Gawler & Districts 4WD Club Newsletter

October 2012



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









Within our first year - Bendleby Ranges October 2002

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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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Keryn	

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
Committee		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

September 2012

See the attached Minutes (members only)

Notes from Your Committee

President's report:

Now that Spring is well on the way with all the trees, crops and wild flowers out in bloom, it is certainly a lovely time of the year for travelling especially with day light saving.

There are a few things that need to be bought to our attention this month. November is our last meeting before the AGM. I would ask you all to give a lot of thought as to who you would like in the various positions on the Committee in 2013. I will be standing down as President this year.

We need to elect a President and Secretary for 2 years and then all the other positions on the committee. There are nomination forms with this newsletter.

The 10th Anniversary trip to Burra Creek Gorge should have been a great weekend. It was unfortunate a virus was ruling my life at that stage which refrained us from going. The long weekend to the Argadells would also have been a great one, but things stepped in our tracks again, the passing of Lyn's Mother, her funeral and a relly bash on the Sunday. So all who attended I hope you had a fantastic time.

Thankyou George for showing us your trip through the Simpson Desert and it's surrounds after our last meeting. It was nice to see some of the places that we had seen by air a few years prior.

Please remember we need Guest speakers for 2013. This could be a trip that you have done, just put your name forward. Enough from me.

Thanks everybody for the ongoing support by keeping our Club alive and active.

[Max]

Editor's report:

I know, like me, you have probably been looking forward to our speaker from the RSB for the October meeting (together with Eli the golden retriever,) but unfortunately Wendy has had to decline due to ill health. We have provisionally re-booked her (and Eli) to be our speaker for March next year.

Please also note the two important comments which are shown just before the Coming Events and have been endorsed by our committee.

It's also that time of the year when you might like to put your hand up for a position on the Committee. Please give this some serious thought - we can't expect the same people to put their hands up year after year and it's only fair that the outgoing Committee members don't feel obliged to keep going due to a lack of response from other members.

Nomination forms are attached to the back of the Newsletter.

Most of the Coming Events trips have been completed and the list has now shrunk to three which includes the Christmas Show. Please put your thinking caps on and try to come up with some events for 2013. If you would like to lead a trip, that would be great, however, if you don't necessarily wish to lead a trip but have a suggestion for one, then please let us hear what it is as someone else may be prepared to lead the trip instead.

Christmas is just around the corner again – a mere 11 weeks or so away – so we are looking for donations for our Christmas Hampers. Please refer to page 15 of the Newsletter for some suggestions.

And that's about it from me.

[Sandra]

Vice President's report:

Nothing to report this month

Treasurer's report:

Nothing to report this month

GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB



Stickers For Sale - Only \$2.00 each

Magnetic Name Badges - \$10 each

See Quenton at the General Meeting

DO THE RIGHT THING WITH OUR TRIP LEADERS

Please note: If you have put your name down on a trip sheet and are not able to go, as a matter of courtesy to the trip leader, <u>please remove your name</u> or let the trip leader know your change of plans as soon as possible by phone or email.

Whilst the Club welcomes and encourages visitors to join us on our trips, please be aware that, should you wish to go on an organised trip, the onus is on you to <u>let</u> the trip leader sight a copy of your vehicle insurance cover before you can join the trip.

This is to comply with the Club's legal liability insurance requirements. If these details are not forthcoming, you <u>will not be covered</u> by the Club's legal liability insurance and your name will be removed from the trip sheet. There will be no exceptions to this rule – so please remember: no insurance details, no trip!

We really appreciate the efforts made by our Trip Leaders so please help them and make it as enjoyable as possible by following these simple rules.



Coming Events

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

Sunday Drive"Lazy Sunday Drive", Sunday 28th OctoberTrip Details & Requirements:Under 45 minute drive. Relax by the river. Toilets / Disabled Toilets. Heaps of Shelter. Club BBQ will be there.Please bring your own meat and a salad to share.Meeting Place:10:15am Freeling Agpoint Carpark (behind Freeling Hotel)Trip Leader:Dave & Michele - Phone 8525 2765 or 0419 992 881

Christmas Function	Mannum Caravan Park - Saturday 24 November 2012
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 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 ****Please ensure your name is on the trip sheet ****
Cost:	Cost per powered site \$29 per night for two adults and \$6.50 per night for children
Contact:	Jane 0409 091 851 or Michele 0419 813 805 of the Social Committee

A big "thank you" to George for his presentation at the end of the September meeting. It was great seeing photos of his Simpson Desert trip and other familiar places some of us have been and it was greatly appreciated the time and effort you must have put into your presentation. Well Done!



Purnong Road, Mannum

Phone: 8569 1402 Fax: 8659 2611 Email: admin@mannumcaravanpark.com.au Website: www.mannumcaravanpark.com.au

Saturday 24th November

Cost per powered site is \$29.00 per night for two adults. \$6.50 per night for Children.

Contact Therese - our booking is under Gawler & Districts 4WD Club.

Bookings and deposits are to be made by June 15th 2012.

Please Bring your Christmas Spirit

Present for your child (max \$10) Salad to Share, Plates, Cutlery, Chair

Club Supplies

BBQ Meat, Bread, Sauce Icecream and Fruit Salad







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Information on Other Events

Bri Glen

If anyone is interested in camping at **Bri Glen** please contact Brian Sambell direct to make arrangements. If you would like to organise a group trip to **Bri-Glen**, discuss with Brian first and then we can promote the trip within the club.

Contact Brian directly on 8522 2871

Quiz Night Greatest Shave - Saturday 27th October 2012

Activities: Quiz night coming up for the Greatest Shave, 27th October 2012.

Lots of prizes, door raffles, silent auctions etc.

Come along for a great night and support BRONTE who will be shaving in

March 2013.

Location Freeling Hotel

Costs \$20.00 per head includes meal

Time: 6.00pm – when done!

Contact: Norma – Phone 0438 120 342



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.)

DTU DRIVER TRAINING UPDATE

Congratulations to Pete H on achieving certificates (Statement of Attainment) for:

- Plan Outdoor Recreation Activities:
- Drive and Recover a Four Wheel Drive Vehicle; and
- Carry Out Vehicle Inspection.

Our DTU Training Co-ordinator, Dave H also presented Pete with a FWDSA Certificate to Provide Training through instruction and demonstration of work skills in his partial completion of Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and that he has also qualified as an Advisor as conducted by FWDSA DTU.

CONGRATULATIONS PETE and we look forward to your support of the club's DTU driver training capabilities and helping us all achieve our "4WD" skills and training!

PROPOSED TRIPS:

- Punyelroo in lower Riverland
- Warraweena Sept 2013 School Holidays. Trip Leader: Dave R
- Mystery trail. Details TBA at a later date. Trip Leader: Keryn

Guest Speakers



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

October: Movie Evening featuring "Tom Kruse – The last

Mailman"

November: Johnno's Campers **February:** Zumba Gold Trainer

March: Royal Society for the Blind "Puppy in Training"

Wendy will accompany Eli the golden retriever.

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.

For our CHRISTMAS RAFFLE details - See separate note on Page 15!

OCTOBER 2012	NOVEMBER 2012	DECEMBER 2012
Quenton & Deb E	Karen & Dave H	Alan & Barbara H
John & Astrid G	Peter & Sandra H	John & Jane J
Darryll & Joan G	Wayne & Sandra H	Stephen K

Want to advertise in our Newsletter?



Advertising Rates (12 months)

Quarter Page \$50

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

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Ph. 85221009

Email lori39@tpg.com.au Bookings advisable



The Gawler and Districts 4WD Club would like thank the Wurth Group and their representative, Neil Burton for kindly donating 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.



The Gawler and Districts 4WD Club would RAILERS like thank Johnno's Camper Trailers for compart 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.



Photography by Barbara Hoffman - Ph: 0411 413 497

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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.

Feb 2013



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Contact us for details

Tip of the Month



Set-up a **ground sheet** in front of your tent and make it a 'no footwear zone'- By doing this you will remove a substantial amount of dirt that finds its way inside the tent!!

Planning a Gretaway?

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Is your Caravan or Camper-Trailer Compliant?

As we are approaching the holiday season, the following article as re-printed from "Westprint Friday Five" dated 5 October 2012 may be of interest to those people proposing to tow caravans or camper trailers.

The word "compliant", according to dictionaries, means acquiescent, biddable, submissive, amenable, or accommodating. When applied to road vehicles - including caravans and camper-trailers - it means "meeting all of the legal requirements to enable them to be (lawfully) registered for use on Australian roads".

Is your caravan or camper-trailer fully "compliant"?

When you buy a motor vehicle - or a trailer over 4.5 tonne ATM Rating - it will have a Compliance Plate, issued by the federal Vehicle Safety Standards (formerly referred to as DOTARS), fitted to it. This means that complete proof-of-compliance with all applicable ADRs (Australian Design Rules) has been submitted to VSS for their engineering inspection and subsequent approval. VSS will then have probably conducted a SUTI (single uniform type inspection) on one of the subject vehicles, to confirm that the evidence does, in fact, accurately match the vehicle description and specifications.

For caravans and trailers under 4.5 tonne ATM Rating, this is not the case. "Self-certification" is permitted, whereby the manufacturer - or importer - provides a declaration on the VIN/Trailer/Compliance Plate, that the vehicle complies with the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989. Since the MVSA 1989 became legislated, all caravans and camper-trailers have been required to have a valid Trailer Plate securely affixed to it.

The Plate is legally required to show the following information:

- · Manufacturer's or Importer's Name
- Trailer Model
- Vehicle Identification Number (17-digit)
- Date of Manufacture
- · Aggregate Trailer Mass Rating
- The Certification Statement: "This trailer was manufactured to comply with the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989.

Often the legally-required Tyre Placard is also included and possibly other information.

Three of the items required on the Tyre Placard are:

- The manufacturer's recommended tyre size (Without mentioning brand names)
- Tyre load rating
- Speed rating.

All information on the Plate, or otherwise supplied to the public, must be true and correct for that specific vehicle. VSB-1 (Vehicle Standards Bulletin No: 1) is the legal instrument that prescribes the legal requirements for caravans and trailers (under 4.5 tonne ATM Rating).

This can be down-loaded from the web-site:

http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/roads/vehicle_regulation/bulletin/index.aspx

The biggest issue that leads to complaints and litigation is "Ratings and Masses". This especially relates to the "load-carrying capacity" (maximum legal pay-load) of the vehicle. While "Tare Mass" is not legally required to be stated on the Plate, one would certainly argue that providing this figure (in writing) is a critical duty-of-care responsibility of the "merchant".

Load-carrying capacity = ATM Rating - Tare Mass

Many complaints relate to the actual Tare Mass being significantly more than the stated Tare Mass. The Tare Mass is the measured (not estimated) mass of the vehicle as it leaves the factory, with empty water tanks and empty gas cylinders, but with all equipment and accessories that were stated on the Purchase Contract. Problems have arisen because dealers or owners have added equipment and accessories later, without requiring the Plate to be up-dated with the true Tare Mass. It is prudent for buyers to weigh a newly-purchased caravan or camper-trailer - both new and second-hand - to confirm the actual Tare Mass, at a certified weigh-bridge. The (empty) Ball-loading should also be accurately measured.

Also surprisingly, the GTM Rating is not legally required to be stated on the Plate, even though some ADR (and unique State) requirements depend on the GTM Rating... especially braking requirements above and below 2,000 kg GTM Rating. The ratings of the wheels, tyres, axle(s) and suspension must all be equal to, or greater than, the GTM Rating. It is important to note that the GTM Rating has no bearing whatsoever on the ball-loading.

Other important compliance items are the:

- Ratings and method of attachment of the coupling and the safety chains
- Braking system
- Lamps and reflectors
- Electrical wiring between the vehicle and the tow-vehicle
- Vehicle dimensions... length, width, height, rear-overhang.

The most critical and potentially lethal, if not correct - internal safety items are the electrical and gas appliances and installations. These must be in strict accordance with the appropriate ASs (Australian Standards). Some States/Territories may have different interpretations and requirements, and the best way to ensure full compliance is to obtain certificates from licensed electricians and gas-fitters. There have been a number of cases where appliances and installations - both electrical and gas - have not been approved to Australian requirements.

Lamps and reflectors have a number of legal requirements. They have to be designed for the particular function, for example a "generic" red lamp cannot be used for the rear position, end-outline, and stop lamps. Different lamps and reflectors have different fields-of-view (horizontally and vertically) and different maximum and minimum light intensities. There have been numerous cases of non-compliant lamps being used on caravans and camper-trailers offered for sale in Australia. To demonstrate approval for specific functions, lamps and reflectors must have either an "E-mark" or a CRN.

"E-marks" (E for Europe) are used on many automotive components that are used internationally. The mark consists of a capital "E", with a small sub-script number, inside a circle, along with the approval number embossed in the plastic. Lamps and reflectors that are sold just in Australia, will probably not have an "E-mark", but are required to have a CRN (component registration number) that is issued by VSS, after proof-of-compliance is provided to them. Such lamps and reflectors must have unique identification markings, so that they can be cross-referenced to the specific CRN.

Lamps and reflectors must be oriented correctly, especially front and rear reflectors (in a side view). The prescribed number of lamps and reflectors must be fitted, and they must be in the specified positions. While lamps and reflectors may not be as critical as brakes, couplings and tyres, they are still an important road-safety item.

For more information please check the Caravan Council of Australia website: www.caravancouncil.com.au

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS 2012 AGM

is fast approaching: **Friday 14 December 2012**All positions *except Treasurer and Vice-President*are up for re-election including:-

President, Secretary, Minute Secretary, Social Secretaries, Editor, Property Officer/Librarian/Trips Co-ordinator, and Welcoming Officers etc

Please consider nominating yourself or someone else for a position within the Club. We need your continued help and valued input to keep our club active and progressive.

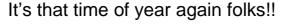
Attached to this newsletter is the AGM Notice, the Committee Member's Portfolios and a Committee Nomination Form.

REMEMBER: Please bring a plate of Supper to share at the AGM!



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS







Each year we make up 3 Christmas hampers to raffle at our December AGM meeting and now it's time to start thinking about bringing something along to the meetings to pass onto Michele or Jane to put it all together.

Tickets will start to be sold from our October meeting at \$2 per ticket and the raffle will be drawn at the AGM on 14 December 2012.

Anything and everything for the big and little boys, cute and smart girls or for any member of the family is appreciated. It can be Tinsel, Christmas Cake, Tinned Fruit or Food, Crackers, A Basket or a Tub to put the items in, a Bottle of Wine or even a Voucher. The list is endless so when you next go shopping, maybe pickup a spare item or two as the shops are already selling lots of Christmas items now.

Don't forget to bring those extra coins this month as we will have our normal raffle as well as start selling the Christmas raffle.



Notice Board

REMINDER

PHOTO COMPETITION COMING UP

This year the Committee has decided that the photo competition is to be "open", and not just restricted to Club related trips so please start going through any travel related photos taken within the last 12 months and submit them for the photo competition.

Although we know its short notice, please remember that photos need to be in by **NOVEMBER**

general meeting and will be judged by our sponsors Gawler Fishing & Outdoors.

Winners will be announced at our Christmas Function at the Mannum Caravan Park.

Please label on the back of each photo your name and where the photo was taken. Photo should be a copy (not original). Size 15cm x 10cm (6" x 4") and given to Quenton by November General Meeting.



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MEDIA RELEASE

Issued by Four Wheel Drive Australia, Canberra, ACT, on 16 July 2012

4WD DRIVERS UPSET AT PERMIT CHANGE ON CANNING STOCK ROUTE

From 30 September 2012 the Australian National Four Wheel Drive Council (4 Wheel Drive Australia), will no longer issue travel permits for the Canning Stock Route (CSR), one of Australia's iconic and most challenging four wheel drive route.

Canning Stock Route Permits

The Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation has requested the ANFWDC to continue with the Canning Stock Route permit system. The service is operational until further notice. See the Banner Headline on our home page at www.anfwdc.asn.au

Rob Kelly Website Administrator Four Wheel Drive Australia

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