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# 4WD Club Newsletter

June 2013



Founded in 2002



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



Horseshoe Top End - April 2013

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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**

<b>Meeting</b>	<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>
<b>General</b>		8	1	12	10	14	12	9	13	11	8	13
<b>Committee</b>	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*****May 2012******See the attached Minutes (members only)***

<b>GAWLER &amp; DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB</b>	
	<p>Stickers For Sale – Only \$2.00 each</p> <p>Magnetic Name Badges - \$10 each</p> <p>See <b>Quenton</b> at the General Meeting</p>

## NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

### **President's report:**

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Last month, Sandra and I drove up to Wallaroo and, while we were there, had a look at the *Wallaroo North Beach Tourist Park*, the site of our Christmas show. Additional details for the site are being sent of all members (with the newsletter). The park has lots of modern facilities and is situated next to a large flat beach. Should be fun for all! I would recommend that reserve your site as soon as possible as there aren't many of our pre-allocated sites left.

Don't forget that the July meeting will be at the Police Road Safety centre; we will not have a meeting at the Elderly Centre in July.

Also, if you have any trip ideas don't forget to let one of the Committee members know; not led a trip before? Don't worry, we can help out there.

Peter

### **Editor's report:**

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A warm welcome to all club members and visitors especially to Anita Turton, our speaker for tonight on birds of prey.

Please remember to bring your Lottery Tickets back to the June meeting as Chris has to collect and collate them. Thank you.

Fathers' Day is coming up in September and we are asking for donations especially for Dad. The raffle will be drawn at the September meeting.

Sandra

### **Treasurer's report:**

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Nothing to report this month.



## COMING EVENTS

### Fundraising BBQ **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

**Where:** Woolworths, Gawler

**Time:** Commencing around 8.00 am and finishing around 4.00 pm.  
If you have already volunteered, please see the roster for the time you will be required to attend. Thank you.  
We may have enough volunteers to help out on the day, however, if you feel you'd like to assist please put your name down on the trip sheet or let Dave R know. Thank you.

### Road Safety Centre Police Barracks **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

**Where:** At the SA Police 'Road Safety Centre' situated at the Thebarton Barracks, Port Road, Thebarton. Please note that there is no parking in Thebarton Barracks itself but you can park on Gaol Road and walk in on foot (**please see map attached to newsletter.**)

**Meeting time:** 7.00 pm at the Barracks, however, if you wish to get there slightly earlier, then please do especially as parking may be an issue. If you are able to "car pool" with other club members, then the suggestion was made to meet at the Elderly Centre at 6.00 pm which means leaving some cars there until our return. Should you wish to make alternative arrangements between yourselves please ensure that you arrive at the venue in plenty of time.

**Activities:** Pizzas to be bought by Club but please BYO drinks/refreshments  
**JULY General Meeting to be held at this venue @ 7.30pm**  
Talks on 4WD modifications, safe towing practices, vehicle loads and oversized tyres plus lift kits.

### Peake Social Weekend **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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, UHF radio and rated recovery points. 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:** Stephen K

<b>Warraweena Conservation Park</b>	<b>Sunday 6 October to Monday 14 October 2013</b>
<b>Trip Limit:</b>	No limit. The trip sheet is filling up so if you are interested in going along please put your name down ASAP as final numbers are required to enable camp sites to be booked.
<b>Trip Details &amp; Requirements:</b>	<p>Bush Camping in a secluded &amp; 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.</p> <p><b>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 &amp; natural significance.</b></p> <p>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 &amp; Leigh Creek.</p> <p>4WD is essential on most station tracks. Caravans, campers, tents all okay. Further information, costs, etc, please see: <a href="http://www.warraweena.com">www.warraweena.com</a></p>
<b>Cost:</b>	Please refer to website
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	Tarlee Car park (LH side) meet at 7.15 am, leave 7.30 am
<b>Trip Leaders:</b>	<p>Dave &amp; Michele</p> <p><b>Mobiles: 0419 992 881 (Dave) 0419 813 805 (Michele)</b></p> <p><b>or phone 8525 2765</b></p>

<b>Morgan Training Weekend</b>	<b>Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 October 2013</b>
<b>Trip Limit:</b>	Members only (training weekend)
<b>Trip Details &amp; Requirements:</b>	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.
<b>Cost:</b>	\$22.00 per night (unpowered site) and \$28.00 per night (powered site) – <b>Estimated \$10 per vehicle per day Training Site Entry!</b>
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	The Industrial Park, Willaston, northern outskirts of Gawler. Ready to leave at 8.00 am sharp.
<b>Trip Leaders &amp; Social Leader::</b>	<p>Dave &amp; Karen – Phone 8524 3508 or 0411 772 226\</p> <p>Nick B</p>

<b>Christmas Show</b>	<b>Saturday 30 November 2013</b>
<b>Trip Details:</b>	Please see separate notice in magazine
<b>Cost:</b>	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. <b>Wallaroo North Beach Caravan Park</b> <b>Phone number: 08 8823 2531</b>

#### 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**

## Community lottery tickets/books LAST CHANCE

Please return your lottery books, sold or unsold, to Chris at the June meeting. Thank you.



The Gawler and Districts 4WD Club would like to 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.campertrailer.com.au](http://www.campertrailer.com.au) or contact *Brian or Susan* on 08-8562 8370.



## 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



#### 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
- \*\*\* Kids Off Road Bike Track
- \*\*\*Sunday Night Camp Cook Comp / Camp Fire
- \*\*\*Sunday Night Children's Movie night
- \*\*\* Night Time navigation Drive

#### 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

PO Box 1150, BLACKWOOD SA 5051

Ph Paul on 0408 900 889

email [paul@mlrangers.com.au](mailto:paul@mlrangers.com.au)

Please keep an eye on our website [www.mountloftyrangers.com.au](http://www.mountloftyrangers.com.au)

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

## GUEST SPEAKERS



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

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| <b>June</b>      | 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. |
| <b>July</b>      | Road Safety Centre, Police Barracks   |
| <b>August</b>    | TBD   |
| <b>September</b> | Speaker Steve Johnson re VKS and Sat Phones, etc  |
| <b>October</b>   | TBD   |
| <b>November</b>  | 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. **Fathers' Day is coming up in September, so we are looking for donations especially for Dad. The raffle will be drawn at the September meeting on 13.9.2013**

These can be given to the Social Committee (Sandra or Jane) any time. Thank you.

**MAY 2013**

Brenton & Keryn W  
Joann & Peter W  
Lindsay & Ruth B

**JUNE 2013**

Nick & Kerrie B  
Roger & Susan B  
Marie C

**JULY 2013**

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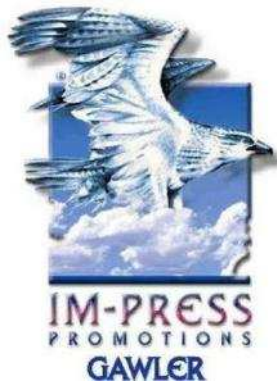
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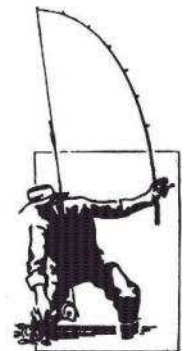
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The **Gawler and Districts 4WD Club** would like thank the **Wurth Group** and their representative, Neil Burton for kindly donating **Wurth** products to the club for use as raffle prizes.

Anyone interested in any products from the **Wurth** product range should check out their website: [www.wurth.com.au](http://www.wurth.com.au)

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**Official Information Release from Four Wheel Drive SA**

**4-WARNED**

**2013 Caravan Camping and Off Road Sale**

The 2013 mid-year Caravan, Camping and Off-Road Sale will be held at the Adelaide Showgrounds from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August. This event showcases the best of Caravan, Camping and Off-Road vehicles and lifestyle equipment.

**Volunteers needed**

4WDSA will again be presenting a display to promote 4WD clubs and the benefits provided to members by 4WDSA. Our new Events Coordinator, Lyssa from Mt Lofty Rangers, will be coordinating the display.

Volunteers are required to staff the display and provide information to attendees. Morning and afternoon shifts are available and volunteers will receive free entry to the Sale. Volunteers are also required to assist with the preparation, transport and set up of the display.

**All clubs are strongly encouraged to seek volunteers to assist with the display. Volunteers can register their preferred days and shifts with Lyssa via email to [rli79925@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rli79925@bigpond.net.au), including their name, club and contact phone number.**

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*The following is an interesting comment made by a reader of Westprint Friday Five, dated 7 June 2013*

**Batteries**

A number of us use lead acid batteries or one sort or another to power various devices when we go travelling particularly if we get away from mains power. I recently purchased a semi sealed deep cycle lead acid battery. I like to be sure that I am getting what I pay for, so I made sure that the battery was fully charged with a conventional charger and a little while later with a 3 stage smart charger.

In between each charge I discharged the battery with a tester I made up that will discharge the battery connected at any current between 0.8 amps and 12 amps as set, and when the voltage reaches 11 volts the whole device shuts down so the battery is not discharged below what is classed as flat. I have a quartz analog clock attached to the device so the amps by the time calculation will give me the useable AHC of the battery, to within a few percent of dead flat. I discharged the battery at the 20 hour rate and found that its capacity was around 60% of the stated capacity. This battery had been in stock for some time so this may explain this low AHC percentage, although I am beginning to doubt that. I returned it as I do want the stated capacity to run my equipment.

I got another new battery which had a claimed capacity of 120 AHC at the 20 hour rate. This gave me an AHC of 72 amp hours when discharged to 11 volts at the 20 hour rate, after having been charged correctly. This was returned and grudgingly I was given my money back. I visited a couple more battery suppliers one said he expected around 80% of the listed AHC capacity the other one estimated around 50 to 60% of stated capacity.

They seemed to believe that this was normal, I don't, or if it is then we have deceptive claims being made about the batteries.

So I would suggest anyone who is obtaining a battery to run their equipment needs to thoroughly check that they are getting what is claimed on the specification plate on the battery. The batteries may meet the cranking amps but they are certainly not meeting the claimed capacity. Maybe the ACCC might look into this, certainly it could be claimed that the batteries are not fit for the purpose they were bought for as they do not meet their specifications.

[Rodney in Westprint Five]

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***ALSO from the same Westprint Five, the following article about communications (or lack of) when travelling in the outback:***

### **News from VKS737**

I have two pieces of information for your readers

The first is about a Selcall App that can be installed in Smart Phones to enable people with older non-selcall equipped HF radios to make contact with any of VKS-737's nineteen Base Stations outside of Operator assisted voice skeds. The Selcall App can also be used to contact any other VKS-737 Subscriber by arranging to selcall them. Direct contact can also be made with Royal Flying Doctor Service, Police etc.

The App is used to generate tone sequences through the phone's speaker. The phone is held against the HF radio's microphone and the tones are transmitted over the air. For around \$3 it's by far the cheapest way to get older HF radios to send selcalls.

The media release, with instructions can be found by going to <http://www.vks737.on.net/> and clicking on the BULLETINS Tab.

Next concerns an incident we were involved with recently in the Simpson Desert that demonstrates the dangers of going remote with inadequate communications. It also highlights the importance of, where possible, having someone stay with an injured person:

*Over the weekend of 17/18 May a group of five motorcyclists left Mungerannie Hotel on the Birdsville Track, planning to ride along Birdsville Track, then Warburton Track and Rig Road, eventually to meet their support group of five vehicles, waiting for them at the intersection of WAA Line with Colson Track. Near the intersection where the Warburton Track becomes the K1 Line a rider, travelling at about 50 kilometres an hour lost control and fell, suffering chest injuries.*

*His mates erected a swag for him. Two of them left to ride to Birdsville, calling in to at Clifton Hills Station on the way to enquire about recovering the bike.*

*Meanwhile, a traveller who is with the VKS-737 Radio Network contacted VKS-737 by radio at the start of the Monday afternoon Charters Towers voice sked. Initially he was difficult to hear, so the operator connected to our Alice Springs Base, where the caller was loud and clear. VKS-737 Subscribers David and his wife Jenny had come across the support group for these riders and had been told of their concerns. At this stage, the riders were over a day late.*

*News of the injured rider was learned after contacting Clifton Hills Station by phone to see if any riders had called in on their way across the Simpson Desert. Armed with this information, Birdsville Police were contacted by phone. Neale McShane, the officer in charge at Birdsville Police is an excellent first contact when things are not well in the Simpson Desert.*

*Even though one of the riders had a SatPhone, he couldn't or didn't use it to report the accident and arrange help for the rider. What is worse, the other motorcyclists then*

*progressively abandoned the injured rider, even though there were enough people in the group to leave someone with him while others arranged help.*

*Their support group of five vehicles had no effective way of communicating with the riders or with anyone else for that matter until David and Jenny met the group and passed on their concern about the riders being well overdue. David and Jenny stayed with the support group until the welfare of all the riders could be confirmed.*

*Two riders arrived at Birdsville during Monday evening. Police Officer Neale McShane from Birdsville was increasingly concerned about the injured rider's welfare. He and the ambulance from Birdsville clinic left overnight, reaching the injured rider some hours later. He was on his own, inside his swag and in severe pain with breathing difficulties.*

*He was initially taken to Clifton Hills Station, where it was expected that the Royal Flying Doctor Service would evacuate him by air but he couldn't be flown out because of deteriorating weather and had to be taken by road back to Birdsville. Senior Constable Neale, the nurse from Birdsville Clinic and a community volunteer who drove the ambulance were out overnight and much of the next day, rescuing this motor cyclist.*

*The injured rider was later flown to Adelaide by the RFDS where it was found that he had sustained fractured ribs and a punctured lung. Last heard, he was recovering well back at home.*

*Some of his companions had ridden to Birdsville and the fifth rider had apparently 'pulled the pin' and headed off on his own.*

*In this case, Police, RFDS, Birdsville Medical Staff and VKS-737 Personnel worked to ensure the best possible outcome for the abandoned injured rider. Why his companions abandoned him when he was injured and in distress beggars belief.*

This example shows why it is vital when going outback to be properly equipped. This includes having appropriate communications equipment that is tested and working. I have read regularly about the advantages of having a SatPhone however, I've heard of a number of examples where SatPhones failed to make contact, even in clear country and other forms of communications had to be relied upon.

UHF Citizens Band is useful for point to point contact (vehicle to vehicle) and can be used to communicate with a number of outback stations or towns when in range. In remote areas it doesn't have the range to be relied on when help is needed. 27MHz Citizens Band is a waste of space. Try sending a distress call when there are so many intentionally causing interference or just talking up and down the street to each other in capital cities, oblivious of what else may be going on.

The new EPIRBs are becoming more popular. Properly registering personal details with the Rescue Coordination Centre - Australia, the national search and rescue organization, which is part of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) provides an accurate way to

identify travelers and their position if the EPIRB is activated.

What helped to save this motorcyclist in the incident above was High Frequency Radio. It just worked and went on working when most other forms of communications failed. Whether you lash out on a new setup or buy a good used one through the second hand markets, their sense of worth and value when you consider life and safety, particularly in the outback, can be priceless.

Whether you're with one of the HF Radio providers or you are a licensed Amateur Radio Operator, a High Frequency radio, licensed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), and a 406MHz EPIRB are definitely worth having on your big trips.

So many people purchase 4WD setups worth many thousands of dollars and equip them with the best of everything, then skimp on the essentials that may just save them one day. How much is your life and those of your loved ones worth?

**Robert. Coordinator/Base Operator. VKS-737 Radio Network**

**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](mailto:editor@gawler4wd.com.au) for inclusion in our next newsletter providing it arrives BEFORE the newsletter deadline! (See page 3)

**ITEM FOR SALE****Engel Portable Fridge and Icebox Stand**

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Peter Harper, 04 1052 6317 – Come along on Friday 14 June with you \$50 and it will be yours.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

Gawler and Districts 4WD Club wishes to extend a Happy Birthday greeting to the following members and family:

◆◆◆ JUNE ◆◆◆
David B
Paula B
Angus H
Robyn R
Joann W



CHRISTMAS SHOW 2013

# Christmas Show 2013

**WHERE: WALLAROO NORTH BEACH TOURIST PARK**

**WHEN: SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2013**

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## MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD



## PLEASE NOTE

**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 (8<sup>th</sup> 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 those 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!!!***

## A GREAT BIG "THANK YOU".....

*To our good friends in the 4WD Club, thank you for the best wishes, calls, visits, meals and offers of help while Brent was in hospital and recovering from heart bypass surgery. We are both very grateful for special friends. We are back on track now, Brent is back in the kitchen - (no, we didn't starve!) - and I can get back to gardening which I prefer. Looking forward to joining the group for trips soon.*

*Keryn and Brent W.*

MONTHLY RECIPE:

**CHOCOLATE MUD CAKE**

*(recipe taken from The Essential Guide to Cake Decorating)*

*(to fit a 8 inch round or 7 inch square tin)*

**Ingredients:**

190 g butter

190 g Dark chocolate

4 teaspoons instant coffee

140 ml water

110 g SR flour

110 g Plain flour

40 g cocoa powder

Quarter teaspoon bi-carb

420 g Caster sugar

3 eggs

6 teaspoons vegetable oil

95 ml buttermilk

*Baking time: approx 1hr40mins*

**Method:**

1. *Preheat oven to 160C. Grease the tin and line with a collar that extends 2 cm above the height of the tin. Put butter, chocolate and coffee in a pan with the water and stir over low heat until melted, then remove from heat.*
2. *Sift the flours, cocoa and bicarb into a large bowl. Stir in the sugar and make a well in the centre. Add the combined eggs, oil and buttermilk and the chocolate mixture, stirring with a large spoon until completely combined.*
3. *Pour the mixture into the tin and bake for the time state. Test the cake towards the end of the cooking time – a skewer inserted into the centre should come out clean though it may be a little sticky. Leave the cake in the tin until cold.*
4. *Cover with chocolate ganache: Melt together a 200 g block of dark chocolate with a quarter of a cup of cream and when combined pour over cake and spread and leave until it has set.*

*This cake keeps well, is quite moist & rich and great to take away on a trip to have with that morning or afternoon cuppa.*

## TRIP REPORTS

**MID NORTH DAY TRIP REPORT****Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

It was a brisk morning on Sunday the 5th May when we met at Tarlee for our Mid North Day Trip. There were 8 cars on the trip. Quenton had found a little spot off the road that we all usually just drive past called Undalya. About 100 meters off the road is an old bridge over the Wakefield River called the Undalya Bridge. It was built in 1879 and replaced in the 1950's. The new bridge is the one we always use and it is on the main road. The old bridge is barely visible from the main road (Horrocks Road).



We drove on to Auburn and did a short tour and history lesson around the town looking at the Post Office, Court House & Police Station, Council Chambers and the now renovated Hotel. All these buildings were constructed from late 1850's to late 1870's. This is also the home of CJ Dennis whose poetry we had to read in school.

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When we got to Watervale we drove past the Stanley Grammer School, building began in 1863 and additions were made over the following years. It became a private boarding school for boys and only a few girls. The building looks to be in very good condition with no visible cracks or pinning from the outside. A Mr Cole was asked to be the schoolmaster in 1859 and he eventually retired at the age of 74. The building has had quite a history since then. If you are interested for the details please ask Quenton for them.

Back on the road and into Penwortham, where we had morning tea at John Horrocks house. John Horrocks led a very interesting life. He travelled out by ship and was impatient to get to the good land which was on offer. He brought his younger brother with him because he was sickly and his parents thought the weather in Australia would be better for him. It is thought that the house may have been built as a good shelter for him. The house is modest and probably quite big for the times. John was a man of over 6' and the door ways are just about 5'6".

We were given a tour and talk by the people who have restored the cottage. The Main North Road from Gawler up to Clare has had a name change to Horrocks Road due to their diligence in wanting to honour John Horrocks.



After we left the cottage we made the short trip to Seven Hill where we had a look at the winery. This was a chance to do a little wine tasting if you wanted to or go for a walk around the walking trail. There is a lot to see around the Winery. We went for a walk to the Jesuit Church, a beautiful old stone building. The slate floors and stone walls made the building quite cool. The grounds are kept immaculately by the monks and would make a great picnic area as well. I didn't go and see anywhere near the number of things that are there to see (another trip). We went back into Seven Hill Township and got some lunch and then went onto Mintaro and ate lunch at the park.

We needed to be at Martindale Hall by 2.00 p.m. for a tour of this beautiful old building. This house is absolutely magnificent. The woodwork and cornices are so decorative. The work is so extensive.



The house was built in 2 years. It would have taken more than that in today's world. The cost would be astronomical.

The house was finished in 1880 and needed 50 - 60 specialised workers who came from England to do the job. We were given a talk about the property and its owners, then allowed to walk at leisure through the house.

As we were leaving we stopped at the Coach House. We were only allowed to look around the outside as the government is still renovating the building. The building looks so good.

After all this walking and discovering it was time to go back to Mintaro to the Tea Pot Café and get a coffee and scones.

Thanks to Quenton and Deb for another great tour of our close interesting area.

[Norma]

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## Training Weekend – Peake 18-19 May 2013

Although Peake was short of attendees everyone got something from the weekend. Attended by Ian & Claire M, Peter H, Paul C (new member) and Dave & Karen H.

All got training in all aspects of the Hi-Lift Jack and accessories. do's & don'ts and everybody got hands on experience with the Hi-Lift jack. Pete got assessed for advanced snatch recovery using 3 snatch straps while everyone watched. Paul lost his 'cherry' in the sand going from absolutely nervous to almost beaming with confidence. Ian & Clare got plenty of practice in the sand.

My apologies to Ian for ruining the last moments of the Collingwood game!! Angus got to build his castle and I got to test out the untried diff lockers with success!!

[Dave]



Is that some air we see?



Reckon Dave almost got air!



Driving like a Pro – Late Sunday Morning