

Founded in 2002

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



A Merry Christmas to All of our members and readers

Didn't see the guy on the left in the photos from the Christmas Party

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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

	20	16	2017									
Meeting		Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
General		9		10	3	7	12	2	14	11	8	13
Committee				1	28		3		5	2		4
Committee				22			31			30		

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

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

November 2016

See the attached Minutes (members only)

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

President's Report:

This meeting is our AGM. Please consider nominating yourself or someone else you think suitable (will need their signature) for one of the places on the Committee. It is a way of being more involved in your club. None of the positions are particularly hard, and you will get a lot of help from other Committee members. I would like to thank all the Committee of 2016, and I know some will be continuing in the 2017 year, so thank you!

I would also like to thank our business supporters who advertise in our magazine and support the club. Please remember to show your membership card when you shop in their businesses.

This year we held a number of successful trips including day trips and long week-end trips. It is pleasing to see we have a number of trips already planned for the coming year, so it looks like 2017 will be another successful club year.

Our Christmas week-end at Berri was enjoyed by all I'm sure, see the report in this month's magazine. Thank you Lyn and Max and all who helped, it was a great week-end.

This year's Photo Competition has been judged and will be on display at this meeting and you have the chance to vote on your favourite photo in the "People's Choice" award.

I would like to wish all members and friends a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

[Quenton]

Editor's Report:

Welcome to our last Newsletter for 2016.

Friday's meeting will be a busy one with the General Meeting, AGM, photo and trip report competitions as well as the drawing of the Christmas raffle. Don't forget to bring along any promised donations for the raffle and if you would still like to donate something, please check the sheet which was sent out to everyone earlier today.

Don't forget to bring a plate of supper to share on Friday after the meeting.

All that's left now is for me to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy New Year and we will look forward to seeing you at our first meeting in 2017.

[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

More info near the end of 2016 but please mark this in your diaries

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	25/26 March 2017
Working Bee	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:	ТВА
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

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.

<u>SATURDAY FARMERS MARKET</u> – 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:

February	Valmai Hankel – of 891 ABC Radio fame (please see article in this month's Newsletter.)
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.

December 2016	February 2017	March 2017
Bronte and Norma Rivett	Robert and Pauline Tonkin	Roger and Sue Brennand
Roy and Bronwyn Schwarz	Brenton and Keryn Wilkins	Quenton and Deb Earl
Chris and Julie Sieben	Joaan Wuttke	John and Astrid Gardnet



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

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 17 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 <u>club</u>
 <u>trip</u> 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 2017 GENERAL MEETING

Late entries will not be accepted.

So get your photos in !!!

DOUBLE CHANCE OF a PRIZE!!

TRIP REPORT COMPETITION

Winner will be drawn out of the collection of names at the AGM on Friday 9 December 2016.

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)

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. It's not too late if you would like to donate to our Christmas Raffle, please remember to bring donations to the meeting on Friday night when the raffle will be drawn.

Thank you in advance for your support.

PS: Don't forget to bring a plate of supper to share on Friday.

[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

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Samsung SRG-058 57 litre Bar Fridge \$20

H.P 19 inch LED Computer monitor \$20

Phone - Quenton 0407 604 601

GENERAL INFORMATION

Valmai Hankel AM PSM

Valmai worked in the State Library of SA for 43 years, mostly in charge of the rare books collection and inaugurating the highly popular 'White gloves treasures' tours. After retiring in 2001 she was elected the first woman President of the Friends of the State Library of SA, and was a Royal Geographical Society of SA councillor for over 30 years; she is the only living recipient of the Society's highest honour, the John Lewis Gold Medal, which has also been awarded to Sir Edmund Hillary and Sir Douglas Mawson.

A Baron of the Barossa, for 10 years she was *The Adelaide Review's* wine writer, and has written a column in *Winestate* magazine since 1997. She has contributed to several books, on Australian wine history, and the Friends' reprints of Australian explorers' journals. A guest on ABC radio since 1978, she appears regularly on Peter Goers' evening program and is a 'Goers Gal'. In 2009 she was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. Her public speaking topics include living with Parkinson's, driving alone in the outback (which she has done every year from 1994 to 2014), our inland explorers, and rare books. In her spare time she looks after her 13 ponies on her Murray plains property.

In the 1996 Australia Day Honours List Valmai was awarded the Public Service Medal for her work with rare books, and in the 2015 Queen's Birthday Honours List she was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, 'For significant service to library and information services, particularly in South Australia, and to the wine industry as a writer'.

SAFETY INFORMATION



Recently a DEWNR employee attempted to recover a bogged contractor vehicle using two snatch straps joined with a shackle. The weight of vehicles involved (a DEWNR 4WD truck and the contractor's semi-trailer) exceeded the rated capacity for the snatch straps and as a result a strap broke and the shackle recoiled into the DEWNR vehicle breaking the towing hitch.

NEVER EVER ATTEMPT TO JOIN SNATCH STRAPS WITH A SHACKLE!!!

LEARN TO DO IT THE CORRECT WAY

SPONSOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

IM-PRESS Promotions Gawler

All embroidered with club logo

Gawler Park Retail Centre 485 Main Nth Road Evanston SA 5116

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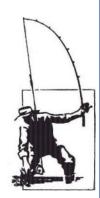
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Want to advertise in our Newsletter?





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

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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





TRIP REPORTS

BERRI CHRISTMAS SHOW, Weekend of 25/26/26 November 2016

We left for Berri on the Friday and had a leisurely drive up, having a short stop at Barmera and enjoyed a coffee overlooking Lake Bonney.

We arrived at the caravan park and set up on a nice shady grassed site. There were already some club members here, some still setting up. I checked out the caravan park as it has been a while since we were here (last time was also with the 4WD club) and they have a magnificent new Camp Kitchen. The park is so well maintained, it is a credit to the management and staff.

Friday night and some members enjoyed dinner at the Berri Golf Club, someone getting lost and seeing more of Berri than hoped for! The venue was suggested by Bob, and the food and outlook was quite good.

Saturday morning and we checked out the Markets that we saw advertised on the way in to town. Although only a fairly small market, we all found things to buy including good coffee, yummy almond bread, fig jam and a good selection of fruit for tonight's fruit salad. The rest of Saturday was a fairly laid back affair with some shopping, walking down by the river, snoozing and generally having a relaxing time. "Happy hour" was set up under the shade of a

large gum tree and in no time the famous green table was full of delicious nibbles.

We had booked the Function room for our group Christmas BBQ tonight, so we turned on the air conditioner and set up the table and chairs. The park's two free BBQ's were fired up and the meat that Max and Lyn bought locally was cooked. Everyone got together and helped and we were soon sitting down to our meat and a vast selection of salads. After enough left for "seconds", fruit salad and ice cream followed.





Julie set up Bocce on the lawns and we were soon playing what was for some a new game. It didn't take long for everyone to get used to the game and it was fun watching some balls getting very close to the kitty, only to be knocked out by the succeeding player! It was a good night and we were blessed by excellent weather.

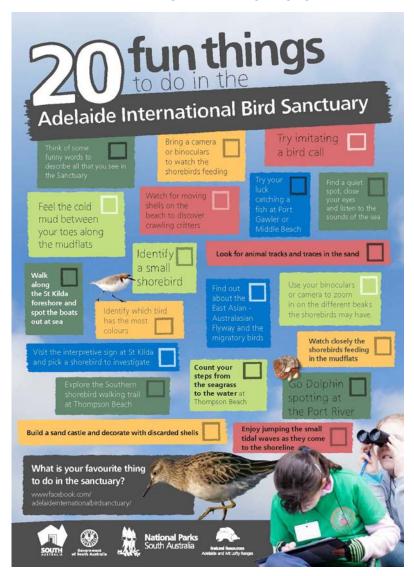


Sunday morning most members had their breakfast in the new Camp kitchen. This kitchen is very well set up with kettles, toasters, stoves and large fridges. Like all things in this park, it is very well thought out and maintained. In fact Lyn Lillicrapp said her facilities were the best in Australia, and she has seen quite a few on her travels! Most packed up and left on the Sunday and we had a good trip home, stopping at the Waikerie Bakery on the way.

[Quenton & Deb]

DEWNR NEWS

ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL BIRD SANCTUARY



Looking for something different for the kids to do over the school holidays?

Why not check out the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary

What, you didn't know it even exists?

Check out the links below for more information, or just Google Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary

http://naturalresourcesadelaidemtloftyranges.cmail19.com/t/ViewEmail/j/A20E324220688F98/BAC737 4415C581FEAF060D6555554232

http://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/adelaidemtloftyranges/plants-and-animals/adelaide-bird-sanctuary

COMMITTEE MEMBER PORTFOLIOS

Position	Role
President/Public Officer: (Elected) Elected in Even	To Chair Committee & General Meetings. To be
Years - 2016	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 –	To stand in for the President should the need arise
2017	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
Williams Secretary. (Elected)	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 Secretal y/s. (Elected)	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
Luitor/Fubilisher. (Liecteu)	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
	4WDriving 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.
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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:			

LAST PAGES

For all our American friends, this is how you play the game of cricket:-

You have two sides, one out in the field and one in. Each man that's in the side that's in goes out, and when he's out he comes in and the next man goes in until he's out. When they are all out, the side that's out comes in and the side that's been in goes out and tries to get those coming in, out. Sometimes you get men still in and not out.

When a man goes out to go in, the men who are out try to get him out, and when he is out he goes in and the next man in goes out and goes in. There are two men called umpires who stay out all the time and they decide when the men who are in are out.

When both sides have been in and all the men are out, and both sides have been out twice after all the men have been in, including those who are not out, that is the end of the game! Easy eh?

(Thanks to Westprint Friday Five)

A CHRISTMAS STORY

When I saw all the people there, I started to complain to myself, "It is going to take forever here and I still have so many other places to go. Christmas really is getting more and more annoying every year. How I wish I could just lie down, go to sleep and only wake up after it..."

Nonetheless, I made my way to the toy section, and there I started to curse the prices, wondering if after all kids really play with such expensive toys.

While looking in the toy section, I noticed a small boy of about 5 years old, pressing a doll against his chest. He kept on touching the hair of the doll and looked so sad. I wondered who was this doll for. Then the little boy turned to the old woman next to him, "Granny, are you sure I don't have enough money?"

The old lady replied, "You know that you don't have enough money to buy this doll, my dear."

Then she asked him to stay here for 5 minutes while she went to look around. She left quickly.

The little boy was still holding the doll in his hand.

Finally, I started to walk toward him and I asked him who did he want to give this doll to.

"It is the doll that my sister loved most and wanted so much for this Christmas. She was so sure that Santa Claus would bring it to her."

I replied to him that maybe Santa Claus will bring it to her, after all, and not to worry.

But he replied to me sadly. "No, Santa Claus cannot bring it to her where she is now. I have to give the doll to my mother so that she can give it to her when she goes there." His eyes were so sad while saying this. "My sister has gone to be with God. Daddy says that Mummy will also go to see God very soon, so I thought that she could bring the doll with her to give it to my sister."

My heart nearly stopped. The little boy looked up at me and said, "I told daddy to tell mummy not to go yet. I asked him to wait until I come back from the supermarket."

Then he showed me a very nice photo of him where he was laughing. He then told me, "I also want mummy to take this photo with her so that she will not forget me." I love my mummy and I wish she doesn't have to leave me but daddy says that she has to go to be with my little sister." Then he looked again at the doll with sad eyes, very quietly.

I quickly reached for my wallet and took a few notes and said to the boy, "What if we checked again, just in case if you have enough money?" "Ok," he said. "I hope that I have enough." I added some of my money to his without him seeing and we started to count it. There was enough for the doll, and even some spare money. The little boy said, "Thank you God for giving me enough money."

Then he looked at me and added, "I asked yesterday before I slept for God to make sure I have enough money to buy this doll so that mummy can give it to my sister. He heard me. I also wanted to have enough money to buy a white rose for my mummy, but I didn't dare to ask God too much. But He gave me enough to buy the doll and the white rose." "You know, my mummy loves white rose."

A few minutes later, the old lady came again and I left with my trolley. I finished my shopping in a totally different state from when I started. I couldn't get the little boy out of my mind.

Then I remembered a local newspaper article 2 days ago, which mentioned of a drunk man in a truck who hit a car where there was one young lady and a little girl. The little girl died right away, and the mother was left in a critical state. The family had to decide whether to pull the plug on the life-assisting machine, because the young lady would not be able to get out of the coma.

Was this the family of the little boy? Two days after this encounter with the little boy, I read in the newspaper that the young lady had passed away. I couldn't stop myself and went to buy a bunch of white roses and I went to the mortuary where the body of the young woman was exposed for people to see and make last wish before burial.

She was there, in her coffin, holding a beautiful white rose in her hand with the photo of the little boy and the doll placed over her chest.

I left the place crying, feeling that my life had been changed forever. The love that this little boy had for his mother and his sister is still, to this day, hard to imagine. And in a fraction of a second, a drunk man had taken all this away from him.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and we will see you all in the New Year

If travelling look out for the other guy who isn't looking out for others