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4WD Club Newsletter

November 2012



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



From our early years - Robe Beachport November 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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Schedule of Meetings

2012

Meeting	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
General											9	14
Committee												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.

NEXT YEAR - 2013

Meeting	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
General		8	1	12	10	14	12	9	13	11	8	13
Committee	30	20		3	1	5	3		4	2		4
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Last General Meeting

October 2012

See the attached Minutes (members only)

Notes from Your Committee

President's report:

A warm welcome to everyone present at tonight's meeting.

Editor's report:

We are privileged again to have Johnno's Campers as speakers at our November meeting. From approx. 6.30 pm they will be setting up in the car park so if you would like a sneak preview of the trailer, etc, you can do so then. However, please ensure that you are at the meeting at 7.00 pm sharp so that the trailer demonstration can go ahead because following that everything has to be packed up and then Brian can come inside and join us.

As per the October meeting please note, that with the AGM coming up, Nomination Forms are attached to this Newsletter. Please give this some thought as we are always looking for new ideas and new blood on the committee.

Following on after the Christmas & New Year break we have another important day in our calendar - Australia Day. So far sadly we have no trips planned. Any idea of where you'd like to go? It's always great to go somewhere near the sea but we think Beachport is out as it gets very crowded at that time of year especially as Australia Day is falling on a Saturday so it'll be a long weekend. Please put your thinking caps on and see what we can come up with. It would be a pity to waste a lovely long weekend.

Don't forget to dig out those special photos for the Photo Competition.

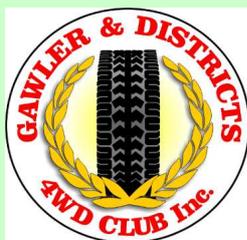
Vice President's report:

Nothing to report this month

Treasurer's report:

Funds raised from the Woolworths BBQ on Sunday 21st October were \$627.00. A job well done to all members involved especially Steve for his all day stint, and Dave R for running such a professional and successful event!!

GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB



Stickers For Sale - Only \$2.00 each

Magnetic Name Badges - \$10 each

See **Quenton** at the General Meeting



Coming Events

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 ******

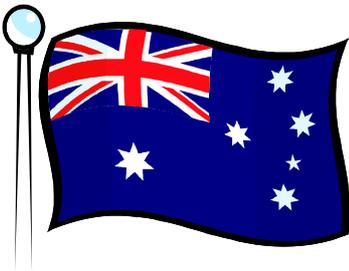
Cost:

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

IF ANYONE HAS ANY IDEAS FOR TRIPS IN 2013, ESPECIALLY THE AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND, PLEASE LET US KNOW AS OUR CUPBOARD IS QUITE BARE!



SUGGESTIONS PLEASE FOR AN AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND TRIP AWAY!!

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, please remove your name 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 let 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 will not be covered 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.



Gawler & District 4WD Club



**Join us for our
Christmas Function
2012**

Mannum Caravan Park

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



Christmas is not as much
about opening our presents
as opening our *hearts*.
- Justice Mudrere





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



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*
- *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):

November: Johnno's Campers

February: Zumba Gold Trainer

March: Royal Society for the Blind "Puppy in Training"
Wendy will accompany Eli the golden retriever.

April Dave H – Trip Leaders Training Night

*****We may have to change the guest speakers for March and April as Dave H may not be available for the April 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 Jane) any time. Thank you.

For our CHRISTMAS RAFFLE details – See separate note on Page 12!

NOVEMBER 2012

Karen & Dave H
Peter & Sandra H
Wayne & Sandra H

DECEMBER 2012

Alan & Barbara H
John & Jane J
Stephen K

FEBRUARY 2013

Martin K
Max & Lyn Le
Lyn Li

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New guide to assist caravan and camper trailer buyers

The Caravan Council of Australia has prepared a simple, but comprehensive, step-by-step guide to assist buyers in the process of deciding on what vehicle to buy, and ensuring that the vehicle is exactly what they want.

To down-load the full check list go to the CCA website www.caravancouncil.com.au click the "BUYERS" button, and then click the "Down-Load" button. The document is freely available. Should any potential buyer need a hand they may engage the CCA to provide an experienced technical consultant to assist them for a reasonable fee.

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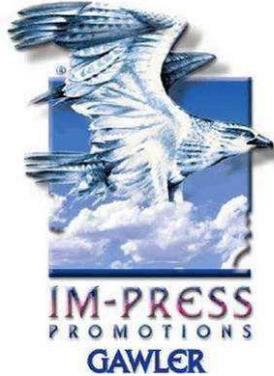
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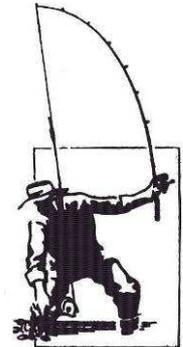
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The **Gawler and Districts 4WD Club** would like thank the **Wurth Group** and their representative, Neil Burton for kindly donating **Wurth** products to the club for use as prizes.

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 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.



Photography by Barbara Hoffman - Ph: 0411 413 497
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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.

Feb 2013



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Tip of the Month



Get to the campsite in plenty of time to set up. It's surprising how much time is needed to get everything in place and organized. Collect your firewood before you do anything else so if the sun goes down you won't be stranded in the dark trying to find some.

Planning a Getaway?

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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

DONATIONS NEEDED

It's that time of year again folks!!



Merry
Christmas

Each year we make up 3 Christmas hampers to raffle at our 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

(as printed in "Westprint" dated 28.9.2012)

Trip Reports

10th Anniversary Weekend At Burra Creek

We all met at Map the Miner at Kapunda at 7.45am Saturday the 15th of September. There were 10 4x4 vehicles in total. We were waiting for Deb and Quenton when Norma noticed on the trip report that they were coming up on Sunday just for the day. Ooh well, off the convoy headed to Eudunda with 2 new potential members in tow, Helen and Dave.

Karyn and I had our 2 grandkids with us, Bradley and Tahlia, and also our Jayco offroad caravan. I was wondering how it would negotiate the steep creek bed crossings - it proved to be very capable! Onto Eudunda, where we met Roy and Bronwyn and also Paul with his son, James. We headed to Robertstown and Worlds End.

On our way to Worlds End, an emu met us on the road. As we were entering Worlds End, we may as well have been in a Mad Max movie - this is where a car sits on a pole and nobody knows why. It may have just stopped there or Dr Who could have been involved - I think there was a blue police box there somewhere. Car bodies and bits are here, there and everywhere. Collecting things seems to be the practice. This is hillbilly and redneck country and Karyn thinks that I would fit in here perfectly if given half a chance. Resisting the urge to camp here, we kept on going to Burra Creek station.

Due to the low scrub and towing the van, Karyn and I went in the long way around, and met everyone at the campsite. This was a beautiful quiet spot with a long drop toilet. After setting up camp, it was off to the wombat playground and some good training practice for us all. We didn't see any wombats, but little did I know, they were planning a trap for me. Everyone went back to camp via the creek bed. Wayne and Brenton found a big wash away hole and wanted to play there with Roy and Bronte - **"boys and their toys!"**

We headed back to the camp to get the fire started. We were having a camp oven cook off so hot coals were needed and there was plenty of firewood available. With everyone back at camp, it was time for all to gather around the fire for a chat and nibbles. With the cook off progressing well, Martin 1 decided to cook his famous damper. This is Martin's speciality, charcoal damper with a hint of ash (may have been left in too long Martin!) Our lamb and rosemary with veg and everyone else's efforts turned out to be quite successful. When tea was finished we headed off to bed with the grandkids. Wayne and Brenton, and whoever else was game, stayed at the camp fire and opened a bottle of Black Dog. Now this spirit is from the USA and comes with a warning - "MAY BITE - not to be consumed by rednecks without their wives in tow." Wayne and Brenton found this out next morning - black coffee all round boys, definitely no bacon and eggs. I had spaghetti and sausages and felt quite good. It was a beautiful morning not too cold and the sun was shining.

After breakfast it was off to do a bit of hill climbing. The old Pajero can still make it even after 11 years, and was declared "king of the mountain" with no other challengers. Quenton and Deb arrived, so off to the wombat playground we went again while Norma took her crew up the creek. Little did I know the wombats had been very active the night before!! Bradley and I decided to take the gully track to the bottom, straight into a wombat hole - the Pajero wasn't going anywhere! I decided Wayne needed some winching practice, as Norma's crew was still up the creek. Quenton could not wipe the grin off his face, thinking he had finally got rid of the Russell Quoit award. Sorry, training doesn't count Quenton.

After a good weekend it was time to pack up and head home with the caravan full of bugs and bones thanks to Wayne and Norma. We would like to thank everyone who made the weekend very enjoyable.

Also, thank you to Keryn for organising this trip even though she could not come herself and all our best wishes to Nicky.

[John(Keith), Karyn, Bradley and Tahlia]

Argadells October Long Weekend

Trip leaders: Dave, Karen and Angus

The October Long weekend saw 14 vehicles go to the Argadells for some camping, driving & bush walking. Eight vehicles met at Yacka with Darryll & Joan being the last to arrive & we travelled in convoy to the property.

Some 6 vehicles had made their way there on the Friday or early Saturday morning.

There was an assortment of accommodation from caravans, campers to tents etc. The campsite was at Cockroach Creek and after setting up camp and having lunch it was time to hit the trails.

Karen had told us that yellow footed rock wallabies were on the property, so you can imagine our surprise when we spotted one quite near the gate to the property.



The drives during the afternoon were split into 2 groups as the earlier arrivals had been for a drive that morning. It was also easier to manage 7 cars due to the slow going. A nice leisurely drive saw us go to South Gorge and up around some back tracks. More yellow footed rock wallabies and kangaroos were spotted.

Back to the camp ground for "happy hour," which saw every one relax and talk about their day.. Then it was time to prepare the evening meal and gather back around the campfire. Did I forget to mention it was quite cold? The weather was fine but got colder as the evening wore on, hence a rather large log was put on the fire as a buffer.

The next morning (Sunday) saw people up and about getting breakfast early so that we could be out and about by 9 am. We were to split into 2 groups again, with the objective being to drive to the summit of Mount Arden.- the plan being for one group to get there and be away before the second group arrived. This was necessary due to limited parking at the summit. Travel was slow but not too demanding of the vehicles or tyres. In fact the vehicles were more capable than some of the newbie drivers (like me).

Back to camp for lunch with more 4wd tracks to conquer after 1.30pm. This afternoon only 7 vehicles went out as several of the group wanted to do walking trails or relax. Much of the driving this afternoon was spent doing previously traversed tracks in reverse direction.

Quite a few kangaroos, euros and the odd yellow footed rock

wallaby were spotted on this trip out.





The weather improved each day and the cliffs and gorge walls did look spectacular in the afternoon sun. We did spend some time at the Bunyerroo Gorge lookout admiring the view.



Back to camp for the evening meal and more tales around the campfire. We did have an exploding rock, which sent sparks flying in all directions, unfortunately, Jane was hit in the eye with one but due to the attention of quick thinking by many a disaster was averted.

Monday saw people packing up to leave at various times due to their work commitments. As the weather improved each day some travellers decided to stay on for another night.

Most of us seemed to eat our way home - coffee at the Quandong Café in Quorn, pies at the Stone Hut bakery and ice creams (Golden North) at Laura

A good weekend with some easy driving which meant no damage to tyres and vehicles.

Thank you Dave and Karen our efficient trip leaders and to all our fellow 4WD travellers for another fantastic weekend.

Look forward to many more in the not to distant future. Cheers,

[Darryll]

Witjira and Wood collection

The Witjira Co-management Board have approved that fire wood collection **will not be permitted** on Witjira in 2012, but wood fires will still be allowed. In 2013, both wood fire collection and wood fires **will not be permitted**. This does not apply to the Simpson Desert reserves in South Australia

“Lazy Sunday Drive”

28th October 2012

Arriving 3 minutes early (not 3 minutes late!) but I was still branded to write the trip report. We weren't to know living 7 minutes away that we would be the last to arrive which means it's customary in our club to write the trip report. Waiting in the Agpoint car park at Freeling were Dave, Michele & Jessica; John & Jane; Bronte & Norma; Keryn; Paul & James and Nick & Kerrie with their 2 little ones Calab & Alli.



Dave took the lead to this unknown destination with Norma as tail end Charlie. We began on Templers Road to Templers then took a left turn on Hamley Bridge Road. Hit the dirt after turning left into Newman Road, then right on McKabe Road. Continued travelling over Murphy's Crossing and left on Hamley Bridge/Mallala Road. (I was thinking this certainly was a different way getting to the river at Blanchetown or Swanreach.)

Dave had tricked us all by then turning left into a beautiful spot called the 'Rockies Reserve' near Mallala which only took a total of ½ hour travelling time and just about on our back doorstep.



Anxious to check out Dave's new found location, we scrambled out of our vehicles to a large shelter area made from stones. But there was more to check out as we walked down the creek path to read the Information Board. Nick & Kerrie

decided to move on but most of the group chose to explore around the rock pools.

Sightings were made of a carp, tadpoles, hare and a kangaroo. Some lovely views were seen the further they adventured downstream of the River Light finding another rock pool and interesting scenes of the river meandering around the foothills.



I sat on the river bed all by myself waiting for company to come back and peacefully watched the river trickle over the rocks, a most soothing sound of comfort. Jane & Michele sat in tranquillity on one of the large rocks for ages unaware that many of us were calling out trying to catch their attention. They say the water was too loud!!



2 homes have been built near this site which hopefully will act as a deterrent to vandals. Some of our group tried yabbing and some tried fishing but only 2 very small yabbies were caught and let go again to grow for next time someone comes to visit this spot. All that rock hopping made us hungry so out came the club BBQ and shared salads which completed the day sitting back to enjoy this "Lazy Sunday Drive".

John & Jane decided to veg out reading the newspaper with the gentle breeze blowing through. Even flush disabled toilets were attached to the shelter, once Max

found where to switch on the water supply. Bird netting had been installed in the ceiling of the shelter to stop the pigeons using the tables.



We departed at 3.30 after a very relaxing and enjoyable day.
Thanks Dave.

Below is a bit of information from their website:-

The District Council of Mallala purchased the land adjacent to the River Light, which is referred to as the Rockies, utilising funds from the Regional Open Space Enhancement Scheme.

The reserve is adjacent to a water reserve on the River Light, on Section 157, Hundred of Grace located 12 km North East of Mallala, on the Mallala / Hamley Bridge Road.

The location is one of the few areas along the Light River where permanent water can still be found. It was locally well known as a swimming hole and well used by those who were willing to brave the reeds and leeches.

The area contains significant remnant vegetation, some of which has been identified as endangered (Pedler and Matheson, 1993). The Council has initiated the-vegetation programme and has established some amenities in the area. The barren area was vegetated with the planting of tube stock and direct seeding from 1992 under the direction of the Mallala and District Greening Committee.

A building made of local stone houses a covered picnic area. It was constructed in 1996.

Permanent water enhances this beautiful area, and entices visitors to walk to the rocky water holes.

[Before our committee meeting last Wednesday, Quenton had just realised he had forgotten about the above trip!! He had guessed Dave may have taken us to this spot where his father and another man used to ski down this river. He remembered the local RAFE guys used the creek as their swimming pool. It would have been interesting seeing the river in flood. Happy reading!]

[Lyn]

BBQ REPORT

Fundraiser – Sausage Sizzle at Woolworths, Sunday 20th October, 2012

Our menu consisted of Sausages, Bread, Onion, Sauce, Mustard and drinks. Sales were good, every little bit of extra money for the club makes it all worth while. Over \$600 was raised for the club – A great team effort!!

Special thanks must go to Dave R our main organizer and equipment provider: Dave also did the shopping for our requirements, set up and cleaned up, and was there from start to finish.

A big thanks to Stephen K: For the loan of his Gazebo, various tasks including set up and clean up and his attendance from start to finish.

Thanks to all our other volunteers, including:

Set up:

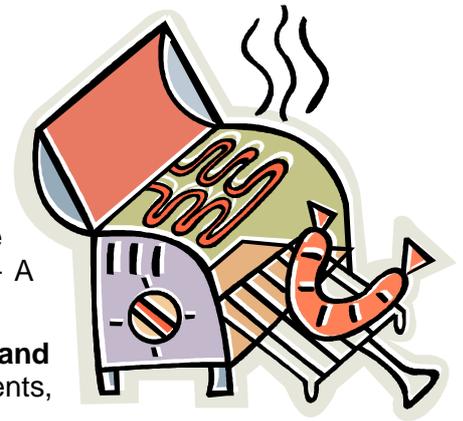
Dave and Stephen, Deb and Quenton and for the loan of their Ice Box, Jane and John

On the Stand:

Deb and Quenton, John and Jane, Max and Lyn, Wayne, Paul and Marie

Clean up:

Dave, Stephen, Paul and Marie



A GREAT EFFORT BY ALL!

[Jane]

And last but not least is the following Obituary to someone we all know ...

R.I.P. - SOME-ONE ELSE

We were saddened to learn of the death this week of one of the Club's most valuable members - Some-one Else.

Some-one's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with the Club since its beginning.

Whenever there was a job to be done, a class to teach, a committee to be Chaired, one name was on everybody's lips - let Some-one Else do it, and if it wasn't Some-one Else, the person in the job was no good anyway.

It was common knowledge that Some-one Else was among the largest contributors of his/her time to the Club. Whenever there was a need for volunteers, everyone just assumed Some-one Else would volunteer.

Some-one Else was a wonderful person - sometimes appearing super-human, but a person can only do so much. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Some-one Else.

Now Some-one Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do. Some-one Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to do the things that Some-one Else did? When you are asked to help, remember - we can't depend on Some-one Else anymore.

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NEWS RELEASE

Ngarkat Border Track summer closure

23 October 2012

The Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) will close the popular one-way section of the Border Track located within Ngarkat Conservation Park.

The one-way section of the Border Track will close on the 1st of November to ensure the safety of visitors during the summer bushfire season.

Open only outside of the fire danger season during the cooler months (March 31 to November 1), the track traverses the lofty sand dunes, which mark the eastern boundary of the park.

DEWNR Mallee Ranger Mr Paul Gillen said the closure helps the track to recover after the heavy traffic experienced during the cooler months, along with protecting the sandy soil during the drier weather.

“Once travelling on the one-way section of the Border Track, there are no opportunities to leave the track, meaning visitors could become trapped if a fire was to start in the area,” Ranger Gillen said.

Located 34 kilometres south of Pinnaroo, Ngarkat Conservation Park is home to abundant wildlife such as western grey kangaroos, echidnas, pygmy possums, dunnarts and emus, along with 120 bird species, including the rare Malleefowl.

Other tracks within Ngarkat Conservation Park remain open and accessible to visitors.

DEWNR encourages 4WD motorists to drive responsibly, stay on marked tracks and respect the environment so future generations can enjoy everything the park has to offer.

The one-way section of the border track will reopen on the 1st April 2013.

For more details, including maps, track conditions and current weather reports call DEWNR on (08) 8576 3690.

Photo caption: Ngarkat Conservation Park signage lets people know if the track is open.

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