

Gawler & Districts

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4WD Club Newsletter

November 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

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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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WELCOMING OFFICERS	Dave Riddle / Paul Mitchell

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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2015

<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		13	13	10	8	12	10	14	11	9	13	11
Committee		4	4	1		3	1	5	2		4	2
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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***November 2014***

See the attached Minutes (members only)

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

President's Report:

If you are interested in a position on the committee, please fill out a nomination form for the AGM in December. Both the current President and Secretary will be standing down, so those two positions need to be filled. Please consider supporting your Club and put your name forward for a position. New blood is always welcome and it's good to spread the load around rather than to expect the same people to continue on year after year. Some current committee members have indicated their intention to stand for another year, unless challenged from the floor but, due to personal commitments, will need some assistance during 2015. Perhaps you can help there.

We have had to shelve plans to go to the Coorong for the Australia Day weekend due to a fishing competition being held that weekend when it is expected that around 3000 people will be in attendance. We are hoping to propose an alternative trip and more details will be made available when to hand.

We are sorry to advise that Bernie Stack is unable to attend the November meeting as he is unavailable. Unfortunately, he pencilled the wrong date in his diary but is quite happy to be a speaker in the New Year. [LATE NEWS - Peter to present "Snatch Strap Dampening Trails"]

Re the Christmas party in Loxton, the camp kitchen is quite small and given that the weekend is going to be a busy one, chances are we will be sharing the facility with other people. If anyone has a gazebo we could use, would you please let me know as we will probably have to set the barbecue up outside the camp kitchen. Thank you.

[Pete]

Editor's Report:

Welcome to the November edition of the Newsletter - can you believe, just one more to go before the end of the year!!

As you are aware, the Club Christmas party is to be held in 2 weeks time. If you have your name down on the "trip sheet" could you please re-visit that and state the number of adults and children who will be accompanying you for that weekend as we need to know for catering purposes. Thank you. A gentle reminder, don't forget to provide a gift for each child around \$10-\$15.

If you have booked a site but haven't yet paid, could you please contact the caravan park with payment. Thank you again. Anyone who hasn't added their name to the trip sheet for the Christmas party and would like to go, please add your name Friday evening together with numbers attending, as that is the cut-off date and also don't forget to book a site at the caravan park. That particular weekend is going to be very busy as the Loxton Christmas lights will be turned on. The caravan park has advised that all the cabins are already booked out.

Another reminder, please submit all photos to Jane and John by this Friday evening at the latest so that they can finalise arrangements for the competition and the winners will be announced at the AGM. The trip report competition will also be drawn at the AGM.

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.)

High Country	14-29 March 2015 Victorian High Country
Trip Limit:	8 vehicles
Where:	Victorian High Country
Requirements:	High clearance high/low range 4WD, heavy duty all terrain tyres, off road campers or tent.
Cost:	Camping fees, etc
Meet:	9.00 am at Gawler Visitors Information centre (or meet group at Swan Reach)
Trip Leader:	Martin Kisbee, phone 0407 473 201

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 – To be advised

Dates: Weekend 24/25/26 January 2015

More details to follow!

(See President's Report for status of this trip!)

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

VKS-737 NEWS



We are currently embarking on a project to replace all our base stations with new equipment. This will lead to a significant improvement in the service that we can offer our travellers.

In conjunction with that, we have a raffle going, \$5.00 a ticket with the draw on 19th December. First prize is a new Codan Envoy X1 HF Radio complete with a Codan 3040 auto tune antenna, valued at \$4,300.

This is open to anyone in Australia, regardless of whether they're with our network or not.

Details are available by going to www.vks737.on.net/2014_VKS-737_Raffle.html

You need to be in it to win it!

[Robert, VKS-737 Base Coordinator]

4WD INSURANCE



The Australian National Four Wheel Drive Council ([Four Wheel Drive Australia](#)) in association with OAMPS Insurance Brokers Ltd, provide the insurance facility that offers a complete insurance package for all owners of four wheel drive vehicles with the advantage of club member discounts for members of affiliated clubs.

The facility provides individual cover for four wheel drives, camper trailers and camping equipment in one comprehensive policy.

No other policy on the market offers a cover as extensive as this facility.

Check out various packages as per the Four Wheel Drive SA site: www.4wdsa.asn.au

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.

OCTOBER 2014	NOVEMBER 2014	DECEMBER 2014
Nick & Sarah Rowe	John & Annmaree Tichborne	Roger & Sue Brennand
Roy & Bronwyn Schwarz	Joann & Peter Wuttke	Marie Carter
Chris & Julie Sieben	Nick & Kerrie Bottroff	Quenton & Deb Earl

GUEST SPEAKERS



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

November: **Speaker Cancelled** – to be re-arranged for the New Year.

Now Peter Harper to present :

"Snatch Strap Dampening Trials - video, pictures and report"

December: AGM – please think about nominations as most positions will be declared vacant.

2015 If you have any suggestions for speakers, please advise one of the Committee members.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

◆◆◆ November ◆◆◆
Paul Mitchell
Michelle Mitchell



CLUB TRAINING

Should we have our own Club assessor?

Due to the fact that we are almost at the end of 2014, it has been decided by the outgoing Committee that this matter be deferred until 2015 and will be handled by the newly appointed Committee over the coming months.

[Peter Harper, Training Officer]



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.*
- **TBA** *Day trip to Fleurieu Peninsula organised through Yankalilla Lions Club, September/October time 2015. Fundraiser for the Lions Club with lunch provided.*

Districts 4WD Web Site

Have you checked out our web site lately?

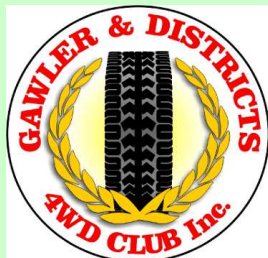
www.gawler4wd.com.au

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

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

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

Time is running out!!

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

FWDSA NOTIFICATION



REPORT ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE

Vandalism and damage includes cutting down trees in camp sites and parks, doing donuts, driving through water crossings or bog holes repeatedly, destroying signs, pulling out gates or posts, driving in a dangerous manner, driving on closed roads, driving behind barrier fencing, driving off designated tracks and causing natural or cultural damage and illegal dumping.

Dumping of large quantities of waste (more than a 6x4 trailer load,) tyres, quantities of electronic waste and any quantity of asbestos or hazardous waste should be reported directly to the EPA.

For safety reasons, do not attempt to handle any materials yourself.

If you witness vandalism or damage, consider your personal safety first and report it only if safe to do so. Help us make a difference!

For your own safety do not confront the person or persons directly.

Report environmental damage via the Report Environmental Damage (RED) form located on the Four Wheel Drive SA website.

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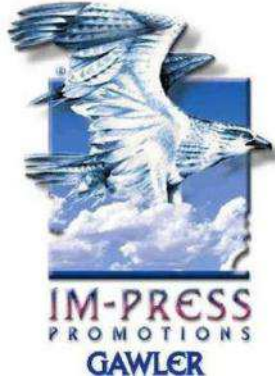
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Fax: 8523 2117

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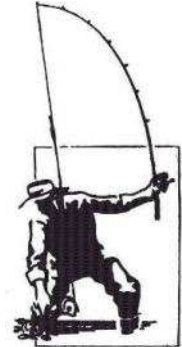
48 Murray St Gawler SA 5118

Phone 08 8522 6200

fishnout@bigpond.net.au

Club Discount with **club card
applies to all non-special items**

- *Fishing Tackle
- *Fridge / Freezers
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- *Repairs



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you would like to use this
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advert inserted here!*



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



***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.)

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[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:

- Two categories **OPEN** and **FUNNY**;
- Each member may enter up to four (4) photos per category
- Photos should be copy (not originals) - Size 15cm x 10cm (6"x4")
- OPEN photos must have been taken on a club trip during the last 12 months
- All photos must be labelled on the back with your name and where the photo was taken
- Entries to be handed to John or Jane by close of November General meeting (14 Nov)
- Late entries will not be accepted
- All judging will now be by "peoples' choice" at the AGM
- 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.

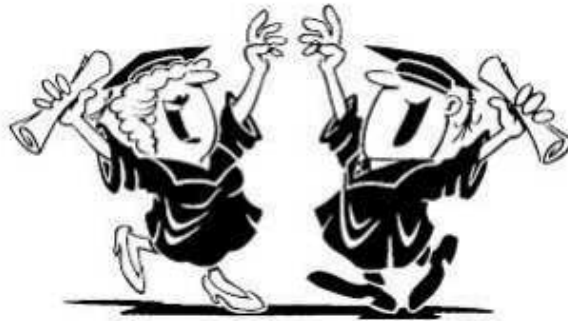
So the more reports you write the better your chances of winning!

**There will be another
great prize so, please, keep-on writing!!! Winner to be
drawn at the AGM in December.**

DTU TRAINING

K. I. T.

“KEEPING IN TOUCH”



IMPORTANT NOTICE

FROM THE DRIVER TRAINING UNIT (DTU) of 4WDSA

The government has introduced a requirement that all students involved in Vocational Education Training (VET), which the 4WD driver training certificates are part of, needs to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). The purpose is to create a central location where all VET qualifications are recorded. Any student can then get copies of their qualifications even if the training organisation that issued them does not exist anymore.

The USI will commence on 1 January 2015 and all new and continuing students undertaking nationally recognised VET courses will need to have a USI to receive their statement of attainment or qualification.

You create your USI online and provide it to the training organisation when you enrol to do a course. To create your USI you will need to access the USI website on <http://usi.gov.au>. This gives more information about the USI. The website is open now for you to create your USI.

From November 2014 the DTU will only accept applications for driver training courses that contain your USI. The application form for training manuals has been updated to include a section to record the USI. If the form you received from your training officer does not have an area to enter the USI, you have been given an out of date form. Ask your training officer for a copy of the latest application form.

Existing students already enrolled in the driver training courses will also need to apply for a USI and provide it to the DTU before your certificate can be issued. Also anyone requesting a certificate after completing the 4WD assessments will need to provide the DTU with their USI. We will need your USI before we can apply for the certificate. If you do not supply it, it will delay the issuing of your certificate.

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

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



FRIDAY FUNNIES

(Thanks to Westprint Friday Five dated 7.11.2014)

Yesterday I was at my local IGA buying a large bag of 'My Dog' dog food for my loyal pet and was in the checkout queue when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think I had an elephant? So, since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Dog Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in hospital last time, but I'd lost 10 kilograms before I woke up in intensive care with tubes coming out of me and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pockets with My Dog nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in queue was now enthralled with my story).

Horrified, she asked me if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I was chasing a cat across the road and a car hit me. I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard. I'm now banned from the supermarket.

The Psychiatrist and the Proctologist

Best friends graduating from medical school at the same time decided that in spite of two different specialties, they would open a practice together to share office space and personnel.

Dr. Smith was the psychiatrist and Dr. Jones was the proctologist; they put up a sign reading: Dr. Smith and Dr. Jones: Hysterias and Posteriors.

The town council was livid and insisted they change it. The docs changed it to read: Schizoids and Hemorrhoids.

Again this was not acceptable so they changed the sign to read Catatonics and High Colonics – no-go! Next they tried Manic Depressives and Anal Retentives - thumbs down again.

Then came Minds and Behinds, then Lost Souls and Butt Holes - unacceptable again! So they tried Nuts and Butts - no way! Freaks and Cheeks - still no good. Loons and Moons - forget it!

Almost at their wit's end, the docs finally came up with: Dr. Smith and Dr. Jones - Specializing in Odds and Ends. -Everybody loved it!



GAWLER 175th EVENT – JAMES MARTIN - Saturday 15th November

With 2014 drawing to a close, it has been considered highly appropriate that, in this 175th year of Gawler's establishment, one of Gawler's most valuable citizens should be honoured. That citizen was **James Martin**, whose death in 1899 prompted the erection of a statue in his honour. [The statue of him was originally sited at the corner of Calton Road and Murray Street, but was shifted to Whitelaw Terrace in the late 1960's].

The life story of James Martin makes fascinating reading. It outlines the wonderful example of exemplary citizenship, magnificent vision, his admirable work ethic, and the achievement of great production outcomes that was of very significant benefit to Gawler. In his time and through his efforts (and that of other like-minded citizens), Gawler in the 1880's and 1890's was considered to be the most industrialised Town in Australia.

Your Town of Gawler Council decided to undertake the cleaning of his 111 year old Carrara Marble statue and an outstanding result has been achieved. Over the last few weeks, timely vital repair work was undertaken.

To celebrate this outcome, the Gawler175 Events Community Reference Group has requested that we should conduct a short but appropriate celebration on **SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER at 10.30AM** at the Whitelaw Terrace statue site. The ceremony will run for less than 30 minutes and it will include a speech outlining James Martin's life story and the celebratory raising of a glass of Champagne/Orange Juice to toast his wonderful achievements for the permanent benefit of our Town. It would be appreciated if your Organisation can be represented by one or more of your members at this short but important ceremony.

We would appreciate being advised of numbers intending to participate by your email to anne.richards@gawler.sa.gov.au or your 8522 9211 telephone message to our service counter staff.

[Brian Thom, Chair, Gawler 175 Events Community Reference Group]

TRIP REPORT

October Long Weekend

As usual when you are camping the weather plays an important part and this long weekend was no exception. The forecast was for hot and windy weather but we were not to be deterred from our train ride on the Pichi Richi Railway.



We made our way up to Quorn on the Friday planning to meet, Nick, Kerrie, Kaleb and Ally up at the Caravan Park. Quenton and I having acquired a Caravan began the journey up to Quorn

via National Highway 1 so we could try out the new coffee stop at Lochiel. The great coffee and cake is recommended and with a vast lake as the backdrop makes for a great stop. We arrived at Quorn mid afternoon after having lunch on the foreshore at Port Germein.

The Quorn Caravan Park is a great spot with big trees for shade and lots of bird life to watch and listen to. Not long after we had set up, John and Karyn arrived with their grandchildren Bradley and Tahlia. The afternoon was spent relaxing around camp and discussing the program for the weekend. It wasn't until after dark that Stephen arrived with his brother Dean and Dean's son Cameron.

Saturday

We awoke to a beautiful South Australian morning with the forecast temperature being in the low 30's. The morning was spent looking around Quorn and reading the paper. After lunch we all went for a drive north of Quorn out past Warren Gorge to Hugh Proby's grave. Proby was the third son of the Irish Earl of Craysfort and the founder of Kanyaka Station who had, at the age of 24, drowned whilst trying to cross the Willochra Creek that was in flood. We then travelled on to the ruins of Kanyaka Station via a lookout which gave us a great view of the surrounding country. When you walk around the quite sizeable ruins of Kanyaka Station you have to wonder what Hugh Proby could have achieved if his life was not cut short. From there it was onto the black top and back to Quorn for well deserved Ice creams.

[Deb Earl]

Sunday

Sunday morning, we got up fairly early and enjoyed pancakes for breakfast. We were all excited about investigating the Arden Hills track. Unfortunately we found out that our leader Quenton wasn't well, so Deb and Quenton decided to have a quiet day at the caravan park. Karyn and Tahlia decided they were going to have a nanny day in Quorn.

We ventured off down to the tourist office to pick up the key, our group included Nick, Kerry, Ali, Kaleb. Stephen, Dean, Cameron, Bradley and John.

Stephen's Pajero started to play up, so decided not to take his vehicle on the track. Stephen, Dean and Cameron ended up at Devils Peak. Good decision as the track turned out to be very hard four wheel driving. Therefore only Nick, Kerry, Ali, Kaleb, Bradley and John headed for the hills, with no idea where we were going.



On arrival at Warren Gorge, I could not believe the amount of campers that were there, obviously a very popular spot. At the entrance gate into Arden Hill track, we met a local, Steve and his 2 young daughters. Steve offered to show us around the track, this we all agreed to very promptly as we had no idea where we were going.

Steve immediately took us on the wrong track, so therefore we had to turn around. I started to think Lyn and Max were with us, just like ole times haha. Luckily this was the only mistake he made.

The scenery was beautiful, very green as it had only rained a couple of weeks prior. We were about half way up and the views and scenery were magnificent looking over Lake Torrens. We went down into a valley, which was a beautiful picnic area with tables and fireplace, so decided to have morning tea there.

Back onto the track and heading upwards, we were doing really heavy 4x4 driving and Bradley was loving it. We finally arrived on top of Arden Hill, looking out over the plains below and the Argadells. Bradley and Steve's 2 girls were very busy taking photos of a frill neck lizard.

We headed back down into a valley then up a very steep hill, Steve's Toyota just made it with his ground clearance and the trustworthy Pajero had to be put into low diff lock (now we were rock climbing) but the ole girl made it with Bradley hanging on.

This was one of the hardest climbs I have done for a while. Nick was guided through with no mishaps, but with Kerri and the kids hanging on.

It was all downhill now, so Kerry decided to walk down and take a photo of Nick coming down the track, but unfortunately the hill was all shale and very slippery. Kerry arrived at the bottom 1st a bit like sand-boarding but with no board.

We arrived back at the entrance gate and thanked Steve and his daughters for an enjoyable drive backed with his local knowledge of the track and area. We had lunch at Warren Gorge, and then headed back to Quorn where we met Karyn and Tahlia at the railway station to watch the double Pitchi Richi steam trains arrive from Pt Augusta. We had a very enjoyable day with some good 4x4 driving, good company - just what we love and enjoy!

[Thanks for a great weekend - John and Karyn Mewett]

Monday

The last day of the weekend and the day of the train trip, the weather was starting to change and we all packed up quickly to avoid what looked like a drenching and headed to the train at about 10am. Unfortunately the weather had prevented us from having the steam train but we were not disappointed when they brought out the Diesel. A spectacular engine that is one of the oldest Diesel trains in the Southern hemisphere, it was then all aboard for Woolshed Flat.

The kids in the group, both young and old were excited about putting our heads out the window to watch the end carriages go over the bridges and to wave at the traffic as it stopped for us at crossings. The stop of about an hour at Woolshed Flat allowed us to have refreshments in the old schoolhouse and read the history of this rail siding whilst the train turned around. Then, back on the train for the return journey to Quorn before heading home.

[Thank you all for a great weekend - Deb Earl]

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED 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!



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members.**