

Gawler & Districts

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4WD Club Newsletter

February 2015



Founded in 2002



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



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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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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**2015**

Meeting	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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**AGM - December 2014*****See the attached Minutes (members only)***

GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB



Stickers For Sale – Only \$2.00 each

New design stickers complete with Web address - \$3.00 each

Magnetic Name Badges - \$10 each

See Quenton at the General Meeting

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

President's Report:

Welcome all to the 2015 club year. We have a new Committee, so I welcome them in their new positions, please give them your support. Already we have a couple of trips planned; to the High Country and to the Gawler Ranges. If you have an idea for a trip or would like to lead a trip, please see John and we can endeavour to arrange it. We are looking to fill out the years calendar as soon as possible to give members plenty of notice. If you have any "contacts" for possible Guest Speakers, please let the committee know as general meetings are always more enjoyable with a Guest Speaker.

As decided at the AGM, subs will not increase this year and are due by the March General meeting. Please see Norma with your vehicle insurance, filled out renewal form (signed front and back) and money. You can also pay via bank transfer if you let Norma know.

[Quenton]

Editor's Report:

Hello everyone and welcome to the first newsletter of 2015. We trust you had an enjoyable break over Christmas and the New Year and hope you have come back refreshed and raring to go with some good ideas for future trips as we only have two listed for the year. The trips can be for a day, a weekend, a week or longer but please don't keep leaving it to that elusive "someone else" to do - the Club is for everyone and we welcome your input!! We do have a couple of trips in the offing, details to be released at a later date, but need more suggestions to keep the flow going.

Till next time, enjoy what is left of the beautiful summer weather - I know I'll be very envious as I try to cope with the cold of a UK winter. Brrr..

[Sandra]

Treasurer's Report:



SUBS ARE NOW DUE FOR 2015

Please fill out renewal form

Members pay annual fee (\$60)

(+ \$10 joining fee for new members)

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

[Norma]



COMING EVENTS

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, (6 sites booked), \$10 extra per person, kids under 15 yrs \$5, under 5 yrs free. Unpowered sites \$20/night (other details as above) 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.	
Meet:	6.00am by Roadside on Redbanks Road, opposite Mallala oval	
Deposit:	No deposit required.	
Trip Leader:	Max Leske	

SOCIAL CORNER

Suggestions for club social outings include:

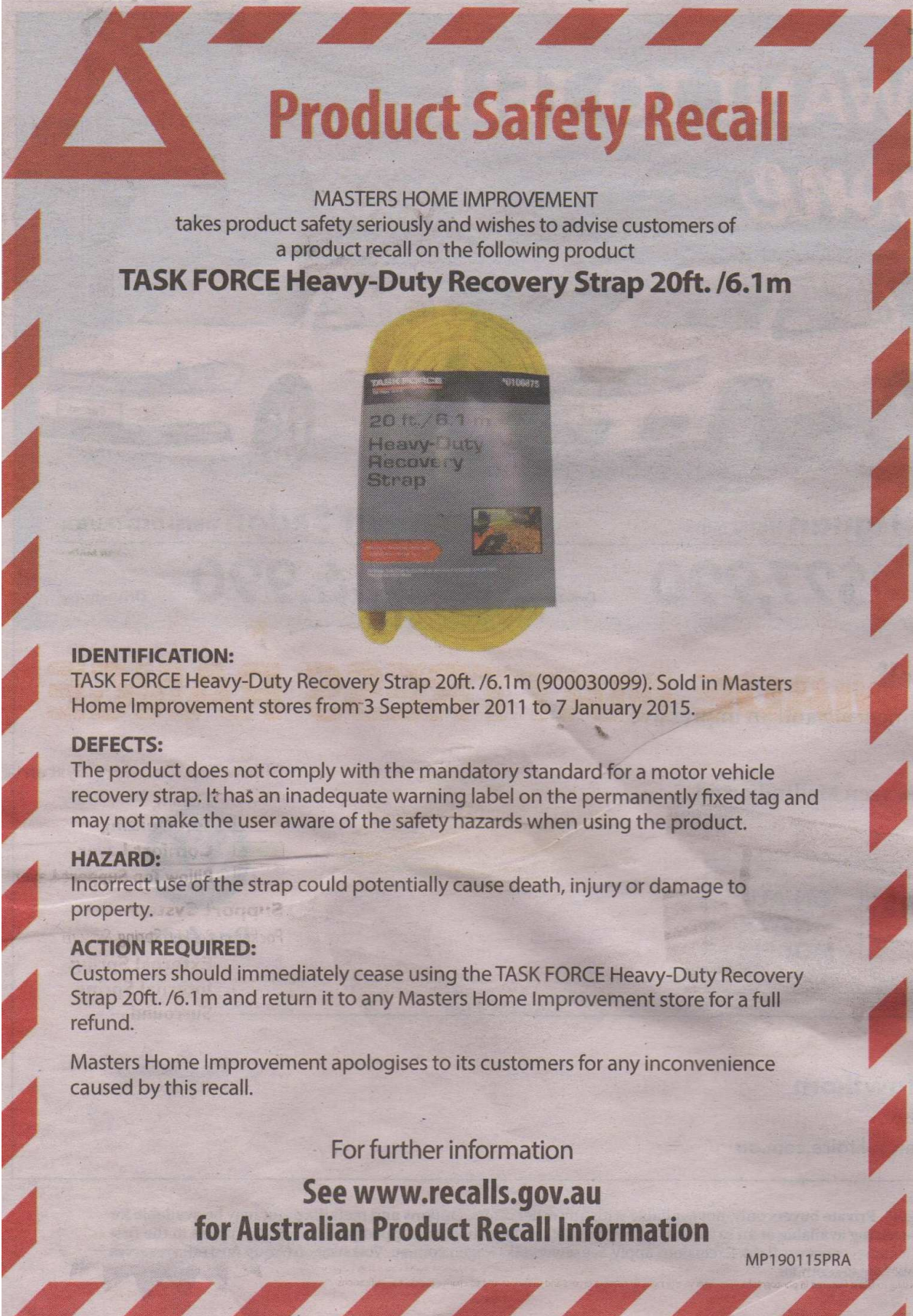
- **Film Night**
- **Port Adelaide Graving Yard & Maritime Museum**
- **Put Put Golf, Tanunda**
- **Winery Tour**
- **History Week 2015, Walking tour West Terrace cemetery**

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

IDEAS AND INFORMATION

Please note the following recall for a strap sold by Masters. If you have one or know of anyone who has, please return it to the store for a refund.


[Advertiser – 23rd Jan 2015]



Product Safety Recall

MASTERS HOME IMPROVEMENT
takes product safety seriously and wishes to advise customers of
a product recall on the following product

TASK FORCE Heavy-Duty Recovery Strap 20ft. /6.1m



IDENTIFICATION:
TASK FORCE Heavy-Duty Recovery Strap 20ft. /6.1m (900030099). Sold in Masters Home Improvement stores from 3 September 2011 to 7 January 2015.

DEFECTS:
The product does not comply with the mandatory standard for a motor vehicle recovery strap. It has an inadequate warning label on the permanently fixed tag and may not make the user aware of the safety hazards when using the product.

HAZARD:
Incorrect use of the strap could potentially cause death, injury or damage to property.

ACTION REQUIRED:
Customers should immediately cease using the TASK FORCE Heavy-Duty Recovery Strap 20ft. /6.1m and return it to any Masters Home Improvement store for a full refund.

Masters Home Improvement apologises to its customers for any inconvenience caused by this recall.

For further information
See www.recalls.gov.au
for Australian Product Recall Information

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2015 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

As mentioned in Quenton's report, we would like to welcome our new committee who are as follows:

President:	Quenton Earl	
Vice President:	Wayne Heintze	(elected for 12 months only)
Treasurer:	Norma Rivett	(elected for 2 yrs in 2013)
Secretary:	Jane Jansen	
Minutes Secretary:	Julie Sieben	General meeting only Committee minutes to be shared by committee
Social Secretary:	Lyn Leske	
Assistant:	Sarah Rowe	
Trips & Property/Librarian:	John Jansen	
Training Coordinator:	Peter Harper	(Club Training officer)
4WDSA Delegate:	John Mewett	Assisted by Nick Bottroff
Editor:	Sandra Harper	Assisted by Deb Earl in Editor's absence
Publisher:	Chris Sieben	
Welcoming Officers:	Lyn Lillecraap	Assisted by Nick Bottroff

Contact phone numbers for the above are listed on page 3 of the Club newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE: Both the EDITOR and PUBLISHER have indicated that they are looking to step down from these roles in the next 12 months. If you are maybe interested to take on any one of these roles or, part of, then please let us know and we can look at making the transition easy and you can practise!

Wanted Skills/Sub roles include:

- **NEWSLETTER JOURNALISTS** (collect and prepare articles for newsletter)
- **EDITOR** (collate newsletter, update internal reports, prepare for publishing)
- **NEWSLETTER FORMATTER** (We use WORD templates but being a WORD guru helps 😊)
- **WEB SITE MAINTAINER** (Update events, newsletters, articles etc. Web site contact)
- **NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTOR** (Maintain distribution membership list, Print Newsletters (PDF) and minutes etc and distribute each month)

If you are keen on any of these activities please contact either the EDITOR or the PUBLISHER. We will happily work with you to help you understand these roles.

If you would like to organise a trip, these tips should help you:

ORGANISING A TRIP

It's Simple

1. Decide on a destination
2. Consult the trips' coordinator
3. Set a, date, time to start and duration
4. What is the purpose -training, towing, walking, touring?
5. Consider the accommodation needs: camping, cabins, caravan park, bush camping
6. Degree of difficulty -do participants need some minimum level of training?
7. Determine what equipment is needed.
8. Check which maps are needed, and the route to be followed.
9. Check accessibility of the roads and organise access where necessary.
10. Put in a trip sheet.
11. Consider communications and safety for more remote trips.
12. Have personal contact information for all participants on remote trips.

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 or Sarah Rowe) any time.

NOVEMBER 2014	DECEMBER 2014	FEBRUARY 2015
John & Annmaree Tichborne	Roger & Sue Brennand	John & Astrid Gardner
Joann & Peter Wuttke	Marie Carter	Darryll & Joan Grace
Nick & Kerrie Bottroff	Quenton & Deb Earl	Peter & Sandra Harper

GUEST SPEAKERS



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

February:	Graham Brookman - Food Forest
March:	Proposed Photographer
April:	Bernie Stack talking about his rally and race driving
** 2015 **	If you have any more 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:

◆◆◆ Jan / Feb ◆◆◆
Deb Earl
Stephen Kelly
Max Leske
Ian Mitchell
Brenton Wilkins
James Mangnoson
Bronte Rivett





INFORMATION ON OTHER EVENTS

CARAVAN, CAMPING AND OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SHOW

If you are in the market to upgrade your caravan or accessorise what you already have, don't forget that the above is on at the Adelaide Showgrounds from 19-23 February 2015.

www.caravanandcampingsa.com.au

PROPOSED TRIPS & OUTINGS

- **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.*
- **TBA** *Possible Border Track trip depending on access. Quenton to advise.*
- **TBA** ***Planetarium Visit, Mawson Lakes***

GAWLER 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



Came across this website:

www.4wdlife.com.au

and it has some interesting articles and details of various 4WD track around Australia.

There is a lot of useful (and some not so useful) information on the web if you take some time to GOOGLE it or subscribe to them.

Don't forget to check out our own useful links on our web site:

[Gawler 4WD - Links](#)

FWDSA NOTIFICATION

Border Track Committee



Introduction

In 1991 twenty nine kilometres of the Border Track between South Australia and Victoria faced total closure following years of severe degradation by inappropriate 4WD use. 4WDSA undertook a volunteer project to rehabilitate this section of the track. In return, the track would remain open in a ONE WAY NORTH TO SOUTH direction.

Planning to travel the Border Track or camp in Ngarkat? [Refer here for advisory links.](#) Note that the Ngarkat Conservation Park Management Plan stipulates that for public safety, **the Border Track will be closed from the 1st of November till the 31st of March each year.**

Committee contacts:

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Working Bees

Next Working Bee

28th and 29th MARCH 2015

More details for 2015 will be available closer to the date. The following is from the 2014 working bee...

Meet at the Ngarkat CP Pine Hut Soak campsite (S35° 25' 20" E140° 52' 46"). UTM zone 54 489062E 6080152N. Work starts at 9am on Saturday, but you may setup camp on the afternoon or evening of Friday.

Directions: Heading south from Tailem Bend cross the railway overpass, turn left onto the Mallee Highway; drive through Lameroo, Parilla and past the T-Junction to Bordertown (do not turn at the T-Junction), 5km west of Pinnaroo turn right on to Rosy Pine Lane (Ngarkat Park sign at this point, see RAA map 'Upper South East ref:J2), continue south for approximately 17 km. The Pine Hut Soak campsite is located just inside the Park entrance.

What to bring

Camping: Camper trailers and caravans can be accommodated. The site has one very good long drop toilet but you need to bring everything else (water, food, shelter). Please note that the 28th and 29th March will still be in fire danger season so the "camp fire" will need to be artificial (a gas stove will be OK unless a Total Fire Ban is in place).

Equipment: Post hole digging tools, pruners, loppers, bow saw, handsaw, shovel, rake, hand tools. A wheelbarrow will be useful for two of the tasks.

Comms: UHF Channel 16 (In car and hand held will be useful)

Contacts:

Darryl McManus- (ddaajmcm@bigpond.net.au) Mb. 0488 275 300; Ph.(08) 8281 3394.

Satellite phone: 0424 212 534 for Emergency incoming & outgoing calls during the working bee.

Important Note - let us know in advance...

- When you plan to arrive?
- No.of people and vehicles in your party?
- If you are bringing a trailer that could be used to transport materials from the campsite.?

All welcome!

Whilst enjoying the break from routine you will be able to assist with the ongoing 4WDSA involvement with the Border Track.

For instance, in April 2009, 448 hours of mammoth effort in Ngarkat Conservation Park by 8 4WDSA Clubs resulted in a 1Km section of original track reopened, but tracks were rubbled to assist stabilisation, the chain grader was trialled, steel cable fence was installed using concrete/wood posts, and The Pines campsite was increased in size.

In 2013, a total of 226 volunteer hours were used during the weekend, and included:

- a) Barrier Construction
- b) Barrier repair
- c) Rubbling, and
- d) Miscellaneous track management.

All Clubs are welcome to attend these working bees. In prior years we were very pleased to be assisted by representatives from the Victorian Pajero and Landrover clubs. It is hoped that our friends from over the Border together with all South Australian clubs will again come to the working bee each year to be involved in a Project that is very important in preserving our access and enjoyment of this prime piece of Australian Bush.

This maintenance committee is a sub-committee of the Four Wheel Drive South Australia (4WDSA). It reports directly to the Executive of 4WDSA and consists of several representatives from various clubs affiliated with 4WDSA.

The Maintenance Committee was formed in 1994 as a direct result of work being done by 4WDSA affiliated Clubs on the Border Track that runs North - South along the South Australian/Victorian Border within the Ngarkat Conservation Park, just south of Pinnaroo.

The work being done was in response to an agreement between the 4WDSA and the then Department of Environment and Natural Resources ([DENR](#)). This agreement was put together during 1991-92, when meetings between interested parties determined that something had to be done to lessen the impact of increased usage of tracks within the Ngarkat group of Parks, in particular, the Border Track. The alternative to doing this work was the closure of this track by DENR. It was also agreed to accept one way travel along a 25km section of the Track, south of the Scorpion Springs turnoff, to lessen the damage being done to the track.

The Ngarkat Conservation Park

The Ngarkat Conservation Park comprises four contiguous reserves totalling approximately 270 000 ha. It however abuts by the Big Desert Wilderness in Victoria of 140 00 ha. This makes the area a significant remnant of the Ninety Mile Desert that once covered 1.5 million hectares. The area is classed as a semi-arid dunefield that has dense Mallee coverage over most of its area. Vegetated East-West dunes cover the area of the Border Track and it is the



damage to these as well as areas of clay swales or Bog holes that attract most of the work done by volunteers. Track users often experience difficulty in crossing the dunes and clay swales. Over time, detour tracks have been created around the swales and adjacent to the track crossing the sand dunes.

Restoration of track

Most of the work done to date has been to trim overhanging trees on the track and transfer these trimmings to the finger tracks. They are then laid across the track to deter further use and also to trap sand and seed to slowly revegetate the damaged areas. It has been our policy to maintain the historic through track along the border fence as well as one other sidetrack at the more difficult sand dunes for use when travel is difficult eg. Summertime when the sand is soft.

Some experimental work has been done on stabilising the badly rutted clay swales. To date this is still causing considerable concern, as damage done during the winter time by the few people who revel in digging ever increasingly deep trenches, has caused others to push detour tracks through the adjacent scrub. Several remedies are being contemplated at this time including seasonal detours and/or repairs. It is hoped that in the interim, club members and other responsible four wheel drivers will take possible damage into account when planning winter trips in this area as DENR staff are again considering closure!

Education

The Committee also promotes safe and responsible use of the Track by educating the driving public on the correct way to drive through the park. A well-worded sign erected by DENR at the northern end of the one way section portrays this. This sign suggests speeds, tyre pressures and safe driving attitudes within the park.

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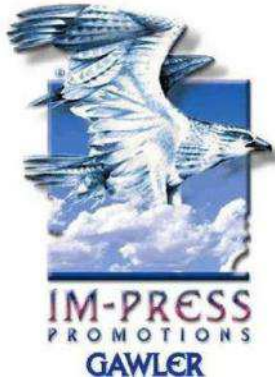
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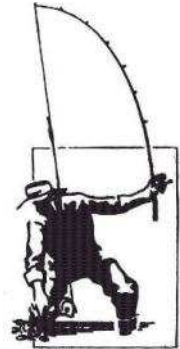
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The **Gawler and Districts 4WD Club** would like thank the **Wurth Group** and their representatives for kindly donating **Wurth** products to the club for use as raffle prizes.

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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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

They're back again!!!



PHOTO COMPETITION

The committee has decided that the photo competition will continue to be run by John Jansen and the following rules will apply:

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 by close of November General meeting
- Late entries will not be accepted

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



TRIP REPORT COMPETITION

The committee has 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 funny, whether you have written one or more, your name will go in the "hat" for each report that is written.

Winner will be drawn out of the collection of names at the end of the year either at the Christmas Show BBQ or at the AGM.

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

There will be another Amazing Prize so, please, keep-on writing!!!

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:

- Maximum of 6 lines per ad (similar to a typical local newspaper ad)
- Adverts can only appear for a maximum of 3 consecutive months
- No pictures, text only (you can run a pictures ad for \$10 a month)
- Must supply contact details (either a phone or email)
- 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)

Time to clear out the shed and get rid of those unwanted items ...

**FOR SALE ITEM WANTED
PLEASE FORWARD DETAILS TO EDITOR OR PUBLISHER**

DTU TRAINING



For those that are interested, here is the full 4WDSA Calendar for 2015. If you would like to attend any of the training sessions, please let Peter Harper know via email - allambee6@bigpond.com Thank you

FEBRUARY 2015

Thu 19th	Delegates Meeting	(7:00PM)	Cavan HQ	
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MARCH 2015

Sun 15th 10:00AM	DTU Training	DTU Run club training - Tyre Repair	Cavan HQ	15th - Tyre repair Cavan 9:00am One day on Sunday 15th - Cost is \$25. Send details to dtutrainig@4wdsa.asn.au if you want to participate. Need name, club, contact number and email address
Thu 19th	Delegates Meeting	4WDSA AGM	Cavan HQ	Annual Reports, Elections. All delegates should attend.
Sat 28th	Club Event	NGARKAT WORKING BEE 2015	NGARKAT	4WDSA Ngarkat information page
Sun 29th	Club Event	NGARKAT WORKING BEE	NGARKAT	

APRIL 2015

Thu 16th	Executive Meeting	4WDSA Executive (7:30PM)	Cavan HQ	
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MAY 2015

Sat 16th 09:00AM	DTU Training	Basic Theory Course 16th - 17th May	Cavan HQ	Basic Theory course run by DTU for clubs. Cost \$20. Send details to dtutrainig@4wdsa.asn.au . Need name, club and contact number
Thu 21st	Delegates Meeting	(7:30PM)	Cavan HQ	
Sat 23rd 09:00AM	DTU Training	DTU run club training - 23rd - 24th May	Morgan	Club practical training run by DTU. 23rd - 24th May. Training costs \$40. Also running advisors course, cost \$60.00. Need to be nominated by your club training officer for advisors course. Send details to dtutrainig@4wdsa.asn.au if you want to participate. Need name, club and contact number.

JUNE 2015

Thu 18th	Executive Meeting	4WDSA Executive (7:30PM)	Cavan HQ	
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JULY 2015

Thu 16th	Delegates Meeting	(7:30PM)	Cavan HQ	
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AUGUST 2015

Thu 20th	Executive Meeting	4WDSA Executive (7:30PM)	Cavan HQ	
Sat 22nd	DTU Training	DTU run club training - Mud and water crossing	Callington	22nd - 23rd - Mud and water crossing at Callington. Cost is \$35. Property access is \$30 per day Send details to dtuttraining@4wdsa.asn.au if you want to participate. Need name, club, contact number and email address

SEPTEMBER 2015

Sun 13th 09:00AM	DTU Training	OH&S, Risk and Emergency response	Cavan HQ	DTU run training for club members. One day theory course run at Cavan. Cost is \$20. Internal course with no assessment. Will get certificate of attendance. Send details to dtuttraining@4wdsa.asn.au if you want to participate. Need name, club, contact number and email address
Thu 17th	Delegates Meeting	(7:30PM)	Cavan HQ	

OCTOBER 2015

Thu 15th	Executive Meeting	4WDSA Executive (7:30PM)	Cavan HQ	
Sun 18th	DTU Training	Trip planning and leading	Cavan HQ	DTU run training for club members. One day theory course run at Cavan. Cost is 20.00 dollars. Internal course with no assessment. Will get certificate of attendance. One day on Sunday 18th. Send details to dtuttraining@4wdsa.asn.au if you want to participate. Need name, club, contact number and email address
Sat 31st	DTU Training	DTU run club training at Peake	Peake	31st Oct - 1st Nov - Sand and general basic training at Peake. Cost is 40.00 dollars. Property access is 30 dollars per day Send details to dtuttraining@4wdsa.asn.au if you want to participate. Need name, club, contact number and email address

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Thu 19th	Delegates Meeting	(7:30PM)	Cavan HQ	
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FRIDAY FUNNIES

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Green Tree Snakes (Dendrelaphis punctulata) can be dangerous. Yes, those harmless green tree snakes, not brown snakes or taipans.

Here's why....

A couple in Townsville, had a lot of potted plants. During a recent cold winter, the wife was bringing some of the valued tender ones indoors to protect them from the cold night. It turned out that a little green tree snake was hidden in one of the plants.

When it had warmed up, it slithered out and the wife saw it go under the lounge. She let out a very loud scream. The husband (who was taking a shower) ran out into the living room naked to see what the problem was. She told him there was a snake under the lounge.

He got down on the floor on his hands and knees to look for it. About that time the family dog came and cold-nosed him on the behind. He thought the snake had bitten him, so he screamed and fell over on to the floor. His wife thought he'd had a heart attack, so she covered him up, told him to lie still and called an ambulance. The paramedics rushed in, would not listen to his protests, loaded him on the stretcher, and started carrying him out.

About that time, the snake came out from under the lounge and the paramedic saw it and dropped his end of the stretcher. That's when the man broke his leg and why he is still in the hospital. The wife still had the problem of the snake in the house, so she called on a neighbour who volunteered to capture the snake. He armed himself with a rolled-up newspaper and began poking under the lounge. Soon he decided it was gone and told the woman, who sat down on the lounge in relief.

But while relaxing, her hand dangled in between the cushions, where she felt the snake wriggling around. She screamed and fainted, the snake rushed back under the lounge.

The neighbour, seeing her lying there passed out, tried to use CPR to revive her.

The neighbour's wife, who had just returned from grocery shopping, saw her husband's mouth on the woman's mouth and slammed her husband in the back of the head with a bag of canned goods, knocking him out and cutting his scalp to a point where it needed stitches.

The noise woke the woman from her dead faint and she saw her neighbour lying on the floor with his wife bending over him, so she assumed that the snake had bitten him.

She went to the kitchen and got a small bottle of whiskey, and began pouring it down the man's throat. By now, the police had arrived.

They saw the unconscious man, smelled the whiskey, and assumed that a drunken fight had occurred. They were about to arrest them all, when the women tried to explain how it all happened over a little garden snake.

The police called an ambulance, which took away the neighbour and his sobbing wife.

Now, the little snake again crawled out from under the lounge and one of the policemen drew his gun and fired at it. He missed the snake and hit the leg of the end table. The table fell over, the lamp on it shattered and, as the bulb broke, it started a fire in the curtains.

The other policeman tried to beat out the flames, and fell through the window into the yard on top of the family dog who, startled, jumped out and raced into the street, where an oncoming car swerved to avoid it and smashed into the parked police car.

Meanwhile, neighbours saw the burning curtains and called the fire brigade. The firemen had started raising the fire ladder when they were halfway down the street. The rising ladder tore out the overhead wires, put out the power, and disconnected the telephones in a ten-square city block area (but they did get the house fire out).

Time passed! The snake was caught and both men were discharged from the hospital, the house was repaired, the dog came home, the police acquired a new car and all was right with their world.

A while later they were watching TV and the weatherman announced a cold snap for that night.

The wife asked her husband if he thought they should bring in their plants for the night.

And that's when he shot her.