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4WD Club Newsletter

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is an active and supporting member of
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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**2013**

Meeting	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>
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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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***April 2012******See the attached Minutes (members only)***

GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB	
	Stickers For Sale – Only \$2.00 each
	Magnetic Name Badges - \$10 each
	See Quenton at the General Meeting

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

President's report:

A warm welcome to all members and visitors present at tonight's meeting. There is a short article titled "Medical and Emergency Information" in this newsletter. It is the intention of the committee that this procedure be adopted as a new club by-law. If you have any comments on the plan, your committee would love to hear them. The proposed by-law changes are expected to be circulated prior to the June meeting with a view to them being voted on at the June meeting.

Pete

Editor's report:

A very happy "Mothers' Day" to all mums. I hope you have a very enjoyable day on Sunday and are able to catch up with your family to enjoy some precious "family time" with those you love. Good luck in the Mothers' Day raffle tonight.

Don't forget to get your names down for the Christmas Show in November and book the caravan park - prices for sites are now included under "coming events" and remember to add your names to the trip sheet for any other trips you wish to participate in. For those of you planning a trip north during our winter, please consider reading the Desert Parks bulletins for up-to-date information about tracks before you head off.

Thanks to Dave H for submitting the article on Diff Locks which appears in the magazine this month.

Sandra

Treasurer's report:

Nothing to report this month.



COMING EVENTS

Peake Training Weekend Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th May 2013

Trip Limit:	Members only (training weekend)
Trip Details & Requirement:	Sand driving, caravans, campers, tents. Need to be self sufficient. Sand flag, compressor, shovel and rated recovery points, UHF radio. Bring warm clothing and wood.
Cost:	\$20.00 per vehicle per day, \$10.00 deposit required (refundable up to 1 meeting beforehand.)
Meeting Place:	Back of Shell Roadhouse at Tailern Bend on Saturday 18th, ready to leave at 9.00 am sharp.
Trip Leader:	Dave & Karen – Phone: 8524 3508 or 0411 772 226

Kookaburra Creek Melrose June Long Weekend – Saturday 8th to Monday 10th June 2013

***** TRIP CLOSE OFF AT MAY GENERAL MEETING *****

Trip Limit:	10-12 vehicles
Trip Details & Requirements:	Bush camping, no power, warm clothes. Firewood available for small donation. Bridle track free. Walking tracks & children's pushbike riding tracks on property. 3 minute walk to shared toilets and showers plus a disabled toilet & shower.
Cost:	Reduced to \$8.00 per adult per night. Children up to 18 years free. Optional track \$25.00 plus small amount of monies if weather inclement. (\$100 deposit required to secure site)
Trip Leader:	Max 0427 807 066

Fundraising BBQ Saturday 6th July 2013

Where:	Woolworths, Gawler (Please keep this date free as we will need volunteers to help with the BBQ.)
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Road Safety Centre Police Barracks

Friday 12th July 2013

Where:

At the SA Police 'Road Safety Centre' situated at the Thebarton Barracks, Port Road, Thebarton.

Activities:

Facilities are available to cook a BBQ from 6.30 pm or maybe we have a pizza run for tea! (TBD)

***** JULY General Meeting to be held at this venue *****

Talks on 4WD modifications, safe towing practices, vehicle loads and oversized tyres plus lift kits.

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Peake Social Weekend

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th August 2013

Trip Limit:

No limit – Maybe shared with Barossa and Wanderers Clubs

Trip Details & Requirement:

Sand driving, caravans, campers, tents. Need to be self sufficient. Sand flag, compressor, shovel and rated recovery points, UHF radio. Bring warm clothing and wood.

Cost:

\$20.00 per vehicle per day, \$10.00 deposit required (refundable up to 1 meeting beforehand.)

Meeting Place:

Back of Shell Roadhouse at Taillem Bend on Saturday 10th, ready to leave at 9.00 am sharp.

Trip Leader:

TBA

Warraweena Conservation Park

Sunday 6 October to Monday 14 October 2013

Trip Limit:

No limit.

Trip Details & Requirements:

Further details to come but we need a good indication of attendees by May meeting please and also if there is a likelihood of caravans going as this will determine where the campsite is likely to be.

Bush Camping in a secluded & scenic campsite, long drop toilet, a campfire ring and a big camping table. There is also a laundry, shower block and toilet block for public use situated next to the shearers' quarters. **540 kms north of Adelaide in the heart of the northern Flinders Ranges encompassing 355 sq kms of the highest and most diverse land in the area. It is an area of historical, cultural & natural significance.** Access to Warraweena is via Beltana Roadhouse where fuel is available Monday to Friday 8.00 am to 5.00 pm and Saturday/Sunday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. The homestead, which is 2WD accessible, is approx 50 minutes away from Parachilna & Leigh Creek. 4WD is essential on most station tracks. Caravans, campers, tents all okay.

Cost:

TBA

Meeting Place:

TBA

Trip Leaders:

Dave & Michele

**Mobiles: 0419 992 881 (Dave) 0419 813 805 (Michele)
or phone 8525 2765**

Morgan Training Weekend**Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 October 2013**

Trip Limit:	Members only (training weekend)
Trip Details & Requirements:	Rocky terrain, inclines, declines, recovery. Staying at the Morgan Caravan Park, contact no: 8540 2207. Rated recovery points, recovery equipment, eg: snatch straps, high lift jack, shovel, etc.
Cost:	\$22.00 per night (unpowered site) and \$28.00 per night (powered site) – Estimated \$10 per vehicle per day Training Site Entry!
Meeting Place:	The Industrial Park, Willaston, northern outskirts of Gawler. Ready to leave at 8.00 am sharp.
Trip Leader:	Dave & Karen – Phone 8524 3508 or 0411 772 226

Christmas Show**Saturday 30 November 2013**

Trip Details:	Please see separate advance notice in magazine
Costs:	Powered sites (off peak rate) \$31/night Unpowered sites (off peak rate) \$26/night Ensuite Powered Sites (off peak rate) \$38/night Extra adult \$11/night and children \$6/night These charges apply to all sites.

PROPOSED TRIPS

- **Mystery trail:** *Details TBA at a later date. Trip Leader: Keryn*
- **July 2014:** *Proposed trip to Cape York. Trip Leader: Darryll G*
- **Punyelroo in the lower Riverland**



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!

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



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

Mt. Lofty Rangers 4WD Octoberfest

October Long Weekend 2013



See details on Page 21/22

GUEST SPEAKERS



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

- | | |
|-----------|---|
| May | Short talk by Max on the CFS and also Trevor Bellchambers to speak on various topics. |
| June | Anita Turton supporting the SA Bird of Prey Rehabilitation Centre will give a talk on how to tell which bird of prey is which and what to do if an injured bird is found. |
| September | Speaker Steve Johnson re VKS and Sat Phones, etc |
| November | Proposed visit to Johnno's new store in Nuriootpa (to be confirmed) |

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 (Sandra or Jane) any time. Thank you.

We are also looking for donations for the Mother's Day Raffle to be drawn at the May Meeting. Tickets will be on sale during the evening.

APRIL 2013

*John & Robyn
Roy & Bronwyn S
Chris & Julie S*

MAY 2013

*Brenton & Keryn W
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*Nick & Kerrie B
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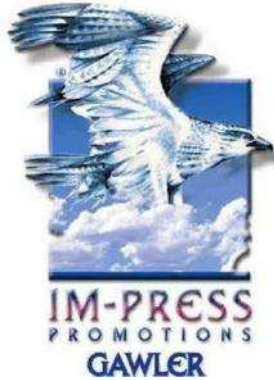
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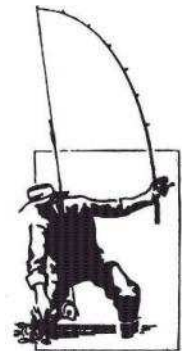
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The **Gawler and Districts 4WD Club** would like thank the **Wurth Group** and their representative, Neil Burton for kindly donating **Wurth** products to the club for use as raffle prizes.

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 an Evakool ice box to the club to use as a raffle prize. Anyone interested in camper trailers, camping gear or camping products should contact **Johnno's Camper Trailers**.

Check out their website www.campertailer.com.au or contact **Brian or Susan** on 08-8562 8370.

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MEDICAL AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Have you ever wondered what would happen if there was a serious illness or injury when out on a trip miles from anywhere? Your trip leaders certainly have. Of course, we have all heard of First Aid and, better than that, some of our club members are qualified first aiders; but more about that another time.

Do you suffer from some allergy? Are you taking special medication? Do you have another medical condition that might impact your treatment? Of course, this type of information is generally confidential between you and your medical professionals. However, this knowledge might be vital in the management of a medical emergency involving you, especially if you were unable to communicate to those providing treatment.

Your committee will be adopting a policy that will require each trip participant to submit a sealed envelope containing relevant medical information to the trip leader. Here is how the process will work:

1. Prior to the trip, **EACH** participant will complete **two** copies of a form (sample below).
2. The **ORIGINAL** will be placed in a sealed envelope that will stay with your vehicle
3. The **DUPLICATE** will be placed in a sealed envelope and that copy will be given to the trip leader.
4. At the end of the trip, the trip leader will return all envelopes to the originators.

Gawler & Districts 4WD Club Inc		ORIGINAL
Emergency (Personal Medical Information)		
Family Name _____	Given Names _____	
Address _____ _____	Ambulance Cover (Y/N Details) _____	
Doctor: _____	Private Health Cover (Y/N Details) _____	
Contact Ph: _____	Blood Group / Type: _____	
Clinic: _____	Medication/s: _____	
Emergency Contacts and Ph Numbers:		
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		
Other Information: _____ _____ _____	Allergies: _____ _____ _____	
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Sample 1 - Personal Information

Gawler and Districts 4WD Club Inc

EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL – TO BE OPENED IN CASE OF MEDICAL EMERGENCY ONLY

Sample 2 - Envelope Front

NB: Duplicate to be returned to ORIGINATOR on trip completion **PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Original: To be held by originator (participant)
Duplicate: To be held by trip leader
 [To be opened only in case of serious injury / illness]

Personal Medical Details for: _____
 Vehicle: _____ Rego _____

NB: Duplicate to be returned to ORIGINATOR on trip completion

Sample 3 - Envelope Back

FOR SALE

FREE MEMBER'S "FOR SALE" ADVERTISING



Members can submit requests for a "FOR SALE" ad, free of charge, but there are some guidelines:

- (a) Maximum of 6 lines per ad (similar to a typical local newspaper ad)
- (b) Adverts can only appear for a maximum of 3 consecutive months
- (c) No pictures, text only (you can run a pictures ad for \$10 a month)
- (d) Must supply contact details (either a phone or email)
- (e) Editor reserves rights to reject and/or tailor any submitted adverts.

Please send full details to our editor editor@gawler4wd.com.au for inclusion in our next newsletter providing it arrives BEFORE the newsletter deadline! (See page 3)

Electric Shredder DSE shredder in good working order, forward & reverse, maximum 5 sheets & even credit cards! Make a reasonable offer, monies benefit the club. Try it for yourself at our **May** General meeting.

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Please speak to Lyn or Max L for more details.

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DIFF LOCKS

By Mark Peacock

The installation of a diff lock on your vehicle somehow adds that mystical quality to your 4WD standing. Some people choose not to let on their 'secret' and attempt to cultivate a driving reputation of '4WD legend' status. Others boast to all and sundry of their installation and then fail to deliver the magical performance now expected. But really, what is all the hype about diff locks, and is it deserved?

To set the record straight, the diff lock fitted as standard equipment to all permanent 4WD's does nothing more than make it the same as the "lesser" part-time 4WD's when in four wheel drive. A permanent 4WD has a centre differential whereas a part-time 4WD does not. The diff lock only locks the centre diff and has nothing to do with the differential on the front and rear axles.

The diff lock most 4WD drivers talk about, and the one referred to in this article, is when it's fitted to the front or rear axle of the vehicle. It's here that the mystic begins. A 'normal' differential transmits drive to both wheels equally when they receive equal traction, but when one wheel loses traction, the diff actually transmits more drive to that wheel. Hence you can become stuck in 2WD with only one wheel



bogged. Similarly, when in 4WD you can be bogged with one front and one rear wheel without traction. So your 4WD is really only a 2WD, with one front and one rear wheel providing all forward momentum.

To overcome this limitation many vehicle manufacturers fit a limited slip differential (LSD) to the rear of most new 4WDs. A LSD is an improvement to the open differential but, as its name implies, it only provides limited drive to the wheel that has traction. To appreciate just how 'limited' the slip is, try the following test. With a vehicle fitted with a rear LSD, place an axle stand to lift one of its rear wheels off the ground and then chock both front wheels with a brick. The LSD will not provide enough torque to drive the vehicle over the brick (vehicle obviously in 2WD). If a diff lock was fitted then the vehicle would drive forward easily.



In many offroad circumstances the traction available to the rear wheels is similar and the LSD can control any wheelspin. However as soon as there is a large difference in traction, ie one wheel off the ground, there is no way an LSD will have any beneficial effect. The reason the diff lock is so effective is that it provides equal drive to each wheel, regardless of traction. When a diff lock is fitted to both front and rear, a vehicle has to lose traction to all four wheels before it stops.

Diff locks obviously provide more traction but their effect is more dramatic in certain terrain types. The greatest improvement comes on deeply gouged rocky tracks where there is plenty of traction and the rough ground results in opposite wheels not touching the track. The least improvement comes in smooth slippery tracks where all wheels have roughly the same weight on them but there is simply not enough traction. It is quite common in these circumstances for all four wheels to spin even when diff locks are not fitted.

A diff lock is not some magical device that can create more traction for your vehicle, all it can do is make available the same amount of torque to each wheel. In simplistic terms, a four wheel drive vehicle is only a 2WD whereas a front and rear diff locked vehicle is a true 4WD. In practical terms, a vehicle with front and rear diff locks will go places that no ordinary 4WD can.

So now you can see why to fit a diff lock, but what type? And if fitting to only one diff, is a front or rear fitment more effective? First of all, it's better to explain the different types of lockers commonly available. The three most common brands of diff locks comprise of essentially two different types.

The **Detroit Locker** and the **Lock Right** are automatic lockers that are always in operation. They work by leaving the diff locked and automatically unlocking it when required. Without getting technical, they work by transmitting drive equally to both wheels but allow a wheel to turn faster than driven speed, such as required when cornering.



The **ARB** diff lock is operated by a switch when required and locks the diff completely. It does not allow any difference in wheel speed on the same axle.

The advantage of the automatic lockers is that they allow one wheel to overspeed, thus allowing easier cornering. When fitted to the front diff, this allows steering control to be easily maintained whereas a locked diff tends to go straight ahead. Proponents of locking diffs point out that the diff can be turned off to allow steering control or that it should only be used when traction is so poor it makes no difference to steering.

In practice, it is a definite advantage to maintain steering control. However, an automatic locker should not be fitted to the front diff of permanent four wheel drives as it has a noticeable effect on steering when on reasonable traction surfaces. When a part-time 4WD is in 2WD there is no effect what so ever on the steering from an auto diff lock. A permanent 4WD's only option for the front diff is an ARB locker.

The rear axle can have either an automatic locker or ARB locker regardless of being a permanent or part-time 4WD. The overspeed advantages of an automatic locker are minimal on a rear axle fitting as far as steering effect is concerned. The biggest difference is that an automatic locker is ALWAYS working whether in 2 or 4 wheel drive or on dirt or bitumen. In practice, this results in being able to go most places in 2WD whereas 4WD would have been required previously. It is still good practice, however, to use 4WD as soon as practical when on dirt as it minimises the impact on the environment.

An ARB locker should only be used in the dirt when traction is so poor that one wheel is close to losing traction, otherwise axle windup may occur if used on good traction surfaces. At this point, it may seem that automatic lockers have it all over the ARB locker but it's not quite that cut and dried. Even when fitted to the rear there is an effect on the vehicle by an auto locker as it cams in and out. It is more noticeable in short wheel based petrol powered vehicles than in long wheel based diesel vehicles, where the effect is minimal. It occurs mainly when getting off and on the gas in corners and has a lot to do with driving style.

It shows up as an audible clicking from the rear and in some circumstances can have a slight understeer effect. Once an auto locker is fitted to the rear this effect will always be present to a varying degree. Most drivers are unaware of this effect, but if it's of any concern you can adapt your driving style to minimise its impact. An ARB locker is only switched on as required so there is no effect during on-road driving.

So now you're aware of the differences between the types of lockers available, which is the best place to fit a single diff lock, front or rear? This is actually a loaded question as it depends on the type of terrain and your vehicle type, but in a nutshell I believe the front is the best place. This is especially so for independent front suspension vehicles which easily lift a wheel even on modest terrain.

Additionally, most vehicles these days already have a rear LSD so why fit a locker to the rear and leave the front diff open? It's a better option to fit the locker to the front and leave the LSD in place. When the vehicle has open diffs back and front there are still advantages for a front fitment. When in sand or mud the fitting of a locker to the front will have a greater effect.

If hill climbs are your main speciality then a rear fitment may be a better choice as there is a significant weight transfer to the rear axle when going uphill. However if the hill climb requires large rocks, gullies or shelves to be driven over, then a front locker will drive over the obstacle rather than being pushed up it from behind. As you can see, there is no right or wrong answer, just different choices depending on individual factors.

The following articles taken from Westprint Friday bulletins:

Roads and tracks updates

Tallaringa Conservation Park

Due to Department of Defence requirements, the Anne Beadell Highway and thus Tallaringa will be closed from the 13th of May to the 2nd of June 2013.

SA Desert Parks

Good News. It's been a long time since so many tracks were open.

- Innamincka: Coongie Track, Walkers Crossing Track, 15 Mile Track and Access to Cooper Creek, Cullyamurra Waterhole, Burke's Grave, Bore Track North all open to 4WD.
- Old Strzelecki Track, Bore Track South – Closed.
- Lake Eyre: Halligan Bay Track, Level Post Bay Track – Open to 4WD
- Simpson Desert, Warburton Crossing open to 4WD. The K1 track may be difficult to follow due to limited visitors over the last four years and good 2010 rain. Please use caution.

Not so good news. Use caution along the French Line as a group with trailers have recently cut up the track.

Great news: **Birdsville Track** - The Diamantina Shire Council says the 145-kilometre section of the inside track has reopened for the first time in several years.

Information on The Bore Track from the District Ranger

The Bore Track North and South will remain open on the Innamincka Regional Reserve. Bore Track South will be a dead end track and will require people to turn back towards Innamincka as once the Bore Track hits the Bollards Lagoon Station boundary, things have changed.

I have personally communicated with Bollards Lagoon to clear up differing visitor opinions about the use of the Bore Track. They have decided to close the Bore Track section that runs over Bollards Lagoon for several reasons, most of which have stemmed from irresponsible visitor use. They acknowledge that many tourists act responsibly, but others leave gates open, leave rubbish behind, have stolen property, plus have verbally abused Bollards Lagoon staff. Bollards Lagoon have also requested people not to camp and light fires on their property due to recent high fire risk over the last two years which have fallen on deaf ears. Plus there are insurance and liability issues if someone has an accident using this track.

Once again, it is the stupidity of the irresponsible few that have ruined it for the rest. Unfortunately it seems that these irresponsible people will never respect the land on which they travel, and its infrastructure and people, whether it is on public or private land, and will continue to cause more and more places and access tracks to be closed to visitors into the future. I hope this shines some light on the situation.

Regards,

Tony Magor, District Ranger Desert Parks, SA Arid Lands Region

If you are intending to make the Simpson Desert crossing it may pay you to read Desert Parks Bulletin (number 458) as it seems that the Warburton and Walkers Crossing are now both open to travellers, with caution.

West Kimberley parks opening for 2013

Windjana Gorge National Park including the campground and Tunnel Creek National Park will open on Friday 26 April 2013. Please note that the water level in parts of Tunnel Creek Cave is still up to 1m deep. Caution must be exercised and please ensure all visitors have appropriate clothing, footwear, are carrying torches and physically fit.

King Leopold Range Conservation Park, Silent Grove campground, Bell Gorge and Lennard Gorge will open on the 3 May 2013.

For further information on any of the above mentioned parks please contact the DEC West Kimberley District office in Broome on (08) 9195 5500.

Where's the nearest toilet?

I guess many of you already know of this great resource but I just discovered it this week

<http://www.toiletmap.gov.au>

4WDSA

If you are planning a trip, don't forget to check the Desert Park Bulletins for all up to date information on tracks.

CHRISTMAS SHOW 2013

Christmas Show 2013

ADVANCE NOTICE

WHERE: WALLAROO NORTH BEACH TOURIST PARK
WHEN: SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2013

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PHOTO COMPETITION



The committee has decided that the photo competition this year will be run by John J and some rules have been proposed to make it fair for all...

The PHOTO COMPETITION RULES:

- (a) Two categories OPEN and FUNNY;*
- (b) Each member may enter up to four (4) photos per category*
- (c) Photos should be copy (not originals) - Size 15cm x 10cm (6"x4")*
- (d) OPEN photos must have been taken on a club trip during the last 12 months*
- (e) All photos must be labelled on the back with your name and where the photo was taken*
- (f) Entries to be handed to John or Jane by close of November General meeting (8th Nov)*
- (g) Late entries will not be accepted*
- (h) All judging is carried out by our sponsors (and their decisions are final!):*
 - a. OPEN - Gawler Fishing and Outdoors*
 - b. FUNNY - La Dolce Vita*

So get clicking and get them photos in... really GREAT PRIZES!!



TRIP REPORT COMPETITION

As well as the above, we will be running a special competition this year to reward those who submit a Trip Report throughout the year!

It doesn't matter whether the report is long or short, whether you have written one or more reports, your name will go in the "hat" for each report that is written and a winner will be drawn out of the hat at the end of the year at the Christmas Show BBQ. So the more reports you write the better your chances of winning!

There will be another great prize, so please, get writing!!!

Friday Funnies

A drover, who just moved to Queensland from Victoria, walks into a bar and orders three glasses of XXXX. He sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, He comes back to the bar and orders three more. The bartender approaches and tells the drover, "You know, a glass goes flat after I draw it. It would taste better if you bought one at a time." The cattleman replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One's in 'Tassie' , the other one's a 'sandgroper'. When we all left our home in Echuca , we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together. So I'm drinking one beer for each of my brothers and one for myself."

The bartender admits that this is a nice custom and leaves it there. The drover becomes a regular in the bar and always drinks the same way. He orders three mugs and drinks them in turn. One day, he comes in and only orders two mugs. All the regulars take notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss." The drover looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns in his eyes and he laughs. "Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains, "It's just that my wife and I joined the Salvation Army and I had to quit drinking.- hasn't affected my brothers though."

Camping –the lighter side

The following true story was received by Westprint Friday Five in a Christmas letter. They have removed the names to protect the innocent (or embarrassed) but apparently it was written by an elderly gentleman.:

"Our caravan now gets more use by family than by us but we recently had six days at Gerroa. We were camped furthest from the ablution block. I reached the door ready for a shower without the key. Back to the van I went but on my return the block was "closed for cleaning" so back to the van again.

An hour later, now my third try, I had the whole place to myself. None of the shower cubicles had clothes hooks except the large "disabled" cubicle, so I chose to use it. I stripped off and hung my clothes nicely. I had difficulty adjusting the temperature as the cold tap worked in the opposite direction to normal. Eventually, with the temperature just right and me about to step under, the water stopped running.

Wrapping a towel around me, I checked the other taps in the building and had to conclude that the water had been turned off outside. Feeling frustrated I went outside, decently covered by the towel, and remembering to take the key. I searched among the holiday camps for someone responsible and in 10 minutes found a workman who apologized and assured me it was only turned off for two minutes.

Re-entering the room, I could hear the shower running full bore even though I had turned off both taps before going outside. What a mess! I had turned the cold tap full ON instead of off and the water came with such force that the handpiece shower had jumped out of its bracket and landed on the seat with the spray aimed directly at my clothes. Trousers, shirt, undies and boots all drenched - and here was I (and my towel) the only things in the cubicle still dry!!"



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What is 4WD Octoberfest

It is a fun, non-competitive event designed to bring 4WD clubs from all over South Australia to Peterborough in a similar scenario to the successful Biannual Whyalla Weekend.

No catering is provided, it is a self catering activity.

Accommodation

Bush camping is available at Willangi Bush Escapes Camp Grounds, with bush toilets and bush showers provided. The cost of camping is included in your registration cost.

Peterborough has a range of accommodation including a Caravan Park, Hotels and Motel.

For further information on these please contact the Peterborough Tourist Information on (08) 8651 2708

Activities

Activities run from Saturday morning until Monday lunchtime, currently these include:

- ***Tag Along Tours
- *** Geocache Event
- ***Saturday Night Strickland Road Band / Camp Fire
- *** Sunday Night Camp Cook Comp / Camp Fire
- ***Sunday Night Children's' Movie night
- *** Night Time navigation Drive
- *** Kids Off Road Bike Track

Entry Cost

Vehicle numbers will be limited to 90

\$110 per vehicle for weekend (if registered and paid prior to 31st July 2013)

\$135 per vehicle for weekend (if registered and paid from 1st August to 23rd September 2013)

General enquiries and / or lodgement of registration forms including payment

Note you must have pre-registered by phone or email to obtain your personal entrant number before lodging registration forms and payment.

Post: Mount Lofty Rangers Inc

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Please keep an eye on our website: www.mountloftyrangers.com.au

for trip updates, downloadable brochures, registration forms and merchandise.

ENTRY FORM

Main Participant's name: _____ Pre registration number: _____

Participant's address: _____

Mob Tel: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Participants per vehicle: _____ Adults: _____ Children: _____

Passenger's names:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 3. _____

Vehicle Rego No.: _____ Vehicle make/model: _____

Club Name: _____

2013/2014 Financial SAAFWD Club Member: Yes No

Registered club trip: Yes No

Camping at Willangi Bush Escapes: Yes No

Signature of main participant: _____

Please forward Completed Registration Forms, with pre-registration number and monies to:

The Treasurer, Mount Lofty Rangers Inc , PO Box 1150, BLACKWOOD SA 5051

MONTHLY RECIPE:

Red Velvet Cake

Ingredients:

125g butter, softened
165g cup caster sugar
1 tsp vanilla bean paste
2 eggs
185g plain flour, sifted
1 tsp baking powder
25g cocoa
125 ml buttermilk
2 tsp gel red food colouring
250g cream cheese, softened
1 tsp rose water syrup
200g white chocolate melts (melted and cooled slightly)
125 ml thickened cream, whipped
White chocolate curls to decorate
Frosted red rose petals to decorate (optional)

Directions:

1. **Preheat oven to 160C/140C fan forced. Grease and line two x 18 cm spring form pans with baking paper.**
2. **Using an electric mixer, beat butter, sugar and vanilla bean paste until light and creamy. Add eggs one at a time beating well after each addition. Add sifted flour, baking powder, cocoa, buttermilk and food colouring. Beat until just combined.**
3. **Evenly divide mixture between prepared pans. Bake 35 mins or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack.**
4. **In a medium bowl beat cream cheese and rose water until smooth. Add white chocolate melts mixing well. Fold through whipped cream and refrigerate mixture for 1 hour.**
5. **Place one of the cakes on a serving plate. Spread a third of the cream cheese mixture over the cake. Top with remaining cake and spread top and sides with remaining cream cheese mixture. Decorate with white chocolate curls and frosted rose petals.**

TIP: To make frosted rose petals – wash fresh roses with water, carefully peel petals off, pat dry, dip in egg white and coat in caster sugar. Leave on a cake rack to dry up.

ENJOY!

A little bit more humour to end with:

Should I really join Facebook?

Read it all the way through! It's a good laugh especially for people in the over 60 Group AND really quite true

When I bought my Blackberry, I thought about the 30-year business I ran with 1800 employees, all without a cell phone that plays music, takes videos, pictures and communicates with Facebook and Twitter.

I signed up under duress for Twitter and Facebook so my seven kids, their spouses, 13 grand kids and 2 great grand kids would communicate with me in the modern way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter with only 140 characters of space.

THAT was before one of my grand kids hooked me up for Tweeter, Tweetree, Twhirl, Twitterfon, Tweetie and Twittererific Tweetdeck, Twitpix and something that sends every message to my cell phone and every other program within the texting World.

My phone was beeping every three minutes with the details of everything except the bowel movements of the entire next generation. I am not ready to live like this. I keep my cell phone in the garage in my golf bag.

The kids bought me a GPS for my last birthday because they say I get lost every now and then going over to the grocery store or library. I keep that in a box under my tool bench with the Bluetooth (it's red) phone I am supposed to use when I drive.

I wore it once and was standing in a line at Barnes and Noble talking to my wife and everyone in the nearest 50 yards was glaring at me. I had to take my hearing aid out to use it and I got a little loud.

I mean the GPS looked pretty smart on my dash board but the lady inside that gadget was the most annoying, rudest person I had run into in a long time. Every 10 minutes she would sarcastically say, "Re-calc-u-lating!!"

You would think that she could be nicer. It was like she could barely tolerate me. She would let go with a deep sigh and then tell me to make a U-turn at the next light. Then if I made a right turn instead.....well, it was not a good relationship....

When I get really lost now, I call my wife and tell her the name of the cross streets and while she is starting to develop the same tone as Gypsy, the GPS lady, at least she loves me.

To be perfectly frank, I am still trying to learn how to use the cordless phones in our house. We have had them for 4 years but I still haven't figured out how I can lose three phones all at once and have to run around digging under chair cushions and checking bathrooms and the dirty laundry baskets when the phone rings.

The world is just getting too complex for me. They even mess me up every time I go to the grocery store. You would think they could settle on something themselves but this sudden "paper or plastic?" every time I check out just knocks me for a loop. I bought some of those cloth reusable bags to avoid looking confused, but I never remember to take them with me.

Now I toss is back to them. When they ask me, "paper or plastic?" I just say, "doesn't matter to me. I am a bi-sacksual." Then it's their turn to stare at me with a blank look. I was recently asked if I tweet. I answered, "no, but I do fart a lot."

PS: I know some of you are not over 50. I sent it to you to allow you to forward it to those who are.

Us senior citizens don't need any more gadgets. The TV remote and the garage door remote are about all we can handle.