

Gawler & Districts

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4WD Club Newsletter

June 2014



Founded in 2002



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



Caernavon Track (Flinders Ranges) - April 2014

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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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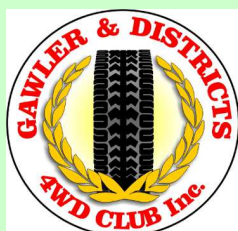
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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**2014**

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>
General		14	14	11	9	13	11	8	12	10	14	12
Committee		5	5	2		4	2		3	1	5	3
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NOTE: DEADLINE TIME - All newsletter articles to the Editor before Committee Meeting date

Club committee meetings commence at 7:30pm on the scheduled Wednesday, on a rotating basis, held at various committee members' homes. All club members welcome.

Last General Meeting***May 2014******See the attached Minutes (members only)*****GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB**

Stickers For Sale – Only \$2.00 each

New Sticker with Web address - \$3.00 each

Magnetic Name Badges - \$10 each

See Quenton at the General Meeting

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

President's Report:

By the time you see this, the June long weekend trip will be over and, for those of us who couldn't go, we'll be looking forward to seeing the trip report and pictures.



We have received an invitation from the Wanderer's 4WD Club for their annual "Nuts and Bolts" day to be held on Sunday 24th August. I would encourage you to come along to this event as there are always some good ideas shared around. Of course, they also want to hear about our good ideas as well. So, if you have a snippet you would like to share, come along - don't have to stay all day.

The trips list is a little short. If you have ideas for weekend (or day) trips, talk to your committee and we'll help with the organising.

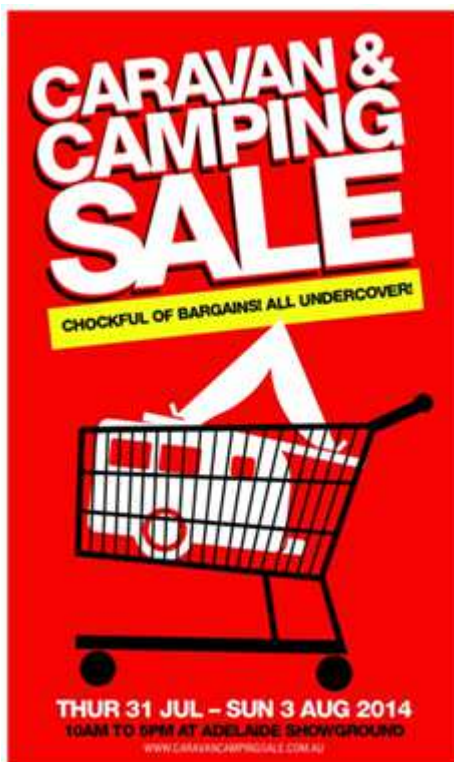
[Pete]

Editor's Report:

Hello everyone and a warm welcome to our June meeting and to our special guest from the RAA who will talk to us about driving as we get older.



Under "Social Corner" you will see some suggestions of a social nature which were discussed at the last Committee meeting. No dates have been set so far as we would like to gauge the Club's interest in participating in them. If we have positive feedback, we can go ahead and make arrangements. How do you feel?



Lyn Lillecrapp & Quenton have been kind enough to provide articles for the newsletter and I hope you find them fascinating reading. I certainly did! If you have any articles or personal trip reports which others would find interesting to read, please forward them to me at my email address.

We are still struggling for guest speakers - if you know of anyone who could fit the bill please advise Pete or one of the other Committee members. Thank you.

Till next month

[Sandra]
[allambee6@bigpond.com]



COMING EVENTS

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th August 2014 Sand and Rock Training

Limit:	10
Details:	Sand and rock training and socialising
Requirements:	Sand flag, recovery gear, BYO food, water and wood
Costs:	TBD
Meet:	Tailem Bend Shell Roadhouse at 9.00 am
Leaders:	Peter Harper

Saturday 23 August 2014 Woolies BBQ

Details:	Volunteers required for approx 2-3 hour shifts on a roster basis Start: 8.00 am to commence serving at 8.30 am Finish: around 4 pm
Where:	Fenced off area in Woolies car park
Co-ordinator:	Chris Sieben, ph: 0438 223 724

Sunday 24th August 2014 10.00AM Wanderers 4WD Club Nuts & Bolts Day

Location	At Geoff And Jeanne's 283 Heaslip Rd, Angle Vale. (500 M North Of Angle Vale Rd On West Side)
Details:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Static display of 4WD set ups (Wanderers and Gawler club) • 2 x 12 volt battery welding repairs • Damaged radiator, sump, fuel tank and water tank repairs • Gas bottle safety seal • Fill gear box, transfer case and diffs with oil in quick time • Display of Ford "T"s • Display of early Ford V8s 1932 to 1952 • Damper cooking demonstration (and tasting) • BBQ cooking available (bring your own meat and chairs, table and other drinks) • Coffee and tea provided • Other camping and 4WD equipment • UHF and HF radio information session • And more displays <p>NB: Do not ask Geoff for fig jam for your damper as refusal will delight him (PS ask me, Jeanne) phone 8284 7095 for any queries</p>

Quorn	October Long Weekend Sat 4th, Sun 5th, Mon 6th October, 2014
Limit:	12 vehicles
Details:	Staying at the Quorn Caravan Park, Driving Arden Hills 4WD track on the Sunday, optional 1/2 day Pichi Richi Explorer train ride on the Monday 10.30am.
Requirements:	Caravans, Camper Trailers, Tents. UHF radio, experienced 4WDers, usual recovery equip including air compressor, jack plate, shovel, camera, binoculars, all food and water. Note- Daylight Saving starts Sun AM.
Costs:	Caravan Park - Unpowered Single \$19, 2 Persons \$25. Powered Single \$26, 2 Persons \$32. Extra Adult \$10, Extra Child \$6. 3 night minimum - Book your own site - 8648 6206 Arden Hills 4WD track \$45 per vehicle. Pichi Richi Explorer - Adult \$47, Conc \$44, School Child \$16, under 4 - free. Book your own seats - 1800 440 101
Meet:	Friday at Caravan Park, or Tarlee Saturday 8.00am
Leaders:	Trip Leader - required Assistant Trip Leader – Nick
Trip Co-ordinator:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601

Friday Funnies

From WestPrint Friday Five 2014.5.9



A blonde and a lawyer are seated next to each other on a flight from Los Angeles to New York. The lawyer asks if she would like to play a fun game. The blonde, tired, just wants to take a nap, politely declines and rolls over to the window to catch a few winks. The lawyer persists and explains that the game is easy and a lot of fun. He explains, "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me \$5.00, and vice versa." Again, she declines and tries to get some sleep. The lawyer, now agitated, says, "Okay, if you don't know the answer you pay me \$5.00, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500.00." This catches the blonde's attention and, figuring there will be no end to this torment unless she plays, agrees to the game. The lawyer asks the first question. "What's the distance from the earth to the moon?" The blonde doesn't say a word, reaches into her purse, pulls out a \$5.00 bill and hands it to the lawyer. "Okay" says the lawyer, "your turn." She asks the lawyer, "What goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four legs?" The lawyer, puzzled, takes out his laptop computer and searches all his references, no answer. He taps into the air phone with his modem and searches the net and the library of congress, no answer. Frustrated, he sends e-mails to all his friends and coworkers, to no avail. After an hour, he wakes the blonde, and hands her \$500.00. The blonde says, "Thank you," and turns back to get some more sleep. The lawyer, who is more than a little miffed, wakes the blonde and asks, "Well, what's the answer?" Without a word, the blonde reaches into her purse, hands the lawyer \$5.00, and goes back to sleep.

Two hunters are out in the woods when one of them collapses. He doesn't seem to be breathing and his eyes are glazed. The other guy whips out his phone and calls the emergency services. He gasps, "My friend is dead! What can I do?" The operator says "Calm down. I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead." There is a silence, and then a shot is heard. Back on the phone, the guys says "OK, now what?"





TRAVELS WITH

By Lyn Lillecrapp

A "WHEELIE"

What wonderful memories were evoked by reading Alyce Pearson's story, "Alyce and the Kombi" (OTR, July 2011). I, too, as a single female, have travelled much of this wonderful country of ours, albeit using my "Mini Merc" (wheelchair) as well as a motor vehicle. "Wheelchair bound", "confined" to a wheelchair – certainly not!

Having a father who claimed his ideal "home" was camped under a gum tree, beside the Mighty Murray with the billy on the boil, I guess the travelling, camping lifestyle is in my blood.

My first foray into camping was in 2003 when, with borrowed equipment from seasoned hiking/camping friends (to see how/if I could/would manage before outlaying any cost), and having 3 weeks annual leave, I travelled through Victoria, via the Snowy Mountains to the NSW South Coast, then up to Wollongong. The only problem incurred was when a Southerly Buster blew in at Narooma and the tent's stitching collapsed – a motel for the night, tent repaired the next day, then onwards and upwards!

During 2005 I continued travelling & camping in my 2WD station wagon (sleeping behind the driver's seat and storing equipment on the passenger side), travelling through NSW & QLD to the east coast then on to the Daintree Rain Forest. Over the next 2 years, having decided that with careful planning I could manage very well, I researched small 4WD vehicles, camping equipment, and subscribed to camping magazines – OTR being the only magazine with reports on any disability facilities – and started rigging out.

In 2007 I purchased a Nissan X-Trail (back seat laid flat for sleeping, a suitable size for me to handle, and 4WD enough for my needs, recognising that "Mini Merc" is not 4WD and, therefore, I would not be accessing really rugged areas) named it "Boris" after the croc in the ads for that model and, with a few adaptations – moving the under-the-floor spare wheel to a swing-away outside the hatch (with a detachable ramp for rolling the tyres up and down) and installing a release button to open the hatch from the rear compartment – I was ready to roll, having finally ceased full-time employment after 40 years.

My first trip in this vehicle was to the Sunshine Coast, then up to Mackay, back to Kinka Beach for 10 days, meeting QLD friends there, and experiencing Rocky's coldest Winter day on record! Even for a southerner used to rather cool Winters, it was cold. That same year was also my first trip to the Flinders Ranges – an easy day trip from my home town, Gawler.

The following year saw me planning a trip up through the Red Centre, leaving early June, arriving home – when?? What an experience! Here I now was in areas I had only read about, viewing Uluru at sunset, the Olgas being just as majestic, meeting incredible (and incredulous - at my audacity of travelling alone as a

“wheelie”!) fellow travellers along the way. I did all the things and visited all the places the “good” tourist does and visits – helicopter flights over Katherine Gorge, Kakadu Yellow Waters Cruise.

On to Darwin, staying at Howard Springs (was anyone left down south) for 10 days, then across to Kununurra for 2 weeks, on to Broome, down the West Coast to Geraldton, then, as it was getting much colder, decided to head for home (promising myself to return to the SW corner of WA in warmer months). Over to Kalgoolie, seeing some of the early blooming wildflowers for which the West is famous, to Norseman, then a wonderful trip across the Nullabor. Boring – definitely not. A drive I so much enjoyed, determining to one day again travel The Plain.



2010 saw me in Tasmania for 6 weeks, having sailed on the “Spirit” in late January. With careful planning and booking through a travel agent to ensure the correct procedure for “wheelies”, the trip each way was a breeze. Again, a wonderful time travelling the east and west coasts including the Tarkine Forest road, and all through the middle, also catching up with friends in Deloraine. A few minor problems experienced with lack of access to some of the early buildings as, due to being heritage listed, they were not allowed to be adapted for access. Nevertheless, I was able to access so many areas and experience the beauty and history of the “Apple Isle”.

Keeping my promise to myself to return to WA, I again travelled the Nullabor in February of this year, swinging south from Norseman and travelling west, then north to Fremantle, not visiting Perth as I had previously done so on a number of occasions when working. I spent 4 glorious weeks in this area, again being awed at the majesty and beauty of various areas, and meeting some of the friendliest folk, with some of whom I’ve kept in regular touch. Home across the Nullabor, again a most enjoyable drive.

Mad to travel alone as a “wheelie”? Some have said, “definitely”, others have been so supportive. Any troubles? Mechanically, no as I have always ensured my vehicles are in top condition, with appropriate adaptations I require for this type of travel. Safety? I was securely locked into my vehicle each night, so no problems there. Most “problems” have come from occasionally abusive fellow travellers who, for some reason, believe I have no right to be out and about – I pity them for their narrow mindedness and, perhaps, their lack of being able to accept that many things can be done in different ways – did they feel threatened by this, I wonder.



Yes, there are areas I cannot access or hike into, but by joining a 4WD club I make up for this by taking delight in other members’ trips, their stories and photos. What would I have not seen had I not gone travelling – so much. I enjoy what I can see/do, and don’t worry about what I can’t.

Future travels – definitely! Next year I’m over to the Victorian High Plains, then maybe up the Centre again, but ... who knows where the mood plans!!

[Lyn Lillecrapp]

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

◆◆◆ JUNE ◆◆◆
John Jansen
Joann Wuttke



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 (Lyn Leske or Mandy Greatwich) any time.

MAY 2014	JUNE 2014	JULY 2014
John & Astrid Gardner	Sandra & Peter Harper	John & Jane Jansen
Darryll & Joan Grace	Wayne & Sandra Heintze	Stephen Kelly
Peter & Mandy Greatwich	Alan & Barbara Hoffman	Martin Kisbee

GUEST SPEAKERS



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

June:	RAA – Education for Older Drivers
July:	Help!! suggestions required for rest of year
August:	Graham Brookman – Food Forest

SOCIAL CORNER

Suggestions for club social outings include:

- Progressive Dinner
- Teddy Bears Picnic
- Film Night
- Hopes Gully 4WD Park, Terowie
- Port Adelaide Graving Yard & Maritime Museum

The Social Committee is currently looking at venues for the end of year Christmas function and more details will be advised in due course.



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

PROPOSED TRIPS & OUTINGS:

- **TBA** **2 August 2014 -Trip to the Observatory at Stockport, more details to follow, Jane to advise**
- **TBA** **Possible Border Track trip depending on access. Quenton to advise**
- **TBA** **Puppy Spings/Dorado Downs contact person Bill Small 8577 2228 (2 properties) – Leader required**
- **Other Suggestions: Australia Day weekend – Coorong**

CLUB SURVEY RESULTS

Below are the results of the club survey which may inspire you to a possible trip or event. If you have any contacts in any of the mentioned suggestions, or would like to lead a day trip or send in an article for the newsletter; please let a member of the committee know.

Guest Speakers

Gawler's History, Flora and Fauna native to our area, 4WD Modifications, Auto Electrics, ARB, National Parks, Tyres, Trip Preparation, Resource Management Board, Outback Survival, Land Owners & Tourism Operators, Vehicle Road Accident and Rescue, Members Trips and Experiences, Members Hobbies apart from 4 wheel driving, St Johns, Gawler Fishing, VKS Radio Network, Photography and the CFS.

Day Trips

Close drivable beaches, Tours through factories etc, 1st Rocks Trip, Stock Port Observatory, Mystery Trips, Local places with History, Fishing, Mt Mary, Yukamurra Sanctuary, Picnic along the River Murray, Crabbing, Winter time camp oven cook out, Carrick Hill and Salisbury Wetlands.

Newsletter Articles

Personal Trips members have done, Dual Battery Set Ups and trailer wiring, info and stories from online forums, Equipment Use, Members Vehicle Set Ups, RAA and Ambulance Cover note, Bush cooking, First Aid page, 4WD articles from other clubs and magazines and Road Rule changes

WE NEED YOUR INPUT FOR SUGGESTIONS – IF WE DONT GET ANY THEN NO-ONE WILL PLAN ANY!

SA CARAVAN, CAMPING & OFF ROAD SALE

Adelaide Showgrounds

31 July to 3 August 2014

If you are in the market for more "stuff" then
please make a note in your diaries.
More details when available.



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)

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**THOSE GOOD OLD DAYS ...****Do other mothers feel like a travelling circus at weekends, as I do?**

Keeping up with modern times, we own a car and a speedboat, but when we take our son and his family to the beach for a day, I can't help sighing for the old days, when we had a horse and buggy. We prepared the food and waterbag the day before and filled a nosebag with chaff for the two ponies. At the beach, we dug a hole in the sand for all perishable food and gathered a few twigs to boil the billy. We children had a bucket and spade each and what a lovely time we had.

Now, for a day at the beach, we do this: Go up the street for petrol and oil for the car and a special drum of petrol for the boat. Check tyres of car and trailer. Buy chops and sausages, get sliced bread and cold meat from the delicatessen. Call on the ice-man to fill the portable ice-box, then collect soft drinks.

At home, we pack food and equipment, including portable gas ring (to boil kettle and heat baby's food), portable barbecue, picnic tables and chairs, transistor radio, skis, ropes and life jackets, crab nets, fishing lines and camera. The children take bathers, sun cream, towels, buckets, spade, beach ball and their puppy.

My husband said it's a good life if you don't weaken, but I'm afraid I do.

This was published in the Woman's Day "With Woman" article in March 1964 by Ada Earl. (Quenton's late Grandmother) She was paid 10/6 for the article and it was signed "Circus Clown", Richmond, S.A.

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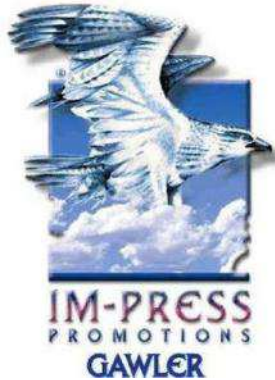
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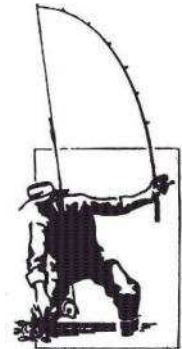
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Fun, Food & Friendship



The **Gawler and Districts 4WD Club** would like to 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.

Gawler 4WD Web Site

Have you checked out our web site lately?

www.gawler4wd.com.au

Details of when meetings are to be held, what trips and events are coming up along with useful links to lots of 4WD resources are included. Read about the latest trip report or view our photo library. Of course, you can download one of our newsletters (back to Aug 2009) including our special 10th year anniversary versions.



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MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD



It's back again!!!

***** 2014 PHOTO COMPETITION *****

The committee has decided that the photo competition this year will again be run by John J and the same rules apply 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 (14 Nov)
- (g) Late entries will not be accepted
- (h) All judging is carried out by our sponsors (and their decisions are final!):



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

DON'T FORGET
They must be in by November General Meeting!!

GREAT PRIZES!!!

***** 2014 TRIP REPORT COMPETITION *****

Due to the overwhelming response last year (we had 25 entries,) we have decided to continue on with the Trip Report 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, serious or amusing, whether you have written one or more, 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, keep-on writing!!!**

DTU TRAINING

Events the DTU are running are:

14th September OH&S, Risk and emergency response course

An internal course covering aspects of OH&S, risk management and emergency response relating to 4WD activities and training

Cost is \$20



18/19 October Trip Leader Course

An internal course covering aspects of Trip Planning and Leadership. Conducted at Cavan

Cost TBA

15/16 November GPS / Ozi Explorer Course

An internal course covering aspects of GPS technology and the practical use of Ozi Explorer. Conducted at Cavan

Cost is TBA

IDEAS AND INFORMATION

I am sure this is a familiar scenario for most of us.

Dirt Road Etiquette

I would like to raise an issue which has been annoying me increasingly over the past few years; correct etiquette for driving on dirt roads.

As part of my various jobs over the last 35 years I have done a lot of dirt road driving in outback S.A. When I was taught to drive on dirt some 30 + years ago by the old timers of that era it was drummed into me that the correct thing to do when meeting an oncoming vehicle was to pull over to the left as much as practical and to slow down considerably; this reduces the risk of copping a stone through the windscreen and also reduces the dust cloud during the more risky passing manoeuvre.

Unfortunately this level of consideration has almost passed away like many of the old timers who taught them to me. It is quite rare to be afforded this courtesy these days, the bigger offenders seem to be those travelling for work rather than the tourists. Are we in that much of a hurry these days that we lack common courtesy?

(Taken from Westprint Friday Five dated 23.5.2014, signed by David)



Got any 4WD related photos you would like to share?

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

Mystery Drive

Sunday 4th May 2014

It's 9am May 4, 2014. The sun is shining and there's an invigorating nip in the air for our Mystery drive. We set off from the Visitor's Centre and I think we almost lost our Tail End Charlie, Norma, before we even left the carpark.

Now I didn't take roll call, the discussion of the day in the car was that I should have and just because of that I didn't. But there was Quenton and us and John and Jane, Wayne & Sandra, Keryn & Brenton, Marie, Nick and Kerry and the ankle-biters Kaleb & Ali, Norma & Chris, Limpin' Lyn & "use your stick!" Max. Don't think I missed anyone!



Heading towards Lyndoch we turn off to Rosedale. I love exploring those roads off the main drag that you don't have any reason to go down and there were several of these today. I don't think I've ever been to Light Pass where we had morning tea and visited Luhr's cottage.

This was a brilliant and charming display of life in the 19th Century. The school display reminded many of us of our vintage when we found lots of things that were familiar. Can your kids read cursive? Do you remember pen and ink, or were you the boy that dipped pigtails in the inkwells?

Sandra even managed to find a very comfortable little out house!!



On to Nuri and as we followed Quenton trustingly we tried to guess the next stop. It was the Barossa Valley Tourist Park where we got up close and personal with Pop Kaesler's 1929 Dodge caravan. Everyone was in awe of this little house on wheels and where he and his family went in it.

It was very special to be able to actually get into it, touch and feel and really see it in detail. I tried to imagine what my reaction might have been if Chris proposed that we take three children to the middle of the never never for months on end as an anniversary present.



Lucky children though! Just imagine the fun they would have had!



Onto the dirt, and just a little bit of mud. Bet you weren't planning on getting your car dirty Q! A few more turns on and off the bitumen and quite a few more miles and we pass through Hamilton (thought that was in Victoria), Marabel and come to rest for lunch at Saddleworth.



Then onto the Saddleworth and District Historical Society Museum. Lots of gear here, first time I've taken a really good look at the old carts. Wonder what kind of turning circle they have.



The round fridge with the lazy susan shelves seemed a good idea. I wonder why it didn't take on?

Last stop was the Balaklava Agricultural Museum. Even more heaps of gear here, lots of variety, something for everyone, even a working blacksmiths. The evening chill came in just as we left about 4pm.

Haven't been for a Sunday drive in forever and really enjoyed it. I was surprised we covered a total of 240 kms! But what a glorious day to travel all over the countryside. Really glad that it was not raining as some of those roads would have challenged anyone's mud training!

Thanks Quenton (Our resident "Leyland Brother"!).

[Julie]

Peake Sand Social

Saturday 17th – Sunday 18th May 2014

Kaleb and I got an early start Saturday morning, getting up at 6:30 am and managed to hit the road by 7am.

Trip up was a good drive, arriving at Taillem Bend at 8:45am and decided to top up with fuel just in case.

Pete popped out and said he and Jo were inside trying to get some breakfast, but service was slow.

Martin showed up as we were resting and said everyone was out the back and ready to go. Out in the car park there were both Martins and some of their friends Rodney and Fiona, Adam and David in 3 cars.

We all hit the road for Peake but everyone must have been tired as chit chat was minimal.

Arriving at Peake everyone claimed their spots and pitched their varied sleeping quarters.

A couple of vehicles were up for the day so went out to play while everyone set up. This didn't take long and we all were soon out enjoying the sand. With the weather we have had we all thought it was going to be quite firm, BUT, quickly we found out otherwise.



Headed back to camp around noon-ish and found David, Michelle and Jessica had arrived and set the caravan up.

Lunch didn't seem to be important and everyone was out driving again.



Went to the hilly side and before too long David was caught out and needed to be recovered. Rodney's Landcruiser had a winch and was able to get David quite a good way to recovery, then David with numerous amounts of driving forwards and reversing was out. Toyota drivers took lots of pictures of recovery. Only fun they had...lol.



Later in the day I too managed to belly up on a dune and had no traction at all. David was kind enough to pull me backwards while all the Toyota boys took pictures.

Going to have to troll YouTube for the vision I suppose.

At the campsite the two Martins got the fire going and everyone cooked their dinners. Was a nice evening, very cloudy but still. There was lots of chatter and everyone got along well. We had lots of wood brought up and if we were there for 4 nights we might have run out. I retired early as it was a long day with an early start. At 3 am I awoke to the loudest music ever and went out to see what drunks were up to and see if they had an inferno blazing but was completely black. I rang the owner and asked if anyone else was on the property, but she said it was them celebrating her hubby's 50th and would turn the music down. 10 minutes later it was off!!

Oooops ... after a small morning shower and everyone started to get up and quizzing each other to see who the noisy bugga was. After telling them about my phone call they all laughed.



Sunday was another good day driving, some trying to outdo others, but all enjoyed. Unfortunately I managed to bottom out again and needed some assistance. Embarrassing!

After lunch we packed up and made tracks for home. Most of us followed each other to Tailern Bend then went separate ways around Murray Bridge.

Was a really good weekend weather wise and company was excellent. Cheers to all!!

[Nick and Kaleb]

PS. Nick was the trip leader organiser as well as the report writer! Well done!

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