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4WD Club Newsletter

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Founded in 2002



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



Horseshoe Top End - March 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 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.

2014

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

Last General Meeting**October 2013****See the attached Minutes (members only)**

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

President's Report:

I'm pleased to say that Jane is on the mend and we wish her all the best with her recovery.

As we highlighted last month, the Club AGM will be held as part of the December meeting. If you want to have a greater say in the running of **your** club, please consider nominating for one of the committee positions.

There is an update on the DTU RTO status later in this newsletter; the news is all good!

Brian Sambell will be our guest speaker at the AGM so, please, make the effort to come along and hear what Brian has to say.

Don't forget the Photo Competitions close on Friday!!

[Pete]

Editor's Report:

A very warm welcome to our guest speaker tonight, Steve from VKS, and also to all members and visitors.

Unfortunately, I won't be at tonight's meeting as I will be in Sydney getting to know our new grandson, Zach, but will look forward to attending the Christmas function on the 30th Nov.

I'm sure you'll all join me in welcoming John & Jane back after Jane's recent hospitalisation.

[Sandra]

A "Huge Thank You"!!

To all of our good friends in the club, John and I would like to say thank you for the beautiful flowers, all the calls, visits, cards, offers of help and just being there for us both during my recent illness.

It certainly means more to us than can be expressed in words.


Thanks also to the members at the last meeting who kindly helped with the hall, supper, raffle etc.

I am on the road to recovery now, not quite up to marathon standards yet but given time you never know! John and I are looking forward to being able to join our friends on trips and club activities soon.



[Jane and John]

GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB



Stickers For Sale – Only \$2.00 each

Magnetic Name Badges - \$10 each

See Quenton at the General Meeting



COMING EVENTS

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:	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. 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. First in, best dressed, so please advise your interest ASAP..
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.

4x4 Boot Sale	December 7th 2013
Details:	Tuff-Stuff will be holding a boot sale and would like to invite all clubs to be part of this opportunity by participating, by having one vehicle from each club present with a trailer load of parts supplied by their own club to be able to sell on the day. [ANYONE WANT TO VOLUNTEER? –let us know!!!] The money they raise by the sale of their goods would go back into their own club and there is no charge for having a spot for the day. Of course we encourage any members from any club to come on the day to find a bargain for themselves. This will also be open to the public and is being advertised by Tuff Stuff so this will also be a great opportunity for club exposure.

Contacts:	Core 4x4 Club will be holding a sausage sizzle to raise funds for 'Teen-Challenge' with which we are involved with. Graham Alexander from Tuff-Stuff on ph: 0406 901 779 David Bonneveld from Core 4x4 club on ph: 0428 101 633
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Easter 2014	Fri 18th to Mon 21st April 2014	*NEW*
Caernarvon Track, Flinders Ranges		
Limit:	12 vehicles	
Details:	Camp at Angorichina Station with flush toilet and hot shower, driving the new 'Caernarvon Track' (already being called "the best 4x4 track in the Flinders") on the Saturday, sunset viewing Yellow footed rock Wallabies, Blinman mine tour, shared Lamb dinner Sunday night	
Requirements:	FULL tank at meeting point, UHF radio, experienced 4WDers, usual recovery equip, covered shoes essential for mine tour, all food and water including Lamb themed food to share Sunday night. Caravans, Camper Trailers, Tents, Swags, good walking shoes, hat, binoculars, cameras. Nibbles/drinks for Wallaby watching.	
Costs	Camping - \$20 per vehicle per night. Caernarvon Track - \$60 per vehicle. Blinman Mine Guided Tour - \$22.00 Adult (group rate) \$11.00 child under 12 (Optional, but highly recommended)	
Meet	Tarlee Friday 7.30am	
Leaders:	Quenton Ph 8523 2507 or 0407 604 601 Assistant Trip Leader / Tail End Charlie: Pete and Sandra H.	

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

DONATIONS NEEDED

It's that time of year again folks!!

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

Tickets will start to be sold from our October meeting at \$2 per ticket and the raffle will be drawn at the AGM on 13 December 2013.

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

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

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

◆◆◆ NOVEMBER ◆◆◆
Paul M
Michelle M
John R

**CHRISTMAS SHOW 2013**

Christmas Show 2013

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PHONE: 08 8823 2531

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

**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.*

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):

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|-----------------|---|
| November | Steve Johnson (VKS737) will be the Speaker for the evening. |
| December | AGM and Brian Sambell to talk about his recent trips including a trip to the Darling. |

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.

OCTOBER 2013

Martin K
Max & Lyn Le
Lyn Li

NOVEMBER 2013

John & Karyn M
Ian & Claire M
Paul & Michelle M

DECEMBER 2013

Dave and Michelle R
Bronte and Norma R
John and Robyn R



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



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.

4WDSA is looking for member volunteers for the February Camping and Caravan Show 2014.

All people who wish to give their time (19th-24th Feb) are advised that the contact address should be:-

JOHN CULLEN johncullen@cullenre.com.au

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)

CAMPER TRAILER

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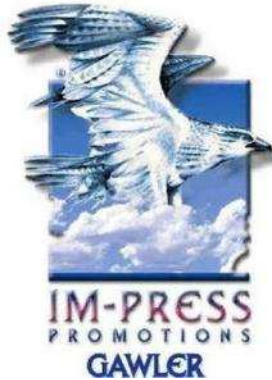
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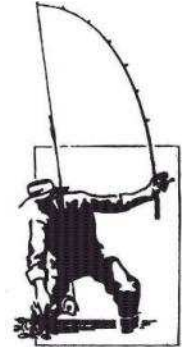
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The **Gawler and Districts 4WD Club** would like thank the **Wurth Group** and their representative, Neil Burton for kindly donating **Wurth** products to the club for use as raffle prizes.

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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MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD



***** 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!!



**DONT FORGET - They must be in
by November General Meeting!!**

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!!!

MONTHLY RECIPE

With the holidays coming, decided to leave the recipe in one more month as it appears to be a handy recipe to have on an extended trip

Bush Bread Making

This recipe has been taken from Westprint Friday Five dated 30.8.2013 provided by a reader named Dieter.

This is a recipe for leaven bread that has been used over and over again with excellent results. If you are afraid to burn it in a fire camp oven you can use one of those collapsible steamer tray and steam the bread, good bread but without a crisp crust.

Campers' Bread

4 cups white flour (baker's flour)
 2 satchels dried yeast
 2 teaspoons salt
 1 teaspoon sugar
 1 tablespoon oil
 1 ½ cups of water (blood warm or tepid)

Method:

Mix ½ cup warm water and yeast. Let stand until it bubbles. Combine all the ingredients keeping ½ cup of flour aside for kneading. Knead into a smooth dough until it feels right on a floured board. Let rise in a warm place until doubled

Punch down or knead a bit. Place in baking trays and let rise until doubled. Bake until done OR you can steam it.

Bake in preheated oven 180°C for 45 minutes or until cooked

Use your imagination

Of the four cups of flour replace one with oats, rye flour, polenta, potato flour etc.

"Most often I bake on loaf of bread with one half and use the other half to make a sweet product."

Cinnamon Buns

Use the same recipe after the first rising and roll out until about 12mm thick(ish)

Spread butter onto the dough. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar and dried fruit or sultanas. Roll into a log and cut across the log in 2.5cm slices. Place slices or rounds on greased tray and let rise.

Bake 180°C 30-40 minutes to make cinnamon sultana scrolls.

Brush top with warmed honey and sprinkle with icing sugar or separate the dough into many little lots put goodies inside and close.

Allow to rise and steam or bake. Pork buns, date buns etc.

Tip: The engine bay after a day's driving is the perfect place to allow the dough to rise – works best if the bonnet is closed to keep heat in.

IDEAS AND INFORMATION

Maralinga

The atomic bomb test site at Maralinga in SA is now open for visitors following the radioactivity clean up of recent years. Host, Robin Matthews, the site manager, conducts full day tours with a fascinating and, at times alarming, story to tell about the activity on the site and takes guests to the very spots where the test explosions took place in the 1950's.

The bomb testing project was huge and we were left wondering why Australians knew so little about what was happening and the risks that were being taken. The impact on the aboriginals was deplorable. Camping with ample space is available at the near deserted Maralinga township site and there are basic cabins available.

Contact Robin on (08) 8670-4089 robin.matthews@y7mail.com

[Thanks the Westprint for this information]

Fuel Outlets Close

Please note that the Grasshopper Roadhouse, Tarlee, closed last week and, consequently, there no fuel available in Tarlee.

It's probably old news to some of you but there is no fuel available in Freeling either.

Kitchen Hints -

Picking up a dropped egg - If an egg breaks on the kitchen floor, sprinkle salt on the mess and leave it there for 20 minutes. You'll be able to wipe it right up.

Eliminate a grease fire - Pour salt on top to smother it. (Never use water on a grease fire.)

Keep potatoes and apples from turning brown once they're sliced - Put them in salted cold water.

Clean up oven spills - If food boils over onto the oven floor, sprinkle salt on top to stop smoke and odour from forming. When the oven is cool, it'll be easy to brush away the spot.

Make cream whip more easily and egg whites whip faster and higher - Add a pinch of salt.

Clean coffee and tea stains from china cups - Rub them with salt.

Clean a cutting board - Cover it with bleach and salt, scrub it with a stiff brush, then rinse with very hot water and wipe with a clean cloth. Repeat with each use.

Test for rotten eggs - Put an egg in a cup of water to which you've added two teaspoons of salt. A fresh egg will sink, but one that's iffy will float.

Clean a glass coffee pot - Fill it with 1/4 cup of table salt and a dozen ice cubes. Swish the mixture around, let it sit for half an hour, fill it with cold water and rinse.

Clean tarnished copper. - Fill a 16-ounce spray bottle with hot white vinegar and three tablespoons of salt. Spray it onto the copper, let it sit briefly, then rub clean. (Don't do this to lacquered copper.)

My favourite place

By Quenton

Policeman's Waterhole – Coopers creek Innamincka

Listening to Mike Steel from the Innamincka General Store quite a few years ago describe to Ian McNamara on "Australia all over" the volume of water crossing the Innamincka causeway during a big flood of the Cooper, I knew this was a place I wanted to see. Since then I have visited the area several times and have seen it during flood and drought.

My first impression was how big this creek actually is. With large majestic gum trees lining the banks and in places a wide deep expanse of water, it looks remarkably similar to the Murray River.

Our favourite camp spot is at Policeman's Waterhole, only a few kms downstream from Innamincka Township. A perfect setting amongst large shady gum trees, grassed area (natural lawn after flooding) and a sandy beach. Close enough to town to canoe in (for a beer and ice-cream) and far enough away from the throng of campers at the town common. A great place to enjoy fishing, canoeing (hire canoes from pub) and just relaxing.

We have seen the AIM Hospital building transform from a towering ruin on our first visit to a faithfully restored beautiful building now housing historical displays and Rangers headquarters. Nearby Innamincka Hotel comes alive on Friday nights with many tourists and local station hands enjoying the excellent food and party atmosphere. This is where we watched the opening ceremony of the Sydney Olympics in 2000. "Greg" the Hotel pig (now gone to fly with other pigs) entertained the bus loads with her beer drinking routine. The new Outaminka Bar & Dining room is equal to any modern country pub.

Other attractions we have enjoyed include Cullyamurra Waterhole (including Aboriginal rock etchings,) Burkes, Wills and Kings Markers, the Dig Tree and of course Coongie Lakes.

On a couple of visits we drove on the newly re-opened Walkers Crossing PAR as an alternative route to Birdsville. However by taking this track, you miss out on seeing the historic Cordillo Downs Woolshed with its newly restored curved roof.... Ah well...Always leave something to see on the next trip, I always say!



Phillip (Q's brother) & Trudy's Ford Ranger, Quenton, Deb & David in white Nissan Patrol & Julie (Q's sister) & Leon in grey Nissan Patrol

TRIP REPORTS

BRI-GLEN Park- October Long Weekend

Participants:

Keryn, Brent & Wil; Sandra & Wayne; Roy & Bron; Peter & Sandra; Nick, Kerry, Caleb & Ali; Quenton & Deb; Peter; Martin & Martin; John & Bradley; Bronte & Norma; Darryll & Joan



BRI GLEN Report #1

The group met at Tarlee at 0730 and headed for Burra. Wil was very, very excited about camping with Nanny and Poppy and that the red quad bike was going with us. Perfect weather, crops looking magnificent and a bit of breeze, we travelled to Mt Bryan for morning tea, a round of putt putt and someplay on the playground for littlies.

Soon we were on our way to Sir Hubert Wilkins cottage. There were a few threats of Q winning back the Russell Koite award if we got lost! Lots of lizards and a few snakes were spotted.

The trip to our camp spot was just too long, so Caleb, Ali and Wil had a sleep (in Poppy's bike helmet) We arrived at Bri-Glen via Dare Hill, and set up and grabbed lunch. The afternoon was free to relax, socialise and cook dinner on the camp fire. I took Peter out to the goldfields for some detecting. (he thinks I deliberately took him to the wrong area for fossicking) - as if I would show him my special spot!!

Poppy and Wil found a pedal car which was a favourite for the rest of the weekend. The kids had a blast. Mostly you could only see the whites of their eyes, sometimes not even white! They excavated with shovels and trowels and created dust storms like no other! They towed each other around, buried, fixed and fell in the red talcum powder soil and loved every minute.

We did some tracks around the property, found a baby donkey, no sorry a baby goat, saw the sun set from the lookout while enjoying rezermizins (Brent's expression) and repaired a few signs along the way.

Roy, Brent and Wil enjoyed their bike rides and everyone enjoyed Q and Debs scones. We threatened to play lawn bowls with mine. They were all wrong! A glass of port helped the situation. Stuff the scones.

Monday morning and several packed early and headed off to Warraweena. Brian came with us for a guided tour of some new tracks, special places to camp in the future and high lights of the property. It was wonderful. Thank you Brian for the chance to enjoy your patch of paradise and the informative guided tour!

Our car was starting to make a few noises but inconclusive.

We finished packing up and headed off in a northerly direction while the rest went home sight-seeing along the way. Wil went home with Wayne and Sandra. We came home on a truck! Just another adventure!!!

[Keryn]

BRI GLEN Report #2

The long weekend in October was the setting for the Gawler and Districts 4WD club's trip to Bri-Glen and the above group minus a few who we met up with later gathered at Tarlee on what was going to be a glorious spring day. The trip northward was pleasant with the paddocks vast shades of green and yellow and we were lucky enough to score a weather report from 'Keithy'.

Our first stop was Burra for fuel and then on to Mt Brian for the Inaugural Gawler 4WD Putt Putt Cup. The competition was fierce but the weather kind and we even had spectators (a four legged variety that liked cake). Once the scores were in it was on the road again with the winners to be announced around the camp fire tonight. We took a detour from our route to Bri-Glen to see Sir Hubert Wilkins Cottage and then on to the Mt Dare circuit road with its spectacular views arriving at Bri-Glen at lunch time.

The afternoon was an easy one setting up camp, a look around the property for those that haven't been before and starting the fire so that we had coals to cook tea on Saturday night. Will and grandpa enjoyed the motor bike riding and they even found one that was self propelled and Will managed to find a number of willing people to help propel the truck.

Kaleb and Ally were also enjoying themselves in the dirt, so well camouflage at one stage that we almost lost them, while Bradley was also the same colour helping stoke the fire. The smells coming from the roasts cooking were heavenly and soon everyone settled around the fire for the customary chat and storytelling as well as a conversation of do we lose or gain an hour with daylight saving. Quenton during the evening announced that Kerrie was the winner of the Putt Putt.

The next morning was also a magnificent day and we all seemed to be on the same time zone so we set off to look at the new tracks Brian had made during the winter. We toured the tracks with no real sticky situations and the views were enjoyed by all. The springs had water in them and animal tracks and droppings suggested that they were visited by a variety of animals and birds.

That evening Quenton outdid himself in the scone making and luckily he made enough to share around. We all rose a little later on Monday with a leisurely breakfast and said goodbye to Peter & Sandra and Martin & Martin who were heading north to join the other group at Waraweena.

Brian came down to say hello and we arranged for him to join the lead vehicle and show us the new tracks and those we were unable to find. The tracks we traversed were some that we had never been on; certainly they were on rougher terrain and more challenging which brought a smile to all drivers. We got to see the property from different vantage points and I was amazed at the abundance of bird life and the density of the bush.

After a quick lunch we all packed up and started the journey home, Keryn and Brent also headed northward and those remaining took the scenic route home. The route was a little off course however the views were great and we were on roads the group had not been on before. A last stop for ice creams at Burra and we were home again after another great weekend away. Thanks for all that came for the weekend, the company and 4wd driving was enjoyable as always.

[Deb]

Warraweena Conservation Park 4WD Trip, 6th – 14th October 2013

Lead by Dave, Michele & Jessica

Sunday 6th October 2013



Sunday Morning bright and early (earlier than usual being start of Daylight Savings) we left home to meet up with Sue, Roger, John & Astrid at Tarlee with no one being late we all successfully turned our clocks forward. 7:30 am we hit the road to meet Paul at Auburn and that's all of us until a couple vehicles meet us at Warraweena on Monday that were at Bri-Glen.

Jamestown saw a Morning Tea stop at our Favourite Playground, back on the road at 10 after our tummies were refuelled it was onto Hawker for lunch and car refuelling time. We headed back out onto the blacktop just after 1 pm making great time

to be at Warraweena at a reasonable time to setup.

A bumpy and rocky ride into the property from Beltana and we found the Office and Gina gave us a run-down of the tracks and we headed back to Sliding Rock Ruins and Old Cemetery to get to our camp site for the duration of our 8 night stay. Miners Camp boasts a Camp Fire Ring and a big communal table as well as a nice large tree for some arvo shade to sit under AND a well maintained Long Drop Toilet including closing door and a solid base.

6pm saw us as set up as we were going to be that night and relaxing after a big days drive.

Monday 7th October 2013

A casual morning on Monday was very welcomed by all while we waited for the Harpers and Martin 1 & 2 to arrive from Bri-Glen.



After lunch we decided to go for a tourist arvo drive to charge the car batteries to keep the fridges going and Jessica's much needed i Pod too haha. Heading to Nantiburry Spring we came to a dead end driving but a walk (YES we walked for those that don't believe us) found lots of pools of water and loads of tadpoles and was great to see lots of trickles of water amongst the rocks - a really lovely place.



Next stop was the Lookout which was a little steeper on the way up than first thought especially when you can't see the track in front of you and only the sky. Very tight parking up top but thankful to only have 3 vehicles with Paul & Dave leading us all astray talking. Blind leading the blind as they say.

Tuesday 8th October 2013

We left the campsite around 8.30 am and headed to the homestead to get the track route and instructions for the day and finally set off for the tracks around 9.00 am. The forecast for the day was warm and getting warmer with an expected high of around 32C - clear blue skies and sunshine - wonderful!

Traversing the tracks were Dave, Michele & Jessica (leaders), Sue & Roger, Paul, John & Astrid, Martin & Martin and Sandra & Pete (tail end Charlie.)

After unlocking & locking the first gate (and thanks to Jessica the very generous gate fairy) there was some gentle meandering through creek beds before making our way upwards towards the hills. The wildflowers were in abundance both on the shrubs and ground, whites, pinks, purple & yellow - the Flinders Ranges in all its springtime glory! Eventually, after negotiating more tracks we stopped in a creek bed for morning tea as there were large trees providing plenty of shade and room for us all to be together.

We set off from our morning tea break and were bemused to find emus leading the trip for a little while until they got tired of that and left us to our own devices. Now the track was rocky as the surrounding terrain had changed dramatically and we rocked and rolled slowly around the track. By this time we had gone all of 8.2 kms (out of 60+ kms of track) from the homestead so still had a way to go!! We travelled through numerous creek beds negotiating huge red gums in the middle



of the track from time to time with the going very slow. At around midday we stopped at the old Warraweena Priory bore and had lunch in the shade of some large trees.

Following lunch we drove to Yellow Well and noticed an old goat trap, which caught everyone's interest and another photo opportunity before proceeding on towards Dunbar Lookout - very interesting driving -with more rocking and rolling (what a pity it doesn't help with the weight loss!)

From the lookout there were two ways to go down - Suicide Hill or Chicken Hill!!! To the more confident drivers there was only one choice, however, Sue and Roger decided to take the Chicken Hill route, until they got there!!

It looked worse than Suicide Hill as the surface seemed very loose and, with the possibility of losing traction, they decided to join the remainder of us and take their chances down the steep Suicide descent with the help of some coaching from Pete. Sue was driving and completed the track like an old hand. Well done, Sue!

We had hoped to get to Blinman's Waterhole but failed due to lack of time. By this time it was 4.30 pm so instead we headed to Dunbar Hut and then back to the homestead.

We sighted goats, kangaroos, emus, cockatoos & galahs and thanks must go to Jessica for keeping a record - her tally reads as follows for the whole week:

80 Skippy's	61 Birds	16 Other which includes
65 Goats plus Paul the Red	4 Huts	Butterflies, Ruined
Goat	11 Windmills	Buildings, 2 Goannas,
70 Emus	26 Lizards	Mummy & Baby Goat
16 Holes	4 Skinks	together
34 Creeks	56 Sheep plus the	
23 Big Rocks	hundreds at the Spring	

Thank you to Dave & Michele for a great week and leading the trip over some very interesting tracks.

[Sandra & Pete]

Wednesday 9th October 2013

With temperatures expected in the high 30's for the day, the decision was made to have a leisurely day and try to avoid the heat. Stony recommended the Black Range Springs as the coolest spot in the area.

At 10:45 we left the homestead, with Jessica actively spotting the wildlife and Michelle reporting to the rest of us via the radio. Sandra complained that she wasn't seeing any of the wildlife, which led to comments on needing an eye test and querying the competency of her optician.

Astrid provided a flora lesson after Dave asked about the purple "dunny brush" looking flowers. She was able to advise they were 'nulla nulla' plants, named after the aboriginal clubs used to sort out disputes between the women, as the flowers were similar in shape.

After easy driving through numerous creek crossings we arrived at the **Mt Hack** campsite at approx. 11:50.

Located at the base of Mt Hack (highest peak in the northern Flinders), it provided an ideal spot for morning tea (long drop toilet & fire ring - not used today !!)

Setting off again at 12:15, we had a brief stop while Peter checked under his vehicle for a metal against metal rattle. Nothing found, and sound was gone after we moved off again. This was the only incident close to any vehicle issue for the day.

At 12:55 we arrived at the **Black Range Springs** site. Again well provisioned with long drop toilet, table and campfire ring. Stony was true to his word, and lunch and the afternoon was spent taking advantage of the cool shade of the pine trees.

Apart from active discussions (insufficient to stop Peter from falling asleep in his chair), the only other activity undertaken was Dave taking a long walk along the creek bed to locate the springs.

Setting off at 4:00 for the easy drive back to camp, with M&M, P&S detouring to the lookout to Mt Hack for the panoramic view the rest of us enjoyed on the Monday.

Arrived back at camp around 4:45pm.

Overall an easy day (driving & activity wise) enjoying the scenery, fauna & flora of the Flinders, with 2.5 hours of driving and 51 km travelled.

[Roger & Sue]

Thursday 10th October 2013

8.15 am: Expedition departs for homestead ready to receive final briefing for the drive to Mt Giles under the guidance of our noble leader David. Roger and Sue had a bad night and decided to stay at base camp and Paul likewise remained as he was unwell.

The intrepid explorers set off along a creek bed full of large gums and then into hop bush and native pine country. This was the easiest part of the drive. The cavalcade was held up by a courting couple on the road [sleepy lizards] but N Z Martin helped them on their way.

We reached the first gate in good time but our navigator Michelle took a while to unlock it, her breaking and entering skills were rusty as was the lock. Superlube sorted it out and it closed smoothly.

We were now entering new territory. Lots of concentration was needed to weave our way between big gums, rocks and the slippery shale of the creek beds. We stopped for morning tea at Cockatoo Hut. A well looked after area with a long-drop. Sandra gave the accommodation 2 1/2 stars.

Off down the creek bed again. Lots of tree hugging and slaloming between trees and rocks, and rocks and a hard place. Beautiful scenery in creekbeds and on both hill-sides.

Then out of the creek-bed and into the high country. Up and up and up and up to the top of Mt Gill [910 m]. Views to die for all 360 degrees. Unfortunately somewhat hazy due to weather conditions but Wilpena Pound and Lake Torrens were visible on the way up but had disappeared into the haze by the time we reached the top. Too breezy for lunch but our youngest explorer Jessica added her rock to the cairn.

Down again to the creek-bed past the "Australian Christmas Tree" with its decoration of cans and bottles. Stopped for a long lunch and solved the world's problems. After this herculean task we headed for Halleys Hut another little reconstructed corrugated iron hut with an outside shower [bring your own water] and long-drop with a great view [no door].

Next stop was Old Warraweena homestead which was partly restored and after a thorough inspection we headed back.

All had gone well for everybody on a trip which required raised suspensions to gain adequate clearance. No mechanical problems. No errors of judgement in spite of difficult terrain requiring lots of concentration.

I was crowing to myself about this when fairly close to home a tyre low-pressure warning went off revealing a piece of stick producing a slow leak. Limped into camp to find it had been struck by high winds and maybe a "whirly" which had upset the tents and spread some equipment around but no serious damage.

The temperature had dropped considerably but happy hour was enjoyed by all!

[Astrid]

**Friday 11th October 2013**

All 6 vehicles left together down to Parachilna Gorge on a wildlife spotting drive to get to Glass Gorge road and on to the public access route (PAR) No 3, to Nuccaleena Mine ruins, having stopped at a lookout on the way. After a coffee and a look around it was time to move on to the North Blinman Hotel dining room.



Blinman burgers were a favourite, but after lunching and a bit of shopping it was 3pm, so back in the cars for the next Artimore loop PAR No 5. With stopping at the Artimore ruins it took 3 hours to go around and end up at the Angorichina Village for a top up of fuel. Dave served fuel even though we were half an hour after closing time, so most of us topped up even if not needing it (got to keep the locals in business). Jessica got an ice-cream and a number of people bought new hats with built on fly veils.



The drive back to Warraweena was like playing dodgems with the wildlife at dusk, to return to the campsite at 7.55 pm - the trip leaders Dave and Michelle plus tail John and Astrid putting in a lot of overtime!!

After three windy days with fire bans, we finally had a calm cool evening, so we were able to have a camp fire, and



set up for happy hour. With 3 days of nibbles to get through (and a large late lunch) I don't think anyone cooked dinner.

The campfire encouraged a lot of talking and a sing-along and a few of us stayed to make sure the fire was dying out in the wee hours. Next morning we (M&M) left for Bendleby Ranges.

[Martin]

Saturday 12th October 2013

A bit of a mystery tour after Martin & Martin (M&M) left in the morning. We started off to Mt Hack led by Dave, Michele & Jessica then decided to turn back and go to Beltana instead. We turned off into a creek bed to investigate the track and found our first goanna. Pictures were taken and in an effort to get a shot, John had a fall and broke his camera as well as injuring himself. The local search party (us) set to try and find the camera pieces which had fallen onto the creek bed whilst Pete and Astrid mummified John's arms with bandages.

After that excitement and making sure that John was okay to continue on, we set off again towards the Beltana Station for lunch and a history lesson in the disused shearing shed cum museum. The shed was full of all kinds of interesting things, including photos, and once we had eaten our huge scones, jam & cream and consumed drinks, bought souvenirs and books, we headed off towards the Beltana Cemetery - again another interesting place - and onto the Beltana Railway Station which is now used as a private residence. Sad reminders of the mid to late 1800's!

Off to Pattapa Gap Springs, a beautiful setting with green grass and flowing water. There were literally hundreds of sheep at this creek and it also provided another photo opportunity. After we left, the sheep slowly made their way back towards the creek to enjoy the fresh water and shade.

From here we headed back to camp for "happy hour" and more camaraderie around the camp fire. Another great day thanks to Dave, Michele, Jessica and co.

[Paul]

Sunday 13th October 2013

After a great communal camp fire night we woke to another windy day ☹️ with campers and vans rocking. Peter, Sandra, John & Astrid were leaving us today and it was the first day we all had to dig out the long pants, socks AND shoes since we left -we had been living in shorts and t's until then, ahhhh!!

While we started packing up as much as we could for the trip home the next day, it BLEW and BLEW and BLEW, around and around it went. Couldn't it have waited so we could have had a fire on our last night? We had so much wood left that M&M kindly brought up on our trailer the next campers there will be in camp fire heaven.

A quiet relaxing morning was had by all preparing for the drive home tomorrow then some strange wet drops started falling from the sky unexpectedly just as Dave got back from the office to tell us Stony had a told him we could do another track. Great we all thought better to be inside a car driving than sitting around camp in the wind and rain drops.

Started out as a nice easy drive with no major dramas and nice twists and turns in and out of creeks but with 4pm here and the track getting much harder when we approached a steep rocky bit and rain drops threatening to get MUCH larger we decided it was time to turn around and head back to camp. Unfortunately it was too late in the day for the trip to go further but we would love to go back and finish it one day.

Monday 14th October 2013

Monday Morning is here and final pack up time as we get ready to be homeward bound wow 8 nights sure went quick. Sue & Roger left with their "Retro" Van at 8 to take it nice and slow to Beltana to pump up their tyres while Paul had a last camp shower (which was a wonderful treat for us all to be able to use at the homestead) and we finished packing up, last as always hey!

Finally we were ready to go and 9:30 we said goodbye to Miners Camp and Warraweena after a fantastic 8 nights and a wonderful trip enjoyed by all, even though "happy hour" was quite late or non-existent on some nights.



After a stop for lunch at Hawker and fuel at Clare we got home safe and sound, tired and dusty at 5:30 pm. What a big day but ahhhhhhhhhhhhhh nothing like your own bed and lonnnnnngggggg HOT shower, is there?

Thanks to those who came and sorry that John & Jane couldn't make it at the last minute due to Jane being in hospital - we sure did miss you guys and hope this report and the pictures helps you feel like you were there

[Dave, Michele & Jessica]



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Registered Training Organisation (RTO) Status - Update

The DTU has signed an agreement with another RTO. This means that we can continue with nationally recognised training again. As of today, we can also start selling manuals again.

The training process will not change at all. All current documentation that needs to be completed for training is still required. These are the attendance sheets, feedback sheets and OH&S assessment of the training site.

The standards of training will be kept at the current level. The quality and standard of training will therefore not change due to another RTO issuing the certificates. We will also continue to only train those who are members of a club affiliated to 4WDSA.

The costs to trainees will not increase. The DTU will absorb the costs to the RTO. This will be reviewed at a later date, but is unlikely to change for around twelve months.

For the issuing of certificates, books will need to be sent to the DTU. The ASQA feedback sheet will also need to be sent in. This is available from the 4WDSA website. If it not supplied, the book will be rejected. It is a requirement by the RTO that the ASQA feedback sheet is completed for each certificate issued.

The certificates will be sent to the DTU by the RTO and forwarded to the trainee as with current certificates.

As we are continuing to offer nationally recognised training, trainers and assessors will need to maintain their currency. This involves continually being involved with training, doing professional development and getting their books audited.

We are unable to train new trainers and assessors. Those that want to become DTU trainers and assessors will have to do these courses with another RTO.

The driving component of the advisor course will be re-introduced. This is to ensure that the trainer / assessor have sufficient driving knowledge and capability to train to the standard the DTU requires.

It will be possible, and recommended, that those that want to become DTU trainers or assessors complete the driving component with the DTU before they do the trainer or assessor courses. We do not want someone to go through the effort and costs of completing the trainer or assessor course to find the DTU do not rate their driving capability as sufficient.

Regards,

Edmund Morries
DTU Training Officer
4WDSA

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PORTFOLIOS

(for Gawler & Districts 4WD Club Incorporated)

President/Public Officer: *(Elected)*

Elected in Even Years – eg. 2012, 2014

To Chair Committee & General Meetings. To be involved in the general administration of the club. To speak for and on behalf of the club. To welcome new Members.

Vice-President: *(Elected)*

Elected in Odd Years – eg. 2013, 2015

To stand in for the President should the need arise and to keep themselves familiar with the running of club business. To speak for and on behalf of the club. To organise monthly speakers to General Club Meetings.

Secretary: *(Elected)*

Elected in Even Years – eg. 2012, 2014

To keep a record of incoming mail, answer any correspondence or respond to as required by the committee. Collate a summary of incoming and outgoing correspondence for meetings to be included in minutes from committee and general meetings.

Treasurer: *(Elected)*

Elected in Odd Years – eg. 2013, 2015

To keep a true and accurate record of all incoming and outgoing accounts and to pay all accounts approved by the club. To keep a record of all members. The books must be audited each year and a report is tabled and presented at the AGM.

Minutes Secretary: *(Elected)*

To keep a true and accurate record of all business discussed at Committee and General Meetings, and any other meetings called by the committee. Type up these minutes and pass onto editor for insertion into newsletter each month.

Social Secretary/s: *(Elected)*

To organise a group of helpers for putting on all social functions. For organising and running all fund raising efforts within the club. To keep true and accurate financial records, to report at Committee and General Meetings on all of the above. Collect items to be raffled each month, have tea, coffee, cold drinks and supper ready for after the meeting. You are the welcoming face of the club as you are the first person the members and visitors see as they register and buy raffle tickets. This position is encouraged to be shared by 2 people.

Editor/Publisher: *(Elected)*

To collect material suitable for printing in the club newsletter including trip reports and photos and any information relevant to club activities, association business, and any other information to keep members informed on all matters relating to 4WDiving and our club. To organise advertising such as to compensate the production costs of producing the newsletter. To organise typing, printing and copying of the newsletter. You can ask for volunteers help from the membership.

Committee Member/s: *(Elected)*

To help and undertake responsibilities as decided by the club.

Welcoming Officer/s: (Volunteers Appointed)

To make welcome any potential new members which may come to the club meetings as visitors first. Answer any of their questions about the club and offer some information about the club.

Trips Co-ordinator: (Elected)

To keep a record of all information relating to any CLUB ORGANISED outing. To post any club trips in newsletter and let the members know at meetings, make sure all trips/ club outings are minuted, organise any trip that they so desire, but is not necessarily responsible for the running of all/any club trips. Help advice trip leaders on what information is required for a trip.

SAAFWDC Delegate: (Elected)

To represent the club at monthly association meetings and to report back to members all relevant information concerning club members.

Training & DTU Co-ordinator: (Elected)

To organise training for club members, to keep records of all training activities and progress of all members participating. DTU -(Must be a member of Driver Training Unit – Appointed) To attend DTU meetings and report back to members any relevant information.

Librarian/Property Officer: (Elected)

To maintain Club's Books, Videos, DVD's, Maps, Magazines from other clubs, general info and to retain 1 copy of each of our Club Newsletters for prosperity. Responsible for maintaining and storing all Club Property.

Property Officer: (Volunteers Appointed)

Responsible for maintaining and storing of all Club Property.

Trip Leader/s: (As required for each trip)

Any member of the club can organise and run a Club Trip of their choice providing all aspects of trip and convoy regulations are strictly adhered to. (Refer to Club By-Laws)



**We need people for our committee!!
Please consider joining the
committee and helping us to
continue to run this successful club
for benefits to its members.**