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4WD Club Newsletter

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



Easter 2016 - Holowiliena Station

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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 \$50 per vehicle/family, plus \$10 joining fee.



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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS***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	4	8	13	3	8	12	9	14	11	9
Committee		3			4			3		5	2	
		24	30		25	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

March 2016***See the attached Minutes (members only)*****SUBS ARE NOW OVERDUE FOR 2016**

Please fill out renewal form
Members pay annual fee
(Only \$50 this year!)
(+ \$10 joining fee for new members)

Want to pay by EFT? See page 8 for details

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

Presidents Report:

Welcome to the April Newsletter.

Easter has been and gone and what a great week-end it was. The Holowiliena Station tour was fantastic (and the scones were yummy!!) and the Worumba track was both scenic and challenging enough to be interesting for all. Read all about it in the trip report.

By now you should have paid your Subs for the year, but if you have forgotten, please see Norma ASAP - the fees are only \$50 plus a late fee of \$10. If you are thinking of joining or re-joining, we would love to have you as a member for 2016.

[Quenton]

Editor's Report:

Well what a great Easter weekend we had and thanks to Quenton and Deb for organising such an interesting one especially the trip to Holowiliena Station. Thanks also to Jeremy the Gawler Light Rotary exchange student from Belgium. He was polite, well mannered, helpful and good fun and put up with a lot of stick from everyone but kept his sense of humour throughout.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE MOTHERS' DAY RAFFLE to be drawn at the May meeting. To date, no donations have been received so this could well be the first one of the three big yearly raffles that will be wiped from the Social Secretary's calendar in the future. It's not too late to donate and all donations will be gratefully accepted so please pass them onto Lyn or Joann. Thank you.

The club now has its own Assessor - Pete passed his exam to qualify. Congratulations Pete let's hope we get some people interested in training during the year so that your new found skills can be put to the test.

That's it from me for another month.

[Sandra]

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



COMING EVENTS

Mystery History Day Trip **Sunday, 1 May 2016**

Trip Details:	As part of History month, visiting historic sites in our local area. Bring: Picnic lunch, afternoon tea to share, chairs, tables, camera, sturdy shoes.
Where:	Locally
Cost	\$14 adults; \$12 concession; \$1 child up to 15 yo
Meet:	Gawler Visitors Information Centre, Time: 9.30 am
When:	Sunday 1 May 2016
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl, 0407 604 601

June Long Weekend **11/12/13 June 2016** **Southern Flinders Ranges**

Trip Details:	Staying in the Stony Creek Bush Camp near Wilmington. Arid Lands Botanic Gardens, driving the recently re-opened Horseshoe Rim track.
Where:	Flinders Ranges
Cost:	Powered site \$25/night (2 ppl) Unpowered site \$20/night (2ppl) Track \$50 per vehicle. Arid Botanic Gardens - Free.
Meet:	Tarlee Saturday 11 th June, 2016 7.45am for 8.00am leave
When:	Saturday 11 June to Monday 13 June, 2016
Trip Leader:	*** TBA - Trip Leader required ***
More Info	Quenton 0407 604 601 Stony Creek Bush Camp 0488 156 850 Wayne Horseshoe Rim Track 8648 6438 Susan

Ashbourne Mud and Water	Refresher Training Weekend August 2016
Trip Details:	Come and experience the new Mud and Water training track in the Adelaide Hills. You will get a chance to refresh some of your mud and water driving skills and learn new ones.
Where:	Ashbourne (near Strathalbyn)
Cost:	\$40 per vehicle + \$10 per vehicle
Meet:	TBA
When:	Friday 5 August to Sunday 7 August
Trip Leader:	Peter Harper
Trip Limit	10 Vehicles driving (we may be able to accommodate additional campers)
More Info	

NT and Kimberley	October 2016
Trip Details:	Darwin, Gibb River Road and back down Tanami track
Where:	NT and Kimberley – Details TBA
Cost:	TBA
Meet:	Tarlee
When:	2nd to 30th Oct. 2016
Trip Leader:	Wayne & Sandra Heintze, Bronte & Norma Rivett
More Info	TBA

Octoberfest Whyalla	30 Sep – 2 Oct 2016
Trip Details:	After the success of the 2015 Octoberfest, we have decided to make this year's Octoberfest a club trip
Where:	Whyalla
Cost:	Earlybird special fee \$90.00
Meet:	TBA
When:	30 Sep 2016 to 2 Oct 2016
Trip Leader:	John J / Peter H
More Info	<p>Silent Auction with great donated prizes</p> <p>Access to private properties</p> <p>Trips from easy to hard</p> <p>Camp oven cook-off</p> <p>Night Nav</p> <p>Further info visit: www.whyalla4wd.org.au</p>

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.

SATURDAY FARMERS MARKET - Every Saturday morning between 8 am and 12 noon at the carpark attached to the Information Centre on Lyndoch Road, Gawler

Gawler and 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

GUEST SPEAKERS

	<p><i>These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:</i></p>	
	April	RFDS Treasurer to speak and accept donation from the Club.
	May	Dr Margaret Folkard, PhD, founder and owner of Sundials Australia (see website www.sundialsaustralia.com.au)
	June	**TBA**
	July	Martin Kennedy, SAPOL, re Identity theft

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!!" *****Please remember donations are needed for the Mothers' Day raffle to be drawn on 13 May 2016******

These can be given to the Social Committee (Lyn Leske, or Joann Wuttke) any time.

APRIL 2016**MAY 2016 (Mother's Day)****June 2016**

Wayne and Sandra Heintze	Max and Lyn Leske	Dave and Michelle Riddle
John and Jane Jansen	Lyn Lillecrapp	Bronte and Norma Rivett
Martin and Corry Kisbee	Peter and Lyn O'Sullivan	Roy and Bronwyn Schwarz



Mother's Day

8 May 2016



**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.)

CLUB INFORMATION – PAYMENT BY EFT

Want to save the trouble of carrying cash or remembering to bring you cheque book? Did you know that you can pay your club fee by EFT?

The club bank details are:

Account Name: Gawler and Districts 4WD Inc

BSB: 105 109

Account: 018030740

Please use your Surname and "2016" as the reference.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

◆◆ April ◆◆

Peter Harper

Wayne Heintze



MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD



PHOTO COMPETITION

Yes, it's on again. You know the rules but just in case, here they are:

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, once again, 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 for inclusion in our next newsletter providing it arrives BEFORE the newsletter deadline! (See page 3)

For sale

- **Nutrimetics Bargain Basket** at next General Meeting, see Lyn at meeting or phone 0403 332 432 Exp May 16
- **Single Wooden Bed base & headboard, large round pine table & lounge or kitchen timber buffet** available - make an offer, phone Max or Lyn 8524 9002 Exp May 16
- **Used Cooper S/T 265/70R17 tyres.** Tyres are nearing the end of their life and have about 6 mm of tread left. Would make good spares for those trips up north. Make an offer. Contact Peter on 0410 526 317 Exp Jun 16

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**

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!**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Desert Parks South Australia (thanks to Westprint Friday Five)

For up to date public road information outside of National Parks, please call the Transport SA Road Condition Hotline on 1300 361 033 or visit the Transport SA web site on <http://www.dpti.sa.gov.au/OutbackRoads> For further information regarding South Australia's national parks visit www.parks.sa.gov.au For information regarding air tours phone the Wadlata Outback Centre on 1800 633 060.

Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre National Park

Recent local rain around 10 March has brought significant water back onto Kati Thanda, with more local rain expected 13/14 March. The south lake has gone from no water coverage to about 80%. There are no current reports on water coverage on the north lake but water is flowing in especially via the Neales River and with rain that fell on the lake directly, this will rise quickly from the previous 20% coverage.

Halligan Bay Track and Level Post Bay Track - Closed due to rain.

Tallaringa Conservation Park

The Department of Defence has announced future closures of the Anne Beadell Highway on 16 - 29 May 2016.

When the park is open, in addition to a DEWNR entry/camping permit or a Desert Parks Pass, a tourist access permit is also required to access this area from the Department of Defence. Details can be found at <http://www.defence.gov.au/woomera/permit-tourist.htm>

Innamincka Regional Reserve and Malkumba-Coongie Lakes National Park

Note: DPTI are sealing Innamincka streets and will consist of pavement reconstruction and sealing of all local streets within the Innamincka Township. Works are expected to be completed by the end of March 2016, weather permitting.

Coongie Track, Walkers Crossing PAR, 15 Mile Track and Access to Cooper Creek,

Cullyamurra Waterhole, Burke's Grave, Old Strzelecki Track (on Innamincka Regional Reserve only), Bore Track North - Closed due to rain.

Bore Track South - Closed.

Witjira National Park and the Simpson Desert Reserves

Entry to Witjira National Park via Kulgera/Mt Dare. Due to recent rain.

Warburton Crossing - Closed due to rain.

One person's disenchanted view of four wheel drive clubs

(thanks again to Westprint Friday Five)

I just read your bit about 4WD clubs, but unfortunately, clubs are not always the best thing.

I used to be an active member of our local club until a few years ago, when it started to be overtaken by competition truck type 4WDs. I don't have a problem with these vehicles themselves, but the users of these vehicles, at least in the club I was in, tended to be the ones who wanted to go bush and make their own extreme tracks and corresponding mess.

I've become very cynical about a lot of clubs based on what I've seen in my own club and others on trips that I've done. They just seem to be full of bogan idiots that only want to rip up tracks to make them harder so they can justify 6" lifts, 35inch tyres etc., and then when they camp, they get drunk, make a heap of noise disturbing everyone looking for peace and quiet and leave a mess in the morning.

I tried to change the club for the better, but the sheer numbers against a small group drowned us out, so we left and just now do the odd trip by ourselves. I'd love to be in a club that really just wanted to get out in the bush and enjoy it for what it is, not make a mess and get us all locked out.

Your point about high centres of gravity is not lost on me. I have a Land cruiser 100 with a 50mm lift, 32inch tyres and all its swaybars still intact. I wouldn't imagine that these mods would exponentially increase the risk of a rollover, but I make allowances. I wonder if rollovers are more prevalent now that many 4wds seem to have at least 4" lifts, 35" tyres and swaybars disconnected. You've only got a follow one of these things around a few twisty bends to see how much body roll they develop.

I guess my message, whilst negative, should be for people to seek out a club that is family oriented and that take a genuinely responsible role in the community. I'm not against 4WD's with 4" lifts and 35" tyres etc., but a point that I would make is that a well driven moderately modified 4WD will usually drive the same difficult track but with minimal track damage. These things just get thrashed through tracks, ripping them up and making it impossible for anyone with a standard 4WD to get through. If we are going to do anything to get 4wding back to a less extreme past-time, then the 4WD Association(s) might have a part to play, but I suspect that they are probably already well and truly down the same path, at least to some extent. Andrew

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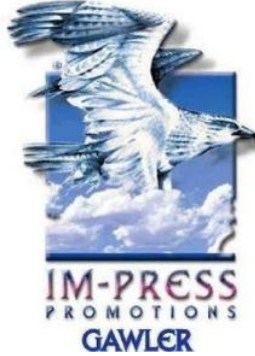
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TRIP REPORTS

NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK

The annual working bee was held on the 19th and 20th March 2016. Three vehicles with four volunteers attended from our club. There were approx. twenty vehicles in total plus Ranger, Rebecca, from PARKS S.A. All the volunteers arrived at the Pine Hut campground on the Friday afternoon or evening. No fires were permitted due to being in fire ban season. It was a very cold evening.

On Saturday morning the volunteers were split into three groups and assigned tasks for the day. Our group was to travel via the Centre and Border tracks for nearly forty kms to our first job. In our group there were three vehicles from Gawler club and four from the Summit club.

Our first task was to block off some unwanted track detours with posts and poly pipe. On completion we backtracked to our next job which involved placing some trial matting on the approaches to sand hills. This process required the leveling of the sandy ruts and pinning the matting over the track. The edges of the matting then had to be covered with sand to prevent the wind from lifting it. Two different styles of matting were used for the trial. After completing two sand hills we headed back to camp for the evening. On the return to camp Rebecca towed some heavy chains behind a special trailer to assist in leveling the track.

Sunday morning was scheduled for 8am start. This was in order to complete the tasks by



early afternoon. We set off on the link road to the Border Track at Scorpion Springs. We travelled down the Border Track to eventually arrive at our job for the day. This was a massive task involving approx. 150m of matting to be applied to a Y section of the sand hill. By the time we were finished we were all getting tired but still had a long drive back to camp. One of the other groups were very late as they had a major recovery with a trailer involved.

The brief trials we did after fitting the matting were very good. One can only hope that track users appreciate the cost and effort that goes into providing a system like this. Only time will tell how this system stands up to nature and the odd ratbag.

The two Martins and myself finally made it home just after dark. Peter was later as he was held up due to the trailer recovery.

[Darryll]

EASTER LONG WEEKEND TRIP REPORT

GOOD FRIDAY TO EASTER MONDAY

25-28 MARCH 2016

Present on this trip: Quenton and Deb Earl (trip leaders,) Lyn Lillicrapp, Max & Lyn Leske, Pauline & Bob Tonkin , John & Jane Jansen, Roy & Bronwyn Schwarz, Martin Kisbee, Peter Cusick & Joann Wuttke & Sandra & Peter Harper together with Jeremy, a Rotary exchange student from Belgium.

We all met at Tarlee for an 8.00 am start to Carrieton. Jeremy, a Gawler Light Rotary exchange student also joined us for the weekend and accompanied Sandra & Peter in their vehicle and was introduced to the club members. After all the recent rains, everywhere between Tarlee & Clare was beginning to wear a mantle of green which was in direct contrast to the burnt out areas, a stark reminder of the Pinery fires. Autumn is sure on its way!!

At 10.00 am we stopped at Jamestown for morning tea. As the bakery was closed, we had to rely on whatever was on hand in our vehicles to accompany our coffee including some cold "hot cross buns" - not quite the same as being buttery hot but beggars can't be choosers!! Jeremy managed to get some chocolate hot cross buns provided by Pauline which he enjoyed. We subsequently discovered that Jeremy had a sweet tooth for chocolate!!

Sated we were back on the road at 10.30 am heading towards Orroroo - next stop the Carrieton caravan park!! The weather was overcast and chilly with the threat of rain - where's the sun when you want it? We arrived at Carrieton CP at 11.30 am and set up camp. Carrieton is a small CP with great amenities not only for the able bodied but also the disabled, and once the Gawler 4WD Club had set up camp, there wasn't a great deal of room for anyone else.

After lunch, anyone who wanted to could join Martin in his search for the Prince Alfred mine. He was accompanied by Bob & Pauline and Sandra & Pete. Everyone else decided to spend the afternoon reading/resting/snoozing after the early morning start. It took a little while of negotiating dirt tracks (saw masses of kangaroos and emus + chicks along the way) but eventually we found the mine and investigated the surrounds. We deduced (given the amount of green on the rocks) that it was a defunct copper mine and made sure that we all gave the big holes in the ground a wide berth. There was the remainder of a 3 storey



stone building (engine house) as well as other single storey buildings and tanks and we all spent some time wandering about the site. At 3.50 pm we departed to head back to the CP for "happy hour" which had already started without us but we soon caught up before heading back to our individual camps to cook an evening meal which was then followed by more socialising. The cold night drove many to an early bed especially as we had to be up and ready by 9 am the following morning for our trip to the historic Holowiliena Station..

A great first day start to the trip.

[Sandra & Pete]

Saturday 26th March, 2016 - Holowiliena Station Tour.

We all were ready to set off from the caravan park at 9.00am. We drove to Cradock and turned East towards Holowiliena Station on the gravel road. Not far after the turn off, a large Gum tree had dropped a branch over the road - we drove around it and intended to clear it on the way home. This road passed through the properties of Yedalue and Holowiliena South before coming to Holowiliena.

We met Frances at the Homestead where she introduced her father Richard and mother Jane. Here Jane had cooked a batch of scones and tea and coffee were set out for us for morning tea on the homestead verandah.

After taking a seat in the shade, Frances began to tell us the history of the 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. The Warwick family arrived in 1852 and with their ten children lived in a hut before the present homestead was built of local stone, timber and lime in 1855. The station office has diaries dating back to 1864 and many books much older. I quite enjoy history, so to combine that with my love of home-made scones, I was quite happy!

Then we began the tour of the station historic buildings. First stop was the Station Store. Tea and tobacco was always on hand in the old days and many boxes were on display. Frances showed us a few "mystery" items and then explained their use; including a home-made fly zapper. Next to the store, the Warwicks have displayed a collection of buggies and old implements. A short walk across the yard to the Blacksmith shop. This was walked out of over sixty years ago and only recently re-fired during the filming of the ABC TV series "Restoration Australia" where France's husband, Luke, was taught blacksmithing skills. Our next building was a pug and pine hut known at one time as the Scalp Hut. Completely restored by a team of tradesman learning the old skills of building a hut of local native pine, "pug" of lime (made by Luke and Frances from local limestone rocks) and local stone again for the filming of "Restoration Australia". Our last building to inspect was the 1855 Cellar built into the river bank. This was



also recently restored by Luke with new large timber rafters and completely re-building a stone wall. Apart from wine, Frances also stores produce in the cellar and some produce was available to purchase along with "Holowiliena" enamel mugs, hat pins and stubbie holders.

We continued to enjoy the Warwicks hospitality by eating our packed lunch on the homestead verandah amongst the lovely homestead gardens. It was certainly a great few hours and our guide, Frances, did an excellent job. Well worth the \$20 per head cost.

As suggested by Frances we headed back to camp via the East which skirted around the Worumba Track (which we drove on Sunday) and through the Warcowie property to end up at Hawker where we all re-fuelled and enjoyed an Ice-cream. On the way home we stopped to clear the tree branch on the Holowiliena road, but it was already chopped up and cleared away. Back to camp and time for "happy hour".

[Quenton]

Sunday 27th March 2016

With our trip leaders Deb and Quenton in front and Roy and Bronwyn as Tail End Charlie we departed Carrieton Caravan Park @8:30 with grey skies above and view of the Flinders Ranges ahead. We were off to Worumba Station for a day of adventure. There were a total



of 8 vehicles for the 2016 Easter Trip. Along the way we noticed Roy and Bronwyn were fading in the distance. Martin waited for them as the rest of the group slowed down. It was a radio malfunction that was holding them up. Roy was able to receive messages but unable to send out. Pete and Jo offered to go Tail End Charlie.

We arrived at Worumba Station at 10:30 and were met by Mary Clark who is the owner of station along with her husband Lindsay. After a toilet rest and amused by how the hand washing water was recycled into the toilet cistern Mary gave us a rundown on the History of the

Property. Worumba is situated around Mt Plantagenet and is a small pastoral lease of 48,000 acres. The Clarke family took over the lease in their own right in 1958. Mary also has a small Art Gallery with some amazing paintings of the wonderful landscape views of the area.

We set off and had our first stop on the dry creek bed of Willow creek. It is wonderful how the club pulls together when someone forgets to pack a thermos for cups of tea. Peter was thankful that Jane and Lyn had spare water and a teabag for his morning tea.

Off we set towards Station Paddock look out. The views were beautiful looking out over the rolling country of the Station Paddock. Behind the homestead the pointed Devil's Peak of Quorn can be seen as can Mt Plantagenet. After leaving station Paddock look out we went onto "The Knob Bore Yards" that are still used today. There use to be 2



windmills at these yards to pump water out of the Knob Bore and pump water up the pipeline for 3 kms to the Top bore. The windmills have both been replaced by one solar panel. Continuing through the yard through the mallee scrub, gum trees and spinifex country to

Yacca lookout -'Panorama Extrordinaire'. This is the highest point along the route with a spectacular eagle's eye view of the flinders Ranges.



As we descended down the steep lookout the scenery was changing from mallee scrub, gum trees and spinifex to pine forests and hidden creek beds. We headed towards abandoned Wood Cutters Bore for lunch. We pulled up into the area trying to avoid the bull ants. Robert and Pauline were excited to be able to use their car awning for a second time. Lunch was enjoyed by all. It was noted that Jeremy a Rotary exchange student from Belgium couldn't say no to food offered to him as he was afraid to offend someone. The area is known to be



good colour for camouflage.

good for bird watching. John had noticed a large nest in the trees from a distance. Lyn noticed how some of the trees looked as though they had barnacles on them. While our second Lyn noted that bright orange was not a



On leaving abandoned Wood Cutters Bore across the creek we were on route through Mallee and pine zones. Creek crossing were becoming more and more with steeper entries and exits making it more interesting. As we were going through Calcareous Creek bank you could see a good example of weathered calcareous lime-rich sediments, which underline the mallee scrub throughout this area.

Thanks to our trip leaders Quenton and Deb we had a safe trip and enjoyed by all.

[Joann]

28 March 2016 - Homeward bound

After saying our "goodbyes" to John & Jane and Bob & Pauline (leaving Tuesday) together with Roy & Bronwyn (leaving a bit later than we did,) 4 vehicles left Carrieton caravan park at 10.00am and headed to Orroroo where we all stopped for morning tea/early lunch at one of the local cafes. Once on our way again, we made good time and the traffic wasn't too bad but got heavier after Clare.

Said our goodbyes to Quenton & Deb in Spalding as they stopped to fill up. Joann & Pete left us at the Freeling turn off and Max & Lyn and Martin went their separate ways at

Roseworthy. Can't speak for the others, but Sandra & Pete arrived home at 2.00 pm, so all in all not a bad run back.

Thanks to everyone for a wonderful weekend and to Quenton and Deb for leading the trip, it was just great.

[Sandra & Pete]



Sunrise at Carrieton