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4WD Club Newsletter

December 2013



Founded in 2002



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



Gawler & District 4WD Club wishes everyone a

Merry Christmas 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
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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.

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**November 2013*****See the attached Minutes (members only)***

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

President's Report:

Gee, cannot believe that this is our last newsletter for 2013; where has the year gone?

The end of another successful year for the Gawler and Districts 4WD Club and a chance to reflect on some of the highlights of the year. So as not pre-empt the annual report which is presented at the AGM (that's this Friday!) I will focus on some very important thank you's.

I've said it before, but your club cannot operate without the hard work and dedication of the committee members. As thank you's are being said, there is always a risk of missing someone so I will stay away from names. However, there must be a special mention for the organisers of the Christmas show at Wallaroo; (see Trip Report).

Of course, we need to thank our sponsors and commercial supporters. Those businesses that advertise in the Newsletter and provide prizes deserve our support in return. While many of you do use the services of our supporters, it is important that you let them know that you are from the Gawler and Districts 4WD Club - show your membership badge!!

OK, to the next meeting... Our guest speaker is Brian Sambell. You might know Brian as the Mayor of Gawler, but he is also a keen four-wheel driver and has many stories to share with us. After we have heard from Brian, we will then have our AGM and election of next year's committee. See the last pages in this newsletter for details of the positions.

The AGM **your** chance to join the committee and have a say in the running of **your** club.

Hope to see you all there.

[Pete]

Editor's Report:

Welcome to our last meeting for the year. I can't believe that another year has come and gone and 2014 is just around the corner.

Don't forget that we would like to get some trips on the board not only for 2014 but going into 2015 as well so please get your thinking caps on and let the committee know what kind of trip you would like to suggest - it could be a day, a weekend or longer. If you are a bit unsure about leading a trip yourself, or feel you need a hand, someone will probably step up to help you plan and lead a trip.

We are also looking for speakers to attend our meetings in 2014. Again if you have any ideas, please put them forward so that they can be followed up on.

We had 25 entries for the trip report competition, so well done everyone who participated and congratulations to our winner. Perhaps this can be continued on next year.

It's been a pleasure working with the outgoing committee this year and I would like to welcome those new committee members who have put their hands up for a position for the next 12 months.

I wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and lots of "good tripping" in the New Year. Keep safe on the roads during this holiday season and we look forward in seeing you back in the Club in 2014.

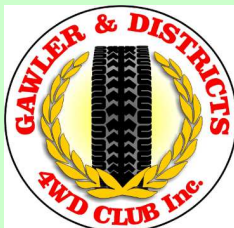
[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

<i>Easter 2014</i>	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.	

GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB



Stickers For Sale – Only \$2.00 each

Magnetic Name Badges - \$10 each

See Quenton at the General Meeting



SUBS ARE DUE SOON FOR 2014

Please fill out renewal form

Members pay annual fee

(to be decided at AGM)

(+ \$10 joining fee for new members)

**Please pay the Treasurer before or at March meeting
together with a copy of your Insurance Policy**

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

DONATIONS NEEDED



Each year we make up Christmas hampers to raffle at our December AGM meeting

Tickets will be \$2 per ticket and the raffle will be drawn 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.

Last minute gifts are always welcome and thank you everyone for helping to make the raffles a success.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

◆◆◆ DECEMBER ◆◆◆
Joan G
John M
Dave R
Peter C



NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

2013 AGM

is this meeting: **Friday 13th December 2013!!!**

All positions *except President and Secretary*
are up for re-election including:-

**Vice-President, Treasurer,
Minute Secretary, Social Secretaries,
Editor & Publisher,
Property Officer/Librarian/Trips Co-ordinator,
and Welcoming Officers etc**

Please consider nominating yourself or someone else for a position within the Club.
We need your continued help and valued input to keep our club active and progressive.

In this newsletter is the Committee Member's Portfolios
and attached is a Committee Nomination Form.

REMEMBER : Please bring a plate of Supper to share at the AGM!

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 any time. Thank you.

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

FEBRUARY 2014

Roy & Bronwyn S
Chris & Julie S
Brenton & Keryn W

GUEST SPEAKERS



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

December AGM and Brian Sambell to talk about his recent trips
including a trip to the Darling.

February "Might involve the work of an Angel ☺"

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 will 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 the Trips Co-ordinator 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"





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 the trips co-ordinator know. Thank you.



SA Caravan & Camping and Outdoor Adventure Show

February 2014 (Date to be announced)



The SA Caravan & Camping Show will tie in with the SA Outdoor Adventure Show to bring South Australia two great shows in one.

Opening Times: 10am - 6pm daily

Entry Cost: TBD

Entry Gate/s: Kidman Gate, Stirling Angas Gate, Wayville Gate & Ridley Gate

Organiser Web: <http://www.caravanandcampingsa.com/>

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 to contact:-

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

Camper Trailer with an extended drawbar, tool box on front

Ring Wayne 0418 852 887 for details

OCT 2013

THANK YOU

We usually purchase our BBQ meat from the local butchers in Gawler but we decided to buy the meat from **Mays Meats in Kadina which we were able to collect on the Saturday of our Wallaroo Christmas Show.**



Not only were they very pleasant to deal with, they also gave us the chicken and sausages at discounted prices! So we would like to extend a very big "thank you" to the butchers at Mays Meats.



SPONSOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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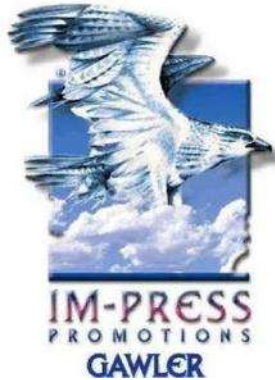
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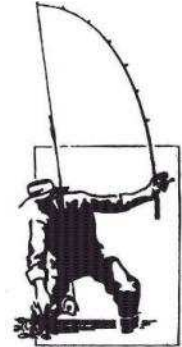
48 Murray St Gawler SA 5118

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Fun, Food & Friendship



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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Contact our editor editor@gawler4wd.com.au for details
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MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD



PHOTO COMPETITION - WINNERS

A BIG THANK YOU TO:-
*Gawler Fishing & Outdoors &
La Dolce Vita Restaurant*
For judging these photos



2013 Club Trips Photos

Winner: Norma Judged and prize donated by Gawler Fishing & Outdoors
Winner: Jane Judged and prize donated by La Dolce Vita Restaurant

Photo numbers were down this year resulting in having to draw upon last minute offers. These are good prizes so please try and "snap" some good shots for 2014 and bring them to the competition to allow everyone a chance to have a good look and maybe have a laugh or two!



TRIP REPORT COMPETITION WINNER

We had 25 entries for the competition, so well done everyone, but unfortunately only one person could win and that person is Martin K. He was rewarded with a \$25 voucher to be spent at the Gawler Fishing & Outdoors shop.



MONTHLY RECIPE



While looking through my trusty Christmas Baking book I came upon a gluten free Christmas cake recipe which is shown below.

GLUTEN FREE CHRISTMAS CAKE

Preparation time: 30 minutes + overnight soaking.

Total cooking time: 3 hours & 30 minute (approx)

Ingredients:

1 kg mixed dried fruit
 160g chopped glace apricots
 140g chopped glace pineapple
 60ml orange juice
 125ml sweet sherry
 250g unsalted butter, softened
 230g soft brown sugar
 5 eggs, lightly beaten
 1 tablespoon coffee & chicory essence
 1 tablespoon molasses
 1 tablespoon orange marmalade
 1 tablespoon grated orange rind

90g slivered almonds
 180g soya flour
 90g baby rice cereal
 90g maize flour
 1 teaspoon bicarb of soda
 1 teaspoon ground cloves
 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1 teaspoon mixed spice
 100g blanched whole almonds for decoration
 2 tablespoons sweet sherry extra

Method:

1. Mix the fruit in a large bowl with the orange juice and sherry. Cover and leave overnight, stirring occasionally. Grease and line a deep 23cm square or 24cm round cake tin. Preheat oven to slow 150C
2. Beat the butter and sugar to just combine. Add the eggs one at a time beating well after each addition. Add the essence, molasses, marmalade and rind and beat until well combined.
3. Transfer the mixture to a large bowl and stir in the fruit, almonds and sifted dry ingredients. Spoon into the tin and tap the tin on the bench to remove air bubbles. Smooth the surface with wet fingertips. Decorate with the almonds (in circles,) pressing in slightly. Wrap the cake tin with 3 or 4 layers of newspaper on the outside and held in place with string. Bake for approx 3 – 3.30 hours or until a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean – sometimes the fruit may stick to the skewer . Remove from the oven and sprinkle with the extra sherry . Cover the top with baking paper, then cover lightly with foil and wrap in a thick tea towel. Cool completely in the tin. Store in an airtight container or in plastic wrap for up to 6 months.

Hope you enjoy!!!



IDEAS AND INFORMATION

Aussie Helpers

Aussie Helpers Ltd is a non profit registered charity that has been operating since 21 May 2002. The charity is operated by some volunteers. These volunteers fully embody the spirit of volunteering, freely giving their own time and expertise (in many cases at their own expense).

They have created a charitable association that is strongly supported by local communities including citizens and small businesses, many of whom have donated and supplied goods and services to enable Aussie Helpers to achieve its goal of "helping to fight poverty in the bush".

Aussie Helpers visits are not meant to solve major problems however at times just knowing that someone cares offers a little hope for better days ahead. Many people are astounded that such an organization such as 'Aussie Helpers' even exist let alone does what it does for people in the bush.

The beneficiaries of Aussie Helpers activities are genuine people who are going through tough times. The majority of the people Aussie Helpers deal with would not ask for help nor expect it.

For more information check out <http://www.aussiehelpers.org.au>

Sand flags in the Simpson

The following is a proposed requirement for mandatory Simpson Desert vehicle flags which will commence with the opening of the Simpson Desert on 16 March 2014.

SAFETY FLAG REQUIREMENT

All vehicles must be fitted with a Safety flag as detailed below when travelling in the Simpson Desert Conservation Park, or Simpson Desert Regional Reserve.

Flag:

Minimum 300mm wide by 290mm high.

Made of Fluorescent materials, Red-Orange or Lime-Yellow in colour.

Motorbikes:

Rear mounted flag pole, with top of the flag a minimum 3.5 metres from the ground.

All Other Vehicles:

With Front Bullbar - Flag pole attached to the bullbar, with top of the flag a minimum 3.5 metres from the ground.

Without Front Bullbar - Flag pole attached via bracket at the front of the vehicle, with top of the flag a minimum 3.5 metres from the ground; alternatively

Flag pole attached to the front of the roof rack, with top of the flag a minimum 2 metres from the roof of vehicle.



Got any 4WD related photos you would like to share with other Club members?

Please bring them along to one of our meetings either on CD or memory stick and the publisher will prepare them for display upon our website for all to share!

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

TRIP REPORTS

Christmas Show Wallaroo Caravan Park

30th November 2013

Another great Christmas breakup

Most people made the journey to Wallaroo on Friday and set up camp, the remainder travelled up on Saturday, arriving around lunch time/mid afternoon.

The weather was perfect, sunny and warm, and John and Jane had been into Kadina late Saturday morning to collect the meat and other supplies for the barbeque. Rather than cart stuff with us from Gawler, we made the decision to purchase the goods locally alleviating the need to freeze the chicken and sausages as well as bread - we decided it was a much better option to buy fresh and that worked out very well indeed, especially as far as keeping the ice cream frozen was concerned!!!! Thanks to the helpful Mays Meat in Kadina for supplying the meat at a discounted price to the Club.

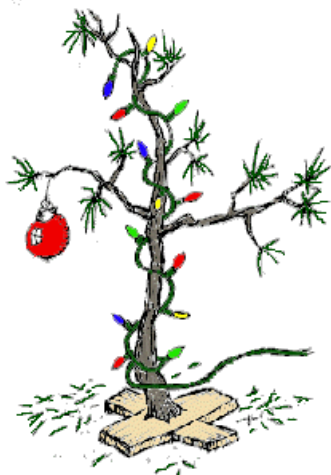
Once lunch was done and we were relaxed out, it was decided to decorate the camp kitchen for the evening's activities so a few of us set to and blew up balloons, trimmed a small Christmas tree and hung some other Christmas trimmings. The kitchen was adequately supplied with fridge, small freezer, tables & benches as well as electric barbecues but the Club's barbecue was set up to be used anyway. Whilst we were in the process of doing this, the manager of the caravan park came around to clean the camp kitchen floor but, as we had already decorated the place, it was decided not to go ahead. We were discussing with him the evening program and when the conversation turned to Father Christmas's sleigh, we asked if we could borrow his golf buggy to transport Father Christmas to the barbecue area. This request was answered with a resounding "yes!" He told us where the buggy could be located and said that we could pick it up when we were ready. There were plenty of offers to be the elf to drive FC to the barbecue area and John J won out!!!

We enjoyed a light "happy hour" - after which the salads started to arrive for the evening barbecue. We didn't want to leave the cooking too late as Father Christmas was due to arrive at 8.00 pm.

The chefs did a wonderful job in cooking the meats to perfection, the assortments of salads were uncovered and we started "tucking in." This was followed by fruit salad and soft ice cream which everyone seemed to like.

Then it was time for the man in red to appear. Unbeknown to us, Father Christmas and his helpful elf had been asked by the manager to do a couple of rounds of the caravan park. They were a bit like the "pied piper of Christmas" as the "sleigh" was following by other campers' children. They finally escaped from that entourage and headed over to the camp kitchen where Father Christmas was welcomed by the big kids and little kids. (Father Christmas's diet was very successful as he was tall and slim rather than short and fat but sprouted a good head of white hair and a long white beard.)

This time Father Christmas was accompanied by another helpful elf by the name of Deb who helped him give out the gifts he'd brought for the



children. Once Father Christmas took his leave of us, it was time to announce the winners of the photo competitions and trip reports.

The winners were:

Trip Report (drawn names out of a hat)	Martin K
Funny Photo (chosen by La Dolce Vita Restaurant)	Jane J
Best Photo (chosen by Gawler Fishing & Outdoor)	Norma R
Peoples' choice (by the people ☺)	Norma R

We would like to acknowledge and thank La Dolce Vita & Gawler Fishing & Outdoor for providing the prizes for the photo competition.

Max & Lyn had prepared a quiz based on rules governing the towing of caravans and camper trailers. Over the hullabaloo we tried to hear the questions and answered them as best we could. Michele ended up winning the most points. Good on you, Michele.

As the evening progressed, people started to take their leave and head back to their campsites. After clearing up, the last few stragglers did likewise. Some people decided to call it a night altogether and tried to sleep whilst a few others partied on. Then the wind hit us!! Wow, it was very strong and the tents were flapping and carrying on. We were lucky, but unfortunately some folk sustained some damage whilst everyone brought in their awnings and secured their tents to save them from the winds. What a night!!

We awoke to a very stormy looking sky but still warm with lightning evident and thunder rumbling around in the background. It looked very much like the heavens were going to open so those of us under canvas - and not only Club members - decided first things first, take down the canvas before it started raining.

It didn't take very long to stow the canvas at all and then we headed to the camp kitchen to enjoy breakfast of one thing or another. Some people were able to enjoy fruit salad and ice cream with their pancakes. Yum!! Others had the standard bacon and eggs cooked to perfection on the electric bbq's. After much socializing again, the kitchen was cleared of all goodies and "goodbyes" said as people headed off home.

What a wonderful relaxing weekend which was enjoyed by everyone. Thanks must go to Jane and John for their organisation skills especially in light of Jane not being well. She did a marvellous job and it needs to be recognised. Thank you to all the helpers and especially to Max and Lyn for bringing the Club barbecue on their ute and, of course, thanks to our "slimmer of the year," Father Christmas and his helpful elves.

Here's looking forward to next year!!

[Sandra & Pete]



Merry Christmas

from everyone at the

Gawler and Districts 4WD Club

TOWING – TARE – GTM – ATM – BALL LOADING

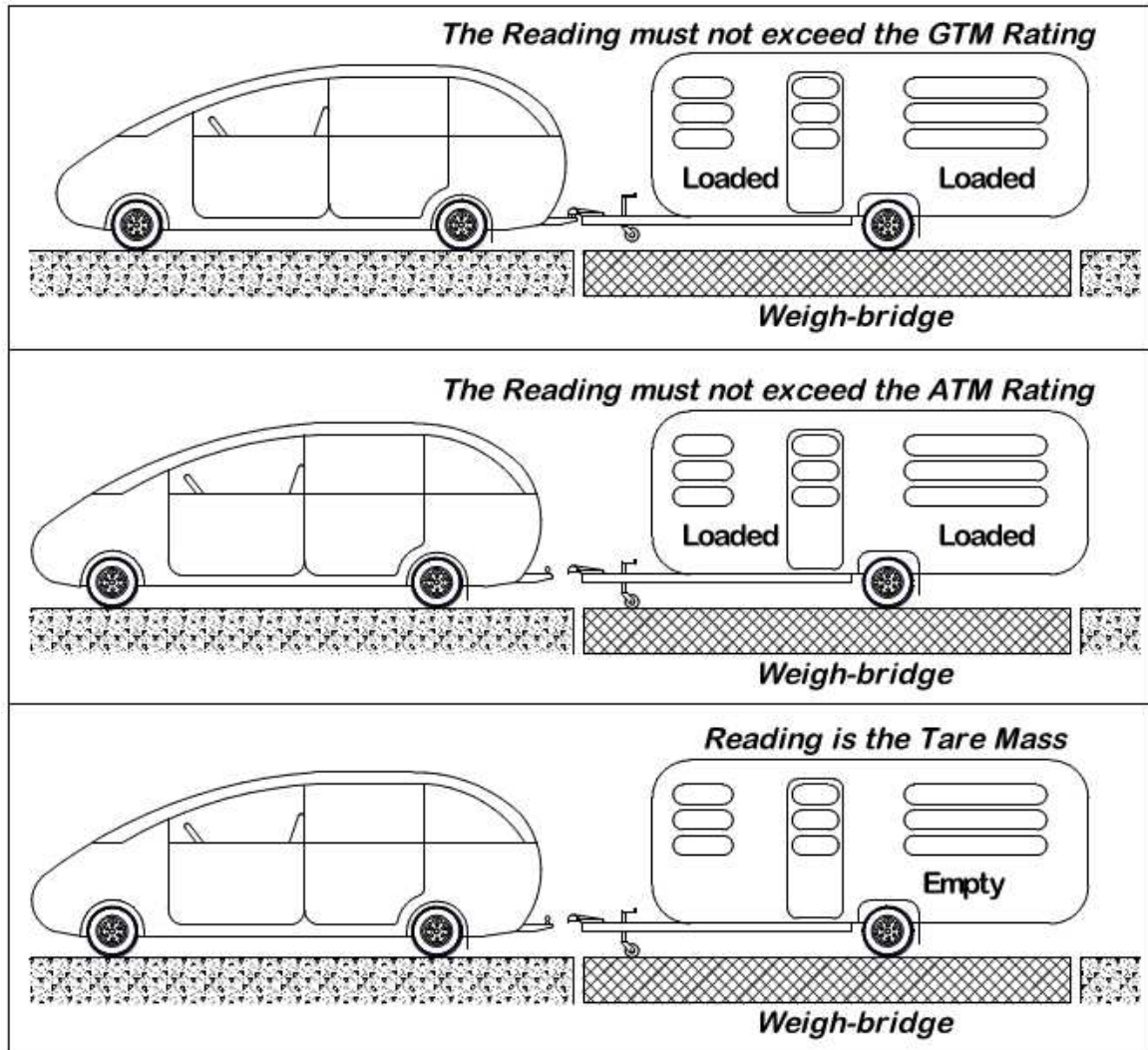
The **GTM & ATM** are Ratings... determined by the Manufacturer!

The **Tare Mass** and **Ball-Loading** are Actual Masses... that must be measured!

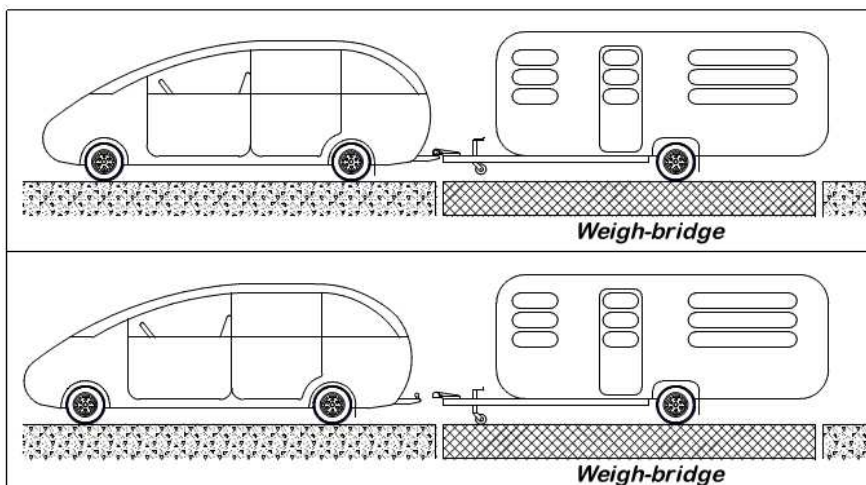
The **Tare Mass** is the actual measured mass of the vehicle as it leaves the Manufacturer.

The vehicle is fitted with everything that was stated on the Purchase Contract.

The vehicle is empty. *The gas cylinder(s) and the water tanks(s) must be empty.*



The legal Load-Carrying Capacity = ATM Rating – Tare Mass



The **Ball-Loading** is the difference between the two readings

For full details see the Caravan Council of Australia web site:

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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 4WD driving 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.