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4WD Club Newsletter

September 2013



Founded in 2002



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



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WELCOME

to the Gawler & Districts 4WD Club

Previously known as "The Light Four Wheel Drive Club of SA Inc." this active 4WD club was founded in 2002. Members voted at the March 2008 meeting to change the club's name and meet at Gawler to give the club a more recognizable name and a more central meeting place.

It has become a very social club and has run many a successful day, week-end, long week-end and extended trips. We are a member of the Four Wheel Drive South Australia which incorporates the Driver Training Unit. Most meetings include a Guest Speaker and a monthly club newsletter.

If you are a visitor to tonight's meeting, we welcome you and your family to our club. Please ask as many questions as you want. You can join us on up to 3 club outings before becoming a member. Trip Leaders run each outing and will be glad to help you with tips on four wheel driving and how to get the best from your vehicle. If you would like to join us on any trips and enjoy what 4WD can really bring, please fill out your details on our Trip Sheets.

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	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
							31			30		

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**August 2013****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 Introduction

Gee, September already! That means that it is only 3 months to the AGM. We already know that several committee members will be resigning, so please give some thought to how you might be able to help out and put your name forward at the AGM on 13 December 2013. We will include details of the roles and responsibilities of the Committee positions in next month's magazine.

A number of committee members will not be present at the October meeting as they will be away on the Warraweena trip so we need some volunteers to open the hall, get it ready, prepare supper, run the raffle (optional) and welcome our speaker, Brian Sambell. Could you please let Jane know tonight how you can assist.

[Pete]

Editor's report:

A warm welcome to all club members and visitors.

Tonight, in place of a speaker, Jane J and Dave R are going to present some videos.

So far the photo competition is sadly lacking in entries - there must be some good, interesting or funny photos out there taken on trips - you have to be in it to win it!!!

[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

Mystery Day Trip

Sunday 22nd September 2013
"Planes, Trains & Automobiles – High Tea"

Trip Details:

A "Mystery Day" trip that involves driving the back roads and visiting local attractions.

Bring: Morning tea, picnic lunch, mini scones or sandwiches or slices or cakes **and your best fancy tea cup and saucer** for a shared "high tea" afternoon tea.

Prize for best tea cup and saucer

You will also need chairs, picnic rug, table, UHF radio

Cost:

Adult: \$5.00 Child: \$2.00 (under 16)

Meet:

Gawler Railway Station car park – 9.00 am Sunday

Trip Leader:

Quenton, phone 0407 604 601

Bri Glen Park Long Weekend

Saturday 5th – Monday 7th October 2013

Trip Limit:

12 Vehicles

Activities:

An ideal property to learn 4WDing & capabilities of your vehicle

Type:

Driving the Dare Hill Circuit, exploring Bri-Glen property near Hallet north of Burra, driving back mountain track, Bri-Glen springs, Cobb & Co track, Reg Sprigg look-out, Bri-Glen lookout, old gold mine, night 4WDing + new tracks. Motor bikes okay with permission of owner. Flush toilet, no power. Note: Daylight saving starts on Sunday 6 October 2013.

Costs:

\$20/vehicle (up to 2 people) + \$5.00 per extra person per day. Gold coin donation for Sir Hubert Wilkins cottage.

Requirements:

FULL tank of fuel at meeting point. Camper trailers, tents, swags, off-road vans, recovery gear, jack plate, walking shoes, all food and water, camp ovens, bedouries, cameras.

Meeting Place:

7.30 am Saturday, Tarlee parking bay in town (with public toilets – next to roadhouse.)

Trip Leader:

Quenton – phone 8523 2507 or 0407 604 601

**Warraweena
Conservation Park****Sunday 6th October to Monday 14th October 2013**

Trip Limit:	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.
Trip Details & Requirements:	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</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 & Leigh Creek.</p> <p>4WD is essential on most station tracks. Caravans, campers, tents all okay. Further information, costs, etc, please see: www.warraweena.com</p>
Cost:	Please refer to website
Meeting Place:	Tarlee Car park (LH side) meet at 7.15 am, leave 7.30 am
Trip Leaders:	Dave & Michele Mobiles: 0419 992 881 (Dave) 0419 813 805 (Michele) or phone 8525 2765

TRIP PLANNING**Morgan Training
Weekend****Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th 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 Leaders & Social Leader::	Dave & Karen – Phone 8524 3508 or 0411 772 226 Nick B

GPS/OziExplorer	
Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th November 2013	
In conjunction with the Toyota & Overland 4WD Clubs	
Limit:	30 persons
Where:	DTU Training Centre, Cavan
Details:	Ralph Abbot of the Toyota 4WD Club will conduct training for GPS/OziExplorer. It is expected to be a one day course but if practicals are conducted, it could be extended to two days. If only one day then it will be held on Saturday 16 November. Number of days TBA.
Requirements:	<p>Handheld GPS (if you have one) and a computer with a registered version of OziExplorer. The computer can be a laptop or tablet, etc. Unregistered versions of OziExplorer have limited functionality and cannot complete the exercises that will be set during the course. One of the main uses for OziExplorer (coupled with GPS in a vehicle) is Moving Map which shows your vehicle position as you travel.</p> <p>The first couple of hours will cover GPS and mapping systems. The remainder of the day will be dealing with OziExplorer, equipment for Moving Map and completing exercises that show the capability of OziExplorer.</p> <p>First in, best dressed, so please advise your interest ASAP..</p>
Leaders:	Ralph Abbot, TLCCSA, and Peter H, Gawler 4WD Club Phone: Peter 0410 526 317 or email Ralph: rabbitrampant@hotmail.com .

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

- **July 2014:** *Proposed trip to Cape York. Trip Leader: Darryll G*
- **TBA** *Punyelroo in the lower Riverland*
- **TBA** *Trip to the Observatory at Stockport, Jane J to advise.*
- **Australia Day 2014 – Need suggestions for a trip.**
- **Easter 2014** *it's not too early to think about Easter 2014 and we need suggestions and a trip leader to lead a trip as John & Jane won't be doing it next year. Good Friday is 18 April 2014.*

The following has been put forward as a proposed trip which needs a trip leader. If you are interested in participating or would like to be a trip leader (could be split between 2 people instead of 1 if that makes you more comfortable) please let Dave R know as we are trying to gauge interest.

Proposed 4WD club trip

Contact person Bill Small 8577 2228 (2 properties)

Puppy Springs – 700-800 acres with 60 – 70kms sand hills

Dorado Downs – 1500 acres with 100kms sand hills, most clubs prefer this one as it's larger

- Lots of 4WD tracks for sand driving
- Approx. 30k from Tintinara on Peake side. Quicker going through Peake, then dirt road.
- No electricity but hot water, flush toilet & showers. He supplies wood for camp fires
- Minimum bookings of 3 vehicles or more.
- \$60 per person or family for weekend. Arrive any time on a Friday and leave on Monday if you wish. Prefer no bookings during week. No deposit required. When booked, the whole area is for our club only, no other vehicles can come in to share.
- Booked out until November but if interested book in early for next year. These tracks have been used by Nissan & Toyota clubs before.
- Thought this may be an extra trip apart from Peake. Thinking that it could be used for either training or a social weekend.
- Anyone wishing to make enquiries, check out the tracks and be a trip leader are most welcome. The idea is yours if you want it.

Google "Dorado Downs" or "Puppy Springs" for more info.

GUEST SPEAKERS



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

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| September | Jane J & Dave R to present videos in place of a Speaker. |
| October | Brian Sambell to talk about his recent trips including a trip to the Darling. |
| November | Steve Johnson (VKS737) will be the Speaker for the evening. |

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.

AUGUST 2013

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

SEPTEMBER 2013

Alan & Barbara H
 John & Jane H
 Stephen K

OCTOBER 2013

Martin K
 Max & Lyn Le
 Lyn Li

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

◆◆◆ SEPTEMBER ◆◆◆
Astrid G
Mandy G
Karen H
Claire M



CHRISTMAS SHOW 2013

Christmas Show 2013

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www.wallaroonorthbeachtouristpark.com.au

PHONE: 08 8823 2531

***** See price details under "coming events" *****
10 sites provisionally booked.





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

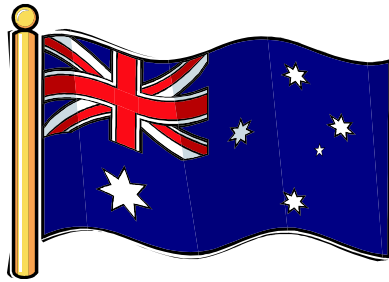
Ph Paul on 0408 900 889

email paul@designinc.com.au

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

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

AUSTRALIA DAY 2014



Australia Day 2014 falls on a Sunday and as it will be a long weekend again, we need to have some ideas for a trip, bearing in mind that if caravan parks have to be booked, we need to get onto this sooner rather than later. This is a very popular weekends for trips so if you have any suggestions or would like to lead a trip, please let Dave R know. Thank you.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It's that time of year to start thinking about the AGM which is only three meetings away from tonight. We have already been advised that several committee members no longer wish to continue so there will be some positions vacant. Please give this matter some consideration between now and the AGM and if you would like to put your name forward, please do so.

HAPPY CAMPER GOURMET

I came across this website by accident but thought it would be worthwhile passing on – some of you may already know and use their products:

Happy Camper Gourmet provides pre-packed gourmet meals including lamb shanks, meatballs, beef stew and beef and bean stew. They're not cheap and can be bought in bulk making them slightly cheaper. If you are going on a long trip it may be worthwhile to have some in your camp larder. They advertise that their meals have a long shelf life, 18 months from the date they are manufactured, and no refrigeration is required.

More information and prices can be obtained from their website www.happycampergourmet.com.au.

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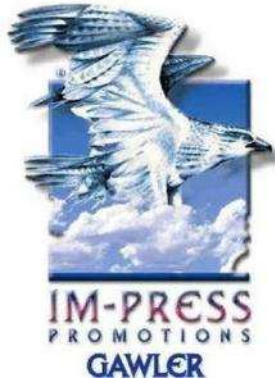
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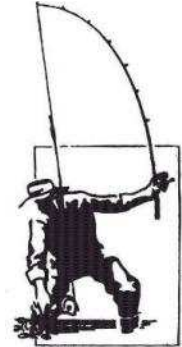
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The **Gawler and Districts 4WD Club** would like thank the **Wurth Group** and their representative, Neil Burton for kindly donating **Wurth** products to the club for use as raffle prizes.

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.campertrailer.com.au or contact **Brian or Susan** on 08-8562 8370.

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[Fees apply and payment has to be made prior to printing]



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 (8th Nov)
- (g) Late entries will not be accepted
- (h) All judging is carried out by our sponsors (and their decisions are final!):
OPEN - Gawler Fishing and Outdoors - 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!!!

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)

NONE RECEIVED THIS MONTH

MONTHLY RECIPE

Another delicious recipe supplied by my daughter.

PASSIONFRUIT MELTING MOMENTS

Preparation time: 40 minute
Cooking time: 15 minute
Makes about: 25

Ingredients:

3 passionfruit (or tin of passionfruit pulp)
250g butter, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Half cup (80g) soft icing sugar
250g plain flour
Half cup (75g) cornflour

Passionfruit Butter Cream:

80g butter
110g soft icing sugar

Method:

- 1 Preheat oven to moderately slow (170C/150C fan forced.) Line three baking trays with baking paper.
- 2 Remove pulp from passionfruit, place in fine sieve, press down with back of a spoon. Reserve 1 tablespoon of passionfruit juice for passionfruit butter cream.
- 3 Beat butter, vanilla extract and sifted icing sugar in medium bowl with electric mixer until pale. Stir in combined sifted flours in two batches, stir in passionfruit pulp.
- 4 With lightly floured hands, roll 2 level teaspoons of mixture into balls, place on prepared trays about 3 cm apart. Dip fork into a little extra flour, press biscuits lightly.
- 5 Bake uncovered about 15 minutes or until biscuits are a pale straw colour. Cool biscuits on trays for 5 minutes and then transfer to wire racks to cool.
- 6 Meanwhile make passionfruit butter.
- 7 Sandwich biscuits with 1 teaspoon of the passionfruit butter cream. Dust with a little extra sifted icing sugar if desired.

Passionfruit Butter Cream:

Beat butter and sifted icing sugar in small bowl with electric mixer until pale and fluffy. Beat in reserved passionfruit juice.

TIP: *Biscuits can be made a week ahead, store in an airtight container or glass jar. Sandwich with passionfruit butter cream close to serving.*

These biscuits keep quite well for a few days once put together and still retain some of their buttery crispness.

IDEAS AND INFORMATION

NEWS RELEASE

28/08/2013

New fees to support maintenance of Ngarkat Conservation Park

People can camp out under the stars at Ngarkat Conservation Park at nine different camp sites and enjoy stretching their legs on the eight diverse walking trails.

The newly-refurbished Pertendi Hut interpretive trail is one of eight trails in which visitors can learn about how fire has shaped the park's landscape.

From October 2013, a park entrance fee of \$10 will be introduced to the 270,000-hectare park in the state's southern Mallee.

The fee will apply to all park visitors (including day visitors and campers) and be in addition to existing camping fees.

The camping fee is currently set at \$10 for 2013-14.

Natural Resources South Australia Murray-Darling Basin (NR SAMDB) District Ranger for the Mallee, Paul Gillen, said the park offered visitors a range of experiences, including an extensive network of 4-WD tracks and featuring the iconic Border Track.

Entrance fees contribute to the maintenance of the park.

"We are constantly working to maintain and improve park visitor facilities and services such as interpretive displays, toilets, tracks, trails and camping areas," Mr Gillen said.

"Park fees also assist more broadly with programs and projects that are not as obvious such as those that are of benefit to the boarder community."

Activities at the park supported by the fees include:

- Supporting volunteers who work in the parks; Annual 4WD Association Border Track working bee
- Feral animal control programs (Ngarkat wild dog baiting program)
- Fire management actions (such as the annual rolling program for fire breaks and the prescribed burning to help limit large scale fires)
- Programs to help protect threatened and endangered species such as Mallee fowl and the Mallee emu wren
- Infrastructure maintenance

Regular visitors to Ngarkat are encouraged to purchase a Parks Pass (12 Months):

- Single Parks pass (entrance only) \$60*
- Single Parks pass with camping \$120*

In addition, multi passes are available for those who enjoy the outdoors and spend time in many of the great parks within SA:

- Multi Parks Pass (entrance only) \$90*
- Multi Parks Pass with camping \$180*

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SA Murray-Darling Basin

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and Natural Resources

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www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/samurraydarlingbasin



Natural Resources
SA Murray-Darling Basin



Government
of South Australia

**4WDSA are looking for anyone with an insurance background – can you help?
(This was originally issued on 20 August 2013.)**

Insurance Sub Committee Duty Statement – State Insurance Officers

State Insurance Officers are appointed by each State to be their representative on the 4WD Australia “SIO Sub Committee”

The Sub Committee will be made up of;

- Seven State Insurance Officers (SIO's) as appointed by their State.
- Representatives of the contracted broker
- An SIO committee chairman who will be nominated by the SIO Committee and endorsed by the 4WD Australia committee.

Duties and Responsibilities;

- To be a conduit for information from the 4WD Australia SIO Sub Committee to all member S.A. clubs.
- To ensure that all affiliated clubs carry Public Liability and Management Liability Insurance to the value recommended by the 4WD Australia contracted broker.
- To liaise with clubs and assist in the processing of the Volunteer Workers insurance and also Special events declaration's as required.
- To liaise with all S.A. affiliated clubs on all matters relating to insurance.
- Promote the national 4WD Australia Insurance Scheme.
- Conduct presentations on the Insurance scheme to clubs and State Associations as necessary or upon request.
- Be the first point of reference to all affiliated clubs and State Association's on all insurance matters.
- Return all information relevant to the office held by you to any and all committee's when your term has finished.
- SIO's are reminded 'NOT' to present themselves as a representative of 4WD Australia or their State Association to any other person or business house unless they are expressly empowered to do so by 4WD Australia.
- To ensure that all State Associations have their assets properly insured through the 4WD Australia Insurance Scheme.
- Attend SIO committee meetings when asked to do so and report back to their State Association's on the outcome of these meetings.
- Inform other members of the SIO committee of any relevant issues.
- To provided positive and constructive input to the 4WD Australia SIO Sub Committee.
- To act in accordance with the 4WD Australia Constitution and any agreed 4WD Australia management, business or financial plans.
- During the month of February each year liaise with TCIS to advise them of which clubs are affiliated with their State Association so that TCIS can send the renewals to them.
- Ensure that all affiliated clubs get their insurance paid on time and that their insurance member numbers and State affiliation member numbers align.
- Run the insurance renewal tender process when due and advise 4WD Australia of the SIO Committee's recommendation.
- Maintain the confidentiality and integrity of the 4wd Australia Insurance contract in accordance with all signed Commercial in Confidence documents.

- The SIO Committee may seek financial assistance from the 4WD Australia committee on matters relating to insurance, BUT will act in accordance with the instructions given by 4WD Australia in relation to these matters.
 - Costs for approved SIO meetings shall be paid by 4WD Australia subject to guidelines set out in the SOP's for committee meetings.
 - The SIO Sub Committee shall report and answer to the 4WD Australia Committee through the Chairman of the SIO Committee.
 - The SIO's shall provide an annual State report to be tabled at each SIO meeting.
 - The SIO's shall provide a quarterly report using the approved template to the SIO Chairman who will forward them to the 4WD Australia Secretary for distribution 14 days before General meetings.
 - The contracted broker shall provide quarterly and Annual reports to the SIO Sub Committee showing market share, changes in insurance providers and recommendations to the committee regarding improvements or changes required to the scheme.
 - SIO's are reminded that they can only support the insurance scheme from the information provided by the contracted broker. Any other queries are to be referred to the broker for confirmation or advise.
 - Assist their State treasurer in the distribution of motor vehicle insurance rebates if required.
 - The SIO Committee Chairman shall forward the minutes of SIO meetings to the 4WD Australia Secretary for distribution to the State Associations within 4 weeks of the SIO meeting.
 - The SIO Committee Chairman shall attend the next full meeting of 4WD Australia to present the meeting report and its recommendations at 4WD Australia's cost.
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FRIDAY FUNNIES (thanks to Westprint Friday Five)

Paddy says "Mick, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador." "No way" says Mick "have you seen how many of their owners go blind?"

Murphy says to Paddy, "What ya talkin to an envelope for?" "I'm sending a voicemail ya thick sod!"

Paddy and Murphy are working on a building site. Paddy says to Murphy "I'm gonna have the day off, I'm gonna pretend I'm mad!"

He climbs up the rafters, hangs upside down and shouts "I'M A LIGHT BULB! I'M A LIGHT BULB!"

Murphy watches in amazement! The Foreman shouts "Paddy you're mad, go home"

So he leaves the site. Murphy starts packing his kit up to leave as well. "Where the hell are you going?" asks the Foreman.

"I can't work in the dark!" says Murphy

Paddy and his wife are lying in bed and the neighbours' dog is barking like mad in the garden. Paddy says "To heck with this!" and storms off.

He comes back upstairs 5 minutes later and his wife asks "What did you do?" Paddy replies "I've put the dog in our garden. Let's see how they like it!"

Mick and Paddy are reading head stones at a nearby cemetery. Mick says "Crikey! There's a bloke here who was 152!"

Paddy says "What's his name?" Mick replies "Miles, from London!"

For anyone heading to Lake Eyre National Park or Innamincka, the following information may be helpful.

LAKE EYRE NATIONAL PARK

After a small amount of localised rain in early June, Lake Eyre North is now dry and South has less than 5% surface coverage. The best way to see the enormity of Lake Eyre is from the air. Local charters are available at William Creek and Marree, and tour operators run ground and air tours.

Halligan Bay Track – Open to 4WD with caution due to wheel rutting and creek crossings.

This track is a declared Public Access Route. It is a bush track, not a road. Drive with caution along the entire track as the landscape is fragile and the track will deteriorate with the number of vehicles using it. Please drive to track conditions. Driving on the Lake surface is an offence and dangerous. **Trailers and caravans are not recommended.**

Level Post Bay Track – Open to 4WD with cautions due to wheel rutting and ponded water.

This track is a declared Public Access Route. It is a bush track, not a road. Drive with caution along the entire track as the landscape is fragile and the track will deteriorate with the number of vehicles using it. Please drive to track conditions. Driving on the Lake surface is an offence and dangerous. Trailers and caravans are not recommended. No camping at Level Post Bay – camping at Muloorina campground.

William Creek Hotel Ph (61 8) 8670 7880 – Agents for the Desert Parks Pass & Lake Eyre Permits. Accommodation, meals, tyre repairs, fuel, provisions and water.

INNAMINCKA REGIONAL RESERVE AND COONGIE LAKES NATIONAL PARK

General Vehicle Access

Note: Be aware that entry to Innamincka Regional Reserve requires a day/camping permit or a Desert Parks Pass that must be displayed on the vehicle windscreen.

Coongie Track – Open to 4WD. Use caution at corrugations, as well as small washouts from recent rains.

Walkers Crossing Track – Open to 4WD. Use caution due to loose surface as track is freshly graded.

15 Mile Track and Access to Cooper Creek – Open. Caution at washouts when accessing 15 Mile sites.

Cullyamurra Waterhole – Open to 4WD. Caution at washouts. Trailers and caravans not recommended due to washouts.

Burke's Grave – Open to 4WD. Day visitors only.

Old Strzelecki Track (on Innamincka Regional Reserve only) – Open to 4WD.

Bore Track North – Open to 4WD.

Bore Track South – Closed. No visitor access across Bollards Lagoon station.

The Innamincka Trading Post (Ph: (61 8) 8675 9900) – Agent for the Desert Parks Pass and camping permits. Provide a comprehensive range of supplies and services for visitors in the Innamincka area.

Innamincka Hotel (Ph: (61 8) 8675 9901) – Provide meals, drinks and accommodation. Agent for the Desert Parks Pass and camping permits.

Towing Capacity Checklist



Vehicle capacity

1	Gross vehicle mass (GVM)	
2	Kerb weight	
3	Pay load	
4	Ball weight	
5	Legal towing mass	

Caravan capacity

6	Aggregate trailer mass (ATM)	
7	Tare	
8	Pay load	
9	Gross Trailer weight (GTM)	
10	Ball weight	

Definitions of weights

1. GVM is the maximum weight permitted for the motor vehicle as nominated by the manufacturer.
2. The kerb weight is the unladen weight of your motor vehicle & will include all added extras as well as a full tank of fuel. It is this weight that varies as all motor vehicles are personalized with added extras.
3. Take away the kerb weight from the GVM and you will have the vehicles current payload capability.
4. The ball weight is a given weight by the motor vehicle or tow bar manufacturer.
5. The legal towing capability of a motor vehicle is generally nominated by the manufacturer.
6. ATM is the fully loaded weight of a caravan or trailer when not connected to the tow vehicle.
7. Tare is the unladen weight of the caravan or trailer when not connected to the tow vehicle.
8. Take away the tare from the ATM and you will have the caravan or trailers payload capability.
9. GTM is the weight of the caravan or trailer transmitted through the axle to the ground when connected to the tow vehicle
10. The ball weight is generally 10% of the ATM. It is this weight that is transferred to the tow vehicle.

Please check with motor vehicle and caravan manufacturers to ensure your weights are correct as there are major risks involved in towing a caravan or camper trailer using an under sized towing vehicle.

Use this check list as a guide to ensure compliance.

For further information contact the Road Safety Centre on 8207 4685