

Gawler & Districts

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4WD Club Newsletter

December 2015



Founded in 2002



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



Gawler & District 4WD Club wishes everyone a

Merry Christmas 2015



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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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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>
General		13	13	10	8	12	10	14	11	9	13	11
Committee		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>
General		12	11	8	13	10	8	12	9	14	11	9
Committee		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***November 2015***

See the attached Minutes (members only)

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

Presidents Report:

Welcome to the December newsletter.

This meeting is the AGM. Please consider putting your hand up to take a position on the Committee. It helps the club run smoothly and you have a say how your club is run. We need new blood to keep the club interesting to all our members. Please don't "sit on your hands" during the AGM.



Thank you to all the helpers at the Woolies BBQ. Wayne had lots of helpers during the day including some from the local volunteers of the RFDS. Although quieter than previous BBQ's, we raised enough for a reasonable donation to the RFDS.

Already we have a few events for 2016, but we need Trip Leaders to lead trips. If you wish to lead a trip, talk to the Trip Co-ordinator; the Committee will give you plenty of help.

[Quenton]

Editor's Report:

Hi everyone

Well here we are at the final meeting for 2015 - where did the year go? It doesn't seem that long ago that we had the 2014 AGM!! As mentioned by Quenton, please consider taking on a position on the committee. The commitment isn't an onerous one - one meeting per month that's all plus the general meeting! You will get plenty of support from your fellow committee members.

In this edition of the newsletter you will find the list of suggested trips which emanated from the October meeting. The DTU calendar is still not available as this goes to print

As it's our last meeting for the year, please bring along a plate of something to share with everyone. If you had overlooked the Christmas raffle and wish to support it, you can still bring something along on the night and hand it to Lyn Leske.

That's it from me. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you are holidaying somewhere in the great outdoors, please keep safe on the roads. See you in 2016.

[Sandra]





COMING EVENTS

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 11.00 am		
When:	Tuesday 26 January 2016		
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl, 0407 604 601 or 8523 2507		



Easter 2016		Flinders Ranges Friday 25 March to Monday 28 March 2016	
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		



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

NGARKAT **19/20 MARCH 2016**
WORKING BEE

Trip Details: More details to follow covering meeting times, projects to be undertaken, campsite area, tools to bring, etc
Trip Leader: ****TBA****

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

2015 AGM

At meeting: **Friday 11th 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.

***** TREASURER POSITION WANTED in 2016 *****
[Not complicated role – Training provided ☺]
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SUBS ARE NOW DUE FOR 2016

Please fill out renewal form

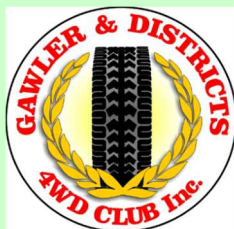
Members pay annual fee

(Only \$50 this year!)

(+ \$10 joining fee for new members)

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

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

PROPOSED TRIPS & OUTINGS

- **TBA** *Puppy Springs/Dorado Downs
Contact person Bill Small 8577 2228 (2 properties)
** Leader required ***
- **2016** *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.



GAWLER CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

**to be held at Pioneer Park
on Saturday 19 December 2015
commencing at 5.00 pm**

Come along to Pioneer Park and enjoy the festivities.
Food available from 5.00pm.

Rides and entertainment including Jumping Castle, Face Painters, Climbing Wall, and much more are available from 5.30pm along with a special visit by Santa at 6.00pm.

Carols commence at 7.30pm with entertainment for the whole family for all to enjoy including Acoustic Juice, The Raymond Sisters and Nathan Stafford, Gawler Town Band and many more local entertainers.

Bring your rugs and chairs for a wonderful Christmas celebration.
Alcohol and smoke free event.

SA Caravan & Camping Show – Feb 2016 (17th – 21st) **[PROPOSED]**



With over 200 exhibitors you need an early start to see all the South Australian Caravan & Camping Show has in store for you. The show will stretch over 5 big days at Wayville Showground.

Opening Times: 10am - 6pm daily

Entry Cost: TBD

Entry Gate/s: Kidman Gate, Stirling Angas Gate, Wayville Gate & Ridley Gate

Organiser Web: <http://www.caravanandcampingsa.com.au/>

TRIP SUGGESTIONS FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING

Here is a summary of the trip suggestions from our October meeting.

Social outings / Events

Cinema
Barossa Bowls - Ten Pin & Putt Putt
The Rocks - BBQ lunch

Day Trips

Saunders Gorge
Banrock Station - Wetlands tour
Pt. Adelaide - historic walk
Adelaide Hills
Murray mouth/ Goolwa
Local Mystery drive

Week-end Trips

Arid lands Botanical Gardens & Wadlata Centre
Pt. Augusta
Innes National Park - May/August
Bri-Glen/Sir Hubert Wilkins birthplace
Willangi

Long week-end Trips

Arkaroola
Gluepot Reserve
Broken Hill/Silverton
Flinders Ranges
Grampians (on a SA l/w/end)

Mt. Crawford
Mambray Creek
Deep Creek
Bri-Glen/Burra Gorge
Beachport
Ned's corner (near Renmark)

Longer Trips

Kangaroo Island
Googs Track
Central Australia
Simpson Desert
Pyrenees
Ann Beadell Hwy
South West Western Australia
Cape York
Vic High Country
Blue Mountains
Great Ocean road
Farina
Maralinga
Kimberley area
Fraser Island
Coward Springs/Oodnadatta Track

If you feel you would like to lead a trip, please let John Jansen, Quenton or any of the committee members know. It is very rewarding and should you feel a little intimidated by the prospect, someone with more experience would be able to assist you with your planning. Don't be afraid, give it a go!!

FRIDAY FUNNIES

Thanks to Westprint Friday Five

Did you hear about the guy they found dead with his head in his cornflakes?
The police thought it was a cereal killer.

A man and woman were married for many years. Whenever there was a confrontation, yelling could be heard deep into the night. The old man would shout, "When I die, I will dig my way up and out of the grave and come back and haunt you for the rest of your life!" Neighbours feared him. The old man liked the fact that he was feared. Then one evening, he died when he was 98. After the burial, her neighbours, concerned for her safety, asked, "Aren't you afraid that he may indeed be able to dig his way out of the grave and haunt you for the rest of your life?" The wife said, "Let him dig. I had him buried upside down...and I know he won't ask for directions."

Q: What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down? A: It gets toad away.

Q: What did the bird say after his cage fell apart? A: "Cheap, cheap!"

You are on a horse, galloping at a constant speed. On your right side is a sharp drop off, and on your left side is an elephant traveling at the same speed as you. Directly in front of you is another galloping horse but your horse is unable to overtake it. Behind you is a lion running at the same speed as you and the horse in front of you.

How can you get out of this highly dangerous situation? Get off the merry-go-round!

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.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

◆◆◆ December ◆◆◆
Joan Grace
Dave Riddle
Peter Cusick



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

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2015



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

**Will be drawn at the
DECEMBER General Meeting
on Friday 11th Dec 2015.**

DONATIONS STILL ACCEPTED!

Thank you for all the contributions which have been received to date for the Christmas Raffle. We have been generously supplied with many suitable items.

If you haven't already done so and feel you would like to make a donation then please hand your item to Lyn, Social Secretary, up to and including Friday evening. Thank you.



**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 all year, it's been greatly appreciated.

NOVEMBER 2015	DECEMBER 2015	FEBRUARY 2016
Max & Lyn Leske	Peter & Lynn O'Sullivan	Roy & Bronwyn Schwarz
Lyn Lillecrapp	Dave & Michele Riddle	Chris & Julie Sieben
Ian & Claire Mitchell	Norma & Bronte Rivett	Brenton & Keryn Wilkins

GUEST SPEAKERS

	<p><i>These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:</i></p>	
	<p>December:</p>	<p>Annual General Meeting <i>Please consider nominating yourself for any vacant positions.</i></p>
	<p>* 2016 *</p>	<p>We do have a few suggestions for 2016 so please "watch this space!"</p>

Merry Christmas

from everyone at the
Gawler and Districts 4WD Club



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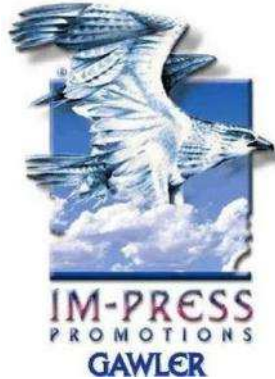
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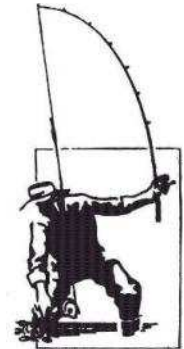
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Club Discount with **club card****
applies to all non-special items**

- *Fishing Tackle
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- *GPS systems
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- *Repairs



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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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OR
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**CONTACT MICHAEL OR JASON
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- Classified Adverts
- "For Sale" items



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

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



MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

To Be ANNOUNCED!



**PHOTO COMPETITION - WINNERS
WILL BE SELECTED ON FRIDAY
EVENING AT THE AGM MEETING!!**

A BIG THANK YOU TO:-
*Gawler Fishing & Outdoors &
G4WD Members*
For judging these photos



2015 Club Trips Photos

Winner: TBA - To be judged at the December Meeting by Gawler Fishing & Outdoors

Prize donated by Gawler Fishing & Outdoors

Winner: TBA - To be judged at the December Meeting by "Member's Choice"
Prize donated by Gawler and Districts 4WD Club

Photo numbers were down this year resulting in having to draw upon last minute offers. These are good prizes so please try and "snap" some good shots for 2016 and bring them to the competition to allow everyone a chance to have a good look and maybe have a laugh or two!

TRIP REPORT COMPETITION



We had approx 12 entries for the competition, so well done everyone, but unfortunately only one person could win and the winner will a be drawn on Friday evening at the general meeting.

This lucky person will be rewarded with a \$25 voucher to be spent at the Gawler Fishing & Outdoors shop.

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)

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. 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)

**Peter Harper
Training Officer**



SPECIAL NOTICE to all **GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB MEMBERS**



Please be advised of a club organised Working Bee at **Max & Lyn's place at Shea-Oak Log**.
If you can spare an hour or two, many hands will make light work.

Working Bee
Max & Lyn's place
Saturday 12th December, from 9.00am

Please bring buckets, cloths etc to sugar wash all internal walls.
And BYO small salad!
Sausage sizzle (club will supply sausages) provided

Directions: Head up Sturt Highway from Gawler toward Nuriootpa. Look out for large SHEA-OAK LOG turn off (on left hand side of road) – Stay on for another 1.5KM
Turn left into WANDEL ROAD - 1st Property on left next to LESKE ENGINEERING sign!

Please RSVP via email to - qdld@bigpond.com
Leader - Dave Riddle

ANNUAL DEWNR-FWDSA FORUM

Today (Monday) I and 5 other representatives from FWDSA attended the annual DEWNR – FWDSA forum in the city. The primary purpose of the forum is to formally report on activity from both organisations that are of mutual interest. Representatives from DEWNR include permanent staff and rangers from across the state. The minutes of the meeting are still a little way away, but thought this would be an opportune time to share a couple of notes from the meeting.

Nature based Tourism is an area where the government see opportunities to grow that aspect of the economy. FWDSA is recognised as representing a significant proportion of the population using DEWNR assets and we can expect our continued involvement in the review of various management plans.

There are a number of opportunities for NGO (non-government organisations) to become involved with asset management. One example cited was the Camp Ground Host program and this program is to be expanded in the future.

NRAU. As was reported a few months back, Don Ransom resigned as chair of the NRAU. Good news, is we think we have a new chair – more about that at another time. However, the NRAU continues to be active with a number of programs. In particular, of course, is the work on the Border Track. Another project was a bee mapping task conducted in Ngarkat earlier this year. This was very successful and the program will be expanded to other parks.

[Peter Harper]

With the recent Pinery fires still fresh in our minds, it's a timely reminder to re-visit fire plans for those who live in fire prone districts. It's been a devastating start to summer with more hot months to come.

Don't be a statistic, be prepared!

Please read this CFS Fact Sheet for more information:

CFS FACT SHEET ON THE DAY OF A BUSHFIRE



The most important thing on fire danger days is to be alert to what is going on around you. Most of your preparatory actions will be the same whether you are leaving early or staying and defending. They include:

- monitoring the radio
- checking the weather forecast
- ringing neighbours to share facts and opinions
- ringing the Bushfire Information Hotline about what is happening in your area
- going outside and looking for smoke every 30 minutes
- checking the CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.au or messages on a CFS mobile phone app
- performing the actions that will allow you more time in Stage 1 if a fire occurs
- performing the actions that are part of your local community strategies, for example, checking on a vulnerable neighbour.

Leaving early

If you plan to leave early, you must be aware of the following points well in advance of a bushfire threat.

- Know your trigger to leave.
- Leave early on high fire danger days or even the night before.
- Go to a location outside the bushfire risk area (preferably in a Bushfire Safer Settlement or Precinct - see CFS Fact sheet 1.6 'Bushfire Safer Places').
- Know beforehand where you are going (for example, a shopping centre or family member's place).
- Plan alternative routes in case your normal route is in the bushfire risk area.
- Monitor the radio for fire updates and bushfire warnings.
- Ensure all members of your family are familiar with your Bushfire Survival Plan and have options in case you are separated.
- If your children are at school, know their procedure and how it fits with your Plan.
- Ensure you have made arrangements for your pets.
- If a bushfire occurs, do not return to your home until advised by police or emergency services.
- Fire may threaten an area for days or even weeks, so plan to be away from home for some time.



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Actions before leaving

The following list may depend on your available time.

- Discuss the day's activities early with all family members.
- Bring indoors any doormats, outdoor furniture and hanging pots.
- Ensure all family members are wearing protective clothing.
- Advise neighbours and other family of your actions.
- Shut all windows and internal doors.
- If your curtains are not wool, take them down and put them away.
- If your curtains are wool, close them.
- Inside your home protect windows with woollen blankets, foil or cross with tape
- Move flammable furniture away from windows.
- Remove small flammable objects (for example, cushions) and put away.
- Close up the house.
- Connect hoses.
- Clear gutters.
- Block downpipes.
- Ensure yard is cleared of rubbish.
- Shut off gas and electricity.

What to take

- Pets in their boxes or cages (dog on leash)
- Emergency kit for relocation
- Pack of personal items, toiletries and clothing for each family member
- Drinking water
- Radio, mobile phone, batteries
- Woollen blanket for each family member
- Computer
- Masks and gloves
- Favourite item for children
- Shovel.



More information on emergency kits can be found in CFS Fact Sheet #3.3 'Emergency kits'

Staying and defending

If you plan to stay and defend your home, you must be committed to staying. You must not decide to leave at the last minute because your Bushfire Survival Plan will be based on the decision you have made beforehand.

The keys to survival

The basic keys to survival in a bushfire are:

- a clearly understood Bushfire Survival Plan and back-up plan in the event that circumstances change
- a minimum defendable space of 20 metres, more if your house is on sloped land
- suitable firefighting equipment
- an adequate water supply (a minimum of 5000 litres)
- a water pump, either petrol or diesel, and hoses
- an ember-proof house.

Prior preparation

- Prepare your Emergency Kit.
- You need to be mentally and physically prepared to defend your home.
- In a major bushfire, emergency services resources could be stretched, making it impossible for fire crews to protect every house. The responsibility for home protection ultimately rests with you.

Clothing tips

- Wear clothing made from natural fibres for protection against radiant heat. Make sure they are loose enough to allow for sweating and cooling.
- Don't wear boots with nails or studs.
- Wear neck-hugging clothing.
- Have a personal survival kit you can take whenever you travel.

Extra accessories

- Indoor plant sprayer
- Bottle of artificial tears for cleaning smoke and debris out of eyes
- Sunscreen.



PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED FOR 2016

(for Gawler & Districts 4WD Club Incorporated)

President/Public Officer: *(Elected)*

Elected in Even Years – eg. 2014, 2016

Vice-President: *(Elected)*

Elected in Odd Years – eg. 2015, 2017

Secretary: *(Elected)*

Elected in Even Years – eg. 2014, 2016

Treasurer: *(Elected)*

Elected in Odd Years – eg. 2015, 2017

Minutes Secretary: *(Elected)*

Social Secretary/s: *(Elected)*

Editor and Publisher: *(Elected)*

Committee Member/s: *(Elected)*

Welcoming Officer/s: *(Volunteers Appointed)*

Trips Co-ordinator: *(Elected)*

SAAFWDC Delegate: *(Elected)*

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

Librarian/Property Officer: *(Elected)*

Property Officer: *(Volunteers Appointed)*

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

Those highlighted are up for election this year!



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

