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4WD Club Newsletter

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Founded in 2002



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



Recovery Training at Peake

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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

	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

February 2017
See the attached Minutes (members only)

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

President's Report:

Our Guest Speaker at the March meeting will be Geoff Randall talking about his book, the History of the Blinman mine. He will have copies available for sale at \$25.00 each.

Well I think everyone present enjoyed Vamai Hanke's talk at our February meeting. If you want more information or would like to order books as she mentioned, see the Friends of the State Library website as detailed in this Newsletter. One of their new publications is by Sir Hubert Wilkins. Your Committee has some other interesting Guest Speakers in the pipeline, however if you have a "contact" that you think may be suitable as a Guest Speaker, please pass on the details to a Committee member.

Your club Subs are now due - \$50 plus \$10 late/joining fee (if applicable) due by tonight's meeting. 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.

Please be aware of the March meeting being brought forward a week due to the March long week-end.

[Quenton]

Editor's Report:

Hello and welcome to the March edition of the Newsletter. The Newsletter is for the benefit of everyone at the Club so if you have articles you would like to see printed or items for sale, please forward them to us so that they can be included in the Newsletter.

There is more information available for the Mystery History Day in May under "Coming Events" so don't forget to add your name to the trip sheet if you would like to go. Quenton led trips are usually very informative and popular so you are sure to have a very enjoyable day. Don't forget to take a camera and pen to capture the day.

The next trip is the one to Warooka for the March long weekend which should be a great success.

That's it from me again. Till next time.....

[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

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:	As part of History Month visiting four locations around the Barossa Valley. A mix of history and "hands on" fun!!
Where:	Barossa Valley
Bring:	Morning tea to share, picnic lunch for yourself, afternoon tea (could that be scones, jam & cream Quenton??) Chairs, table, cameras, UHF radio
Cost:	\$10 Adult: \$5 Child
Meet:	Gawler Visitor's Information Centre
When:	9.15 am for 9.30 am departure
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601

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.

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

Peake 2017	5th and 6th August 2017
Trip Details:	A weekend of 4WD driving skills refreshing (mostly sand) and socialising.
Where:	Peake (50km past Taillem Bend)
Cost:	\$40
Meet:	Most will meet at the campsite (details will be provided nearer the time). We can arrange to meet at the Peake Post Office
When:	Either Friday arvo / evening, or Saturday morning
Trip Leader:	TBA
Trip Co-Ordinator	Quenton Earl
More Info	<p>Camp site is in middle of property and is suitable for all but the longest vans, trailers, tents, swags. Bring strong pegs as there is limited sand covering the underlying rock in some places.</p> <p>Camp site has 3 x long drop toilets</p> <p>It will probably be cold in August so bring plenty of firewood</p> <p>Essential Equipment required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water • Food • All the normal kitchen and eating stuff • Happy hour stuff (refreshments, nibbles, etc) <p>Desirable equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compressor • Recovery Gear (Shovel, Max Trax, Snatch Strap etc)

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.

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

	<i>These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:</i>	
	March	Geoff Randall & his book "The History of the Blinman Mine"
	April	Barry Schrapel – talking on and showing videos on 4WD and the world.

4WDSA CALENDAR

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

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"

Donations can be given to the Social Committee (Joann Wuttke or Julie Sieben) any time.

<i>March 2017</i>	<i>April 2017</i>	<i>May 2017</i>
Roger and Sue Brennand	John and Astrid Gardner	Peter and Sandra Harper
Quenton and Deb Earl	Darryl and Joan Grace	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

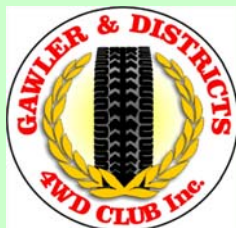
SOCIAL CORNER

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!

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

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!!!



***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

Exp Apr 17

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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



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Maybe you have something at home you would like to sell.

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DTU INFORMATION

As has been reported in recent newsletters, the DTU is restructuring the courses being offered to better meet the needs of students. Below is an outline of restructured training. It should be noted that although we don't use the old "package" numbers, the competencies align with the current manuals.

Four training courses will be offered:

1. Basic 4WD driving and recovery
2. Intermediate level 4wd driving & recovery
3. Advanced 4WD driving
4. Advanced 4WD Recovery

Basic 4WD driving and recovery

Competencies :

1. Vehicle inspection & Pre departure checks
2. Drive vehicle on unsealed road
3. Drive vehicle up and down incline
4. Uphill stop controlled reverse descent
5. Downhill stop controlled forward descent
6. Drive vehicle through sandy terrain
7. Drive vehicle through rocky terrain
8. Drive vehicle across side sloping terrain
9. Change a wheel on a vehicle
10. Recover a vehicle using a snatch strap

Terrain category - moderate

Course to be conducted over 3 weekends

1. Theory at Cavan (classroom)
2. Practical training and assessment Peake - All competencies including sand driving
3. Practical training and assessment Morgan - All competencies except sand

Practical sessions to include:

- Training (where the instructor explains the steps in detail as you drive)
- Assessment where the instructor observes your skills - Each competency to be assessed once.

Intermediate Level 4WD Driving & Recovery

Competencies:

1. Reassessment of competencies in Basic module with moderate to steep inclines with firm irregular terrain
2. Drive a vehicle through water (axle depth)
3. Drive a vehicle through muddy terrain (soft mud to axle depth)

I'll provide details of the other two courses in the next newsletter

[Pete]

GENERAL INFORMATION

This was a subject touched on at the last general meeting. The following is some information which should be helpful and is self explanatory.

PAR - PUBLIC ACCESS ROUTES

WHAT IS A PAR?

These are public routes that cross private property to an area of public interest (eg historical sites). Do not assume they are accessible either by 2WD or 4WD - permission is not required per se, but note that PARs can be closed for a variety of reasons (eg stock movement or weather). Assume that pets not allowed. Allow roads to dry out after rain before traversing them.

CAMPING RULES

The following is a general guide. Please refer to the pdf available at www.environment.sa.gov.au for conditions of use and requirements.

Camping is permitted anywhere within 50 metres of the track along all routes except the Copper King Mine route and the Tallaringa Route. On the Copper King route camping is only allowed along the gum creek. No camping is allowed on the Tallaringa PAR while traversing Mabel Creek Station.

On other routes, camping is not permitted within one kilometre of any house or occupied dwelling, or within 500 metres of a constructed stock watering point. Please ensure that only dead wood is used for campfires, and do not use fires during the fire-ban season. All rubbish is to be taken out, not buried.

If the PAR terminates at an historic or natural feature of interest, camp only where indicated.

Do not pollute waterways with soap etc. Do not bath in troughs, tanks. Do not interfere with stock. Carry out your rubbish.

PARS IN THE FLINDERS

These include Nuccaleena, Artimore, Mount Hack, Hannigans Gap, and Patawarta.

Nuccaleena Mine

42km north east of Parachilna, on [Moolooloo Station](#). 14km length, slow.

Artimore Ruins

28km north east of Blinman, on Oratunga Station

Patawartha Gap

42km north east of Blinman, on Moolooloo Station

Copper King Mine

[Puttapa Station](#) (Beltana area)

PARS ELSEWHERE

As at early 2013, there are 24 PARs (many as a result of the focus created in 2002 by the Year of The Outback). The following are amongst the earliest created:

Lake Eyre

Muloorina Station

Tallaringa

Mabel Creek Station

Curdimurka

Stuarts Creek Station

Pedirka

Eringa Station

PAR tracks are signposted as such. Unless otherwise specified a PAR is a corridor 100m in width; and with the track as a centre line camping is allowed only within this corridor.⁽¹⁾

HOW IS A PAR CREATED?

The Pastoral Board identifies and formally delineates public access to points of interest on and through land held under pastoral lease (as needs and resources permit). The process of identification involves consultation with lessees, conservation interests, tourism, operators, 4WD vehicle clubs, and other interested groups. Tracks are signposted before being formally gazetted.⁽¹⁾

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT PARS

Visit www.environment.sa.gov.au > [Conservation](#) > [Managing natural resources](#) > [Rangelands Pastoral Program](#) where you will find details on the 24 PARs via a pdf document.. Due to occasional website redesign the link may no longer be current.

DEWNR : NEW ADDITIONS TO THE “ON – LINE” BOOKING SYSTEM . .

Adelaide Hills

- [Belair National Park](#) - [Book before you go](#)

Flinders Ranges & Outback

- [Tallaringa Conservation Park](#) - [Book Before you go](#)

Kangaroo Island

- [Flinders Chase National Park](#) - [Book before you go](#)
- [Lashmar Conservation Park](#) - [Book before you go](#)
- [Cape Gantheaume Conservation Park](#) - [Book before you go](#)

Murray River

- [Chowilla Game Reserve](#) - [Book before you go](#)
- [Danggali Conservation Park](#) - [Book before you go](#)
- [Karte Conservation Park](#) - [Book before you go](#)
- [Loch Luna and Moorook Game Reserves](#) - [Book before you go](#)
- [Morgan Conservation Park](#) - [Book before you go](#)
- [Murray River National Park](#) - [Book before you go](#)
- [Ngarkat Conservation Park](#) - [Book before you go](#)

Also as of 27 February 2017 all Eyre Peninsula parks will require online bookings. These parks include:

- Lincoln National Park
- Memory Cove Wilderness Protection Area
- Coffin Bay National Park
- Gawler Ranges National Park
- Nullarbor Wilderness Protection Area
- Acraman Creek Conservation Park
- Fowlers Bay Conservation Park
- Wahgunyah Conservation Park

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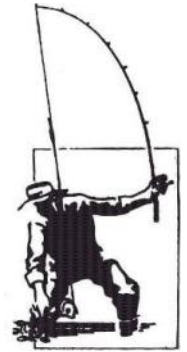
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FROM WESTPRINT FRIDAY FIVE

For those people contemplating longer trips farther afield this year, the following information may be of some assistance:

Trip Information – Canning Stock Route, WA

We did the CSR in late June and early July. I wouldn't like to be doing it in September. Check BOM for the average temperatures in that area in September.

However, whenever you do go, be very aware of, and look out for, convoys of fast moving Mercedes 4X4s (Tour Companies) who have a schedule to keep, rain hail or shine. I'm not sure what those high-fare paying passengers see as they fly along the route, but it wasn't as much as we saw as we cruised along enjoying the sights and the experience.

Speed and high tyre pressures assist in making the corrugations in the 80ks or so both north and south of Well 33 the best I have ever experienced. Either they beat the corrugations of the abandoned Gunbarrel Highway, or my memory is fading. Vince and Rhelmae

Simpson Desert Bike Challenge

The Simpson Desert Bike Challenge will be taking place during the last week in Sept. This event will consist of a convoy of around 35 vehicles and 25 Mountain Bike Cyclists racing between Purni Bore and the Birdsville Track via the Rig Road and Warburton Tracks. The event, apart from being a lot of fun (some of the riders even enjoy it) raises money for the RFDS. It has been running for 30 years and hopes to lift total donations to \$300 000 this year.

It may be a good time to avoid as opportunities to overtake are restricted between 5.30 am and 5:30 pm if you are planning that route.

The race is deliberately scheduled at that time because it is starting to get quite hot to make the race tougher.

You might like to have a look at www.desertchallenge.org . Maybe you have a mad cyclist in your party that might like to register? Alan

(Thanks to Westprint Friday Five for the above excerpts)

LAST PAGE – FRIDAY FUNNIES

GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mum is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandpa's lap.

GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing Jelly to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fibre, not the toy.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

◆◆ March ◆◆
Quenton Earl
Sandra Harper
Lyn Leske
Michelle Riddle

