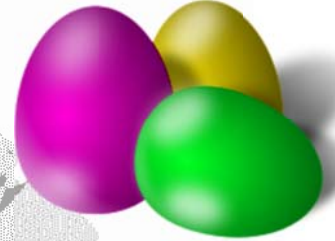


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4WD Club Newsletter

April 2017



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Stormy Weather, March Long Weekend, Warooka

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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			24			30			29	

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

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

March 2017

See the attached Minutes (members only)

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

President's Report:

Our Guest Speaker at our April meeting will be Barry Schrapel.

As some of you may know, Barry was a founding member of the club and has always had an interest in making videos. Barry's equipment is very professional and many videos have been presented on the Community TV station Channel 44. Barry will talk about his passion and present a video on the night.

At our May meeting, a special showing of the film "Northern Safari" will, I am sure, entertain you. Keith Adams, his wife and his sister set off in 1955 in a modified 1948 Buick from Perth to the Gulf of Carpentaria. It truly is an Australian outback adventure, long before the "Leyland Brothers" or Paul Hogan's "Crocodile Dundee".

More details for the "Ladies Week-end" at Bri-Glen are now in the Newsletter and I will discuss more at the April and May meetings.

We have plenty of trips and activities planned for the coming months, so ensure you place your names on the Trip Sheets if you would like to go.

[Quenton]

Editor's Report:

Welcome to the April edition of the Newsletter.

As well as details about the "Ladies Day" at Bri Glen, Quenton has posted a new day trip for the June long weekend (Sunday 11 June), details have yet to be finalised.

I would like to thank Lisa and Stephen for volunteering to do the trip report for the March long weekend trip to Warooka and also to Deb for her article on the history of the Blinman Mine. It's always great to have input into the Newsletter from our Club members. Please keep them coming.

The Pink Lakes trip is only a few days away so don't forget to add your name to the trip sheet if you would like to go and the Mystery History day trip isn't far behind, so ditto for that too.

Until next time, keep smiling and I wish you all a safe and happy Easter.

[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

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:	7.00 am on Good Friday, 14 April 2017 at the Gawler Visitor Centre, Lyndoch Road.
When:	Easter 2017. Friday 14 April to Monday 17 April
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

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:	\$20 per person per day
Meet:	Saturday - Tarlee 8.00am Main street parking bay (Has Public toilets)
When:	20/21 May
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	Full tank fuel, Caravan, Camper Trailers, Tents, Swags. No showers or toilets or power, so please be self-sufficient with all food, water, bush toilet ,etc. Camp ovens & Bedouries. Campfire is OK & can collect wood on property, so chainsaw is OK. Please bring normal recovery gear & UHF radio is a must. Bring sturdy walking shoes, hat, sunscreen. Camera.

June Long Weekend	Sunday, 11 June 2017
Trip Details:	Day trip (more details after discussion at April meeting)
Where:	TBA
Cost:	TBA
Meet:	Gawler Visitors Information Centre 8.30 am

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.

Peake 2017	5th and 6th August 2017
Trip Details:	A weekend of 4WD driving skills refreshing (mostly sand) and socialising.
Where:	Peake (50km past Tailem 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 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	<p>Visit their Web site at</p> <p>http://www.argadells.com.au/argadells.com.au/index.html</p>

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



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

April	Barry Schrapel – talking on and showing videos on 4WD and the world.
May	Film Night: “Northern Safari” See comments in Quenton’s president’s words
June	Kimberly / Darwin Trip Report

4WD Octoberfest

FRIDAY 29TH SEPT TO MONDAY 2ND OCT 2017

BASED AT WILLANGI BUSH ESCAPES - PETERBOROUGH

WHAT'S NEW THIS TIME YOU ASK?

MULTIPLE 4WD CLUB LEADERSHIP

NEW PROPERTIES

NEW TRACK'S

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

KEEP AN EYE ON OUR WEBSITE

mountloftyrangers.com.au

4WDSA NEWS

Annual Border Track Working Bee



Once again, the Gawler and Districts Club joined in with the annual Border Track working bee at Ngarkat Conservation Park over the last weekend in March. We were represented by 5 members and recorded a total of 77.5 volunteer hours. All of the allocated tasks were completed over the weekend which is a fantastic result. The formal report is still being compiled and we will include a link when the report becomes available. My thanks to Peter, Jo, Martin and Martin for their efforts.

[Pete]



Fishpond Trail carpark reconstruction

[Phots from Jo]

DTU CALENDAR

When	Title	Venue	Notes
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>April 2017</i>	<i>May 2017</i>	<i>June 2017</i>
Darryl and Joan Grace	Wayne and Sandra Heintze	Martin and Corry Kisbee
Peter and Sandra Harper	John and Jane Jansen	Max and Lyn Leske

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

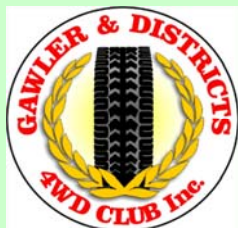
SOCIAL CORNER

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:

- Maximum of 6 lines per ad (similar to a typical local newspaper ad)
- Adverts can only appear for a maximum of 3 consecutive months
- No pictures, text only (you can run a pictures ad for \$10 a month)
- Must supply contact details (either a phone or email)
- 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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DTU INFORMATION

Last month, I summarised the Basic and Intermediate level courses being offered by the DTU. The other two driving competency based courses being offered are:

- a. Advanced 4WD driving, and
- b. Advanced 4WD Recovery

The "boxes" below outline the requirements for each course.

Advanced 4WD driving

Competencies:

1. Reassessment of competencies covered previously, but in **hard to difficult terrain with significant obstacles**
2. Drive on a winding bush track with rough surface steep sections and narrow twisting sections with blind corners
3. Perform emergency tyre repairs

Note: Not suited to vehicles with highway terrain tyres.

Advanced 4WD Recovery

Competencies:

1. Recover a vehicle using a snatch strap
2. Recover a vehicle using a winch (includes using different type of anchor points, use of a snatch block and repositioning of anchor point during recovery operation)
3. Recover a vehicle using an exhaust jack
4. Recover a vehicle using a Hi Lift jack

To be trained and assessed under difficult terrain conditions

[Pete]

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following is an excerpt from Westprint Friday Five dated 31 March 2017. If you wish to have your say about this closure, there is a link at the end of the article which you can use.

From Last Week – closure of shortwave radio service

I observed Andrew's concern in the 17th March issue of Friday Five about the closure of the ABC shortwave radio services in the Northern Territory which occurred on 31st January. In addition to the inland service the international service of the ABC short wave service was also closed. As far as the ABC is concerned it is a done deal and they are not really interested.

However, there has been quite a bit of activity to endeavour to get these services reinstated. Many people have contacted various MPs and other influential people to have this decision reversed. It is up to people like readers of Friday Five to put pen to paper or via email to MPs, etc. expressing their concern and telling them why it is a bad idea. If you read the third submission in the link below you will find it a bit lengthy but sums up the situation.

There has been a senate committee set up to look at the possible restoration of Radio Australia's short wave international broadcasts and the short wave domestic broadcasts in the Northern Territory. By going to the site listed below you will have an opportunity to put ideas forward as to why the services should be retained. You will need to do it promptly as the findings of the deliberation will be finalised in May. I hope you will make the time to submit your opinions to the inquiry. Just because someone else appears to have said it all, this should not stop you from having your say even if it is to say that you agree with what someone else has said. Rodney.

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Environment_and_Communications/Shortwaveradio

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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



◆◆ **March** ◆◆

Peter Harper

Wayne Heintze



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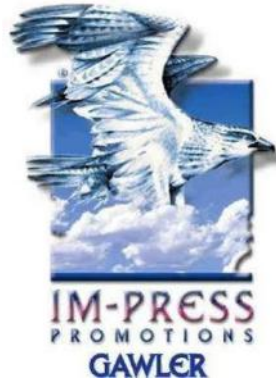
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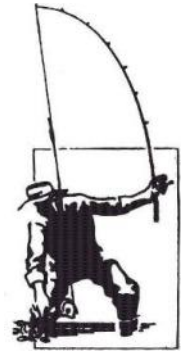
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TRIP REPORT

MARCH LONG WEEKEND - WAROOKA YORK PENINSULA

TRIP LEADER - MAX & LYN LESKE - FORD RANGER

DAVE, MICHELLE & JESSICA RIDDLE - NISSAN PATROL

JOANN WUTTKE , PETE CUSACK & MADDISON - MITSUBISHI PAJERO

PETE & SANDRA HARPER - TOYOTA PRADO

BOB & PAULINE TONKIN - MITSIBISHI TRITON

JOHN & JANE JANSEN - FORD RANGER

STEPHEN & LISA CLAUGHTON - HOLDEN COLORADO

We arrived at Mallala at 7.30 and waited for everyone to arrive. It was a lovely morning but a little overcast. Everyone was towing either a caravan or camper trailer. There was not a lot of traffic on the road which made for pleasant drive. We stopped at Ardrossan for morning tea grabbing something from the bakery before going down to the foreshore to enjoy it.

Our next stop was the Bublacowie Military Museum and Memorial. It is owned by Chris Soar, BM and is on the site of the old Bublacowie school. Chris served in the army and is a Vietnam and Malaya veteran. There is a wide range of military medals, uniforms and artifacts as well as



photographic and personal items from local men and

women who served in the military. He also had a vast display of books, toys etc from our past. Two of the items I found most interesting was a fridge that had a microwave where the freezer would normally be, made by GE. The other was a portable radio cassette player that had a TV screen. It was a great place. He also holds Anzac Day there.

From there it was on to Yorketown for lunch before heading to Warooka to set up camp.

We set up camp on the grounds of the Inland Sea restaurant and seafood sales grounds. It is 4 kms out of Warooka. The cost of camping was a meal at the



restaurant! After setting up camp we headed over to the beer garden for happy hour. The wind had picked up a little and we had to go back and tie down the sail as it had come loose. We all went over for dinner and I believe everyone enjoyed their meals despite the time they took to arrive!!

Sunday morning and the usual bacon and eggs for breakfast were cooked before heading off to the national park.

When we got to the park we had to book in by computer which they have available for you to do. There was no entry fee today.

Our first port of call was the Stenhouse Bay jetty. Once we got out of the car the rain was about to start so it was time to pull out the jackets. There were several people out fishing on the jetty. From there it was on to the Cape Spencer lighthouse before stopping at the Cape Spencer and Cooks House historical site for some morning tea..



From there it was over to explore the historical site of the Inneston township. Inneston was an old gypsum mining town.

There was plenty to see. Lots of restored buildings several of which can be rented out for accommodation. The bakery had the ovens restored. There was a cricket oval adjacent to the lake and tennis courts



nearby.



We stopped for lunch at West Cape lighthouse. There was a lovely shelter with picnic tables and a great view over Pondalowie Bay and a walk up to the lighthouse before going on to Browns Beach.

On our way back to camp we stopped at Daly Head, the windiest spot by far, and also at Corny Point lighthouse before arriving back at camp. After tea we all headed over and sat by Bob and Pauline's caravan before going to bed.

In the morning we all packed up and headed off at our own pace. We were the last ones to leave. We stayed for lunch and to hopefully avoid all the traffic. We went

via Minlaton and Kulpara before crossing the highway and going through Balaklava. It was a great trip home.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Max and Lyn for leading a great trip as well as everyone else for their friendship and making us feel welcome. We look forward to many more trips with the club.

[Stephen & Lisa]



The "Stagger Inn" @ Inneston

HISTORY OF THE BLINMAN MINE

As you may remember, we had a very interesting speaker in Geoff Randall at the March meeting talking about the Blinman Mine - a mine (and area) that he has a particular interest in. The following is an article prepared by Deb Earl for the magazine which I hope you will find interesting - thank you Deb.

History of Blinman Copper Mine- Guest Speaker Geoff Randall

At our March meeting we were fortunate to have Geoffrey Randall speak at the club meeting on the History of the Blinman Copper mine 1859-1916.

The book Geoff wrote on the Blinman Copper Mine was part of his work as an Honors student at Adelaide University and he has a Bachelor Degree in Environmental Studies, History and Social Sciences which is quite an achievement. The story below is taken in part from his talk and the rest from his book and is only a select history of the mine. Geoff's book is still available to buy so if you are interested please contact the committee for details.

In 1859 the area east of the area now known as the Blinman copper mine was used for sheep grazing and it was a one legged shepherd named Robert Blinman who noticed the green stained rock on a nearby hill. From this discovery he set about filing for a mineral claim of

the area at a cost of 5 pounds and convinced three others to join him in this venture. This syndicate of Robert Blinman, Alfred Frost, Joe Mole and Henry Alford worked a small section of the claim which they sold to the Yudanamutana Copper Mining Company for 6000 pounds. Robert Blinman or "Peg leg Bob" used his profit to begin a wood carting business and later became an hotel licensee in the Flinders Ranges and he is buried at the Quorn Cemetery.

The mine was officially opened on 5 September 1862 with Captain Thomas Anthony as the manager, a Cornish Mine Captain who brought experienced Cornish miners with him from Kapunda, Burra and Moonta.

Water or lack of it was an issue for the Blinman mine and water was eventually sourced from a bore 8 kms south of the town and piped to the mine where it was stored in tanks and dams. This water source was also used for the town. However, the costs involved with transport, infrastructure and wages meant that although the mine was most productive between 1862 and 1880, it was not a profitable venture for the company and the Yudanamutana company changed its name in 1872 to the Blinman Consolidated Copper Mining Company and in 1880 employed a new manager, Captain W J Paul. However, by 1881 Blinman mine was in need of further capital investment and was taken over by the Corporation of South Australian Copper Mines Limited.

The mine's Managing Director, Mr T.A. Massey, modernised the mine and boilers were brought from the recently defunct Prince Alfred Mine near Belton (NE of Carrieton) via the newly laid northern railway to Parachilna and then by road haulage to Blinman. The official re-opening of the mine in May 1882 was celebrated with an official dinner and the announcement that Captain William Bryant was to supersede Captain Paul as mine manager.



Happy Easter!!