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4WD Club Newsletter

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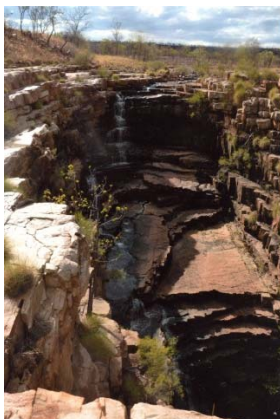


Photo Competition 2016 - Winners

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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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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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| WELCOMING OFFICERS | Darryl Grace, Bronwyn Schwartz |

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

| | 2017 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <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 | | 10 | 3 | 7 | 12 | 2 | 14 | 11 | 8 | 13 | 10 | 8 |
| Committee | | 1 | 29 | | 3 | | 5 | 2 | | 4 | 1 | |
| | | 22 | | | 31 | | | 30 | | | 29 | |

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

December 2016

See the attached Minutes (members only)

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

President's Report:

Welcome to your club year 2017.

Already we have quite a few trips throughout the year planned so it's looking to be an interesting year.

I would like to welcome Julie, Bob and Bronwyn to the Committee for this year, and thank the members carrying over from last year.

This month's guest speaker, Valmai Hankel is sure to be an interesting night. For more details about Valmai, see the December 2016 Newsletter; she is an remarkable woman. Valmai's talk has been advertised via Peter Goers ABC Adelaide radio show, Tony Piccolo's Facebook page, The Bunyip editorial, Gawler History Trust all member email and our own Facebook page. Because of this we expect some visitors to come along to our meeting, so please extend to them a warm welcome.

Your club Subs are now due - \$50 plus \$10 late/joining fee (if applicable) due by the March meeting at the latest. Please ensure your renewal form (available from our website under "Downloads") is filled out and signed front and back. See Norma with your correctly filled out form and a copy of your Insurance papers. You can also pay by Bank transfer if you let Norma know.

I look forward to another great club year in 2017.

[Quenton]

Editor's Report:

A belated "Happy New Year" and welcome to the first Newsletter for 2017.

As mentioned many times, we are always looking for articles to put in the Newsletter that have a particular interest for our members. If you did anything spectacular, interesting or found a new place to go to over the Christmas break which you think might be of interest to our members, please write a short account of what you did (like a trip report) and we will print it in the Newsletter. In the past Quenton has done a similar thing when he's been out and about on his motorbike. It is not only a record for himself but makes interesting reading for other people too. Naturally, if there's anything else you think would be of interest to our readers, please don't be shy and forward it on so that it can be printed in the Newsletter.

Please note, Max has provided more details about the up and coming trip to Warooka under "Coming Events."

Here's to an interesting year. Until next time....

[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

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| Warooka Yorke Peninsula | March 2017 – Adelaide Cup Long Weekend 11/12/13 March 2017 |
| Trip Details: | Stay at Warooka for the cost of purchasing a meal on Saturday from 6.30 pm. RSVP for catering please. 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. <u>Extra Optional Cost</u> Military Museum guided tour for approx 2 hours before arriving at Warooka on Saturday, \$10 per person. Innes National Park entry fee \$10 per vehicle – can be purchased on the day from Park Office, open from 9.00 am to 4.30 pm, 7 days a week. CFS (& Ngarkat) volunteers can use their code to register on line prior to event. |
| Meet: | Mallala Oval at 8.00 am sharp on Saturday 11 March 2017. Morning tea at Ardrossan and lunch stop on the way. |
| Trip Leader: | Max Leske, 0427 807 066 |
| 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 Day Trip | Sunday 7 May 2017 |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 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 |
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| 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 |

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| Argadells Flinders Ranges | 2017 October Long Weekend 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 |

The trip sheets are on John Jansen's table at the back of the hall. Don't forget to add your name to any trips you would like to go on. The "more the merrier" helps to make the trip a success and to reward the trip leader for the effort he/she puts in to organising and leading the trip. If you find you cannot go, please let the trip leader know as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

GUEST SPEAKERS

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|  | <p><i>These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:</i></p> | |
| | <p>February</p> | <p>Valmai Hankel – of 891 ABC Radio fame (please see article in this month’s Newsletter.)</p> |
| | <p>March</p> | <p>Geoff Randall & his book “The History of the Blinman Mine”</p> |

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

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

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| <p>◆◆ January and February ◆◆</p> |
| <p>Deb Earl</p> |
| <p>Max Leske</p> |
| <p>Brenton Wilkins</p> |
| <p>Bronte Rivett</p> |



4WDSA CALENDAR

Executive and Delegates meetings run from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. And are held at the Cavan HQ

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|------------|-------------------|
| Thu 16 Feb | Delegates Meeting |
| Thu 16 Mar | FWDSA AGM |
| Thu 20 Apr | Executive Meeting |
| Thu 18 May | Delegates Meeting |
| Thu 15 Jun | Executive Meeting |
| Thu 20 Jul | Delegates Meeting |
| Thu 17 Aug | Executive Meeting |
| Thu 21 Sep | Delegates Meeting |
| Thu 19 Oct | Executive Meeting |
| Thu 16 Nov | Delegates Meeting |

DTU CALENDAR

| When | Title | Venue | Notes |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|---|
| Sat 1 Apr- Sun 2 Apr 09:00AM | Basic Theory | Cavan HQ | Basic 4WD theory. Open to all clubs. Cost \$20 1st - 2nd April |
| Sat 8 Apr- Sun 9 Apr 09:00AM | 4WD Practical | Morgan | Practical training and assessment. Those attending theory weekend get preference. Cost \$40 |
| Sat 17 Jun- Sun 18 Jun 09:00AM | Mud and Water practical | Ashbourne | Mud and Water practical training. Property access \$50 Training cost \$40 Two day event. |
| Sun 15 Oct 09:00AM | Trip planning & leading | Cavan HQ | Theory of trip planning and leading. Cost \$10 1 day event on the Sunday |
| Sat 4 Nov- Sun 5 Nov 09:00AM | Peake practical | Peake | Practical training & assessment at Peake. Property access \$40 Training cost \$40 2 Day event |
| Sun 11 Nov 09:00AM | GPS & OziExplorer | Cavan HQ | Theory of GPS and using OziExplorer Costs \$10 1 day event |

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 (Joann Wuttke or Julie Sieben) any time.

| <i>February 2017</i> | <i>March 2017</i> | <i>April 2017</i> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Robert and Pauline Tonkin | Roger and Sue Brennand | Darryl and Joan Grace |
| Brenton and Keryn Wilkins | Quenton and Deb Earl | Peter and Sandra Harper |
| Joann Wuttke | John and Astrid Gardner | Wayne and Sandra Heintze |

GAWLER AND DISTRICTS 4WD WEB SITE

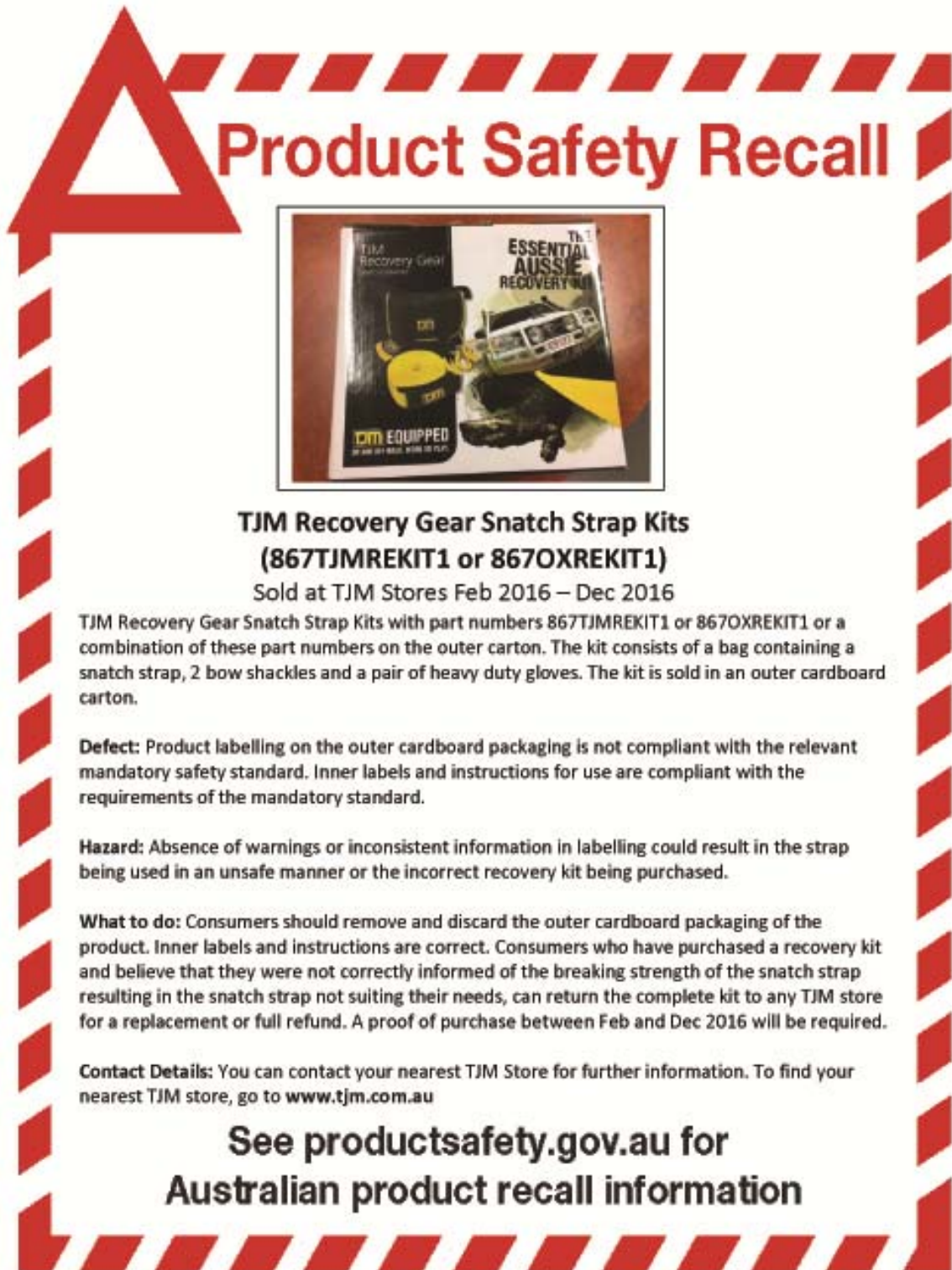
Have you checked out our web site lately? www.gawler4wd.com.au

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

SAFETY INFORMATION



Product Safety Recall



**TJM Recovery Gear Snatch Strap Kits
(867TJMREKIT1 or 867OXREKIT1)**
Sold at TJM Stores Feb 2016 – Dec 2016

TJM Recovery Gear Snatch Strap Kits with part numbers 867TJMREKIT1 or 867OXREKIT1 or a combination of these part numbers on the outer carton. The kit consists of a bag containing a snatch strap, 2 bow shackles and a pair of heavy duty gloves. The kit is sold in an outer cardboard carton.

Defect: Product labelling on the outer cardboard packaging is not compliant with the relevant mandatory safety standard. Inner labels and instructions for use are compliant with the requirements of the mandatory standard.

Hazard: Absence of warnings or inconsistent information in labelling could result in the strap being used in an unsafe manner or the incorrect recovery kit being purchased.

What to do: Consumers should remove and discard the outer cardboard packaging of the product. Inner labels and instructions are correct. Consumers who have purchased a recovery kit and believe that they were not correctly informed of the breaking strength of the snatch strap resulting in the snatch strap not suiting their needs, can return the complete kit to any TJM store for a replacement or full refund. A proof of purchase between Feb and Dec 2016 will be required.

Contact Details: You can contact your nearest TJM Store for further information. To find your nearest TJM store, go to www.tjm.com.au

**See productsafety.gov.au for
Australian product recall information**

TRIP REPORT (FROM THE ARCHIVES)

Mt Freeling 2009



This is our first real adventure with the 4WD and it begins before dawn on a rather nippy morning. Meeting the group at Tarlee, we set off north through Clare hoping we can avoid some of the Easter traffic. A 5 star morning tea at Orroroo – what kind of an outback trip is this! Now lunch is more like it – swatting off the flies in the roadside creek bed with one hand and trying to eat with the other. A quickie fill up at Lyndhurst and we are onto the dirt at last. But what's this? An 8km stretch of bitumen in the middle of the Strezlecki Track – go figure!



Home for the weekend is the shearers' quarters. With a ceiling fan, a decent door screen and thick foam single beds (of the ex hospital type) it is surprisingly comfortable. Every evening the weather is balmy with a full moon. Even managed a lightning show on our last night. Now I know that there is another kind of "Donkey" than the four-legged variety. One of our resident fire experts, Dave has a fire going and the hot water bubbling away in no time. Learnt that you don't put your chair too close to the breather pipe unless you want to take your shower right then and there.

This donkey did however have a bad smoking problem at night and liked to fill up the nearest room, which on this occasion housed our "chief" Quenton and family.

Day 2 is a full day out on the station. It's dry and sunny but not too warm. Chris and I share the driving, after all, this is why we're out here, to both learn what we can do. I have to admit I am not a good passenger, I

find it an extremely stressful role, it's much more fun when you have the steering wheel. We did find one critical point of disagreement when faced by the choice of either scratching the duco on the passenger side or avoiding the hole on the driver's side. We didn't really resolve that dilemma but at least we're still talking.



We wound through dry creek bed after creek bed with magnificent gum trees, through sparsely vegetated paddocks, devoid of any feed, stopping now and again for a landmark or a cuppa. Am I the only one that has to resist the urge when crossing a creek, to look to the left and right checking for traffic? The destination was an abandoned mine and smelter but the highlight had to be Wallace's Gorge, an absolutely stunning example of outback scenery, the grey green of the trees against the deep red of the soil enhanced by the afternoon sun.



Fearless leader

So having followed our fearless leader up to a wonderful lookout, it was a bit of a shuffle to get us back down again. It's getting late and as the sun drops, the dust rises and my inability to see the difference between the shadows and the ruts makes for a few dodgy choices of track.

Day 3 In the early hours it rains!! Today was a shorter trip north of the homestead to Mt Fritton Station which was obviously once a haven of comfort in the late '30's, now no more than a ruin having lost its roof in the '80's. Carol gives Dave a poor score on a very deep section of track, which from where we were sitting looked like a completely graceless headlong dive over a cliff edge.

On to spotting rock wallabies but we could only find 3 or 4 watching us warily from high up the rocky hillsides. A few drops appear on the windscreen. Following our fearless leader Quenton once again, up a steep track, by now getting a little wet and slippery, and did I mention steep, NOW he decides this perhaps isn't a good idea. As the rain buckets down it's an about face, shuffle style on the deeply rutted, did I mention steep and yes, narrow track and back down to the flats.

By the time we got down, the dry creek bed was beginning to run quite nicely. Nicely enough for us and our faithful Paj, to find the opposite bank a trifle challenging. I exited the vehicle and left it to the boys. With the great advice from Simon and Adrian, the Paj made the climb up the slippery slope with ease! Wet weather and not having ST tyres can make quite a difference.

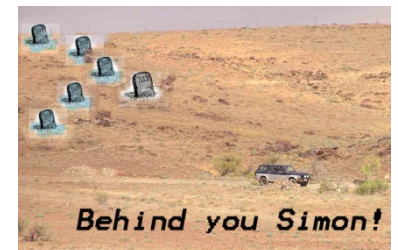
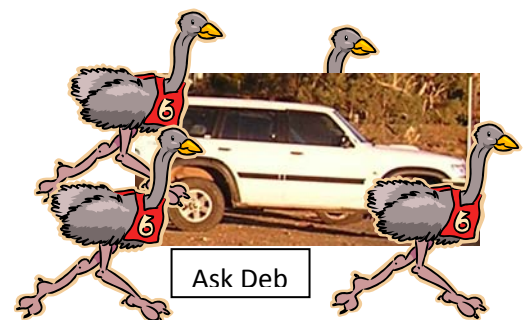
Dave improves his score on the way back. Before long there is no sign of the rain and we are back to raising the dust ... 'Feral' gets bored and goes cross country chasing imaginary headstones.



On the last night Adrian "Suds" demonstrates the art of sitting down on the job. Martin brings out a guitar and entertains us with a pleasant voice and a few familiar tunes to finish off the day then it's all to bed for an early start and a long day tomorrow.

Lots of stops in the long drive home make it a little more interesting and less

arduous. Can't believe the only place we passed 3 cars on the 80km of Strezlecki Track was on the 8km of bitumen. If you're ever in Peterborough make sure you take a look at the motorbike museum. What this couple have done in a short time is quite impressive. A bit of light windmill counting to relieve the boredom and was it my imagination or was that last lot a whole lot bigger than usual?

**Behind you Simon!**

Thanks everyone, we did enjoy this trip and the company and we look forward to the next adventure.

Chris and Julie

SOCIAL CORNER

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!*

MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

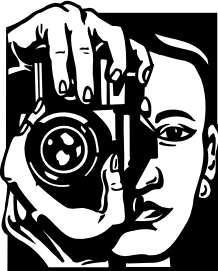


PHOTO COMPETITION

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

It's on again...

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

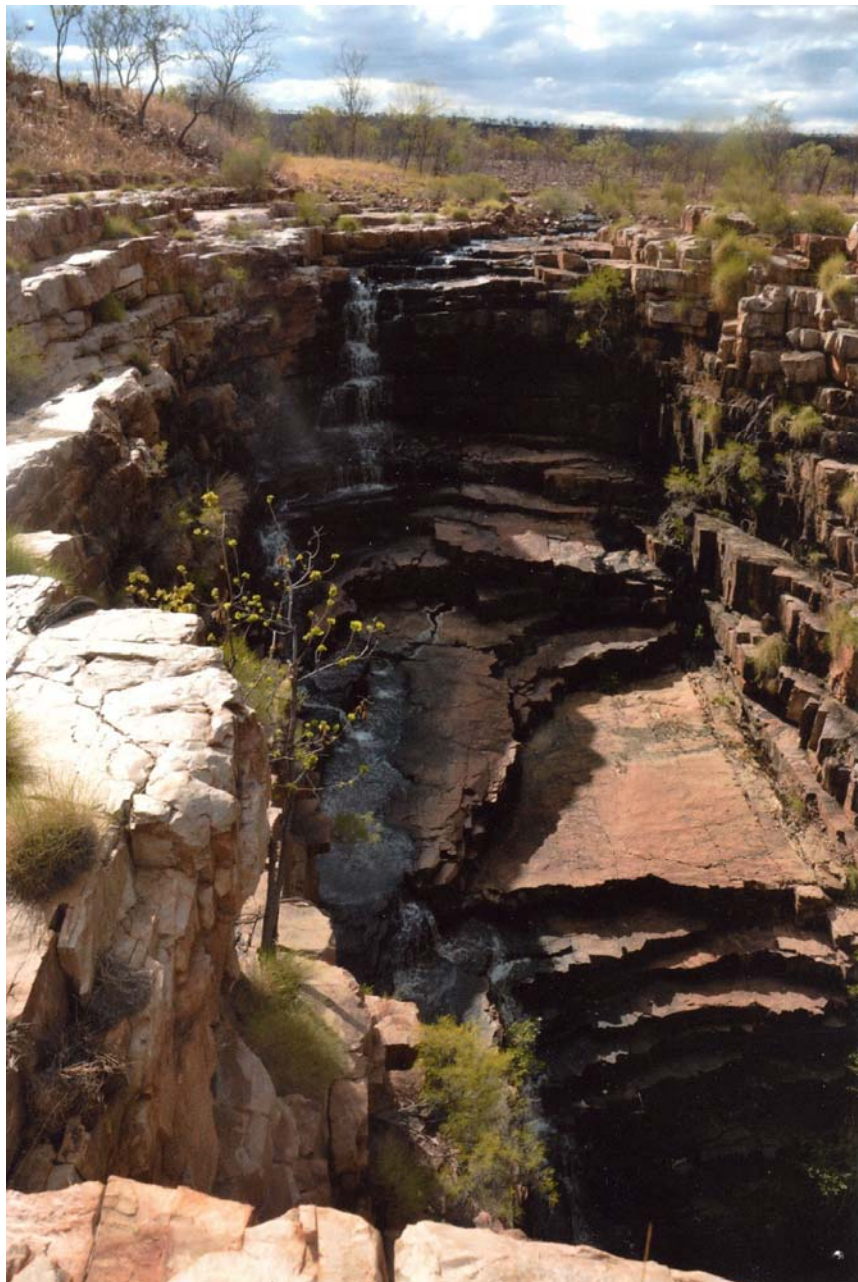
so please keep-on writing!!!

PHOTO COMPETITION 2016

Congratulations to the Photo Competition winners, Norma and Sandra, and also congratulations to Quenton for winning the Trip Writing competition. The same competitions are running again this year, so don't forget, cameras and pens at the ready when out on trips.

Winning Entries:

Gawler Fishing and Outdoors Selection



Title: The Grotto, Wyndham

Taken by: Norma Rivett

People's Choice



Title: Kununurra

Taken By: Sandra Heintze



***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.)

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

- **Samsung SRG-058 57 litre Bar Fridge \$20,**
Phone - Qenton 0407 604 601
- **H.P 19 inch LED Computer monitor \$20,**
Phone - Qenton 0407 604 601
- **Shade rest shelter, mint condition, used only a few times**
\$100 (cost new \$150)
Phone - Lyn 0418 826 156

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- **Roof Rack Basket, "Explorer", 1.6m x 1.0 m**
Used, but in good condition. Comes complete with long handled shovel brackets and pair of mounting adaptors for ARB (or similar) awning.
\$250 (neg)

Phone - Peter 0410 523 617



Exp Apr 17

- **Roof bar, Prorack WHISPBAR, 980mm - 1080mm (PRO-S45), pair.** Bars come complete with Allen keys and security keys. \$200 (neg).
Phone - Peter 0410 523 617



Exp Apr 17

GENERAL INFORMATION

ABC Shortwave Service Stopped 31st January 2017

The ABC has stopped its shortwave radio service as of 31st January. This means that information about emergency situations, weather conditions, general news and entertainment will no longer be available in remote areas in situations where AM/FM, digital and satellite services are ineffective, but shortwave has worked. It will affect people who are working and travelling remotely in the top two thirds of SA and in to the NT.

If 4WD members are going to be affected by this decision can you please ring the ABC on one of the following numbers and leave a complaint.

1300 13 9994 or 139994.

Whilst the ABC has offered ideas about transitional arrangements with the stopping of shortwave, feedback from users of shortwave in these areas say the proposed arrangements will be ineffective and we are calling for restoration of the short wave service.

Regards,

Sue Pinnock

President Friends of the ABC SA/NT

Mobile: 0407 035 701

More information?

Check out the myriad of stories on the Internet, just Google "ABC shortwave radio." There was also an article published in *The Advertiser* on 30 Jan.

I contacted the ABC help line and received a stack of information on the availability of AM and FM plus VAST. Of course, none of these provide practical solutions to the problems created by discontinued service. Happy to discuss at the next meeting.

[Pete]

STOP PRESS - ACMA Proposes to reverse decision ruling thousands of UHF CB radio sets illegal

Gee, a mouth full of a heading but let's have a quick look at what this is all about.

Prior to 2011, the approved UHF CB radios were 40 channel devices. (For the technically minded the 40 Channel radios operate on a channel spacing of 25kHz in the range 476.4125 MHz - 477.4125 Mhz.)

The growing popularity of the UHF CB service led to complaints that there was significant interference from other users due to a lack of useable channels.

In 2011, the Australia Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) introduced new licensing rules that allowed the use of 80 Channel UHF CB radios. (For the technically minded the 80 Channel radios operate on a channel bandwidth of 12.5kHz in the same frequency spectrum as the 40 channel device. Channels 1-40 did not change, but channels 41 - 80 were "interlaced between the existing channels.)

As part of the 2011 rule changes, the use of 40 channel devices would become illegal after 30 June 2017. Importation and sale of 40 channel devices became illegal on 26 November 2012.

For those of you with the newer 80 channel devices, none of this is a problem. However, there are literally thousands of 40 channel devices in use around Australia and the cost to replace these radios is significant. (As reported by the ABC [\[ABC News\]](#) one trucking company estimated the cost to re-equip to be \$40,000.)

ACMA has undertaken a number of surveys and have concluded that the existing mix of 40 and 80 channel devices is working well in providing sufficient access to the service by all users.

Now the **good news**: the ACMA has proposed that the use of 40 channel devices be permitted past June 2017. To that end, ACMA has started a consultation period with submissions required by 6 March 2017. Want to have your say, or need more information then please see the ACMA Web site at <http://www.acma.gov.au/Citizen/TV-Radio/Radio/Marine-and-Amateur-Radio/citizen-band-radio-stations-proposed-changes>.

Happy to take questions at the next meeting.

[Pete]

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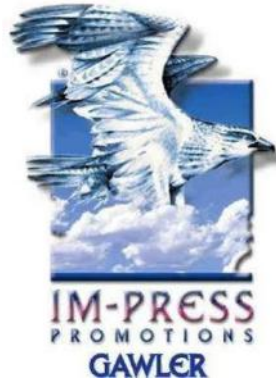
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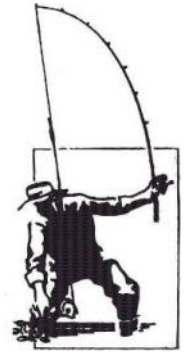
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FROM WESTPRINT FRIDAY FIVE

Unfortunately, not all holidays end up on a positive note. The following is self explanatory. As mentioned in paragraph 5 if you have any notes, information, etc, that could help them out, please get in touch with them.

Welcome to 2017.

February is usually the time we get back to business at Westprint. This year however, it will be a little different. Westprint was burgled during January. Apart from a couple of days where we had to leave everything insitu for police investigation we have managed to remain open for business. We are currently operating with a patched together system while we wait for new computer systems to be installed.

The Bad News.

All the Friday Five stories, jokes, notes, templates & photos have gone. This is in part my own fault as I had an external hard drive for back up. Unfortunately I chose to leave the computers doing a full back up overnight on the same night we were burgled so the thieves took both.

Our email system is 'sort-of' working. If you have sent an email since Christmas and not received a reply, please send again. Westprint uses a dedicated email program. The reason for this is to reduce spam and for added security against viruses. Only in this case the virus had two legs and a ute (or truck) to cart all our gear away.

All our emails/attachments/contact information has been lost. For Graeme and I, some information can be retrieved from the accounting program. For John who works mostly in research, hundreds of contacts have been lost.

Also, all stories/jokes/information for the Friday Five has gone. If you have any track notes, outback information, recommendations for places to go and things to see please send them. info@westprint.com.au

The Good News.

None of our stock was stolen or damaged.

Our accounting system is backed up and when we have new computers it can all be re-installed. We did not keep any of credit card information on our computers so that cannot be stolen. Our computer systems were all password protected and we don't believe that hacking into our information was the motivation.

As I write this our business system is as follows:

Graeme is using a laptop which was fortunately at home when we were broken into. This computer has a backup of the email program so we need to queue up to check emails.

John has a computer that is so old even the thieves didn't want it. This is currently what I am using to write this Friday Five.

Periodically we head to the local fire station and use one of their spare computers. CFA – helping the community in many ways!

Update:

New computers have arrived. Hooray. Now to get all programs up and running and restore any data we were able to salvage.

LAST PAGE

Friday Funnies

Thanks as usual to our friends at Westprint Friday Five

On the first day of training for parachute jumping the man listened intently to the instructor. He told them to start preparing for landing when they are at 300 feet. He asked "How am I supposed to know when I'm at 300 feet?"

"That's a good question. When you get to 300 feet you can recognize the faces of people on the ground."

After pondering his answer he asked "What happens if there's no one there I know?"

A customer moves away from a bank window, counts his change, and then goes back and says to the cashier "Hey, you gave me the wrong change!"

"Sir, you stepped away from the counter" said the cashier. "We don't make corrections after you leave. There's nothing I can do about it now. That's the policy of this bank."

"Well ok" answered the customer. "Just thought you'd like to know that you gave me an extra hundred. Bye."

A new business was opening and one of the owner's friends wanted to send him flowers for the occasion. They arrived at the new business site and the owner read the card 'Rest in Peace.'

The owner was angry and called the florist to complain. After he had told the florist of the obvious mistake and how angry he was the florist replied 'I'm really sorry for the mistake but rather than getting angry you should imagine this. Somewhere there is a funeral taking place today and they have flowers with a note saying 'Congratulations on your new location!'

I read this article that said the typical symptoms of stress are eating too much, impulse buying and driving too fast. Are they kidding? That's my idea of a perfect day.

I started out with nothing and I still have most of it.

I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.

It was a whole lot easier to get older than to get wiser.

It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.

When I'm finally holding all the right cards, everyone wants to play chess.

It's not hard to meet expenses . . . they're everywhere.

Some days you're the top dog; some days you're the hydrant.

Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.

I wish the buck really did stop here; I sure could use a few of them.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.