

Gawler & Districts

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# 4WD Club Newsletter

February 2012



*Gawler and Districts 4WD Club Incorporated*  
is a member of the South Australian Association  
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.

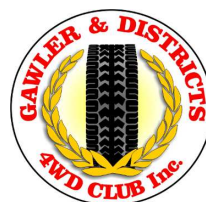
It has become a very social club and has run many a successful day, week-end, long week-end and extended trips. We are a member of the South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc. which incorporates the Driver Training Unit. Most meetings include a Guest Speaker and a club newsletter is 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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## Committee Members

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<b>WELCOMING OFFICERS</b> Keryn / Norma / Stephen	<b>ASSOCIATION DELEGATE</b> John Ph: 8522 5664 or 0408 824 654
<b>SUPPORTING COMMITTEE</b> Keryn	

## Schedule of Meetings

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**2 incorrect 2012 committee meeting dates were printed in last month's newsletter – correct dates below**

**2012**

Meeting	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
General		10	2	13	11	1	13	10	14	12	9	14
Committee		1 22		4	2 23		4	1	5	3 31		5

**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

We have now moved into 2012, being our 1st meetings for the year and I would like to thank the new faces on the committee for taking on the rolls that they have. The Committee Meeting being the 1st for the year went to schedule and didn't roll into a long meeting, thanks every one for your attentiveness.

The Peake problem has resurfaced with new dates being offered by the property. After a lot of discussion it has been decided to bring it to the General Meeting so this can be cleared up once and for all. I know it was passed and approved at the December General Meeting to hold our old dates as we thought the May one offered was Mother's Day, but have now found out that Mother's Day is the second week of May. We apologise for this oversight.

There are a good number of interesting trips and outings already placed in our trip coordinators hands. Please put your names down for any trips that interest you, and a reminder that Peake trips require a \$10.00 deposit when your name goes on the trip sheet. We are still searching for guest speakers to entertain us at club meetings.

Another point I will bring up before closing this report is in regards to the discussion at the Committee Meeting about long term visitors. The 3 events discussion point is covered in the Constitution clause 7 *"non-members and unfinancial members, may, subject to evidence of insurance being provided, take part in up to three events when invited to do so by the committee and/or event organiser(s)/Trip Leader(s)."*

At this point I thank every one for their input at the Committee Meeting.

Max

## Notes from Your Committee

### Newsletter Editor

Don't forget, we are always looking for those special photos – you know the ones taken on trips that no one would believe. Have a look in your old shoe boxes and see if you can find examples of what went right and what went wrong. Sandra

### Vice President

March is a busy month for the association. First we have the Annual Ngarkat Working Bee on 17-18 March and then following weekend is the FWDSA AGM (registration form attached to this newsletter). Both weekends promise to be a lot of fun. Hope to see you there. Pete

### Treasurer



**SUBS ARE NOW DUE FOR 2012**

**Please fill out renewal form**

**Members pay annual fee \$60**

**(+ \$10 joining fee for new members)**

**Please pay Quenton before or at March meeting  
together with a copy of your Insurance Policy**



## Coming Events

### **Kataraptko Creek National Park**      **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

<b>Trip Limit:</b>	No limit
<b>Trip Details &amp; Requirements:</b>	Caravans, campers, tents, etc, self-sufficient camping    Swimming, boating, kayaking, fishing, bird watching & walks. Relaxing and weekend on the river. Approx 30 mins from Loveday if members want to 4WD
<b>Cost:</b>	\$6.50 per vehicle per night
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	7.30am in Truro car park at Caltex, opposite Bakery
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Dave R – Phone 8525 2765 or 0419 992 881

### **Clean Up Australia Day**      **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2012 (amended date)**

<b>Activities:</b>	Clean up at Henry Chenoweth Park
<b>Requirements:</b>	Bring sturdy Gloves and wear closed shoes also be sun smart. Afterwards a bring your own picnic to Clonelea Park
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	9.00am – 11.00am at the Elderly Centre Car Park (where we have our 4WD meetings)
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Deb – Phone 8523 2507 or 0407 604 601

### **Merna Mora**      **Good Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April to Easter Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2012** **Easter long weekend**

<b>Trip Limit:</b>	12 Vehicles
<b>Trip Details &amp; Requirements:</b>	Caravans, campers, tents etc. Please be self- sufficient as we will be bush-camping.
<b>Cost</b>	\$10.00 camping fee per vehicle per night. \$5.00 for showers back at the main homestead. Track Fees \$45.00 per vehicle.
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	Good Friday, Tarlee 6.45 am for 7.00 am departure.
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Jane – Phone 8523 0657 or 0409 091 851

<b>Peake Training Weekend</b>	<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2012 or Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May (vote at February meeting)</b>
<b>Trip Limit:</b>	No Limit
<b>Trip Details &amp; Requirements:</b>	Sand driving. Caravans, campers, tents, be self-sufficient. Sand flag, compressor, shovel and rated recovery points. <b>Bring warm clothing &amp; wood.</b>
<b>Cost</b>	\$20.00 per vehicle per night, <b>\$10.00 deposit required.</b>
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	Back of Shell Roadhouse at Taillem Bend on Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> , ready to leave at 9.00 am sharp.
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Dave & Karen – Phone 8524 3508 or 0411 772 226
<b>Peake Social Weekend</b>	<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2012 - Note date change (to be confirmed at February meeting)</b>
<b>Trip Limit:</b>	No Limit
<b>Trip Details &amp; Requirements:</b>	Sand driving. Caravans, campers, tents, be self-sufficient. Sand flag, compressor, shovel and rated recovery points. <b>Bring warm clothing &amp; wood.</b>
<b>Cost</b>	\$20.00 per vehicle per night, \$10.00 deposit required.
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	Back of Shell Roadhouse at Taillem Bend on Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> , ready to leave at 9.00 am sharp.
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Peter – Phone 0410 526 317
<b>Burra Creek Gorge</b>	<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2012 (to be confirmed)</b>
<b>Trip Details:</b>	To be advised
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Keryn – Phone 8522 6478 or 0429 699 671
<b>Argadells</b>	<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September– Monday 1st October Long Weekend 2012</b>
<b>Trip Limit:</b>	No Limit
<b>Trip Details &amp; Requirements:</b>	Bush camping on old working station of 8,000 acres. Rocky terrain, steep inclines & declines on network of tracks. Caravans, campers, tents etc. Be self-sufficient. <i>High clearance, low range vehicles only.</i>
<b>Cost</b>	\$10.00 a day per person & \$45.00 track fee applies.
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	TBA
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Dave & Karen – Phone 8524 3508 or 0411 772 226

**Fundraiser – Sunday 21st October 2012**  
**Sausage Sizzle at Woolworths**

**Activities:** Fundraiser. Sub Committee – volunteers needed please  
**Requirements** Wear 4WD name badges  
**Time:** 8.30am – 4.00pm  
**Contact:** Deb – Phone 8523 2507 or 0407 604 601

**GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB**



Stickers For Sale - Only \$2.00 each

Magnetic Name Badges - \$10 each

See **Quenton** at the General Meeting



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](http://www.campertrailer.com.au) or contact **Brian or Susan** on 08-8562 8370.



***Got any trip photos you would like to share?***

Please bring them along to one of our meetings either on CD or memory stick and the publisher will prepare them for display upon our website for all to share!

THANKS

***(Don't worry about compressing the photos. Most picture formats supported including JPG, BMP, GIF, TIFF etc.)***



## Information on Other Events

### SA Caravan & Camping and Outdoor Adventure Show 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012



The SA Caravan & Camping Show will tie in with the SA Outdoor Adventure Show to bring South Australia two great shows in one.

- Opening Times: 10am - 6pm daily  
 Entry Cost: Adults \$13, Concessions \$10, Children under 15 free when accompanied by an adult.  
**Note: Tickets to be purchased online using a promotional code prior to event for club discount**  
 Entry Gate/s: Kidman Gate, Stirling Angas Gate, Wayville Gate & Ridley Gate  
 Organiser Web: [www.caravanandcampingshow.com](http://www.caravanandcampingshow.com)

### Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th March 2012

Make tracks to an ideal family friendly 4WD weekend (children are welcome)

At Strathalbyn Oval & Football Clubrooms

### FWDSA AGM 2012

Competitions – Touring – Catering - Fun

Organised for FWDSA by High Range 4WD Club SA Inc.

Direct all correspondence to FWDSA email or check website: [www.4wdsa.asn.au](http://www.4wdsa.asn.au)

If you have any queries please email [saafwdc@saafwdc.asn.au](mailto:saafwdc@saafwdc.asn.au)



28th, 29th , 30th September, 1st October 2012  
at Mt. Ive Station

### 9<sup>th</sup> Australian 4WD Gathering 2012

where:

**Mt Ive Station  
Gawler Ranges  
South Australia**

If you have any queries please email [gathering4wd9th@hotmail.com](mailto:gathering4wd9th@hotmail.com)



Official Information Release from Four Wheel Drive SA



# 4WD Matters (Info Brief)

December 2011  
- 15/12/2011

South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Incorporated ABN 24 036 898 953 - www.4wdsa.asn.au

## Ngarkat Conservation Park

### Interclub Working Bee

**16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

A co-operative activity with



**Government of South Australia**  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources




### Ngarkat Working Bee 2012

Due to activity overload in April 2012, the next Ngarkat Interclub Working Bee will be on **16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> March 2012**.

### Border Track Committee –

#### New Directors – Same Direction

After many years of highly successful leadership of Border Track Committee, Sue Linnell (Mitsubishi Club) has passed over the reins to new Chairman Peter Harper (Toyota/Gawler and Districts Clubs) and Darryl McManus (4WD Adventurers Club).

Peter and Darryl have been busy with the handover from Sue, and continuing with the same successful formula planning their first Interclub Working Bee.

### Meet at Pine Hut Soak campsite

Set up camp Fri 16<sup>th</sup> afternoon / evening  
OR arrive Sat 17<sup>th</sup> by 9:00 am.

**Directions::** From Taillem 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 located just inside the Park entrance.

**Ref - 35° 25.319'S 140° 52.771'E**  
**UTM zone 54 489062E 6080152N**

**Comms: UHF Channel 16 :**

**Satellite phone:** Emergencies only; incoming/outgoing calls (Peter) 014 715 3114; (Darryl) 0424 212 534

**Camping:** Camper trailers and caravans can be accommodated It has one very good long drop but you need to bring everything else (water, food, shelter)

**Please note that 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> March will still be in fireban time so the "camp fire" will need to be artificial (Gas Stove will be OK unless Total Fire Ban in place)**

### Equipment to bring:

**Box Trailers:** some would be useful (we have a few tonnes of materials to move)

**Tools -** post hole digging tools, pruners, loppers, bow saw, handsaw, crowbar, shovel, rake, hand tools, etc

**Personal -** working gloves, good footwear, drinking water, sun protection (hat, long sleeves, long pants, sun screen). **Bring high visibility vests or clothing and possibly share them with your fellow workers.**

### Grants for Ngarkat Projects

Getting out of the starting blocks quickly, Chairman Peter Harper successfully applied for a Volunteer Support grant.

A cheque for \$4710 was recently received from the SA Govt. Minister for Environment and Conservation Paul Caica with his thanks for supporting the environment as a volunteer for the DENR. The grant was for the following projects,

Chain Grader Improvements.....\$3255  
Banksia Seed Distribution.....\$1455

### Less Border Track Damage

Recently Peter and Darryl met Rebecca Pudney Senior Ranger Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) at Ngarkat.

They reviewed the various tracks and noted that the one way section of the Border Track was in very good condition after its year of use. However 30 sites were recognised where useful remediation work could be done in the 2012 working bee.

Activities will include:

- Repairs to existing wire and poly pipe barriers
- Construction of new barriers
- Filling selected track sections with gravel
- Trimming overgrowing shrubs

### Contact:

**Peter Harper -** e-mail peter\_harper@bigpond.com  
Mob. 0410 526 317 ; Ph.(08) 8523 0889

**OR**

**Darryl McManus -** e-mail ddaajmcm@bigpond.net.au  
Mob. 0488 275 300 ; Ph.(08) 8281 3394

### Important Note - let us know in advance

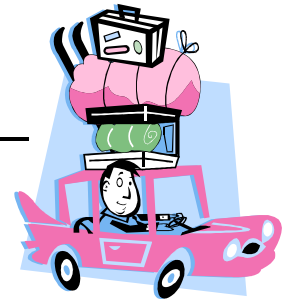
- When you plan to arrive?
- No. of people and vehicles in your party?
- If you are bringing a trailer?

Detail: FWDSA Border Track Committee - Peter Harper (Toyota/Gawler and Districts Clubs) & Darryl McManus (4WD Adventurers Club)  
Edited: by 4WD Adventurers Club of SA Inc- Direct all correspondence to Editor FWDSA email:- editorfwdsa@gmail.com

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## Proposed Trips

- Rail Trail
- Punyelroo in lower Riverland
- Morgan Training
- Burra Training
- Kersbrook Training



## Guest Speakers



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

February	No Guest Speaker
March	TBD

## 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 Jane) any time.

### ***FEBRUARY 2012***

*Darryll & Joan G  
Karen & Dave H  
Peter & Sandra H*

### ***MARCH 2012***

*Simon & Wendy G  
Wayne & Sandra H  
Alan & Barbara H*

### ***APRIL 2012***

*John & Jane J  
Stephen K  
Martin & Corry K*

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.

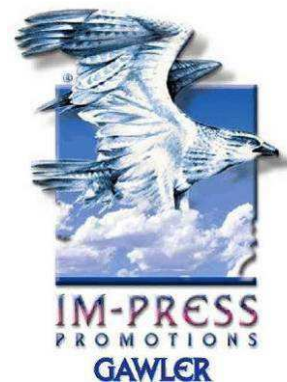
## Club Adverts

Items listed below are to be ordered direct from

### IM-PRESS Promotions Gawler

*All embroidered with club logo*

Polo Shirts – Navy with red or gold piping. Men’s S to 5XL. Ladies 8 to 18. Style codes PS17 & PS18	<b>\$31.00</b>
Child Polo Shirts – Sizes 4 to 14. Style code PS24	<b>\$29.00</b>
Polar Fleece Windcheater – Navy with red or gold. Unisex S to 2XL. Child 6 to 14.	<b>\$48.00</b>
Stadium Jacket. Style HZ20	<b>\$92.00</b>
Bucket hat	<b>\$18.00</b>
Caps	<b>\$17.00</b>
Beanies	<b>\$17.00</b>



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Ph : 8522 2156

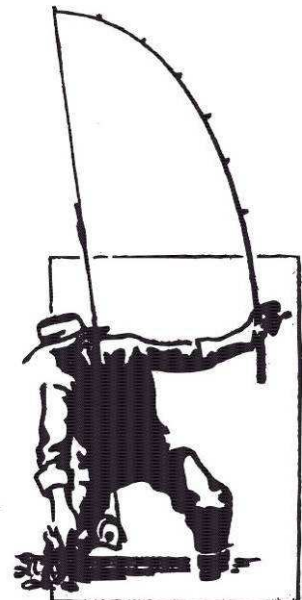
Open Mon – Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm

*Proudly donating the trophy for the photo competition.*

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Bookings advisable



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Email: [pleasantmemories@mail.com](mailto:pleasantmemories@mail.com)  
[Facebook.com/pleasant.memories.photography](https://www.facebook.com/pleasant.memories.photography)

*Pleasant Memories Photography photo package prices - current until June 30, 2012*

### Family portrait - \$80.00

This package includes a CD with all photographs taken on the day with no copy rights. A non refundable deposit of \$40 required at time of booking with final payment on delivery of CD.

Family portraits can be taken in the comfort of your own home, at a local park or another location you choose - the choice is up to you as these are your special memories to keep.

### Special occasion photography - \$150.00

This package includes a CD with all photographs taken on the day with no copy rights. A non refundable deposit of \$80 required at time of booking with final payment on delivery of CD. A small fee may apply for travel if distance exceeds 75 km's - negotiable at time of booking.

### Wedding photography - \$500.00

This package includes a CD with all photographs taken on the day with no copy rights. A non refundable deposit of \$200 at time of booking, a further \$200 due 4 weeks prior to the wedding date when we meet to go over the final details for your special day and the final payment of \$100 on delivery of CD (no later than 1 month after the wedding date)

I will stay with you all day from when you are getting ready until your reception.

Feb 2013



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

or Phone 8285 5033  
or email: [info@banksia-adventures.com.au](mailto:info@banksia-adventures.com.au).

## Did you Know this when overtaking a vehicle?

### Position yourself

Make sure you're a safe distance away from the vehicle in front. Too close and your forward vision will be limited, and the driver of the other vehicle may not see you. Never feel pressured to overtake.

*Hint:* Any vehicle measuring 7.5m or more – even a car towing a caravan or trailer – is legally required to keep a distance of 60m behind another long vehicle on open roads. If the area is signed as a 'road train area', the distance increases to 200m.

### Look around

Ensure there are no cars approaching from the opposite direction or attempting to overtake you from behind. Look out for unexpected turns, dips of hills.

*Hint:* A car travelling at 110km/h will need about 2km of clear road ahead to safely overtake a 23m vehicle travelling at 100km/h.

*Taken from SA Motor RAA Magazine – Summer 2011-12*

## Want to advertise in our Newsletter?



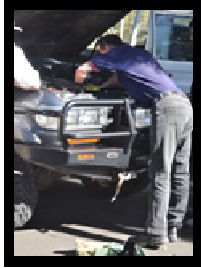
Contact our editor [editor@gawler4wd.com.au](mailto:editor@gawler4wd.com.au) for details

***[Fees apply and payment has to be made prior to printing]***

## Trip Reports

### Australia Day 2012 – Club trip to Goolwa & the Murray Mouth

#### Thursday 26th January 2012



The trip started at the meeting point in main street of Birdwood near the bakery, across the road from the Blumberg Hotel at 8am. After the formalities we set off travelling through Mt Torrens and onto the freeway exit to Hahndorf. Morning tea was at the Meadows bakery where we enjoyed some delicious fresh baked goodies before meeting up at the Meadows Football Club oval where Dave had to repair the air conditioning fan belt on his Toyota.

We left Meadows at about 10am and travelled the beautiful scenic drive through Echunga on our way to Goolwa where we were meeting up with a few other club members, with the final count of club vehicles being 17 – what a record. We pulled up along the road heading onto the beach to let down our tyre pressure and carry out our final vehicle safety inspections before venturing onto the beach.



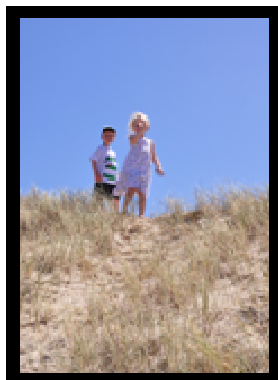
Dave, the trip leader, organised our convoy of vehicles to park along a lovely spot where we set up shade tents and got out our deck chairs, ready for some play time and relaxation. Once we were set up, Dave rounded up the vehicles that wanted to travel to the Murray Mouth for a look around and off we went.



The drive to the Mouth was uneventful as the sand was easy to travel along, although very bumpy in a few places! Once we arrived at the Mouth we were able to get out and enjoy the water and sand, even though



it was rather windy and the wind was quite chilly. A few of us set up our deck chairs and relaxed before we decided to head back to the others to enjoy a picnic lunch and a splash in the water.



The kids all had a great time climbing up the sand dunes and playing with their buckets and spades in the water, having a blast getting wet!

Later in the afternoon, once we were all well rested and relaxed, a few club members departed the convoy to travel their separate ways as some were going on a short holiday and others were visiting family and friends.

The weather was perfect for such a fun day out beach driving. It was cool but not cold, slightly windy but nothing that would blow you away and the sun was shining gloriously above. Unfortunately, even with my slip slop slap I still ended up slightly burnt on my shoulders, but it was well worth it to have finally visited the Mouth of the Murray!

Dave tried to lead the remainder of the vehicles from the beach but was held up by some vehicles ahead which were stuck in the sand after trying to rescue those who had experienced problems getting up the hill. After ½ hour, we all met on the bitumen as the car park was very busy and we pumped up our tyres again ready for the trip home.

Thank you to Dave and Michele for organising the club trip. I can't wait to do it again.

[Barbara]

## Last General Meeting

### **December 2011**

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