clarentyne” collection.

Saturday evening saw us all gathered around the fire for happy hour snacks, an evening meal, and an opportunity to hear some good yarns from members of the Wanderers. One of the great things about these sorts of weekends is sharing experiences, good and bad. We all have something to learn from our fellow travellers and while I would like to share some of the tales from that night we have to respect “what happens around the campfire stays around the campfire”.

On Sunday morning, we awoke to a pretty heavy mist/fog; the sun took a bit of effort to warm everything up but it turned out to be a wonderful morning. Of course, a few of us wanted to give a couple of those challenging sand hills “just one more try”. As you will see from the pictures at the end of this report, even the small sand hills at Peake can offer opportunities to practice all of those skills that we learnt during our initial training and consolidate every time we get off of the black top.

A great weekend and a big thank you to all participants:

Gawler & Districts 4WD Club: Peter & Jo, Stephen, Martin and Martin, Simon,
Peter, Sandra and Alex

Wanderers 4WD Club: Geoff and Jeanne, Gary, Chris and Matthew, Paul,
Paula, Kaiden and Daniel



[Peter]

PEAKE PICTURES – 13th & 14th August 2011



Yep, the Prado is having another go at the hill that is notorious for popping tyres from rims!



Happy Hour
Opportunity for Fun and Fellowship



This is one of those "you have to give it a go" hills. Yep, the little Mitsi did make it



However, there comes a time when having two wheels in the air is not good for progress



Told you that wet sand is heavy!!



Bother! Was doing so well too!



This is NOT a snatch but a very gentle sideways TOW



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Contact our editor editor@gawler4wd.com.au for details
[Fees apply and payment has to be made prior to printing]

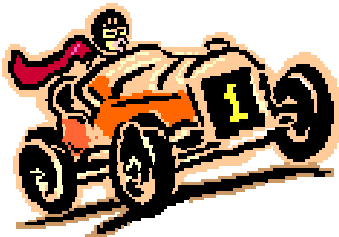
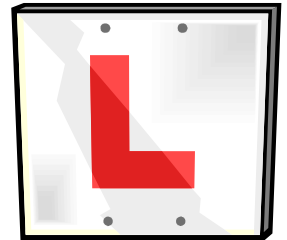
Last General Meeting

August 2011

See the attached Minutes (members only)

Guest Speaker Roundup

Dave gave us a brief Powerpoint presentation of the available training courses and contents from the Driver Training Unit. Very interesting! If you have any questions about driver training, check out our web site or contact Dave directly. (Ph: 8524 3508 or 0411 772 226)



Thanks, Dave.

Thanks also to Peter for going though "Ask Clarentyne" segment in the July & August Newsletters. Our training officer (Dave) helped clarify any "suggestions" that may not be best practise!!

If anyone has further "Ask Clarentyne" pictures/stories etc then please send them to the editor for processing. We only need your photo and a brief story!

Raffle Winners

1 st	Orange D61	Deb E
2 nd	Black A11	Martin K
3 rd	Purple B65	Peter H



**DON'T FORGET TO BOOK IN FOR
THE CHRISTMAS SHOW!**

See COMING EVENTS for details

Hope to see you there!

