

# 4WD Club Newsletter

November 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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Inc.  
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**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS****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>
<b>General</b>		13	13	10	8	12	10	14	11	9	13	11
<b>Committee</b>		4	4	1		3	1	5	2		4	2
				29					30			

**2016**

<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>
<b>General</b>		12	11	8	13	10	8	12	9	14	11	9
<b>Committee</b>		3	2		4	1		3		5	2	
			30			29		31			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****October 2015**

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

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## NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

### Presidents Report:

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Welcome to the November newsletter.

Last month's "Trips planning meeting" proved to be a success and the Committee is now armed with trips you would like to go on in 2016 and beyond; so thank you for your participation. We have planned trips and events already from your suggestions, some are listed in the Newsletter and some still in the planning stages - so keep an eye out in the "Coming Event" pages.

The Committee has decided to hire out the Bethany Reserve for Australia Day, so hoping you can join us for an excellent social day. Start decorating your Aussie themed hat to get into the spirit and be in the running to win a prize. Mark the date - Tuesday 26th January, 2016 in your diary!

Training books are available from Pete and for \$60, they are very good value. If you would like to order a book or are wanting training see Pete at the meetings or send him an email.

We are looking for a new Treasurer for 2016, so please give this important position some thought.

Don't forget the Photo Competition - entries are required by the November General meeting.

[Quenton]

### Editor's Report:

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We have quite a busy Newsletter this month with lots of trip reports for the Octoberfest weekend at Willangi and also the Fleurieu trip report. Thank you to those people who provided the reports and photos for the newsletter.

We also have a couple of new trips listed for 2016 and, as Quenton mentioned above, your committee is working on more.

Don't forget the December meeting is also the AGM so please consider nominating for any vacant positions and remember to bring a plate of supper to share for our last meeting of 2015.

Lyn will also be looking for some assistance at the Christmas show at the end of this month. If you are able to assist with picking up meat/groceries locally (Pt Elliot) or just generally helping on the day, please let Lyn know. Thank you.

A list of meetings for 2016 has also been included in this month's newsletter.

That's it from me.

[Sandra]



## COMING EVENTS

### **Woollies BBQ November 2015**      **Sunday 15 November 2015**

Details:	Wayne will be the organiser and is looking for a band of willing workers. Please let Wayne or Quenton know if you are able to help on this day.
Where:	Woollies car park
When:	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> November from 10:00am till around 3:30pm 50% of proceeds to RFDS

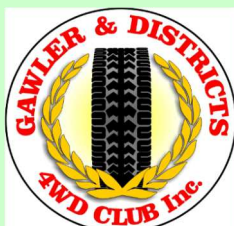
### **Christmas Show November 2015**      **Pt Elliot Holiday park Saturday/Sunday 28th/29th November 2015**

Trip Details:	Christmas get together at Pt Elliot. Bring a salad to share plus your own drinks, plates, bowls & cutlery. Club to supply meat for BBQ. Those with Children are asked to supply wrapped gift to the value of \$20
Where:	Pt Elliot Holiday Park, Pt Elliot Road
When:	Saturday 28th November from 4.30pm till lights out.

### **Australia Day Tuesday 26 January 2016**      **Picnic at Bethany Barossa Valley**

Trip Details:	BYO Picnic lunch to share, BYO drinks, table & chairs, sunscreen, hat, etc. Bocce championship, games and prizes
Where:	Bethany Reserve, 324 Bethany Road, Bethany
Theme:	Australia Day Hat – best hat wins a prize
Cost:	Nil if wearing a themed hat
Meet:	At Bethany Reserve from 11.30 am
When:	Tuesday 26 January 2016
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl, 0407 604 601 or 8523 2507

## **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**

<b>Easter 2016</b>		<b>Flinders Ranges</b>	
		<b>Friday 25 March to Monday 28 March 2016</b>	
Trip Details:	Staying in the Carrieton Caravan Park, Station tour of the historic Holowiliena Station (as featured on ABC's Restoration Australia) including morning tea, driving the Worumba track, Clock-Clarke Art Studio		
Where:	Flinders Ranges		
Cost:	Cost Caravan park \$20 site/night (6 sites booked) Holowiliena Station tour \$20/adult (12 adults booked) Worumba track \$40/vehicle		
Meet:	Tarlee 7.45 am for 8.00 am leave, Friday 25 March 2016		
When:	Friday 25/3, Sat 26/3, Sun 27/3, Mon 28/3/16		
Trip Leader:	Quenton & Deb Earl, 0407 604 601		

<b>Mystery History</b>		<b>Sunday, 1 May 2016</b>	
<b>Day Trip</b>			
Trip Details:	As part of History month, visiting historic sites in our local area.		
Where:	Locally		
Cost:	<b>**TBA**</b>		
Meet:	Gawler Visitors Information Centre, Time: <b>**TBA**</b>		
When:	Sunday 1 May 2016		
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl, 0407 604 601		

<b>NGARKAT</b>		<b>19/20 MARCH 2016</b>	
<b>WORKING BEE</b>			
Trip Details:	More details to follow covering meeting times, projects to be undertaken, campsite area, tools to bring, etc		
Trip Leader:	<b>**TBA**</b>		

## **ADVANCE NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS**

# **2015 AGM**

At meeting: **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

All positions *except President and Secretary* are up for re-election including:-  
**Vice-President, Treasurer, Minute Secretary, Social Secretaries, Editor & Publisher,  
Property Officer/Librarian/Trips Co-ordinator, and Welcoming Officers etc**

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

## PROPOSED TRIPS & OUTINGS

- **TBA**      *Puppy Springs/Dorado Downs  
Contact person Bill Small 8577 2228 (2 properties)  
\*\* Leader required \*\**
- **2015**      *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.*
- **2016**      *Proposed trip to follow in the footsteps of Charles Sturt.*

## INFORMATION ON OTHER EVENTS



**GAWLER MARKETS** - Hayles Rd, Evanston South \* **Every WEDNESDAY** \*

- Good 4WD second hand items are often available
- Farmers Market
- Fruit and Vegetables

**SUNDAY MARKETS** - \*Every **SUNDAY**\* - Gawler Railway Station carpark.

## FRIDAY FUNNIES

(Thanks once more to Westprint Friday Five who have just celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

### Groaner warning:

When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.

The batteries were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

When you've seen one shopping centre you've seen a mall.

Police were called to a day care centre where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.

When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.

He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.

Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

Those who get too big for their pants will be exposed in the end.

Well, you were warned!!!!

## SOCIAL CORNER

*Suggestions for club social outings include:*

- **Film Night**
- **Port Adelaide GraveYard & Maritime Museum**
- **Putt Putt Golf, Tanunda**
- **Walking tour West Terrace cemetery**

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

*If you feel at any time that you would like to supply supper for the General meeting, please let Lyn Leske know either during a General meeting or by the Wednesday prior to a General meeting.*

*The Social Club will be quite happy to reimburse you for any reasonable costs incurred.*

*Thank you*

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

 <b>November</b> 
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<b>No member birthdays this month!!</b>
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## GAWLER Districts 4WD Web Site

Have you checked out our web site lately? [www.gawler4wd.com.au](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary versions.



Check our FACEBOOK link as well. [www.facebook.com/GawlerandDistricts4WDClub](http://www.facebook.com/GawlerandDistricts4WDClub)



CHRISTMAS FUNCTION 2015

# Gawler and Districts 4WD Club Christmas Function 2015

Port Elliot Holiday Park

<http://www.portelliotholidaypark.com.au>

28th/29th November

Caravan, Camping and  
Cabin Sites available



Powered Sites from \$34 dollars a night 2 people (yellow sites on map) closer to the beach costs more

Those intending to go need to book individually and state you are with Gawler and Districts 4WD club. 10% Discount to club members, or use your Big4 card (not both).

email [info@portelliotholidaypark.com.au](mailto:info@portelliotholidaypark.com.au)

Phone 1800 008 480 (Free Call)



## OPEN LETTER FROM THE MT LOFTY RANGER'S GROUP

### Octoberfest 2015 Quick Overview

Hi 4WD Octoberfest Club Attendees,

Mount Lofty Rangers 3<sup>rd</sup> Biannual 4wd Octoberfest has been run and won. Lots of you would of been there soaking up the sun and fun but here is a bit of a recap for everyone in your club.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> event was based at Willangi Bush Escapes in Peterborough SA over the Labor Day October Long Weekend. The weekend is designed to bring the 4wd club members from SA together to enjoy a social and active weekend whilst showcasing the mid north.

We had 82 vehicles attended, 91 pre registered but a few pulled out close to the event for various reasons. This was up by 4 vehicles compared to our 2013 event. Mount Lofty Rangers members and sponsors incorporated 35 of those attending. Other clubs provided 47 attendees up 14 on 2013 so a very strong growth from the others.

Clubs in attendance included;

- Southern Explorers
- Gawler and Districts
- Nissan Patrol
- 4wd Adventurers
- Range Rover
- Central Hills
- Jeep
- Northern
- Toyota
- Whyalla
- Border Country
- Edinburgh Hornets

We couldn't do this without the outstanding support of our club sponsors and our event sponsors, we ask you support our sponsors who support us when possible these include;

- Mt Barker 4x4 Centre
- Redarc Electronics
- Mickey Thomspson Tyres and SPC Performance / Total Traction Tyres
- Bruces Meat and Poultry Options
- Arthur J Gallagher Insurance Brokers
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- Design MC Building Design
- Ultra Vision Lighting
- ARB accessories
- Black Cat Printing

- Four Wheel Drive SA
- Tyre Power Blackwood
- Light Force
- Steam Town Peterborough
- Willangi Bush Escapes
- Martelco Hire

A proportion of the 4WD Octoberfest subcommittee and club members arrived at Willangi early afternoon on Thursday ready to start setting up the camp site and registration shed. A few attendees took advantage to arrive soon after. Registration opened from 12pm Friday through until 9pm. Most arrived on the Friday with a couple trips to do Bendleby Billy Goat being filled very early so a replanning took place and a new trip put up thanks to Dave and Helen Richards. Day trips on Saturday and Sunday left from Willangi between 8.30 and 10.00 am each day. Adrienne hosted a Saturday night Sunset cruise. Glenn and Tom arranged a Sunday night navigation drive which was well supported. Driver Training Unit Allan McIntyre and Edmund Morries were in attendance providing training and guidance to ladies on both days and we sincerely thank them for their time and work.

Saturday afternoon we hosted the Happy Hour where we provide a large spread of nibbles for all attendees to enjoy with all the sponsors available for a chat about their businesses. Saturday night saw the return of the Strickland Road Band featuring MLR members including ex Pres Graham Jones, Coralynne Jones, Phil Simes and Kevin Jesshope plus there ensemble of talented friends with a huge crowd in attendance dancing the night away.

Sunday morning saw our inaugural 4WDSA Fundraising Big Breaky with 130 plus people paying for a cooked breakfast using funds donated by Four Wheel Drive SA. Very capably cooked and managed by whole bundle of MLR members directed by Gary Light. Considering the time change losing 1 hour of sleep plus a late night up watching the band there were a few tired people on Sunday.

Sunday night was planned to have our Camp Cook Competition but with forecast high temperatures and reasonably strong winds it was agreed for safety reasons and fire risk to cancel the competition and not light the large

fire required. Attendees had been pre warned the week prior to a possibility it may not go ahead due to the weather forecasted even at that time.

It was decided pre event to have a raffle for the prizes we were lucky enough to receive from our sponsors with a portion of funds to be donated. We had lots of lucky winners sharing in the 40 plus prizes, I must of bought dud tickets as I got zip ☺.

MLR Trip Leaders included the following, Gary Light, Kevin and Heather Jesshope, Luke and Laura Hooper, Wayne Ritchie and Sue De Boer, Don and Jutta Cameron, Craig and Michelle Watkins, Ron Versteeg, Glenn Bull, Tom Doody, Brenton and Jo Bowley, Adrienne Vukovic, Paul McGregor, Phil and Anne Marie Simes, Trevor and Lynn Light.

Also Ian and Bonnie Stanley from 4wd Adventurers and Dave and Helen Richards from the Nissan Patrol Club were kind enough to jump on board as well with each leading a trip to do Bendleby Billy Goat track enabling more trips to be run there to meet the demand.

I would like to thank the tireless work of Octoberfest subcommittee members which included Graham Jones, Tom Doody, Glenn Bull, Gary Light, Wayne Ritchie, Phil Simes, Greg Healey, Steve Townsend and Garry Blunt. Their wives and partners often had a

PS. Please share your photo's and your 4WD Octoberfest trip reports with the us at MLR.

large part to play as well so a special thanks to them too. I would be amiss not to thank all the people who helped, but so many of you stepped up to do so much I couldn't list you all here who helped set up, pack up, first aid, take on TEC role, assist in the breakfast, look after the campers as they arrived either in registration or in the camp ground, setting up the stage etc etc,

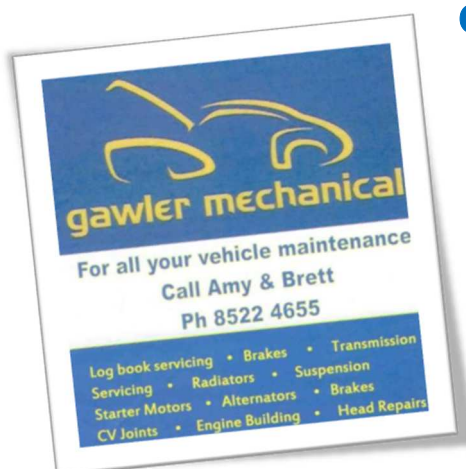
A large donation can be donated to the RFDS thanks to some of the fundraising activities we undertook over the weekend.

Everyone was asking enthusiastically where to from here and will there be another, which are all very good questions. At this stage all we can say is we will have a subcommittee debrief, review and a bit sole searching in the next month or so and seek guidance and agreement from our club then you will hear more I am sure.

Thank you for coming to our event and as Tom said please spruik it back at your club as we would love to see more of your members next time for something bigger and better maybe.

Kind Regards

Paul McGregor  
Phone 0408 900 889  
[treasurer@mountloftyrangers.com.au](mailto:treasurer@mountloftyrangers.com.au)



**Gawler & Districts 4WD Club would like to thank  
Gawler Mechanical  
for their generous donations to our club Xmas Raffles.**

*They have kindly donated to us a very useful and practical 12V LED Strip kit which is ideal for lighting your way when out camping and also a portable Electric Pizza cooker which will be great when you are in that caravan park wanting a freshly cooked pizza!*

**Please help us support our local businesses and if you need any mechanical work done then contact Amy or Brett at *Gawler Mechanical* on (08) 8522 4655.**

**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. Without these regular contributions the raffle would be unable to go ahead each month. Please don't leave it to that elusive "someone else!!"*

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

**Thank you for all your support**

OCTOBER 2015	NOVEMBER 2015	DECEMBER 2015
John & Jane Jansen	Max & Lyn Leske	Peter & Lynn O'Sullivan
Stephen Kelly	Lyn Lillecrapp	Dave & Michele Riddle
Martin & Corry Kisbee	Ian & Claire Mitchell	Norma & Bronte Rivett

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**



**Christmas** is next month so please think about our Christmas raffle which is held at the December meeting and perhaps add something appropriate to your shopping trolley for the raffle.

A list of suitable items can be found on the Social Secretary's table next to the monthly raffle. We ask that you please tick off something that you would like to donate. By doing this, it will help the social secretary to plan the prizes for the raffle and avoid too many duplications of similar items. Thank you.

**GUEST SPEAKERS**



<i>These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:</i>	
<b>November:</b>	Chris Sieben & Peter Harper talking "trips"
<b>December:</b>	Annual General Meeting <i>Please consider nominating yourself for any vacant positions.</i>
<b>* 2016 *</b>	<b>A New Year so please put your thinking caps on – any suggestions welcome by the Committee</b>

## SPONSOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### IM-PRESS Promotions Gawler

*All embroidered with club logo*

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Centre  
485 Main Nth Road  
Evanston SA 5116

(behind Woolies service station)

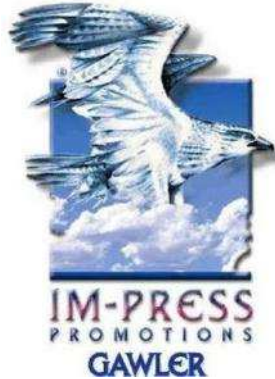
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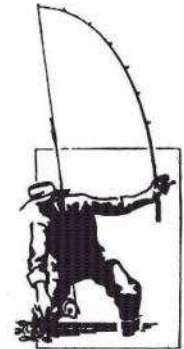
48 Murray St Gawler SA 5118

Phone 08 8522 6200

[fishnout@bigpond.net.au](mailto:fishnout@bigpond.net.au)

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

- \*Fishing Tackle
- \*Fridge / Freezers
- \*Guns & ammo
- \*Binoculars
- \*Knives
- \*Camping gear
- \*GPS systems
- \*Swags
- \*Marine
- \*Repairs



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you would like to use this  
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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](http://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.)**



# GAWLER

FOR ALL YOUR 4WD AND SUV TYRES  
OR  
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**CONTACT MICHAEL OR JASON  
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MAXXIS, GENERAL

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May 2016



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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](mailto: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 REMINDER\*\*\*\*

*Your last chance to get your 2015 entries to John Jansen will be at the*

***November meeting!! DON'T LEAVE IT TOO LATE!!***

#### The PHOTO COMPETITION RULES:

- (a) No specific categories apply
- (b) Each member may enter up to four (4) photos
- (c) Photos should be copy (not originals) - Size 15cm x 10cm (6"x4")
- (d) Photos should 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 by close of November General meeting
- (g) Late entries will not be accepted

**Entries to be handed to John by close of NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

**Late entries will not be accepted.  
So get your photos in .....  
DOUBLE CHANCE OF a PRIZE!!**



### 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:

- (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](mailto:editor@gawler4wd.com.au) for inclusion in our next newsletter providing it arrives BEFORE the newsletter deadline! (See page 3)

**For sale****Hayman Reese Caravan Weight Distribution Set**

\$500 ono - Angaston, South Australia

Call Bruce on 85642915 to ask any questions or to inspect



(V.5)

2 x 1" Spring Bars

Maxhitch WT 250kg (2 Bars)

Max Gross Trailer Weight 4545 kg

2 x Chain Hitches

Van Mount to A Frame 1 x Fully Adjustable draw bar and ball

50 x 50 mm Shaft

Weight Distribution Hitch featuring the cam lock adjustable ball mount.

250 kg Hitch Weight

Near New rarely Used but when it was used it was used on a **Pathfinder**



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

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

**DTU TRAINING**

As part of the formality of the training provided by the club and managed through 4WDSA, the federal government requires students to have a student identifier. The simple process to follow is at [www.usi.gov.au](http://www.usi.gov.au). Once obtained, please advise your club's training coordinator with the id so their training records can be updated

**The 2016 training calendar is not available at the moment but will be published in the Newsletter as soon as it is available. For any queries re training, please contact Peter Harper ([peter\\_harper@bigpond.com](mailto:peter_harper@bigpond.com))**

**Peter Harper**  
Training Officer



## Holowiliena Station



**Holowiliena Station is the only one of South Australia's pastoral leases still held in the names of the original lessees. Fourth, fifth and sixth generations of the family currently live and work on the station, managing the agricultural enterprise in partnership with an emerging tourism business: bringing the past, into our future. Here's our story.**

William and Jennett Warwick, originally from Dumfriesshire in Scotland, arrived in South Australia in 1839 with their three oldest children. They found farm work in the Gawler area before their employers, the Doctors Browne, offered William the management of Canowie Station in the mid-north.

William soon went looking for his some land of his own. Initially travelling north to Arkaba, he found a suitable block south-east of Warcovie for which he obtained the required 'Annual Occupational Licence'. Jennett, the girls and younger children then stayed at Arkaba while William and the older boys built a hut at the place now known as Yak, part of Holowiliena. When the family arrived in 1852, living with 10 children in a tiny hut, it surely must have felt remote! It was three years later that they moved to the current homestead site and established the beautiful buildings, working with local materials: stone, timber and lime.

One of the special things about Holowiliena is the family and station history that has been retained in the belongings left by previous generations at the station. The station office houses diaries dating back to 1864, and many books much older. The station store has, over the years, accumulated a selection of homestead and farming equipment that would have been used by the Warwick family.

Richard and Janne Warwick have been managing Holowiliena since 1981. Their daughter, Frances, returned to Holowiliena with her husband, Luke Frahn, in 2008, and now have two young children. Holowiliena remains true to its origins - it is a property built on good, strong merino sheep and their wonderful soft wool. Luke, a shearer, and Frances, a wool classer, plan to continue this business with Richard and Janne into the future.

In the early days, the Warwick family established a station of good repute, and the Holowiliena diaries note visits from people from all walks of life: swaggies, surveyors, stockmen and settlers. Our family today prides itself on the warm welcome we give friends and visitors, just as it was in the olden days. Where callers may have needed essential supplies many years ago, today we offer cups of tea or wood-fired pizzas, and a chance to hear about life at Holowiliena, both today and in the past.

*The proposed Easter trip for 2016 includes a visit to Holowiliena Station and the above gives a broad outline of how the station came into being. More information is available on their website [www.holowilienastation.com](http://www.holowilienastation.com).*

**TRIP REPORTS:****OCTOBERFEST 2015 – WILLANGI****October Long Weekend Friday 3 October to Monday 5 October 2015****Carinya Escapes & Magnetic Hill drive, Saturday 3rd October**

9:30 start from the camp site, with Paul McGregor from the Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club as trip leader, followed by Peter & Simone (Whyalla Club), Marianne Whiting (Mt Lofty Rangers), then the Gawler Club mob: Bob & Pauline, John & Jane, Brenton & Keryn, Max & Lyn with Sue & Roger as tail end Charlie.

Short drive back into Peterborough, through the main street with a fleeting glance of a number of FJ Holdens on display (how different things must have been 60 years ago when those cars were new), then off towards Magnetic Hill.



Off the black top onto some well maintained dirt roads, with plenty of green, healthy looking crops on either side, over Magnetic Hill, until we reached a snag.. ..the road was closed for maintenance!

Paul zipped into the closest farmhouse, and the farmer provided us with an escort around the road block, right into the Carinya Escapes property.

Easy travelling on the property, through the sheoak trees and yacka forest, all selected 4L for the climb up Rabbit Hill. Didn't see any rabbits, but lots of kangaroo tail plants alongside of the track. The driving then

became more "challenging" (Sue didn't swear once, at least while the mic was open!) with the climb to the top of Mt Maurice, a part of the Pekina Ranges, approx 770 metres above sea level. Here we stopped for a morning coffee, enjoying the 360 degree panoramic views available. Brenton managed to find a local, a snake, trying to hide from the goings on.

With photos done, we headed back down the mount, past the ancient yacka (some believed to be over 600 years old). The trunk of the yacka grows at only one centimetre per year, and the blackened signs of a bushfire can be seen at the base of these. This must have happened a long time ago, as apparently there have been no bushfires in these hills since white settlement. From here it was into Hidden Valley, where we stopped for lunch, enjoying the shade of the trees or the hut if preferred, with a long drop a short walk away.

Some more easy driving until we left the property, then it was on to Magnetic Hill, where several did the impossible and travelled backwards up the hill towards Magnetic Hill. John had to do it twice, just to make sure! From here more good dirt roads back into Peterborough where the Gawler mob stopped for the mandatory ice cream at the local servo.

Thanks to Paul for a pleasant and informative drive, with special mention to the fact that he took over the trip leader role at short notice.



**[Roger & Sue]**

## Millers Property – Saturday, 10 October 2015



About 9 vehicles left our camp site at 8.45am led by J&J Jansen.

We travelled through tracks called Dave's Pass, Scrubber Track, Emu Track, Blitz Track, Chip Hut Road, Euro Loop, Paddy's Track, Lofty Loop, Petals Track, Ridge Top and Paradise Road. Wildlife showed us stumpy lizards, kangaroos, sheep and a few eagles which flew way too high when we took a photo, only a dot in the sky proved we saw them.

Roger gained new experiences going through river creeks, learning how to straighten the vehicle (with a little help from Max & Dave) and managing extremely well the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. Well done Roger!

Being tail end, we found a lot of stones others had loosened for us making it a little more challenging. So many scenic views, can only share a few with you from the lookouts. The guys had to check out this old truck of course!



Finished our scenic drive by checking out the settlers hut/ruins that has a lovely timber ceiling still in tack. Owners of the property Phil & Antoinette have plans to very slowly renovate a lot of the ruins on their large property that they opened for everyone to enjoy in October 2009.

It was October 2010 our club visited Willangi but how it has developed since then, it's amazing.



I must say the organisers from the Mt Lofty Ranges 4WD Club could hardly improve on the fabulous weekend they offered for the Octoberfest. The 7 piece band topped off Saturday night playing music that made every member having to either toe-tap or dance the night away and was heard many, many hills away.

[Lyn Leske]

Martin and Martin (M&M) and us (Dave, Michele, Jessica Riddle) joined a group of vehicle's from various clubs to do Black Rock Challenge Drive first thing Saturday Morning, Flag no 4 we met at for a 9:30am departure.

Glenn from Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club was our trip leader with 9 vehicles total and Ron from MLR taking up the rear to fill his ute with lollies for being tale end Charlie and closing the gates. After a bit of a blacktop drive we turned onto the property and let our tyres down ready to 4WD.

Yesterday's track took us up a hill for a view but had to watch the tall grass underneath with unusually warm weather it had started to dry out quite quickly. Nice drive down a shaly hill made for an even better drive back up it with a step up half way.

Lunch stop on the hill with the grasshoppers was a nice breeze that was a bit too breezy for hats to stay on heads and dried out sandwiches quite nicely if you liked them that way ;).



After lunch we were back out on the tracks going up and down and making lunch shake down a bit.

Repeater Station switch back track hill had lovely 360 degree views. This Survey Marker was interesting with it saying there was a 20 pound fine if found to interfere with it. Like to see them get 20 pounds out of anyone these days.

Time for a dog leg before heading to the back of

the property. In a cloud or bubble of dust we made it up the hill that wasn't as loose as last time. Windows up and Air Con on was needed for that and looking for the track through the dust was challenging at times.

No blacktop needed to get back to camp by 2:30 so a dry creek bed play was on the cards before happy hour.

Happy Hour was HUGE so much food for everyone including metre long Mettwursts wow what a feed. We struggled to eat dinner that night before setting up our chairs to have a great night listening to the band.



After a fabulous Saturday Night listening to and watching the entertaining Strickland Road Band we had a wonderful Big Brekky cooked by Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club with proceeds to RFDS. What a feed with Bacon, Snags, Eggs, Baked Beans and a Bread Roll each.

John and Jane Jansen were in charge of leading our Gawler & District 4WD Club Members astray this afternoon around the various properties around Willangi. 8 vehicles set off from camp to explore.



Along the way we found a prospective new vehicle the boys had to check out in great detail.

We rocked and rolled and bumped our way around and up and down the various tracks we found.

Jodie's Track was a bit more challenging than Jane would have liked but everyone did ok taking it nice and slow and steady and some wanted more of the same but Jane's stress levels couldn't handle more of that, haha.

Eldortrilla Track we came across 3 vehicles on top going the other way which was a good spot to pass on by thankfully.

We all had a lovely drive along the top of the hill with views all around including we could see camp in the distance. We then headed back down part of Jodie's Track with Jane holding her breath all the way.



A nice challenging afternoon was had by all thanks to Jane for leading us astray!

**[Dave, Michele and Jessic]**

## **4WD CLUB TRIP FROM YANKALILLA TO CAPE JERVIS**

### **10 October 2015**

As the sun peeped through the clouds, a group of 5 vehicles made our way south from Gawler to Yankalilla. Nick, Kerry and family joined us along the way and Neil and Liz Hudson met us at the oval, where we met with Southern Explorers Club members and hosts of the day, the Lions Club Members.

After collecting lunch tickets, map and general information about the district, we headed off into two groups with our guide Jim. There were the Wilkins, Jansen, Leske, Earls, Siebens, Riddles, Bottroffs and Hudsons.

It was very interesting learning about Yankalilla's past history as "the main fruit bowl" for the City of Adelaide for about twenty years, followed by dairy farming, until deregulation, which destroyed the industry. Today only two dairies exist in the area.. Other significant highlights of the area were landslides due to a very wet year, the local abattoirs, golf links, old flour mill, hang gliding and cottages (Comic Court) named after a Melbourne Cup winning horse.

After a loop of the local area, we let our tyres down ready for the 4 wheel driving ahead. We travelled through the valley along Yankalilla creek, which was the original bullock train track to Adelaide. The weather was perfect, and the wild flowers had started to show their spring colours.

At the first lookout, we could see Wirrina Cove, Carrickalinga, South Road, Second Valley and Rapid Bay. The views were magnificent. We travelled closer to Wirrina for a better look at their private lake, past the diggings and ruin of the mine manager's cottage and trees, the only reminder left of their past. A beautiful spot with lilies, figs, briar roses and poplar trees.

We continued onto Second Valley trig point and enjoyed fantastic views from the cliff top and sheer cliff face over the ocean and shore line. It was spectacular! We then descended down the steepest track for the day into the town of Rapid Bay for BBQ lunch, hosted by members of the Lion Club at the local school.

Following lunch, we ventured off again over the rolling hills to Delamere then towards the wind turbine farm. We passed a quarry site, saw masses of kangaroos and farmers raking, baling and wrapping hay for silage. It was really interesting to watch as were the turbines when they braked and shut down while we were standing under them - a bit worrying until we realised what was happening! While there, both groups were together, so we lined up the vehicles and took photos.

From here we travelled to Cape Jervis, finishing a great day near the light house.

We said our thankyou's and goodbye's to Jim our guide and other colleagues and headed home.

It was a fantastic day, great weather, very well organised, lovely lunch and great company and guidance from the Lions Club of Yankalilla. Thank you all involved. I will be lining up again for this trip and recommend it to our friends in the Gawler 4WD club.

[Keryn Wilkins]

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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS PORTFOLIOS

### (for Gawler & Districts 4WD Club Incorporated)

#### **President/Public Officer: (Elected)**

**Elected in Even Years – eg. 2014, 2016**

To Chair Committee & General Meetings. To be involved in the general administration of the club. To speak for and on behalf of the club. To welcome new Members.

#### **Vice-President: (Elected)**

**Elected in Odd Years – eg. 2015, 2017**

To stand in for the President should the need arise and to keep themselves familiar with the running of club business. To speak for and on behalf of the club. To organise monthly speakers to General Club Meetings.

#### **Secretary: (Elected)**

**Elected in Even Years – eg. 2014, 2016**

To keep a record of incoming mail, answer any correspondence or respond to as required by the committee. Collate a summary of incoming and outgoing correspondence for meetings to be included in minutes from committee and general meetings.

#### **Treasurer: (Elected)**

**Elected in Odd Years – eg. 2015, 2017**

To keep a true and accurate record of all incoming and outgoing accounts and to pay all accounts approved by the club. To keep a record of all members. The books must be audited each year and a report is tabled and presented at the AGM.

#### **Minutes Secretary: (Elected)**

To keep a true and accurate record of all business discussed at Committee and General Meetings, and any other meetings called by the committee. Type up these minutes and pass onto editor for insertion into newsletter each month.

#### **Social Secretary/s: (Elected)**

To organise a group of helpers for putting on all social functions. For organising and running all fund raising efforts within the club. To keep true and accurate financial records, to report at Committee and General Meetings on all of the above. Collect items to be raffled each month, have tea, coffee, cold drinks and supper ready for after the meeting. You are the welcoming face of the club as you are the first person the members and visitors see as they register and buy raffle tickets. This position is encouraged to be shared by 2 people.

#### **Editor/Publisher: (Elected)**

To collect material suitable for printing in the club newsletter including trip reports and photos and any information relevant to club activities, association business, and any other information to keep members informed on all matters relating to 4WDiving and our club. To organise advertising such as to compensate the production costs of producing the newsletter. To organise typing, printing and copying of the newsletter. You can ask for volunteers help from the membership.

#### **Committee Member/s: (Elected)**

To help and undertake responsibilities as decided by the club.

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**Welcoming Officer/s:** *(Volunteers Appointed)*

To make welcome any potential new members which may come to the club meetings as visitors first. Answer any of their questions about the club and offer some information about the club.

**Trips Co-ordinator:** *(Elected)*

To keep a record of all information relating to any CLUB ORGANISED outing. To post any club trips in newsletter and let the members know at meetings, make sure all trips/ club outings are minuted, organise any trip that they so desire, but is not necessarily responsible for the running of all/any club trips. Help advice trip leaders on what information is required for a trip.

**SAAFWDC Delegate:** *(Elected)*

To represent the club at monthly association meetings and to report back to members all relevant information concerning club members.

**Training & DTU Co-ordinator:** *(Elected)*

To organise training for club members, to keep records of all training activities and progress of all members participating. DTU -(Must be a member of Driver Training Unit – Appointed) To attend DTU meetings and report back to members any relevant information.

**Librarian/Property Officer:** *(Elected)*

To maintain Club's Books, Videos, DVD's, Maps, Magazines from other clubs, general info and to retain 1 copy of each of our Club Newsletters for prosperity. Responsible for maintaining and storing all Club Property.

**Property Officer:** *(Volunteers Appointed)*

Responsible for maintaining and storing of all Club Property.

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

Any member of the club can organise and run a Club Trip of their choice providing all aspects of trip and convoy regulations are strictly adhered to. (Refer to Club By-Laws)



**We need people for our committee!!  
Please consider joining the committee  
and helping us to continue to run this  
successful club for benefits to its  
members.**

**A NEW TREASURER IS NEEDED THIS  
YEAR!! NOT MUCH WORK  
OJT TRAINING PROVIDED 😊**