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4WD Club Newsletter

November 2016



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



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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

	2016		2017									
<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</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>
General	11	9		10	3	7	12	2	14	11	8	13
Committee	2			1	28		3		5	2		4
	30			22			31			30		

NOTE: DEADLINE TIME - All newsletter articles to the Editor before Committee Meeting date

PLEASE NOTE

We are holding the November meeting at Gawler Fishing and Outdoors, Murray St, Gawler, commencing at 6:30pm. Pizza and soft drinks will be supplied

Adelaide Cup: 13 Mar 2017: Easter 14-17 April 2017:

Queen's Birthday 12 June 2017: Labour Day 2 October 2017

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 2016

See the attached Minutes (members only)

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

President's Report:

This meeting will be held at the Gawler Outdoor & Fishing shop on Murray Street, Gawler at the earlier special time of 6.30pm. **If you haven't done so already, please email myself and Deb on qldd@bigpond.com to advise numbers so we can pre order the pizzas.** Cold drinks will also be available, however, coffees can be purchased from the coffee shop across the road.

Our AGM is fast approaching at our December meeting, so please consider becoming more involved in your club and put up your hand to be on the Committee. None of the positions are very hard and you will get plenty of help from other Committee members.

Don't forget to get your entries in for this year's Photo Competition. Past entries were displayed at our September meeting and I was very pleased with the quality of the entries. This November meeting is the last meeting to get your entries in, so don't forget to print out some photos of this year's trips and bring them along.

[Quenton]

Editor's Report:

Hi everyone and welcome to November's Newsletter.

It's either feast or famine with articles suitable for the Newsletter and this month I have a feast to choose from but due to length constraints, they will be spread over a number of months. Please don't let that stop you if you have anything interesting which you would like to see printed in the Newsletter, the more we have to choose from, the better!!

Amazingly, we already have 7 trips listed for 2017. If any of them take your fancy, you know the drill, add your name to the trip sheet. As an aside to that, should you change your mind or find you are unable to go, please let John know so that your name can be crossed off the list.

As Quenton mentioned, the November meeting will be at the Gawler Outdoor and Fishing Shop, however, there will be no monthly raffle. Instead tickets will be available for the Christmas Raffle and if you have any donations, please bring them with you as Lyn will provide a box to put them in. Thank you

That's it for another month; only one more to go until the end of the year. Don't forget to bring some supper to share at the December meeting.

[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

Australia Day 2017 Thursday 26 Jan to Sunday 29 Jan Loveday 4x4 Adventure Park (Riverland)

Trip Details:	Camping near the mighty Murray River, we will get to enjoy the hospitality of the Riverland folk. Of course, there will be some 4 wheel driving and, for those who are really keen, a chance to challenge themselves and their vehicles
Where:	Loveday 4x4 Adventure Park, Riverland SA
Cost:	\$90 per vehicle (\$60 for first night and \$10 for subsequent nights)
Meet:	Truro (in the park opposite the bakery)
When:	11am on 26 Jan. It's about 2 hours from Truro to Loveday so a later start gives us plenty of time to attend our local Australia Day celebrations before heading to the Riverland
Trip Leader:	John and Jane Jansen
More Info	QUARANTINE: Please remember that the Riverland is in the Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone. You cannot take fresh, unprocessed fruit and fruiting vegetables (including capsicum, chilli, tomato and eggplant) into the Riverland of South Australia without an itemised receipt from an SA retail outlet. See http://www.quarantinedomestic.gov.au/destination-south-australia.html for more details

Warooka March 2017 – Adelaide Cup Long Weekend Yorke Peninsula 11/12/13 March 2017

Trip Details:	Free stay at Warooka for the cost of purchasing a meal <i>**More info near the end of 2016 but please mark this in your diaries**</i> No power but flush toilets and showers. Up to 15 vehicles – caravans, campers and swags all welcome.
Where:	Yorke Peninsula (approx 2.5 hours drive)
Cost:	Purchase a meal
Meet:	***TBA***
When:	March 2017
Trip Leader:	Max Leske
More Info	TBA

Annual Ngarkat Working Bee	25/26 March 2017 Border Track
Trip Details:	Working Bee on the Ngarkat CP Border Track.- work starts at 9 am on Saturday morning but camp can be set up on the afternoon or evening of the preceding Friday. Camper trailers and caravans can be accommodated. The site has a very good long drop toilet but you need to bring everything else (water, food shelter.) Working bee will still be in fire danger season to the “camp fire” will need to be artificial (a gas stove will be okay.) Everyone welcome.
Where:	Ngarkat CP. Camp at Pine Hut Soak.
Tools:	Post hole digging tools, pruners, loppers,, bow saw, handsaw, shovel rake, hand tools, battery powered electric drill with a range of drill sizes and spade bits. UHF in car and handheld radios will be useful.
Meet:	Meet at Ngarkat CP Pine Hut Soak campsite
When:	Weekend of 25/26March 2017
Trip Leader	Peter Harper
More Info	If you can bring a trailer that could be used to transport materials from the campsite.

Easter 2017	Pink Lakes Murray-Sunset National Park 14/15/16/17 April 2017
Trip Details:	We are still working out the details, but the plan is to camp in the vicinity of Pink Lakes - Lake Hardy and Lake Crosbie - in the Murray-Sunset NP. The park is in northern Victoria and is about a 4hour drive (280km) from Gawler
Where:	Murray-Sunset NP, Victoria
Cost:	TBA
Meet:	TBA (probably Nuriootpa) early on Thursday (want to beat the rush, if we can)
When:	Easter 2017. Thursday 13 April to Monday 17 April We might stay an extra day to avoid the Easter traffic
Trip Leader:	Wayne Heintze
More Info	See also http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore/parks/murray-sunset-national-park

Mystery History **Sunday 7 May 2017** **Day Trip**

Trip Details:	If we told you the details, it would not be a Mystery!!
Where:	That's part of the mystery 😊
Cost:	TBA (scones don't usually cost a lot of money – and Q loves scones)
Meet:	Gawler Visitor's Information Centre
When:	TBA (early enough to get to the morning tea spot for scones, jam and cream)
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	You will have to read the Trip Report

Ladies Drive **Saturday 20 May / Sunday 21 May 2017**

Trip Details:	Camping at Bri-Glen, this is a chance for the ladies to get behind the wheel and tackle some of the drives at Bri-Glen
Where:	Bri-Glen, Near Burra
Cost:	TBA
Meet:	Tarlee
When:	20/21 May 2017
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	TBA

Argadells **2017 October Long Weekend** **Flinders Ranges** **30 September & 1/2 October 2017**

Trip Details:	Camping at Cockroach Valley
Where:	Argadells, Flinders Ranges. Good 4WD tracks and great scenery from the top of Mt Arden.
Cost:	Camping: \$10 per person per night. Caravan: \$30 per night
Meet:	TBA
When:	TBA
Trip Leader:	Peter Harper 0410 526 317
More Info	Visit their Web site at http://www.argadells.com.au/argadells.com.au/index.html

If you are considering leading a trip, the following link from the 4WDSA internet site may be of interest. However, if you have other trip suggestions, then please let us know. Don't forget all the suggestions put forward during a brainstorming session of members last year and which have been listed in previous newsletters. Although daunting, it is fun and you will get a lot of satisfaction out of leading a trip and learn a lot along the way and there's usually an "old hand" willing to assist.

<http://www.4wdsa.asn.au/?page=article&of=49>

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NOVEMBER
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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



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

November	Gawler Fishing and Outdoors premises at 6:30pm
February	Valmai Hankel – of 891 ABC Radio fame
March	Geoff Randall & his book “The History of the Blinman Mine”

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

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, or Joann Wuttke) any time.

<i>November 2016</i>	<i>December 2016</i>	<i>February 2017</i>
Lyn Lillecrapp	Bronte and Norma Rivett	Robert and Pauline Tonkin
Peter and Lynn O'Sullivan	Roy and Bronwyn Schwarz	Brenton and Keryn Wilkins
Dave and Michelle Riddle	Chris and Julie Sieben	Joann Wuttke



***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.)

AGM**ADVANCE NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS****2016 AGM**

At meeting: **Friday 9th December 2016**

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

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

See page 22 for details of committee positions.

MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

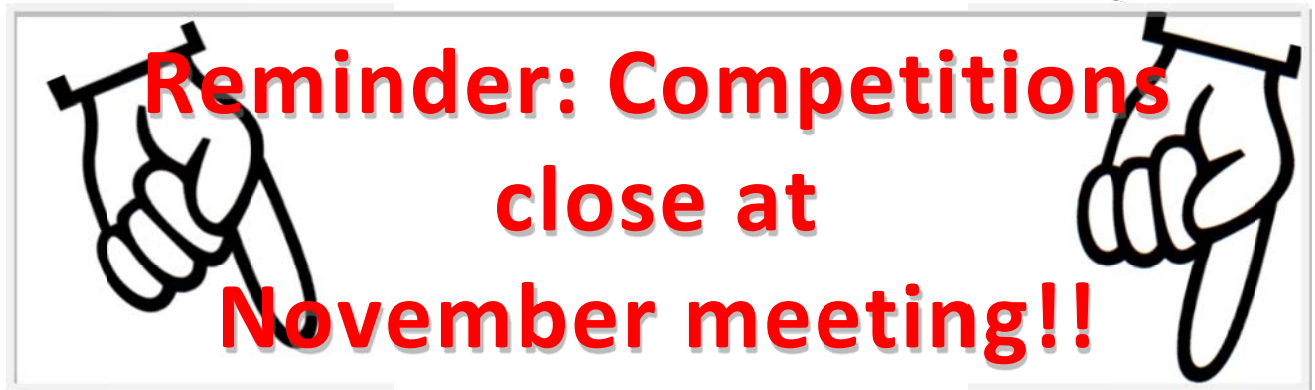


PHOTO COMPETITION

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

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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!!!

SOCIAL CORNER

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Well, it's that time of year again when we are looking for Christmas items to include in our raffle. As last year, we have decided to go with the list of "Donations for Christmas Raffle" as this proved to be very successful. If you would like to donate to our Christmas Raffle, which will be drawn at the AGM in December, then please add your name to the list against the item you would like to donate, it's that simple.

******Tickets available at November meeting - please see Lyn or Jo******

Thank you in advance for your support.

[Lyn & Joann]

Suggestions for club social outings include:

- **Film Night**
- **Guided walk of Belair National Park**
- **Port Adelaide Grave Yard & Maritime Museum**
- **Walking tour West Terrace cemetery**

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

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)

GENERAL INFORMATION

BUFFEL GRASS

Buffel Grass has been recognised as one of the greatest pest threats to the arid rangelands of South Australia. It is referred to as a "transformer species" meaning it has the ability to alter entire ecosystems through the alteration of fire regimes and competition with native plants

In recognition of its social and environment impacts, buffel grass has been declared a weed under the Natural Resources Management Act 2004. The act restricts the sale and movement of buffel grass or contaminated material as well as outlining responsibilities of landholders and members of the public.

Please find the attached Federal Government Threat Abatement Advice and fact sheets on the identification, control and vehicle hygiene associated with buffel grass FYI:



http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/weeds_and_pest_animals/weeds_in_sa/weed_id/plant_id_notes/buffel_grass

Significant risk of further spread is posed by recreational vehicle movements and the activities of tourists and 4WD clubs provide a great opportunity for society to work together to keep an eye out and report any occurrences and exercise vehicle hygiene in ensuring they protect the quality of our outback for future generations to come.

Please also find the link below to our buffel grass webpage which contains further information about the distribution of buffel grass in SA, our strategic plan and actions that have been taken to manage this weed throughout South Australia

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VOLUNTEERING AT FARINA FOR 2017

If anyone is thinking of helping out with this amazing restoration in 2017, please read the following:

With the 2016 works program completed, planning is underway for the 2017 works program.

In 2017 we are requesting you to arrive on Saturdays and depart on Sundays. This is to enable stable rosters to be in place on the changeover weekends. Team leaders will be as per last programme (with nominated co-leaders). We have a wide ranging programme planned. Our stone building stabilization is a core activity, spread across weeks 2 to 8. The amazing work done in 2016 will be continued.

Two interesting items on our future programmes are rebuilding the pug and pine 'Angels Rest' and also the Afghan Mosque. A further extension of the War Memorial is also planned. Another important task in our 2017 programme will be attention to our streetscape(s) across the whole site to present the old township features to best advantage. As our visitor numbers increase year by year, so does the importance of our Bakery/Cafe and merchandise programme and our visitor handling system. There is equal vitality and range of interest spread right across the eight week period. In fact, the visitor activity increases in the last weeks which are school holidays, so do consider including the later weeks in your date selection. It is common for volunteers to select two separate weeks in conjunction with their touring plan.

Cathie, Farina Restoration Group

People wanting to register for next year's program can find forms on the website <http://www.farinarestoration.com/contact/index.php> email farinagroup@hotmail.com if you have any difficulties.

(Thanks to Westprint Friday Five for this information)

VKS737 Info

When we are travelling in remote areas, we always make time to contact VKS737 daily to let them know where we are and how long we will be at a given spot before moving on - we regard it as another "mantle of safety" along similar lines to the RFDS. The following are some of the procedures to follow: The people manning these bases do an invaluable job and they are there for "us" so let's try to make their jobs a little easier by following set procedures.

What do they say? You can lead a horse to water...

Some procedural reminders you should be familiar with.

One of my duties with the Network is to receive calls on our Subscriber Message Service. I listen to the messages, occasionally three or four times to translate what is sometimes left by callers to something more understandable that can be then put up on our National Database. Our Base Operators announce the call signs of those who have messages for them as part of our daily voice skeds.

Fortunately most subscribers call in and retrieve their messages in a timely manner however it frustrates our operators, sometimes announcing over and over again that there is a message, some of which may be of an urgent nature for one of our travellers only to have it

time out without being delivered. Is it that the particular subscriber never logs in or is it that the message was in fact delivered by other means and this fact was never conveyed to us?

When you ring the VKS-737 Subscriber Message Service, as part of the greeting message the caller is asked to contact us on the same number if your message has been passed to the recipient by other means. Please, please let us know if that happens so we don't waste valuable air time trying to find a traveller who has otherwise made contact with the originator.

Also, make a point of letting us know where you are as you travel, on our daily base skeds or, if you can't contact asked operator, by selcalling Operator 01 (for example, that would be 0801 on Alice Springs Base on any frequency you can receive back a strong reverting tone when you selcall the base beacon). Operator xx01 (xx being the two digit identifier of each base as shown on page 10 of the Reference Manual) is monitored 24 hours a day for urgent calls. Checking in on that during daylight hours when you can't make it to a regular voice sked is okay.

Lastly, you are required by the ACMA to announce your callsign by voice and your intention to selcall before doing so, regardless of whether you are just checking the path to a beacon or making a HF-Tel Call. We have people who can regularly monitor and identify selcallers. You also need to stay clear of any frequency currently being used for voice skeds.

Failure to do so can put you in a position where you are interfering with other voice traffic. Some of the traffic you interfere with could be urgent, where life may be potentially or actually at risk. If you've been listening, you've heard some of the incidents we've been confronted with this year.

Remember: Listen carefully before transmitting to make sure the frequency is clear.

Robert Wright (2500)

Subscriber Message Service Coordinator

(with special thanks to VKS737 and their Network News publication)

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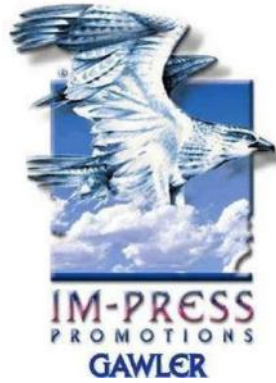
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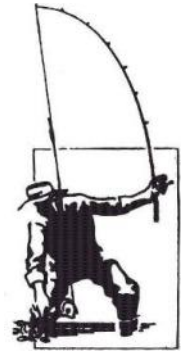
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TRIP REPORTS

WEEKEND IN WHYALLA 2016 (Part 1)

October long weekend, 30 September to 3 October 2016

Saturday 1st October. Our trip to Darke Peak Range left at 8am leaving from the showgrounds. Our group consisted of 6 vehicles including members from the Whyalla club, Mt. Lofty Ranges club (Anne & Malcolm & guide dog Alby; Trevor & Lyn) & the Gawler & Districts 4wd Club.

Whyalla was originally identified as Hummocks Hill and named by Matthew Flinders in March 1802. There are 1-2 ships exporting the iron ore out of Whyalla every week. Our trip leader (navigator) for the day was Wayne accompanied by Zuzzane (driver) and her 3 children. We headed towards Cowell, driving past the Middleback Ranges in the distance. This area is cut into an iron-based mine, which produces hematite and magnetite. These ores are exported overseas to China.

The ore is also processed in Whyalla and made into high beams for structural steel and to build railway lines. Our first stop was at an historic icon, a tin shack where Cobb & Co passed by on their many travels through outback Australia. Eagleridge and Middlecamp Ranges were also viewed on our scenic drive to Cowell. We arrived at the historic township of Cowell, and had a quick look (while a few purchased some fresh Cowell Bay oysters.)



We then drove along the Birdseye Highway where we stopped to look at the memorial to the renowned children's author, May Gibb MBE. She spent part of her childhood in this area around the 1800's and influenced many books with her famous "gumnut babies." She was born in 1877 and died in 1969. We then continued on towards Cleve, home of the Eyre Peninsula Field Days, also noticing the lush crops in this area. 35 wind farms are also situated on Mt Millar on the way to Cleve.

We now travelled on to Darke Peake, our destination. Darke Peak is a remarkable table-topped picturesque 10 km range. Darke was a surveyor in this area. He was tragically speared to death by aboriginals in 1844. His grave is situated in a hollow in the most northern peak. We started heading up the track, taking in the magnificent views, then stopping at some water tanks that supply reticulated water to Cowell and other towns close by. We slowly started ascending towards the peak, the track was quite



challenging and rocky in areas. We took in the spectacular scenery with colourful patches of wildflowers along our drive. Our group made it up to the highest point of the peak without any dramas with the vehicles. The descent was quite rough at times, with intermittent loose rocks. We made it to a clearing at the bottom of the peak, with a refreshing waterhole, a great lunch spot! The children (as well as some adults) were kept entertained by skimming stones across the water. There were also goats in the distance, and they would probably access this as their watering hole. We spotted a few kangaroos and emus trip hiding amongst the trees and in the flatter areas. We then drove on towards the town of Darke Peak, there is still an operating pub in the town, otherwise it's quite desolate.

We made our way back towards the highway, coming across a large granite rock, a landmark named Carribee Rock. We took a secondary road named Dog fence Road back to the highway. The roads were quite wet and slippery at times. A few puddles around (a good opportunity to get some mud on the 4WD.) Crops in this area are also very lush, the farmers are expecting a bumper harvest!!

Our last stop was at Moonabie H.S. (historic landmark,) a tin shed, where the Cobb & Co. Coach, on their explorations, stayed overnight. It took one day to drive the coach from Whyalla and another day to get to Cowell. Many dates of people stopping here are scratched on the shed (some dated back the la to the 1800's.)

A good day was had by everyone. Special thanks to Wayne from the Whyalla club (who gave us loads of information along the way) and Zuzzane who led the trip.

[Bronwyn & Roy]

WEEKEND IN WHYALLA (Part 2)

Saturday: Peter Harper, Martin, Joann & Peter, Pauline and I and a few others set out for Middleback Ranges and Bronwyn & Roy headed for Dark Peake.

The Middleback Ranges lie 35 kms SW of Whyalla. Travelling 35 kms down the Lincoln Highway and about 15 kms on dirt roads and tracks, we arrived at the property and found the gate locked. We did have permission to enter the property so not sure why the gate was

locked. Anyway, we were able to dismantle the gate and continue on for Cooks North, which is the highest peak (448 meters) in the North

Middleback Range. We went along winding bush tracks as well as experiencing a loose rocky climb. From the top we had a great view overlooking

the Iron Chieftain Mine to Spencer Gulf to the south east and Middleback Lakes to the north west. There was a small brass plate at the top of Cooks North which read "HMAS Moresby 1928." HMAS Moresby was a survey ship and must have been in the area in 1928 surveying the Spencer Gulf.



From there we headed to another property where we found the gate was also locked so we decided to carry on to Iron Knob and we took the rail service track back to Whyalla. Just before Whyalla a few of us drove to Wild Dog Hill in the Whyalla Conservation Park where we listened to the last 10 minutes of the AFL Grand Final.

On Sunday, Bronwyn & Roy joined us to Corunna 6 kms north of Iron Knob where we entered the Corunna Station. The lease was taken up in 1861 and a French family acquired the property in 1977. In 2005 they took the Federal Government to court after the Government tried to evict the family from the property. The Government wanted to take the property and give it to the Bungala Aboriginal Group as compensation for the land they (the Federal Government) had taken for the Army's Cultana Training area. The family spent \$100,000 fighting the

acquisition and won in 2013 only to have the Government appeal in the High Court. The Government later withdrew the appeal.

The tracks on the property visit scenic vantage points and the original water supply dam for Iron Knob. From Corunna Hill we had great views over Iron Knob. Just below



Corunna Hill there is a narrow valley where we found a small man made dam built by Matthew Flinders in 1802 to collect water to replenish supplies on the ship "Investigator."

On Monday we went to the Mt Laura Circuit just at the back of Whyalla. A very challenging 4WD circuit that included many hill climbs with loose rocky tracks, steep inclines and descents. It was supposed to take 2 hours and finished up taking 3.5 hours.

On getting back to camp, we packed up and headed home.



[Bob & Pauline]

COMMITTEE MEMBER PORTFOLIOS

Position	Role
President/Public Officer: (Elected) Elected in Even Years - 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 – 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
Secretary: (Elected) Elected in Even Years - 2010	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 - 2011	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 email onto editor for insertion into newsletter each month. Email Committee Minutes to Committee Members.
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 and upkeep costs of the Website. To organise typing, printing and uploading to Website of the newsletter. You can ask for volunteers help from the membership. Email out club Newsletter to all those on Email List before General Meeting and to other 4WD Clubs around the state.

Position	Role
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 advise trip leaders on what information is required for a trip. Gawler and Districts 4WD Club Incorporated
4WDSA Delegate (Elected)	To represent the club at monthly association meetings and to report back to members all relevant information concerning club members.
Training Co-ordinator/DTU Delegate: : (Must be a member of Driver Training Unit - Elected)	To organise training for club members, to keep records of all training activities and progress of all members participating. 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.
Committee Member/s: (Elected)	To help and undertake responsibilities as decided by the club.
Trip Leader:	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)
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.

Want to join the committee and have a say in the running of **your** club? It's simple, just fill out the form below and pass to the President or Secretary.

Gawler and Districts 4WD Club Committee Nomination	
Nominee	
Signature Of Nominee	
Position:	
Nominated By:	

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THOUGHTS TO PONDER (thanks again to Westprint Friday Five)

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist, but a person who drives a race car is not called a racist?

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

If people from Poland are called Poles, then why aren't people from Holland called Holes?

Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety-one?

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked and dry cleaners depressed?

If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhoea...does that mean that one out of five enjoys it?

Do Lipton Tea employees take "coffee breaks?"

Is it true that you never really learn to swear until you learn to drive?

If a cow laughed, would milk come out of her nose?

Why, why, why do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?

Why do banks charge a fee due to insufficient funds, when they already know you're broke?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

Why do people run over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, and then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?
