

Gawler & Districts

www.gawler4wd.com.au

4WD Club Newsletter

October 2014



Founded in 2002



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



Bendleby - June 2014

INDEX

Committee Members	3
Schedule of Meetings.....	3
Notes from Your Committee	4
Coming Events.....	5
Social Corner	7
Ideas and Information	8
Raffle Roster	10
Guest Speakers.....	10
Birthday Wishes	10
Information on Other Events	11
Proposed Trips & Outings	11
History Corner	12
For Sale.....	15
Members Notice Board	17
DTU Training.....	19
Club Training	19
Trip Reports.....	21
Committee Members WANTED for 2015.....	23

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.



**Gawler & Districts 4WD Club
Inc.
P.O. Box 486
Freeling SA 5372**

Enquiries Contacts: President or Secretary
0410 526 317 (Peter - President)
08 8523 2507 (Deb – Secretary)
EMAIL: info@gawler4wd.com.au
WEB: www.gawler4wd.com.au

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

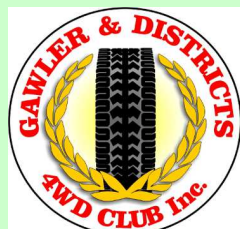
PRESIDENT/PUBLIC OFFICER Peter Harper : 8523 0889 / 0410 526 317	VICE PRESIDENT Wayne Heintze : 8523 0407 / 0432 339 213
TREASURER Norma Rivett : 0438 120 342	SECRETARY Deb Earl : 8523 2507
EDITOR Sandra Harper : 8523 0889	PUBLISHER Chris Sieben : 8280 7414 / 0438 223 724
MINUTES SECRETARY Lyn Lillecrapp : 0418 826 156 (General) Norma Rivett : 0438 120 342 (Committee)	SOCIAL SECRETARIES Lyn Leske : 8524 9002 / 0403 332 432
TRIPS/PROPERTY LIBRARIAN CO-ORDINATOR Quenton Earl : 8523 2507 / 0407 604 601	TRAINING CO-ORDINATOR DTU DELEGATE Peter Harper : 0410 526 317
COMMITTEE (GENERAL) Jane Jansen : 8523 0657 / 0409 091 851	ASSOCIATION DELEGATE John Mewett : 8522 5664 / 0408 824 654
WELCOMING OFFICERS	Dave Riddle / Paul Mitchell

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**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					

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***September 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:

Gee, another year is almost over and as we look towards our end-of-year Christmas party at Loxton, we are also looking at the Club's Annual General Meeting which is held in December. Want to have a greater say in the running of *your* club? Then the AGM is the ideal time to put your hand up for a position. More information can be found later in this newsletter and also in the mail-out. If you want more info, please feel free to contact me, or one of the other Committee members.

This month's guest speaker is from Redarc and as we have done before, the speaker will start at 7.30 pm. We'll conduct the meeting immediately following the speaker's spot. There are a couple of reasons for this sequence: firstly the speaker has a long way to come and secondly, this will allow more time for the training requirements discussion.

[Pete]

Editor's Report:

Welcome to the October edition of the Newsletter.

The next meeting will be a very busy one as outlined by Pete above. We do ask that you give consideration to the article on "future training & assessing" which has been in this and past newsletters and come prepared with questions/ideas to put to the floor.

The trivia night, as detailed in the newsletter, may appeal to you. If you would like to attend or be included on a table, please speak to Norma. Maybe we could get a table of 10 from club members!!! Most trivia nights are very entertaining so please consider giving this very worthy cause some support.

We have included some extra ideas for social activities for future months. If anything appeals to you, please let Quenton know.

There are only two meetings left for 2014 after the October meeting. Don't forget any donations of Christmas goodies can be left with Lyn Leske to go into the Christmas hamper/s which will be drawn at the December meeting. Thank you.

Please remember to pass any photos you have for the competition to John and Jane Jansen by the November meeting.

That's it till next month.

[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

Teddy Bears' Picnic Sunday, 16 November 2014

Trip Details: Mystery Drive/Picnic. Prize for best Teddy Bear (one bear/stuffed toy per person)



Requirements: Bring Morning tea to share, bring picnic lunch for yourself, picnic rug, chairs, hat, camera and don't forget Teddy.

Cost: Nil

Meet: Gawler Visitor Information Centre at 9.00 am

Trip Leaders: Quenton and Old Ted, ph: 0407 604 601

Christmas Show Friday & Saturday 28/29th November 2014

Trip Details: Please see separate notice in magazine

Where: **LOXTON RIVERFRONT CARAVAN PARK**
 Sophie Eddington Drive. Loxton
 Phone number: 08 8584 7862
 Web: www.lrcp.com.au

Cost: Powered sites \$35/night
 Unpowered sites \$30/night
 Ensuite Powered Sites \$40
 Extra adult \$8/night and children \$6/night up to 16 yrs
 If we have more than 10 , then 10% DISCOUNT APPLIES
 These charges apply to all sites.

Deposit: The Park require the fee for one night as a deposit
 (We have provisionally booked 10 powered sites under the name of Gawler 4WD Club. When you call they will take your details and put your name against one of the sites.)

Easter 2015	3-6 April 2015 Mt Ive Station, Gawler Ranges
Trip Details:	Mt Ive Station 4WD tracks (see www.mtive.com.au for more details)
Where:	Gawler Ranges
Cost:	16 Powered sites \$28 for 2 people/night, \$10 extra per person, kids under 15 yrs \$5, under 5 yrs free. Unpowered sites \$20/night (other details as above) OR Bush Camps at \$9 per person per night. Drive to showers & toilets at campsite. 4WD tracks once off fee of \$50 per vehicle whatever track is used. Book of tracks available when signing in. Fuel usually \$1.91, few supplies available. BYO food unless pre-book 1 week prior.
Deposit:	No deposit required.
Trip Leader:	Max Leske



AUSTRALIA DAY 2015

Australia Day 2015 - Coorong.

Dates: Weekend 24/25/26 January 2015

Going ahead, more details to follow

For your interest, the following information was recorded in the DTU Minutes of a meeting held on 18 September 2014:

*“During the last month 4WDSA has been in communication with the Wakefield Regional Council regarding environmental damage caused to the Balaclava Rocks area by the Adelaide All 4x4 Club. Many clubs have already offered support in repairing the damage and it was pointed out that this club is not a member of 4WDSA. WRC have requested that all clubs let their members know that this area **IS NOT** a 4WD area.”*

The “cowboys” are still out there giving all four wheel drivers a bad name!!! That’s why training is so important.

Christmas Party 2014



When: Fri 28 & Sat 29 November 2014

Venue: LOXTON RIVERFRONT

CARAVAN PARK

Sophie Eddington Drive, Loxton

We hope to see you there!

FACILITIES INCLUDE: Undercover electric barbecues area, Lions playground adjacent to caravan park, recreation room, camp kitchen, disabled facilities and kiosk which provides ice, gas refills, milk, bread, papers, tourist information and general groceries.

As per previous years, the Club will provide the meat and dessert. Please bring a salad to share and also a gift for each child valued around \$10-\$15

For more information please refer to:

www.lrcp.com.au

PHONE: 08 8584 7862

*** See price details under "coming events" ***

10 powered sites provisionally booked.



SOCIAL CORNER

Suggestions for club social outings include:

- *Film Night*
- *Port Adelaide Graving Yard & Maritime Museum*
- *Put Put Golf, Tanunda*
- *Winery Tour*
- *History Week 2015, Walking tour West Terrace cemetery*

Please pass on any social suggestions or comments to one of our Social Committee!

IDEAS AND INFORMATION

FEES TO SUPPORT MAINTENANCE OF NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK

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

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

Entrance fee \$10 applies for the current year or visitors can buy the following:

- \$60 Single Parks Pass which covers them for 12 months entrance only
- \$120 Single Parks Pass with camping
- \$90 Multi Parks Pass
- \$180 Multi Parks Pass with camping

Activities at the park supported by the fees include:

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

[More information available on 4WDSA site]

NEW ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS - WOOMERA PROHIBITED AREA (WPA)

Amendments to the Defence Act have established a co-existence framework to provide greater certainty of access and assurance to all non-Defence users around Defence activity in the WPA. The Act also introduces, through the *Woomera Prohibited Area Rule 2014*, a permit system for non-Defence user access; access management zones with defined exclusion periods; and new compliance and enforcement measures. The Rule came into effect on 27 August 2014.

Implications for Tourists

Tourists will need to apply for a **Tourist Permit** to transit through or travel to all areas within the WPA other than the:

- Stuart Highway;
- William Creek Road;
- The Lake, Cadibarrawirracanna Road;
- Olympic Dam - Pimba Road: and
- The Woomera Village.

Permits previously issued by the Woomera Test Range for travel up until end October 2014 remain valid. Additional information on all new access arrangements, including permit applications and accompanying forms can be found at: <http://www.defence.gov.au/woomera>.

Jellyfish and Vinegar

AVRU ([Australian Venom Research Institute](#)) at the University of Melbourne pioneered the Pressure Immobilisation Bandage as first aid for snakebite, which has now been adopted worldwide, and recommend the following as the best first aid for jellyfish stings:

Vinegar

Use for **Box Jellyfish and Irukandji**.

Step 1: Pour plenty of vinegar over the wound (for at least 30 seconds).

Step 2: Remove any tentacle material still stuck to the patient's skin.

Step 3: Seek medical help as soon as possible.

Why? – To prevent the further release of venom into the skin.

Hot water

Use for non-tropical **Bluebottles, Crown-of-Thorns Starfish, Sea Anemones, Sea Urchins and Stinging Fish including Stingrays** (but note the special instructions for Stingray wounds).

Step 1: Remove any spines or tentacles with tweezers. Note: Do not remove barbs from stingray wounds, as this must be done in hospital only.

Step 2: Bathe the wound with hot water (that is no hotter than 45 degrees Celsius) to relieve pain. The other unaffected limb should be comfortable in the water – test it on yourself first to avoid causing a burn.

Step 3: Seek medical help as soon as possible.

Why? – To relieve pain.

I have these summarised and with links back to AVRU for each group of stings on my First Aid page; direct link to this section. Judy. <http://www.australiasomuchtosee.com/planning5.htm#stings>

In regard to Box Jellyfish *Chironex fleckeri* and others of this ilk...

I would still rely on the advice in Sutherland & Tibballs (2nd Edition 2001) "Australian Animal Toxins" Oxford Uni Press. Pg 581 "Of all the substances tested by Hartwick et al., only vinegar or acetic acid solutions up to a concentration of 10% produced rapid and complete inhibition ..."and (same page) ".. Light (1914) recorded that the natives of the Philippines recommended ...a mixture of vinegar and sugar ..." Pg 587 "... mildly painful stings respond well to ... ice-and-water packs after the application of vinegar.

Treatment for envenomation by venomous fish other than stone fish including the well-loved "Happy Moments" *Siganus spinus* is immersion in warm to hot water ... Ibid Pg 660 "...hot water also increases the blood flow through the envenomed area, thus dispersing the venom." Confused? I'm not! After 25 years in the NT 23 of them in the Top End I would carry copious amounts of vinegar and wear a stinger suit. Dieter

For box jellyfish. Flood the entire stung area with vinegar for at least 30 seconds.

Bluebottle or Pacific man of war jellyfish and sea anemone. Apply cold packs or ice to reduce pain.

This link will explain the difference in sting treatments for jellyfish.

http://www.resus.org.au/policy/guidelines/section_9/guideline-9-4-5july10.pdf

RAFFLE ROSTER

We ask if all members could kindly donate an item for a raffle prize each month to approx value of \$15. Please check below to see if your name is on the roster.

These can be given to the Social Committee (Lyn Leske) any time.

SEPTEMBER 2014	OCTOBER 2014	NOVEMBER 2014
Ian & Claire Mitchell	Nick & Sarah Rowe	John & Annmaree Tichborne
Dave & Michele Riddle	Roy & Bronwyn Schwarz	Joann & Peter Wuttke
Bronte & Norma Rivett	Chris & Julie Sieben	Nick & Kerrie Bottroff

GUEST SPEAKERS



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

- October:** Discussion about club needs for "ASSESSORS"/"TRAINERS"
Matthew from Redarc to speak about electric brakes, dual battery systems solar panels, etc.
- November:** Bernie Stack talking about his rally & race driving.
- December:** AGM – please think about nominations as most positions will be declared vacant.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

◆◆◆ October ◆◆◆
David Earl
Darryll Grace
Sandra Heintze
Alan Hoffman
Corry Kisbee
James Mitchell
Norma Rivett
Chris & Julie Sieben
John Tichborne





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* *Possible Border Track trip depending on access. Quenton to advise*
- *TBA* *Puppy Springs/Dorado Downs contact person Bill Small 8577 2228 (2 properties) – Leader required*
- *TBA* *Ladies Day weekend for guys and gals with ladies driving easy tracks on one of the days. This will help build 4WD confidence for those ladies who feel they need it.*

DO THE RIGHT THING WITH OUR TRIP LEADERS

Please note: If you have put your name down on a trip sheet and are not able to go, as a matter of courtesy to the trip leader, please remove your name or let the trip leader know your change of plans as soon as possible by phone or email.

Whilst the Club welcomes and encourages visitors to join us on our trips, please be aware that, should you wish to go on an organised trip, the onus is on you to let the trip leader sight a copy of your vehicle insurance cover before you can join the trip.

This is to comply with the Club's legal liability insurance requirements. If these details are not forthcoming, you will not be covered by the Club's legal liability insurance and your name will be removed from the trip sheet.

There will be no exceptions to this rule:
so please remember: no insurance details, no trip!

We really appreciate the efforts made by our Trip Leaders so please help them and make it as enjoyable as possible by following these simple rules.

HISTORY CORNER

The following article, which makes very interesting reading, was printed in Westprint Friday Five dated 19 September 2014. (In July 2010 a trip report was written in the Gawler 4WD Newsletter about a visit made to Sir Hubert Wilkins' house. Sir Hubert is related to Brenton Wilkin one of our club member.)



Great World Firsts – Sir Hubert Wilkins

In *Westprint Friday Five* – Aug 29, 2014 there was a piece titled “Great World Firsts – The Things we Made, The Things We Did”. The article said that Australians “were the first in the world to explore both the Arctic and Antarctica by air”.

That could only be a reference to Sir Hubert Wilkins Kt. MC and Bar. Hubert Wilkins is an unsung and unknown Australian hero. Most Australians would not recognize his name.

Hubert George Wilkins was born near Hallett South Australia in 1888. He was the last of 13 children. As a teenager he moved to Adelaide where he found work with a travelling cinema. He then went to England where he became a pioneering aerial photographer. In 1912 he was sent to Turkey to shoot movies of the Balkan War for the Gaumont Company. He became the first to take moving pictures of a battlefield from the air.

In 1913-16 he was cinematographer to the Canadian Arctic Expedition, becoming second in command. In 1917 he returned to Australia and enlisted. He became an official war photographer with the Australian War Records Office on the Western Front under CW Bean. He carried the rank of Captain. Wounded 15 times, he was twice awarded the Military Cross. Always unarmed, he is the only Australian official photographer to be awarded a combat decoration. In 1919, at the end of the war, he travelled to Gallipoli with Bean's official party to make a photographic record of the battlefield.

Returning to England, Wilkins learnt of the England to Australia air race. Sponsored by the London *Daily Mail* Wilkins was appointed commander and navigator of the Blackburn biplane entry. The plane crashed in Crete where he was informed that Ross and Keith

Smith had arrived in Australia and won the prize.

In 1919-1920 he was second in command of the British Imperial Antarctic Expedition. This was the first time in Antarctica for Wilkins. The expedition was poorly funded and achieved little. In 1921-1922 he was chief of the scientific staff and naturalist of the Shackleton-Rowett Antarctic Expedition. Shackleton dies on the expedition.

In 1923-1925 he was leader of the British Museum of Natural History expedition to Northern Australia to collect and photo specimens native to tropical and outback Australia. Wilkins is highly commended for his work quality.

In 1926-1928 he was leader of the Wilkins-Detroit Arctic Expedition during which Wilkins developed the first ski-landing gear for aircraft.

In 1928 together with pilot Ben Eielson he made the first Trans-Arctic airplane flight from America to Europe. The flight extended 2,200 miles, took 20 hours across 10 time zones. For the flight Wilkins was honoured by 15 international learned societies with gold medals and awards. He was knighted by King George V.

Both Wilkins and Eielson became international celebrities in the northern hemisphere. (“He accomplished a feat in navigation which can be confidently declared unparalleled in the history of flying”. Quotation made by the American Geographical Society's chief surveyor after the flight when he was scrutinizing the flight log book).

In 1928 Wilkins sold one of his Fokker aircraft used in the Arctic to Charles Kingsford Smith in San Francisco. Renamed the *Southern Cross* it flew into history as the first plane to cross the Pacific from America to Australia. That plane now lies in its own museum at Brisbane Airport, the Wilkins connection hardly known.

In 1928 Wilkins & Eielson made the first aerial reconnaissance flight over Antarctica flying 600 miles in the Lockheed Vega used in the Trans Arctic flight. The following year Wilkins was a passenger in the *Graf Zeppelin* during its round the world trip. Working for Randolph William Hearst he became the first Australian to fly around the world. In 1929 he found time between adventures to marry Australian actress Suzanne Bennett in the USA.

In 1931 Wilkins commanded the *Nautilus* submarine expedition to the Arctic. Whilst he failed to achieve his main aim of taking the vessel under the polar ice to the North Pole, due to mechanical failure of the former USN WW1 submarine, he did sail under the Arctic ice and proved it could be achieved.

Between 1936 and 1939 Wilkins was second in command of 3 privately sponsored expeditions to Antarctica in the *Wyatt Earp*. In 1940-1945 Wilkins was retained by the US Military and taught polar survival skills and advised the US Army on hot and cold weather clothing. From 1945-1958 Wilkins continued to advise the US Military. Wilkins also continued to advise the US Navy on ice travel below the ice with its early nuclear submarines.

In 1958 Wilkins died in Massachusetts USA of a heart attack. The British Government offered to inter Wilkins in Westminster Abbey. The offer was rejected by Lady Wilkins. In 1959 the USS *Skate* made history by surfacing at the North Pole in winter.

As a mark of respect the US Navy had the ashes of Sir Hubert on board. A memorial service was held on the ice and his ashes were committed to the Arctic ice. Lady Wilkins died in the USA in 1974. In 1975 the US Navy carried Lady Wilkins ashes to the North Pole

on a nuclear submarine where they were released to join those of her husband.

Right through his adventurous life Wilkins always retained his Australian citizenship and passport. On North Terrace Adelaide there is a dedicated plaque amongst the 'South Australian Greats'. Wilkins was a keen writer and wrote at least 4 books.

In 2001 Dick Smith opened the rebuilt Wilkins family stone home at Mt Bryan East near Hallett SA. The rebuilding was funded by *Australian Geographic*. In 2008 the Wilkins ice runway was opened at the Australian Antarctic Research Station Casey

Wilkins was a self-educated boy who went on to do almost unbelievable things with 'plenty of nothin'. Wilkins was publicity shy, always uneasy in dealing with the media. Wilkins never cared whether he was the first man to fly to the South Pole or to take a submarine under the ice. He left others to claim the glory. And importantly he survived. Not for him R F Scott's heroic but misguided attempts at fame and achievement. He lived to tell of his 'boy's own tale'.

Should Australians be looking for heroes Wilkins with his laconic, modest and resourceful qualities might be our man. Phillip Clarkson. Sydney. September 2014

(For those seeking further information on the life and times of Wilkins I can recommend *The Last Explorer – Hubert Wilkins Australia's Unknown Hero* by Simon Nasht.

We don't have this book in stock but can order it in for anyone who is interested. Cost about \$26.00.

Districts 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.



Check our FACEBOOK link as well. www.facebook.com/GawlerandDistricts4WDClub

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

2014 AGM

is fast approaching: **Friday 12th December 2014**

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

**President, Secretary, 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.

Attached to this newsletter is the AGM Notice, the Committee Member's Portfolios
and a Committee Nomination Form.

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

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 Lyn 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 12th December 2014.

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/pudding/decorations, tinned fruit or food, crackers, a basket or a tub to put the items in, a bottle of wine, chocolates or even a voucher, in fact whatever you would like to see in a hamper if you won it yourself you just might!! 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.

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)

GIVEAWAY

Nissan Patrol 2 x "Dickie" Seats to suit GU3 Patrol. Grey Velour. As new cond.

Phone Quenton 0407 604 601

FOR SALE

2005 Holden VZ Executive Sedan, White, Auto, 225,000 km, Good condition, Recently serviced & 4 new tyres : Price \$5,500 ono

Contact Paula, 0430 637 654, Photos on www.gumtree.com.au/s-ad/1055720689



***Got any 4WD related photos you would like to share?
THIS INCLUDES TRIP PHOTOS!***

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.)

This space is available for your advertisement.

Please contact our editor if you would like to have your advert in here!



The **Gawler and Districts 4WD Club** would like thank the **Wurth Group** and their representatives 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.

Total Window Tinting

FOR ALL YOUR CAR, HOME AND OFFICE

WINDOW TINTING

WE HAVE A LARGE RANGE OF FILMS TO SUIT EVERY NEED



CALL RICK ON 0402 826 816

FOR A FREE QUOTE

Mar 2015



For all your vehicle maintenance

Call Amy & Brett

Ph 8522 4655

Log book servicing • Brakes • Transmission
Servicing • Radiators • Suspension
Starter Motors • Alternators • Brakes
CV Joints • Engine Building • Head Repairs

May 2015



CHECK OUT OUR SPONSORS and ADVERTS

Maybe you have something at home you would like to sell.

Contact us for details

Want to advertise in our Newsletter?

WANTED!

- Sponsored Adverts
- Event Advertisers
- Classified Adverts
- "For Sale" items



Advertising Rates (12 months)	
Quarter Page	\$50
Half Page	\$100
Full Page	\$200
One off Advert : \$10	

Contact our editor editor@gawler4wd.com.au for details
[Fees apply and payment has to be made prior to printing]

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 will now be by "peoples' choice" at the AGM
- (i) as we have lost a sponsor.:



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

DON'T FORGET

They must be in by November General Meeting

The winners will be drawn at the AGM in December!!

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!!!**

Trivia Night



Care Bears

Come Test Your Knowledge And Raise Money For Cancer Research

When: SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2014

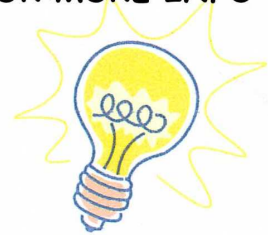
Where: GAWLER TENNIS CLUB
(VICTORIA TERRACE, GAWLER)

Time: DOORS OPEN 7pm
FOR A 7:30pm START

CONTACT NORMA FOR MORE INFO

\$40
per table
(Max. 8 persons
per table)

Prizes for
Trivia Winners!!
As well as raffles &
mini games to be
played on the night



For Ticket Sales or More
Information Contact:

Tracey on 0430 107 768 or

Your Care Bears Representative



DTU TRAINING

If you are interested in more training, please make a note of the following dates and courses:

18/19 October Trip Leader Course

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

Cost is 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



CLUB TRAINING

Please give the following your consideration before the October meeting!

One of the roles of your club is to facilitate 4WD training of members. This is done in-conjunction with the Four Wheel Drive SA Driver Training Unit (DTU). As many will know, until recently the DTU was a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). A little lesser known fact was that the DTU was one of the largest RTOs, in terms of number of registered trainers and assessors. The DTU RTO scope included the training of assessors to the recognised Workplace Training and Assessment TAE40110.

As an RTO, the DTU was subject to regular audit. Last year, responsibility for RTO management moved from the State Government to the Federal Government resulting in a change of rules and additional audit requirements. The DTU estimated that the cost of meeting the new audit requirements would exceed \$10,000 and the decision was made for the DTU to forgo its RTO status.

To continue to provide a recognised level of training to the member clubs, the DTU has entered into an agreement with an existing RTO, 4WD Training Queensland. Unfortunately, the scope of registration of 4WD Training Qld does not cover the training and certification of assessors.

With the recent departure of Dave and Karen Hall, it has left our club without a certified assessor. As your club's Training Officer, I have every intent of gaining the required TAE qualification in the near future; but this is being done privately and at commercial training rates. This leads to a recent discussion by your committee:

Should we have our own club assessor? The committee would like the Club's ideas as to how we might go about it. The committee would like to know how many members are really interested in continuing their training. ***Do we really need an assessor?*** We are looking at options at the moment. Please think about these questions and present your ideas along with any potential answers. The club has recently been given a \$400 donation to consider its use into getting our own assessor. It costs around \$1500 to qualify a trainer to be an assessor.

We will bring this to the floor for discussion at the October General Meeting. If you want or need more information please contact myself (Peter) or one of the committee.

[Peter Harper, Training Officer]

The following letter and notification was received by the club in the last month:

To the Gawler 4WD Club

While attending the Overland 4WD Club Peake Sand Training last weekend, I was asked to pass on a comment from Mrs Jenny Anderson. Jenny attended our own Club Peake Training a month ago with her husband Barry as our assessor for that weekend.

Jenny asked me to pass on her very great appreciation to Peter Harper for his encouragement and training assistance on the sand side-slope driving. His encouragement to drive the vehicle slowly and confirm the stability and controllability, empowered her to develop this learning.

On the recent trip she was able to confidently pass that assessment and wanted me to pass on her recognition that it was mainly due to Peter's encouragement and training.

John Tichborne / 15.9.2014



Thank You

WILKINS Nikki

Brent, Keryn, Petah, Scott, Karla, and Brendon wish to express our deep gratitude to all those who attended "Nikki's Celebration of Life Hi-Tea", her funeral, expressed their sympathy, donated gifts of money to help our precious boys' upbringing, beautiful flowers or help in any other way for your concern of our family. We are truly humbled.

*Thank-you so much members of the Gawler 4WD club
for your special gift of money +
friendship + support.*



Love Keryn Brent + family

TRIP REPORTS

Progressive Tea - 27/9/2014

The day was a fine one, a little windy which did concern us as to whether we would have a comfort fire this evening but the evening proved to be fine. At approximately 6.30 pm Deb & Quenton, Norma & Bronte, Sandra & Peter progressed out to Lyn & Max's house to begin our progressive tea in the restaurant called 'the shed'.

First course was a smooth pumpkin soup with croutons and an arrangement of bread including a homemade loaf just out of the Leske's oven. This was followed by chicken casserole and vegetable curry mornay's both of which were magnificent and we were full enough to delay dessert and progress to the fire which Max was feeding from a nearby dead tree. It was almost like a takeaway tree as every time the fire was low, off Max went with the chainsaw and cut another bit off the tree. The discussion around the fire was an interesting combination of stories about previous trips, what everybody and their families had been doing and what trips the club will be having in the future.

The evening was progressing well and Quenton heard the call of dessert, an outstanding pavlova and fruit platter. The pavlova was as tasty as it looked and most of us were full after the first slice except Quenton who had a second slice in fact loved it so much he took the last slice home for morning tea the next day. As the fire died down we all progressively started packing up and heading home after a great night.

Thank you to Lyn and Max for having us and for my fellow diners for the great food and company.

After we had left, Lyn who has just completed a course about fire safety call 'Fiery Women', used the remnants of the fire to practice her skills in starting the pump and putting the fire out.

[Deb Earl]

FRIDAY FUNNY

You've all heard of the Air Force's ultra-high-security super-secret base in Nevada known simply as "Area 51?"

Well late one afternoon the Air Force folks out at Area 51 were very surprised to see a Cessna landing at their "secret" base. They immediately impounded the aircraft and hauled the pilot into an interrogation room.

The pilot's story was that he took off from Vegas got lost and spotted the Base just as he was about to run out of fuel. The Air Force started a full FBI background check on the pilot and held him overnight during the investigation.

By the next day they were finally convinced that the pilot really was lost and wasn't a spy. They fuelled his plane gave him a terrifying "you-did-not-see-a-base" briefing and sent him on his way.

The next day to the total disbelief of the Air Force the same Cessna showed up again. Once again the MP's surrounded the plane...only this time there were two people in the plane.

The same pilot jumped out and said "Do anything you want to me but my wife is in the plane and you *have* to tell her where I was last night."

Social Tea at Leskes on Saturday 27/9/2014 (was a proposed progressive tea)



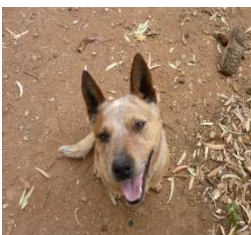
Change of plans; from a progressive to a social tea.

Preparation began before our guests arrived with Max using the tractor to carry tree branches, leaves and workshop pallets he had planned to get rid of for a long time. A gravel pad behind the truck shed was the perfect spot to set up with a clear surround for the fire.

On Saturday, the temperature reached about 30° making the day quite warm and I began questioning who would want soup. But when Deb & Quenton

brought the delicious pumpkin soup dressed with croutons and served with Lyn's warm home-made bread, most went for seconds. The shed had a quick sweep out before hand, but spider homes were left in place. Our President watered down the concrete floor with his 1st drink, so no need to be concerned it hadn't been washed.

After a small breather, everyone divulged in Norma & Bronte's chicken and vegetable casserole and Lyn's egg, asparagus, mushroom & curry mornay together with buttered tiger bread. After several serves and a well-earned rest to our stomachs, we finally waddled and progressed to the freshly lit fire. There's always something special about dazing into the flames, with the moon low in the sky for a short period, and stars a plenty. It made me wonder why we had never had a shared tea and a relaxing fire at our place before!! The smoke travelled in exactly the right direction without causing smoke to anyone's eyes. The breeze made the wood burn quick so out came the chain saw to demolish a very dry wattle tree saved for over 4 years.



Continual natter occurred for quite some time with an occasional whimper from our red heeler dog "Cosmo" who just looked on, wondering why he didn't get an invite to join us, perhaps next time. As time went on and talking became thin, Quenton believed it should be sweets time. All progressed back to the shed for a wonderful fresh fruit platter and excellent pavlova from Sandra & Peter. The ones that love pav kept hoeing in until only 1 piece was

left which I'm sure was saved for the tallest and slimmest person to take home for the next day, right Q? This went down well with a cuppa.

After the crowd departed, the now established fire needed to be extinguished, so Lyn practised her Firey Women skills by



starting up the fire pump unit and hosing it down. Of course the CFS guy had to inspect that smouldering and smoke was completely out as high winds were forecasted for the following day. On the following morning, one final check of the dead fire and wonderful memories of a night filled with lovely food and fellowship.



Thanks for all coming along to make an enjoyable evening.

[Lyn Leske]

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED FOR 2015

(for Gawler & Districts 4WD Club Incorporated)

President/Public Officer: (Elected)

Elected in Even Years – eg. 2012, 2014

Vice-President: (Elected)

Elected in Odd Years – eg. 2013, 2015

Secretary: (Elected)

Elected in Even Years – eg. 2012, 2014

Treasurer: (Elected)

Elected in Odd Years – eg. 2013, 2015

Minutes Secretary: (Elected)

Social Secretary/s: (Elected)

Editor/Publisher: (Elected)

Committee Member/s: (Elected)

Welcoming Officer/s: (Volunteers Appointed)

Trips Co-ordinator: (Elected)

SAAFWDC Delegate: (Elected)

Training & DTU Co-ordinator: (Elected)

Librarian/Property Officer: (Elected)

Property Officer: (Volunteers Appointed)

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

Those highlighted are up for election this year!



**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.**