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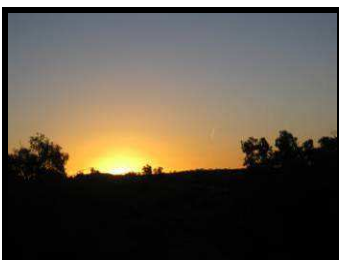
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4WD Club Newsletter

March 2012



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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.

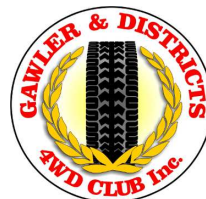
It has become a very social club and has run many a successful day, week-end, long week-end and extended trips. We are a member of the South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc. which incorporates the Driver Training Unit. Most meetings include a Guest Speaker and a club newsletter is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

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		4	2		4	1	5	3		5
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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.

Last General Meeting

February 2012

See the attached Minutes (members only)

Notes from Your Committee

Newsletter Editor

A very warm welcome to all members and visitors to this month's meeting.

Some of you may not be aware that the Club is celebrating its 10th Anniversary this year and we would welcome any suggestions you may have to help celebrate this special event.

To start the ball rolling, we have outlined an event proposed for Sunday 3 June on page 8. If anyone would like to be a leader for this trip please don't be shy and put yourself forward. We have also included some simple steps on "Organising a Trip" and there are many experienced trip leaders within the Club who would be happy to assist with advice if it is required. You only have to ask.

I would also like to thank Peter H for passing on his "Hint of the month." Since the tip was

passed onto us, we have used this method of hand washing on trips and can honestly say that it works and saves water.

Thank you.

[Sandra]

Vice President

Don't forget that we have two 4WDSA events this month; the Ngarkat working bee on 17-18 March and the AGM the following weekend. It's not too late to register for either event.

[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



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.)



Coming Events

Clean Up Australia Day

Sunday 4th March 2012

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

Burra Training Weekend

Saturday 24th – Sunday 25th March 2012

- Trip Limit** No Limit
- Trip Details and Requirements:** Caravans, campers, tents, etc. Self sufficient camping. Drop toilets on site, bring wood plus nibbles for happy hour. Members only.
- Cost:** \$1 per day (honesty box)
- Meeting Place:** Gawler Elderly Centre on Saturday 24th, ready to leave at 9.00 am sharp
- Trip Leaders:** Dave & Karen – Phone 8524 3508 or 0411 772 226

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

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

Rail Trail

Sunday 6th May 2012

- Trip Limit:** No limit
- Trip Details & Requirements:** A trip along the northern railway lines. Bring morning tea and a picnic lunch, tables and chairs..
- Cost** No cost.
- Meeting Place:** Gawler Railway Station 9.00 am
- Trip Leader:** Quenton - 8523 2507 or 0407 604 601

Peake Training Weekend **Saturday 19th – Sunday 20th May**

Trip Limit:	No Limit
Trip Details & Requirements:	Sand driving. Caravans, campers, tents, be self-sufficient. Sand flag, compressor, shovel and rated recovery points. <i>Bring warm clothing & wood.</i>
Cost	\$20.00 per vehicle per night, \$10.00 deposit required (refundable up to 1 meeting beforehand)
Meeting Place:	Back of Shell Roadhouse at Taillem Bend on Saturday 23 rd , ready to leave at 9.00 am sharp.
Trip Leader:	Dave & Karen – Phone 8524 3508 or 0411 772 226

Basic Training **Friday 1st June 2012**

Details & Requirements:	Vehicle inspection – pre departure checks and changing a wheel.
Cost	No cost.
Meeting Place:	Gawler Elderly Centre prior to the General meeting
Start time:	6.00 – 6.30 pm
Trip Leaders:	Dave & Karen – Phone 8524 3508 or 0411 772 226

Peake Social Weekend **Saturday 11th – Sunday 12th August 2012**

Trip Limit:	No Limit
Trip Details & Requirements:	Sand driving. Caravans, campers, tents, be self-sufficient. Sand flag, compressor, shovel and rated recovery points. <i>Bring warm clothing & wood.</i>
Cost	\$20.00 per vehicle per night, \$10.00 deposit required.
Meeting Place:	Back of Shell Roadhouse at Taillem Bend on Saturday 23 rd , ready to leave at 9.00 am sharp.
Trip Leader:	Peter – Phone 0410 526 317

Burra Creek Gorge **Sunday 16th September 2012 (to be confirmed)**

Trip Details:	To be advised
Trip Leader:	Keryn – Phone 8522 6478 or 0429 699 671

Argadells **Saturday 29th September– Monday 1st October**
Long Weekend 2012

- Trip Limit:** No Limit
- Trip Details & Requirements:** 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. *High clearance, low range vehicles only.*
- Cost** \$10.00 a day per person & \$45.00 track fee applies.
- Meeting Place:** TBA
- Trip Leader:** Dave & Karen – Phone 8524 3508 or 0411 772 226
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Fundraiser – Sausage Sizzle at Woolworths **Sunday 21st October 2012**

- 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
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10th Anniversary Celebrations

Gawler and Districts 4WD Club is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year and the Committee would like to commemorate this.

The first Club outing was to The Rocks in Balaklava where Club members celebrated with a barbecue and got to know their fellow 4-wheel drivers. From those small beginnings the Club has grown and over the past ten years has completed many trips – day trips, weekenders and others much longer.- with many different people leading those trips.

With this in mind, it is hoped to re-live that first trip with another trip to The Rocks proposed for Sunday 3rd June 2012 and we are looking for a trip leader who would be prepared to lead the Club there. The suggestion was not to plan anything specific but just to enjoy a relaxing Sunday afternoon with your fellow 4-wheel drivers with, no doubt, much reminiscing of past trips; the people met, and the things done and experienced since becoming a member of the Club.

Of course the day wouldn't be complete without a barbecue with each family bringing along their meats and salads, chairs and tables etc, to help make this afternoon a friendly and enjoyable one.

We would like to invite all members, young and old, to come along, relax and enjoy yourselves with fellow Club members.

We also intend making the June meeting a time to reminisce so if you have any photos or stories to tell of those first trips, or subsequent trips, please bring them along or speak to any of the Committee members. Thank you.

To be a trip leader you will need to do some basic planning, and the following are some guidelines to follow. The Club has a wealth of information in its members and they are always there to advise or lend a hand so please don't be afraid to ask.

ORGANISING A TRIP

It's Simple

1. Decide on a destination
2. Consult the trips' coordinator
3. Set a, date, time to start and duration
4. What is the purpose -training, towing, walking, touring?
5. Consider the accommodation needs: camping, cabins, caravan park, bush camping
6. Degree of difficulty -do participants need some minimum level of training?
7. Determine what equipment is needed.
8. Check which maps are needed, and the route to be followed.
9. Check accessibility of the roads and organise access where necessary.
10. Put in a trip sheet.
11. Consider communications and safety for more remote trips.
12. Have personal contact information for all participants on remote trips.



Information on Other Events

MARCH LONG WEEKEND – 10/11/12 MARCH 2012 – BRI GLEN

If anyone would like to take a trip to Bri Glen for the long weekend, please contact Brian Sambell direct on 8522 2871. Please note that this is not a Club trip but will be left up to individuals to arrange themselves.

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4WD Matters Club Flyer October 2011 - 20/10/2011
South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Incorporated ABN 24 036 899 953 - www.4wdsa.asn.au
On Friday 23rd - Sunday 25th March 2012
Make Tracks to Historic Strathalbyn
Make Tracks to an Ideal Family Friendly 4WD Weekend (children are welcome)
FWDSA AGM 2012
at the Strathalbyn Oval
and Football Clubrooms
Competitions - Touring - Catering - Fun
- Caravan Park/Oval Camping (some powered sites - full amenities)
- Self Guided Drives and Walks (prizes for questionnaire)
- Coffees, Curios, Antiques (a short walk away)
- "Bonnet & Boots" Vehicle Comp (for individuals and clubs)
- Commercial Outlets (4WD Tyres, 4WD & 12V Accessories)
- Tag Along Tours (for soft roaders and bigger 4WD vehicles)
- AGM
- Barbecue Lunch
- AGM Dinner (Licenced Venue)
- Quiz Night (Licenced Venue)
Organised for FWDSA by High Range 4WD Club SA Inc.

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

If you have any queries please email saafwdc@saafwdc.asn.au



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

9th Australian 4WD Gathering 2012

where:

**Mt Ive Station
Gawler Ranges
South Australia**

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

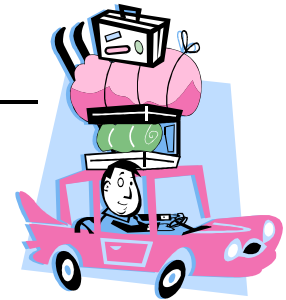
Proposed Trips

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

Guest Speakers



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



March "Pilot over Lake Eyre"
 November Johnno's Campers

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.

MARCH 2012

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

APRIL 2012

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

MAY 2012

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

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See **Quenton** at the General Meeting

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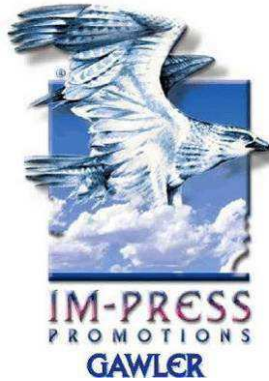
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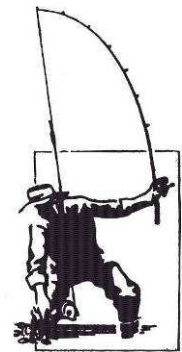
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Contact **Neil Burton** Ph 0400 075 227 to order any of their products.



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.campertrailer.com.au or contact **Brian or Susan** on 08-8562 8370.



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Email: pleasantmemories@mail.com

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)

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Tip of the Month

Keep Clean Using Minimal Water

When on extended travel, one of the critical items is water. Did you know that the humble garden pump spray bottle makes a very efficient "ablution system". Here is the trick; head off to your local hardware store and pick up 1 x 2 litre and 2 x 1 litre pump sprayers. These should cost you less than \$5 each. Fill the 2 litre bottle with water. Fill one of the small bottles with liquid soap (diluted about 25% soap, 75% water – could be 33% / 66%) and the other with diluted disinfectant – Detol is the best, but, of course, the most expensive.

Pump each bottle up and keep handy. The disinfectant is very good for sanitising the hands after a trip to the scrub with a shovel. The soap get the hand clean of all sorts of camp grubbiness and the water rinses both off. Once you get used to the system, you should be using less than a litre of water per day for all of your washing needs. There is nothing better than having a "shower" first thing in the morning from the cool water – you won't need much whatever the time of year.

[Thanks to Geoff from Wanderers 4WD Club for this idea]

PS. If you keep the bottles in the car, remember to de-pressurise them before you hit the rough track – 1 litre of diluted disinfectant goes a very long way!

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4WD Matters (Info Brief)

Ngarkat Conservation Park

Interclub Working Bee

16th, 17th, 18th 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 **16th-18th 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 16th afternoon / evening

OR arrive Sat 17th 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 16th-18th 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)
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