Gawler & Districts 4WD Club Newsletter

July 2012



Gawler and Districts 4WD Club Incorporated is an active and supporting member of Four Wheel Drive South Australia









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WELCOME

to the Gawler & Districts 4WD 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 Four Wheel Drive South Australia which incorporates the Driver Training Unit. Most meetings include a Guest Speaker and a monthly club newsletter.

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 4WD 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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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
		22			23					31		

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

June 2012

See the attached Minutes (members only)

Notes from Your Committee

President's report:

A warm welcome to all members and visitors - it does seem a long time since our last meeting! Remember to be there early this month (7:15pm) to listen to our speaker!!

Editor's report:

As mentioned previously, this is your newsletter so if there is anything you would like to see included, be it an article or photograph which you think may interest other club members, please forward them for inclusion. Thank you.

Vice President's report:

Reminder for the Ngarkat Seed Distribution weekend, 20 - 23 July 2012. It would be great to see more people there this time as "many hands make light work." If you only come for part of the time, that's OK too; just let Peter H know ASAP.

Treasurer's report:

Nothing to report this month



10th Anniversary Celebrations!



Don't forget to check the special 10th Anniversary trip details under "Coming Events".

If anyone would like to lead a trip to celebrate the 10th Anniversary or suggest something, please let the committee know.



Coming Events

Ngarkat Conservation	4WDSA Banksia Seed Distribution Friday 20 th July – Monday 23 rd July 2012
Activities:	Before 20 July – Purchase tools & equipment Friday 20 July – Meet at Lameroo for the burning – only need a few volunteers for this. Saturday 21 July – Seed distribution Sunday 22 July – Seed distribution Monday 23 July – Pack up and go home
Requirements	Camping will be on private property and will need to be 100% self sufficient.
Contact:	Peter H – Phone 8523 0889 or 0410 526 317

Peake Social Weekend	Saturday 11 th - Sunday 12 th 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	\$15.00 per vehicle per night, \$10.00 deposit required.
Meeting Place:	Back of Shell Roadhouse at Tailem Bend on Saturday 11th , ready to leave at 9.00 am sharp.
Trip Leader:	Peter – Phone 0410 526 317

Burra Creek	10 th Anniversary Trip - Saturday 15 th & Sunday 16 th September
Gorge	2012
Trip Limit:	No limit to vehicle numbers
Trip Details & requirements:	Overnight camping on private property along the Burra Creek between Robertstown & Morgan. 4WD tracks, creek beds & steep banks. Open fire okay for cooking & warmth. No shortage of wood. Long drop toilet. Self sufficient bush camping. <i>Bring warm clothing</i> . Need all 4WD safety gear & 2-way radios. Camper trailers & tents. Query re caravans.
Cost:	\$10 per night per vehicle.
Meeting place:	TBA
	Keryn – Phone 8522 6478 or 0429 699 671

Saturday 29th September – Monday 1st October Argadells Long Weekend 2012 No Limit **Trip Limit:** Bush camping on old working station of 8,000 acres. Rocky terrain, steep **Trip Details &** inclines & declines on network of tracks. Caravans, campers, tents etc. Be Requirements: self-sufficient. High clearance, low range vehicles only. \$10.00 a day per person - children under 14 free - & \$45.00 track fee Cost applies. Take wood or purchase from owners at \$50 per trailer load (may split cost between group.) **TBA Meeting Place:** Dave & Karen - Phone 8524 3508 or 0411 772 226 **Trip Leader:**

Proposed trip to Monarto Zoo	Sunday 7 October 2012
Activities:	Family day out at Monarto Zoo (more details to follow)
Requirements	Entry: Adults \$31.50 (15+) & Children \$18.00 (4-14 yrs) (deposit of \$15 per adult to be paid by September meeting)
	Children under 4 years of age are free
	BYO Picnic lunch or alternatively lunch can be purchased at the Zoo café however this may be expensive
	If required morning tea can be purchased at the bakery prior to leaving Mt Pleasant
	More information is available on www.zoossa.com.au/monarto-zoo
Time:	9.30 am (this may change after discussion)
Meeting Place:	Mt Pleasant RSL Hall car park across from bakery
Trip Leader:	Allan & Barbara (phone number TBA)

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		

Christmas Function	Mannum Caravan Park - Saturday 24 November 2012		
Trip Limit:	No limit.		
Trip Details & requirements:	Camping at Mannum Caravan Park, Purnong Road, Mannum Phone 8569 1402 or fax 8659 2611 Email: admin@mannumcaravanpark.com.au Website: www.mannumcaravanpark.com.au		
	Bookings and deposit in by 15 June 2012!!!		
Contact Therese – our booking under Gawler & Districts 4WD Club			
	Caravans, camper trailers, tents. Please bring a present for your child (max \$10), salad to share, plates, cutlery, chairs. and your Christmas spirit. Club will supply BBQ meat, bread, sauce, ice cream & fruit salad		
Cost:	Cost per powered site \$29 per night for two adults and \$6.50 per night for children		
Meeting place:	ТВА		
Contact:	Jane 0409 091 851 or Michele 0419 813 805 of the Social Committee		

GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB



Stickers For Sale - Only \$2.00 each

Magnetic Name Badges - \$10 each

See Quenton at the General Meeting



COMMUNITY LOTTERY

LAST TIME TO RETURN ALL TICKETS!! CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY RETURNED THEM!

This is your last chance to return your tickets to Chris at this GENERAL MEETING!!

ALL TICKETS MUST BE RETURNED BY THIS MEETING

July Training Report

Business arising from DTU monthly meeting

The new training manuals **version 5 SIS10** that supersedes **version 4 SRO** are now available, there are currently 100 copies at \$15 a copy for those that want to continue nationally recognised training and have the version 4 manuals. The AWD/4WD component of the new scope covers: driving on an unsealed road, water crossings and change a wheel.

- There is a *Professional Development Day* on July 14th & 15th for Trainers and Assessors for High lifts, winches etc.
- There is a *Plan Outdoor Recreation Activities Course* on October 20th & 21st. This
 is part of the Drive and Recover a 4WD Vehicle basic element. For those that
 haven't completed this part of the basic certificate I strongly recommend you
 attend if possible. The courses only come around once a year unless it is run by a
 club and only those qualified can run them. Please contact Peter Harper or Dave
 Hall if interested for more details.
- For Trainers an Assessor Course is now available at a cost of \$200
- The DTU visited a property at Callington that has opened up for club training with advanced- rock, steep hill, water. The land will be developed for AWD & basic, also mud & water. Cost is \$10 per vehicle per day, is closed January and February due to fire risk. BYO firewood, drop toilet, needs to be self reliant, limited amenities.

As I said at the last monthly meeting I will endeavour where possible to cover as much training as possible before February 2013. I am currently looking at some training days shortly and will make contact with those interested with arrangements. I will be contacting all club members on my database with training manuals within the coming months too see where they are at, interest wise as far as training.



[Dave H]
Club Training Coordinator

On the JUNE Meeting club night (10th anniversary) we utilised our latest club trainer (Peter H) and myself to perform some wheel changing training. The trainees were Stephen K, Peter C and Joanne W.

Despite the onset of winter it was a job well done to all that participated!

[Dave H]



Information on Other Events

Bri Glen

If anyone is interested in camping at **Bri Glen** then they can contact Brian Sambell to make arrangements. If you want to organise a group trip to **Bri-Glen** then discuss with Brian and then we can them promote it within the club.

Contact Brian directly on 8522 2871



28th September to 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



29th September to 1st October 2012 at Whyalla Showgrounds

4WD WEEKEND in WHYALLA "WW7"

(Whyalla & Districts 4WD Club)

Tagalong Tours – Mt. Laura Circuit – Night Navigation – Camp-Oven Cooking Competition – LIVE MUSIC from local band – and much more!!

If you have any queries please email www.whyalla4wd.org.au



Got any 4WD related photos you would like to share with other Club members?

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.)

Proposed Trips

- Punyelroo in lower Riverland
- · Mystery trail. Details TBA at a later date. Trip Leader: Keryn
- Monarto See proposed details in trip reports

Guest Speakers



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

July Barossa Valley Ballooning

(meeting to commence at

<u>7:15pm</u> sharp,

October Royal Society for the Blind "Puppy in Training"

Wendy will accompany Eli the golden retriever

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. Thank you.

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR DONATIONS FOR THE FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

WHICH WILL BE DRAWN AT 10 AUGUST MEETING

JULY 2012	AUGUST 2012	SEPTEMBER 2012
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Roy & Bronwyn S	Jo & Peter W	Roger & Susan B
Chris & Julie S	Lindsay & Ruth B	Marie C

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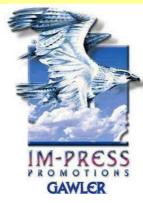
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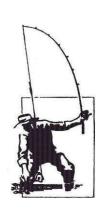
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Anyone interested in any products from the **Wurth** product range should check out their website: www.wurth.com.au

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



The Gawler and Districts 4WD Club would RAILERS like thank Johnno's Camper Trailers for composite 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 <u>www.campertrailer.com.au</u> or contact *Brian or Susan* on 08-8562 8370.



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Facebook.com/pleasant.memories.photography

www.pleasantmemoriesphotography.com

Pleasant Memories Photography photo package prices - July 2012 - June 2013

Family portrait - \$95.00

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.

Wedding photography - \$750.00

This package includes a CD with all photographs taken on the day with no copy rights, plus a complimentary photo book to share with your family and friends. A non-refundable deposit of \$250 at time of booking, a further \$250 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 \$250 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.

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Tip of the Month

Following on from a previous month's hint, take a 9 litre pump-up **garden spray bottle**.

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9 litres is a good amount for a decent shower (or so we are told.)



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Trip Reports

THE ROCKS – 10th Anniversary Trip



We gave everyone a good chance to be late and win the privilege of doing the trip report, but no, it is my turn again. Found the lost 'Up and Go' in my pocket (my breakfast) and a 1952 penny on the road for good luck.

There were 12 vehicles in our convoy on a beautiful sunny morning.

Norma's radio wasn't working, so out with the hand held as we left the Tarlee car park and turned left at Giles corner One wrong turn, a tiny bit of mud (now mostly found under George's Pajero) and 3 of the original families that were on that very first trip - Marie, Quenton and Deb and Keryn and Brent.

We arrived at our location, set up our chairs and tables in the sunshine, got the fire going for warmth and atmosphere, relaxed, chatted over coffee and cake and spent some time looking through an assortment of photos from various trips, with a few explanations required here and there.

Bronte arrived as we were setting up the BBQ for lunch, with shared salads, and we finished off with a cheese platter and a variety of sweets. Meringues made by Jo and special yeast Berlina buns made by George.



It was very pleasant and relaxing sitting around the fire and we all agreed that it was very different to the first trip to The Rocks because now we are a group of friends who know each other and are not strangers as we were back then.

It was a great time to reminisce over the past 10 years, where previously we were very green but excited and had no idea what we were in for, but what a wonderful 10 years it has been with new friendships, great adventures and experiences that we would never have otherwise had the chance of doing.

Following lunch we wandered along the creek to see a group of people kayaking. We checked out the creek line from the top of the cliff face then wandered back to the shelter to pack up and head for home. Bronte and Peter W tried out the maze of tracks lining the creek before setting off. A beautiful way to spend a winters Sunday and a great way to celebrate the **10th anniversary of the 1st outing of the 4WD club**.

The discussion on the way home included whether any of today's members would be around to partake in the next 10 year celebrations, whether we would be travelling by gophers or even remember where The Rocks are! Deb admitted to not remembering the 1st trip already, so don't follow her!! Only time will tell.

Thank you, Norma, for leading the trip, bringing the Club BBQ, tarp and firewood and thank you to the Riddles and Rivetts for checking out the location and to the club members for their support.

Looking forward to the next 10 years!!

[Keryn]



THE SCREAMING FACTOR

(Screaming Factor 1 to 10) (i.e. Degree of Difficulty)

Original by John and Karyn, Club Magazine, November 2002 (After trip to Bendleby Ranges!)



	Gear Selection	Passenger	Driver		
1	2 WD at 250 metres	It's a nice day for a scenic drive.			
			Yes dear, it is		
2	2 WD at 250 metres	Gee its dry up here			
			Yes, but it is a nice view		
3	2 WD at 300 metres	Don't you think the hubs should be			
		locked in?			
			Not yet dear!		
		(Radio) – Hubs should be locked in in	nmediately!		
4	2 WD at 350 metres	I told you so!!			
		Passenger locates hand holds and mo	ves slowly towards them		
5	Hubs Locked 4WD high at	You should be in low range!			
	350 metres		Not yet dear!		
		(Radio) Select Low Range!			
6	Low Range 3 rd gear, 400m		Should I practise my stall starts?		
		No!!			
		Driver's mental state is questioned!			
7	4WD low, 3 rd gear, 450m		Nice scenery, dear		
		Just shut up and drive!!			
		Finger nails embedded in hand hold			
		Muttering of "boys with toys" starts			
8	4WD low 2 nd gear, 500m	Mild screaming and mumbling			
	Diffs locked!!	Imaginary foot brake is pushed throug	gh passenger side floor!		
9	4WD low 1 st gear, 550m	Very loud continuous screaming with four letter words in between!			
	One Wheel off ground!	Passenger abandons vehicle with the words "NEVER AGAIN"			
		Passenger looks for clean undies.			
10	4WD low 1 st gear, 600m	Driver screams and abandons vehicle and grabs winch cable.			
	Two Wheels off ground!! "BRAKES APPLIED" Winch engaged!!!	Driver looks for clean undies and pass via scenic walk	engers who are now walking home		

(Thanks to John M for bringing this little gem to our attention at the 10th Anniversary Meeting)

Useful Links

Four Wheel Drive South Australia

www.4wdsa.asn.au

Department of Environment and Heritage

www.environment.sa.gov.au

National Four Wheel Drive Council

www.anfwdc.asn.au

National Parks and Wildlife Service

www.environment.sa.gov.au/parks

Road Conditions Index

www.exploroz.com

Forestry SA

www.forestry.sa.gov.au

CFS Country Fire Service

www.cfs.org.au

Royal Flying Doctor Service

www.flyingdoctor.net

SA Central

www.sacentral.sa.gov.au

Place Names

www.placenames.sa.gov.au/pno

Environmental Waste Disposal

www.environment.gov.au/settlements

Friends of Parks

www.communitywebs.org/FriendsofParks

4x4Earth Campsites

www.4x4earth.com.au

Useful Other 4WD Newsletters or Articles

Westprint Friday (and join up for free newsletter)

www.westprint.com.au

Explore Oz (and just "REGISTER for FREE" if you just want their monthly newsletter or join up (pay) to become a member)

www.exploroz.com

Home of 12 volt (and register under LOGIN)

www.homeof12volt.com



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INCLUDING 4WDSA - 4WD MATTERS NEWSLETTERS

FWDSA - Staffers are required to assist with their display at the Caravan, Camping and Off-Road Sale to be held from 2 – 5 August 2012 at the Adelaide Showgrounds. Shifts are 10.00 am to 1.45 pm and 1.15 pm to 5.00 pm. Staffers required are 2 per shift for Thursday and Friday and 4 per shift for Saturday and Sunday.

Members to be dressed in their Club clothes (or civvies) If you are interested please contact Staff Co-ordinator John Cullen johnculllen@remax.com.au with your contact details and the days and times you would like to work. Entry to the show is free and there's a 30 minute overlap per shift.

FWDSA is also promoting a reference book "Travelling in the Outback" It's a two section book and covers important areas of consideration before travelling into remote areas.

The cost is \$7.00 plus \$1.40 postage. If you are interested please order through Lee Smith, ANFWC Treasurer, Box 713, St Agnes SA 5097 enclosing a cheque or money order for \$8.40 per copy.

