

4WD Club Newsletter

October 2017



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



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WELCOME

to the Gawler & Districts 4WD Club

Previously known as "The Light Four Wheel Drive Club of SA Inc." this active 4WD club was founded in 2002. Members voted at the March 2008 meeting to change the club's name and meet at Gawler to give the club a more recognizable name and a more central meeting place.

It has become a very social club and has run many a successful day, week-end, long week-end and extended trips. We are a member of the Four Wheel Drive South Australia which incorporates the Driver Training Unit. Most meetings include a Guest Speaker and a monthly club newsletter.

If you are a visitor to tonight's meeting, we welcome you and your family to our club. Please ask as many questions as you want. You can join us on up to 3 club outings before becoming a member. Trip Leaders run each outing and will be glad to help you with tips on four wheel driving and how to get the best from your vehicle. If you would like to join us on any trips and enjoy what 4WD can really bring, please fill out your details on our Trip Sheets.

The Club meets every second Friday in the month at 7.30 pm at the Gawler Elderly Centre Hall in Fourteenth Street, Gawler.

The meeting dates are shown on page 3 of this newsletter.

Annual membership fees are \$50 per vehicle/family, plus \$10 joining fee.



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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

	2017						2018					
<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>
General				13	10	8		9	2	13	11	1
Committee				4	1		31	21		4	23	
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NOTE: DEADLINE TIME - All newsletter articles to the Editor before Committee Meeting date

Dates for 2018

Adelaide Cup 12 March: Easter 30 March to 2 April: Queen's Birthday 11 June: Labour Day 1 October

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

September 2017
See the attached Minutes (members only)

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

President's Report:

This month's meeting we will be visited by the Gawler Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club. They are bringing some cars for us to see, so will be very interesting. Hope to see you come along. Cars arrive at 7.00pm, so come a bit earlier to see them before sunset.

Our November meeting will be held at the Gawler Petanque Club, Gawler, so keep an eye out for more details.

From comments I have received, our social trip to Orroroo, the long week-end trip to Octoberfest and Argadells was enjoyed by all. See reports in this newsletter. If you have an idea for a trip, please see John, myself or anyone on the Committee; we are always looking for ideas. We are looking for a trip and leader for Easter 2018.

Don't forget the Photo competition closes at the November General meeting, so get those photos printed and submitted. It is always interesting to see members' photos; so please consider entering.

[Quenton]

Editor's Report:

Hello everyone and welcome to the October newsletter.

From all the trip reports, it seems that everyone who participated in enjoyed the different trips that were on offer in September and during the October long weekend. Thanks to everyone who wrote reports for this edition of the newsletter.

As Quenton has mentioned, the November meeting will be held at the Petanque Club and all details are shown under "Coming Events" in the newsletter.

Well, we are fast coming to the end of another successful year for the Club and the AGM in December. If you feel you would like to have more of a say in your Club, then please put your hand up for any vacant positions on the committee. It is not an onerous task, the meetings are held once a month, they are friendly, not very long and very informal and you would be made very welcome.

Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about the Christmas Raffle again. Please see note on back page. Thank you.

That's it from me for another month.

[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

November	General Meeting 8.30 pm
Trip Details:	The Petanque Club
Where:	Hallam Drive, Gawler (head into the Gawler Bowling Club Drive, turn left and follow the railway line 200 metres and the club is on the right)
Cost	\$30.00 donation provided by Club
Meet	6.45 pm for 7.00 pm if you want to try Petanque but join in anytime until sunset (there are no lights and sunset is 7.57 pm) <i>The general meeting will start at 8.30 pm.</i>
Organiser	Deb Earl
More Info	<i>Please bring a plate of supper to share and don't forget those trip photos, serious or funny - please hand to John Janssen</i>

Xmas 2017	Last Weekend in November 24/25/26 November 2017
Trip Details:	The annual Christmas function will be held at Coobowie Caravan Park. Come along and meet the "man in red" – see separate details.
Where:	Coobowie Caravan Park 23 Beach Rd, Coobowie SA 5583
Cost	Powered sites \$27 per night for 2 adults (special price for us)
Meet	At Coobowie
Trip Leader	Social Secretaries, Joann & Julie
More Info	Sites have been pre-booked by Jo in name of Gawler & Districts 4WD Club, confirm booking by calling (08) 8852 8132

Australia Day	Friday, 26 January 2018
Trip Details:	Picnic at Bethany, Barossa Valley BYO picnic lunch to share, BYO drinks, table & chairs, sunscreen, hat etc. Bocce championship, games and prizes
Where:	Bethany Reserve, 324 Bethany Road, Bethany
Theme:	Australia Day Hat – best hat wins a prize
Cost	Nil if wearing a themed hat
Meet	At Bethany Reserve from 11.00 am
Trip Leader	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601 & Jane Jansen 0409 091 851

Day Trip to Victor Sunday 11 March 2018

Trip Details:	A day trip to Victor Harbour visiting Urimbirra Wildlife Park to "meet the Koalas" at 11.00am. Enjoy a picnic lunch and an ice-cream on the foreshore. Optional activities include visiting Granite Island on the Horse drawn tram and a visit to the Whale Centre.
Where:	Victor Harbour
Cost:	Urimbirra Wildlife Park Adults \$14.00, Seniors \$10.00, Child 4-14yrs \$7.00 20+ people group discount as one payment – Adult \$10.00, Child \$6.00 Optional Activities Horse Drawn Tram Return Adult \$9.00, Child 4-15yrs \$7.00 One way Adult \$7.00, Child \$5.00 Whale Centre - Adult \$9.00, Child 4-15yrs \$4.50 Package deal Whale Centre & Tram ride – Adult \$15.00, Child \$10.00
Meet:	Gawler Visitors Information Centre
When:	8.00am
Trip Leader:	Quenton & Deb Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	Bring a packed picnic lunch, chair, picnic rug, hat, sturdy shoes, camera, sunscreen, UHF radio. Further information, see website http://www.urimbirra.com.au

**Mystery History Sunday 6th May 2018
Day Trip**

Trip Details:	As part of History month, visiting interesting sites in our local area.
Where:	Gawler and surrounding areas
Cost:	TBA
Meet:	Gawler Visitors Information Centre
When:	TBA
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl, 0407 604 601
More Info	Bring picnic lunch, afternoon tea to share, chairs, tables, camera, UHF radio.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

25/26 November 2017

**Coobowie Caravan Park
22 Beach Road
Coobowie**

Yorke Peninsula

Bookings: 8852 8132

www.coobowiecaravanpark.com

Cost: \$27 powered site

**10 sites near the camp kitchen area have been booked in the name of
Gawler 4WD Club or Joann so please mention the names when booking**

If you would prefer an unpowered site the cost is \$22

Other accommodation details available on the website

Meat and dessert will be supplied by the Club


Please bring a salad to share

BYO chairs, tables, drinks, etc.

***To add to the festivities, please bring along a fun "Secret Santa" gift to the value of
\$10 suitable for male or female.***



GUEST SPEAKERS

	<p><i>These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:</i></p>	
	October	Gawler Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Club
	November	Petanque, see details under "Coming Events."
	December	AGM: Your chance to join the committee and have a big say in the running of YOUR club

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. To make it fair and equitable to everyone participating in the raffle, please use the \$15 as a guide.

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

<i>October 2017</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>December</i>
Stephen & Genevieve Thompson	Brenton and Keryn Wilkins	Stephen and Lisa Claughton
Robert and Pauline Tonkin	Joann Wuttke and Peter Cusick	Quenton and Deb Earl

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

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



◆◆ October ◆◆

Darryl Grace

Sandra Heintze

Corry Kisbee

Norma Rivett

Chris Sieben

Julie Sieben

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
- 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)

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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

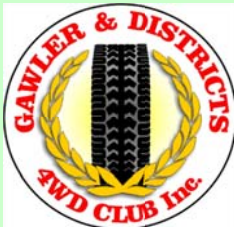


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GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB



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New design stickers complete with Web address - \$3.50 each

Magnetic Name Badges - \$10 each

See Quenton at the General Meeting

CLUB INFORMATION

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Once again the social committee will be holding a Christmas Raffle and we are looking for donations. To avoid duplications, we have printed out lists as we have done in the past. If there is an item on that list you would like to donate, please indicate the number against each item. Don't feel restricted, if there is something else you would rather donate for the raffle, please add the name to the list. Thank you.

All items can be handed to Joann or Julie anytime but preferably before the meeting in December.

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:

- No specific categories apply
- Each member may enter up to four (4) photos
- Photos should be copy (not originals) - Size 15cm x 10cm (6"x4")
- Photos should have been taken on a club trip during the last 12 months
- All photos must be labelled on the back with your name and where the photo was taken
- Entries to be handed to John by close of November General meeting
- 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!!!

AGM

ADVANCE NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

2017 AGM

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

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

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

See page 22 for details of committee positions.

TRIP REPORTS

Orroroo Trip – 9/10 September 2017

Well, the fire siren at Tarlee was the signal to start our trip to Orroroo. Although cloudy, there was the promise of a beautiful day ahead. Dazzling yellow Canola crops dotted the hills around us, other crops mostly looked good considering the late unpredictable start to the season.

Quenton and Deb leading, Max and Lyn, Peter, Jo, John and Jane, Keryn and Brent, Sir Waynus and Sandshoe were tail end Charlies.

A sign at Auburn read: "Coffee/Fresh Muffins/Wine!!!!" 0900 - Thought to myself "A bit early for wine!" Brent had been thinking the same thing.

Wind turbines were waving at us as we went through Spalding area and stopped at the bakery at Jamestown.

Fantastic coffee and buns enjoyed in their meeting room. After that huge boysenberry bun, no lunch for Jane! Lyn did her exercises then we were on the road again. The countryside was becoming more and more marginal now, we passed International Spalding Airport (1 plane) then the much larger International Orroroo (about 3 planes,) soon arriving at Orroroo.



We quickly settled into our luxury cabins, some had divided living and bedrooms, balcony, clothes hangers and cold running water! Jo and Peter braved the elements in their new swags. We shared the park with about 40

A-Vans and a motorcycle club were also visiting the town. A huge majority of the district personnel were at the local football preliminary finals, which made the evening pub life alive and buzzing. It was a pleasant 16 deg Cel.... at home 12.



After lunch we went to Dew's Meats in the Main Street. They have Orroroo premium kangaroo meats, hats, bags, skins, pet foods, taste testing, sales and friendly service.

As it was the Northern Arts Cultural festival in the area, we visited the Old Black Rock Hotel Gallery. It was a delightful old building, beautifully restored with a collection of paintings by local artists. A couple found their way home! The locals were very interesting to talk to about their life in the region.

Magnetic Hill was our next stop. The vehicles lined up and rolled against our figment of imagination.....except Sandshoe, who thought the road looked downhill.

We travelled on through Pekina (which has only a hotel) to Pekina reservoir. This expanse of water was once used as the town water supply and for irrigation to local dairies and for lucerne growing. Eventually due to erosion and silting, this supply of water was no longer

viable. We checked out the Pekina ruins and tank lookout, before taking a group photo at the Giant Gum tree and headed back to camp along a track under the red bridge.

The group had dinner in the cosy local hotel, along with footy fans and a lady who shared her birthday cake with us because we joined in singing "happy birthday" with her friends.

The Asian specialty meal was divine, cooked by an Asian chef.

We learnt that Orroroo was laid out in 1849 by George Goyder, named after the aboriginal name 'rendezvous of magpies.

Sunday was a pleasant morning for a walk. Unfortunately many of the businesses in the town have closed due to local banks closing and young people moving away. The area school still has about 300 students.

We went along the creek walking trail. Saw aboriginal rock carvings but were unable to locate the poem carved by a pioneer of the past. Before leaving town we had coffee at the local bakery and visited the RM Williams store.

Travelling to Peterborough we checked out their miniature station museum, old picture theatre displaying old wares and a railway carriage with the life like scenery whizzing past as the passengers ride the train from Peterborough, Manna Hill, Olary to Broken Hill. An amazing concept and very realistic.

Lunch in the local Victoria Park and it was soon time to say 'bye to Jane and John, who were extending their holiday on the river and then we headed for home. A relaxing, social weekend with our friends.

Thank you Quenton and Deb for a great weekend.

[Kerryn]

Argadells – October Long Weekend 2017

Thursday 28 September

It was decided that each party would make their own way to Argadells at a time best suited to them. Pete and Sandra left Gawler at approximately 9.30 am on Thursday to enjoy a leisurely drive to Argadells. The weather was overcast with rain and remained like that until just south of Pt Germein where we decided to stop for lunch. This was our first visit to this little town and we enjoyed lunch and a walk along



what is believed to be the longest jetty in the southern hemisphere at a length of 1532m (since found out that this jetty has been eclipsed by one in Busselton, WA at a length of almost 2 kms.) It was a little bit chilly "out there" with a wind blowing, the tide was out and there didn't appear to be a fish in sight!

After about an hour and a half, we took our leave of Pt Germein and headed to Quorn. By this time the sun was shining and the temperature had started to rise. After a short stop in Quorn we headed towards Argadells, passing wattles in bloom in profusion, cotton wool clouds in a blue sky and sunshine.

Arrived at Argadells around 3.30 pm, temperature a very pleasant 21C, checked in and headed towards the Noodies campsite where we discovered Martin already set up and emptying a load of wood from his ute for the campfire.

We chose and set up our campsite and when we had almost finished, Bob and Pauline arrived and proceeded to set up theirs. Once done, a welcome campfire was lit and we enjoyed some chat around that before heading to our respective campsites to prepare evening meals. After that, it was back to the roaring campfire and some camaraderie before retiring to bed as the temperature had started to plummet once the sun had set.

Friday 29 September

Blinman beckoned today as Pete wanted to check out the burgers at the Blinman pub. Unfortunately the weather was overcast but not raining as we followed different tracks across various properties. We left Argadells at 9 am and headed off via the Morelana scenic drive through Arkaba Station and Merna Mora.

We stopped at a ruin alongside one of the tracks. The house wasn't the classic outback cottage but at some time had been a very handsome building of larger proportions than



average with four large main rooms surrounded by a verandah. It had undergone renovations which included the addition of electricity and a bathroom complete with full sized bath. However, over the past couple of years, since we first visited this property, vandals have almost destroyed what was a complete bathroom, albeit minus the roof, by punching holes in walls, pulling off tiles

and removing copper piping. What kind of individual thinks it's perfectly okay to destroy something that has stood for many years giving a glimpse into a life of bygone days? It really makes our blood boil that they can't leave things alone to be enjoyed by anyone who passes by!!

A welcome morning tea break was enjoyed in one of the many dry riverbeds under some shady trees before continuing on to Blinman where we arrived around 1 pm. Into the pub we went, but the well-known "Blinman burger" is a thing of the past since the re-opening of the pub. However, burgers were still on the menu alongside other pub fare so we placed orders and sat down.

Lunch enjoyed we went off to explore some other parts of town including the local store-cum-cafe and bought a quandong pie for later plus some ice creams! Then off to see where the mine was as Bob and Pauline had a special interest in one of the mine cottages which had once been occupied by a lady they knew. Photos taken, information read then it was back into the vehicles for the return trip to Argadells led by Martin, this time, through Alpana Station (another place of interest for Bob and Pauline) and Bunyerroo Gorge.

We arrived back at Argadells on dusk after another wonderful day travelling in the Flinders Ranges to discover that Jo and Pete had arrived and had set up camp in our absence. Only Lisa and Steven were to join us now.

Another roaring campfire was lit and we enjoyed each other's company well into the evening before retiring to bed - thanks to continued cloud cover the overnight temperature wasn't as cold as the night before.

[Sandra]

Saturday 30th September 2017

We set off at 9am heading towards Stevens Gorge. Weather was fair and a bit overcast not cold or windy.

Not far out of camp our trip leader, Peter, decided to take an unknown track that he hadn't taken before. It was an interesting descent for some of us as the trail was a bit rocky. Our first stop was Vera's Place. The views were amazing with the ranges stretching out in front of us with plenty of kangaroos, some of them jumped away as we drove by others just sat



there and watched us. After pictures were taken we set off towards Steven's Gorge.

We arrived at Steven's Place for morning tea that was situated at a bottom of a gully next to a river bed. A large herd of goats could be seen climbing up the side of Steven's Gorge where we were to be heading. When it was time to leave to ascend to the top of Steven's Gorge, Sandra decided to stay at the bottom and look at the surroundings. I was undecided

as to stay or go as the hill climb seemed to be steep and angled. I was assured by Pete it looks worse than it is. Sandra reassured me by saying "don't let me put you off." So off we

went. It was worth the anxiety. On the way up I radioed to Pauline letting her know of the kangaroos. I found out why there was a delay in her reply. She too was busy hanging onto the grab rails. When you are on the down side of a hill it does not seem that appealing at the time. The views at the top of Steve's Gorge were awesome with the kangaroos wandering around the yucca plants and the ranges in the back ground. The ranges were described as 'dinosaur backs' with the red and white rock formation on top of the ranges. Timeto do the downward track to pick Sandra up at the bottom.



We then headed west towards Mt Arden. The hill climbs were getting higher and rocky. Once along the top of the ranges the views were once again spectacular. It really is a beautiful place. Time for another picture stop then time to head back to Noodles camp for lunch. By this time, Steven and Lisa had arrived and set up camp.

After lunch we all set off on the track to the top of Mt Arden and a climb it was. We left camp at 13:05h with blues skies and a temperature of 25 degrees. As we went past Billygoat camp we were travelling through river beds and pine trees. The terrain changes quickly through the ranges, from pine trees to salt bushes and yuccas. Pete pointed out an emu on the side of a hill. It took us some convincing that it was one as it was big and looked more like some sort of a tree with a stick poking out. However, when the head turns it's a dead giveaway. They blend in so well. Climbing along the top of the ridge we stopped for another photo opportunity. Some of us saw a goat that had second thoughts of taking on a large kangaroo. It dodged the roo at the last minute. The goat was also big.



We reached Mt Arden with views of 360° seeing as far as Wilpena Pound to Lake Torrens. After the views were taken in, this was the only opportunity to take advantage of mobile phone service. Phones were pinging and dinging with access to the mobile network. Martin rang his wife to let her know he was still alive. Pauline and Bob rang through to Pichi Richi to book seats for Monday.



It was time to head off as there was a group of cars on their way up the hill. It was later noted that the other cars went up to Mt Arden to get reception for the AFL grand final between the Crows and Richmond. On that note I will say no more....

At the start of the descent there was a sign saying use 4wd low gear. Nothing like a challenge. With another stop to check out the steep descents we made it to flatter ground. However Pete neglected to tell us which hill was "Oh sh*t!!!" Hill." It was only once we were at the bottom and looking up that he mentioned it. It was very steep, rocky and had a few ruts in the track with a few colourful words probably mentioned by some of us that weren't use to this sort of terrain. It's all part of the fun. We all survived with no casualties to any cars.

It was time to head back to camp. On the track back to camp a mob of emus were seen. Sandra thought she had counted about 10 as they were on the move. Martin decided to count their legs and then divide them by 2.... Not sure the outcome was the same with them moving about. Lisa wanted to know what a large number of emus were called. None of us were quick to answer other than Google it when we can. Google's answer was "mob." There was also a sighting of a brown snake on the edge of the track. Great weather for them.

We all made it back to camp after a great day was had by all.

Sunday 1st October 2017

Set off towards Buckaringa Gorge at 9:40am with blue skies and a temperature of 13°C. With a short track winding past Woody's Place, Graham's Place and Steve's Gorge walking trail we reached Buckaringa Gorge at 10am. It was mentioned again how the ranges looked like the back of dinosaurs and how they became extinct with the ice-age and 2yrs of darkness. The question was asked as to what the hills may have represented in dream time. Serpent's maybe?

We decided it was too early for morning tea and that we would head off to South Gorge. We reached South Gorge at 10:53 and set off on foot for a walk along the river bed. Rock formations were like they were sliced vertically. You could also see where rocks had fallen and some that would fall in the near future. Our trek was close to an hour. On return to the cars we decided that rather than morning tea we would return to camp at Noodles and have lunch.

Another great day 4wd around the Argadells with great company.

[Jo & Pete]

Monday 2 October – Pichi Richi railway

After waking to a very cold but clear morning, we readied ourselves for the day ahead.

Some of us had never been on the Pichi Richi railway so that was our destination today in Quorn. The train was due to depart at 10.30 am and apart from Martin, everyone else had booked tickets so we decided to get to Quorn a bit earlier than expected in the hope of securing Martin a ticket.

Before leaving the campsite, Steven and Lisa packed up their camper trailer as they were returning home directly after the train journey. Jo and Pete were also going home so we said our "goodbyes" before heading off and left them to continue packing up.

On approaching the station in Quorn, it was evident that the train was going to be full and this was borne out when we approached the ticket office to find a sign "Train fully booked." Hmm, what to do now? Fortunately for Martin, there was a lady Richmond supporter with a spare ticket, and she generously offered it to Martin who accepted, so that worked out really well.



Once the engine arrived, we were allowed to board the train and take our seats which were located down each side of the carriage. Then we were off!! There was a conductor in each carriage and the gentleman in ours was very knowledgeable and answered our many questions. He has been a member of the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society for approximately 15 years and the 300 membership is drawn from all over Australia with one ex-member even from the UK!



We stopped at Woolshed Flat where toilets and refreshments were available during the 45 minute stopover to allow the engine to uncouple from the front of the train and re-position itself at the other end of the train to take it back to Quorn.

On returning to Quorn we decided to try our luck and have lunch in The Austral Hotel. We weren't the only ones with

the same thought but did manage to secure a table for all of us to sit together. We enjoyed a leisurely lunch before Lisa and Steven took their leave to head home as both were working on Tuesday.

Pete filled up with diesel at one of the service stations and pumped up his tyres, then we headed back to Argadells. It had been a lovely warm day with a temperature in the mid twenties and we made the most of the weather sitting and relaxing back at the campsite.

Another campfire was lit and enjoyed by everyone. The wood that Martin had provided burnt well and proved to be enough for the weekend, so thank you Martin.

Tuesday was pack up day for the rest of us and it took Martin no time at all to pack his ute and head off. We left around 9 am, leaving Pauline & Bob to bring up the rear.

We had a great weekend with mainly sunny weather so thanks to Martin, Jo, Pete, Pauline, Bob, Lisa & Steven for their great company and many laughs over the weekend and for tackling the tracks so well.

[Sandra]



Going Up!



Coming Down!

REDARC 4WD Octoberfest

Friday saw us packed and ready to roll at 1:30pm which got us to Willangi Bush Escapes just out of Peterborough at 4:30 pm not too far behind Bronwyn & Roy and of course John & Jane were well and truly set up after arriving before we even left home.

After setting up it was time to chillax and mingle while checking out what trips we wanted to do across the weekend.

A chilly night was had to start off our weekend but we arose to clouds and the promise of sunshine on Saturday for our Black Rock Peak trip.

Saturday Morning @ 9:30 saw 6 vehicles set off from camp for the 2nd trip to Black Rock that day, being as the first trip filled in record time.

Glenn, from Mount Barker 4X4 in his trusty short wheel based Jeep, led us astray and the Yellow "Monster Truck," with Ron behind the wheel as tail end Charlie. We jokingly said he was there to push us up any hill if we needed help. 😊



Jessica met Kiara from Mount Lofty Rangers Club and 2 hand held radios on their own channel later heard lots of chitter chatting in both vehicles from them with the sights they saw and checking off their ARB Checklist together from our Welcome Pack.

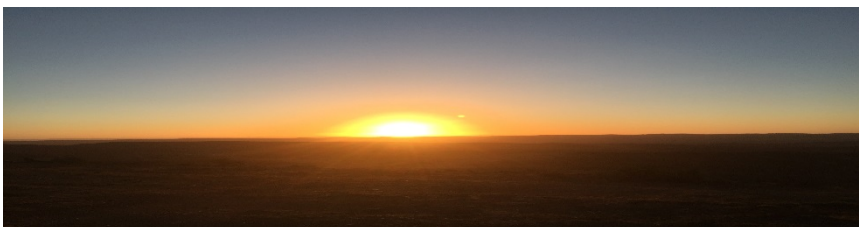


Finger Track was first up which was a bit overgrown as it hadn't been driven for a while. We had a rough bumpy ride up with some wild goats checking us out. Lovely Views as always in the Flinders from the top.

Climb up to Telstra Tower for lunch was next which was straight up and around a sharp bend to have lunch with a view. Very hard to handle, but still a bit chilly up top of the hill.

After lunch and maybe appropriately, it was time to head off to do the poo track.

Or maybe not - one of the members on our trip got a flat tyre which brought us to a halt and so as the other group also had a member with not one but 2 flat tyres we missed the hardest part and headed back to camp for the nibble fest and happy hour before the Sunset Drive.



Saturday Night saw another fabulous night of entertainment by the MLR Strickland Road Band performing until 10:30 with us all hovering around the camp fires to keep warm.



Sunday Morning, we lost 1 hours sleep with daylight saving and had an 8:30am departure (YAWN) which was hard work after a VERY chilly night and a dewy morning.

4 Vehicles headed out to Bendleby's with Geoff leading us astray today, Bob behind him, then us with Greg and Stella bringing up the rear on the blacktop via Orroroo.

In a cloud of dust, we left the property office to head for the tracks. We bounced and rocked our way along the boundary line to find a nice shady/flat spot for lunch which was lovely with a slight breeze and sunshine.



We then headed on towards Billy Goat track which for us personally was the third time we had been there but we had never conquered the whole track, however, today was our day we all took it slow and easy and spotted each other and we all made it up safe and sound. Great team work.

We found our way back to the office then headed back to Orroroo to air up before heading back to camp for a camp fire dinner, kid movie night and the night navigation drive.

Another fabulous day and night had by all before we rugged up for another chilly night in bed.

Monday Morning, we woke to a foggy sunshine in time for the RFDS Big Brekky cooked by Mount Lofty Rangers Club. We had bacon, egg, sausage, baked beans on bread wow what a feast for \$5 (Early Bird Cost) with all proceeds to Royal Flying Doctors.

The excitement then started to grow as it was nearing Raffle time (Insert drum roll)

Congratulations to Dave, Roy and Michele for winning prizes.



Jessica was hoping to win the ARB Ariel Toy after winning the Fourby Toy 2 years ago. She desperately wanted to win Ariel to have the pair and we send huge thanks again to the



kind-hearted member from Wimmera 4WD Club (Vic) who won the Ariel Toy from ARB that kindly gave it to Jessica who was ecstatic to receive it.

Chip (From Loveday) is driving Ariel with Fourby leading the way ready to 4WD.



Thank you to everyone involved with OCTOBERFEST for another great weekend. If you haven't been before mark your calendars for 2019 October Long Weekend.

[Michelle, Dave and Jessica]

COMMITTEE MEMBER PORTFOLIOS

Position	Role
President/Public Officer: (Elected) Elected in Even Years - 2018	To Chair Committee & General Meetings. To be involved in the general administration of the club. To speak for and on behalf of the club. To welcome new Members.
Vice-President: (Elected) Elected in Odd Years – 2017	To stand in for the President should the need arise and to keep themselves familiar with the running of club business. To speak for and on behalf of the club
Secretary: (Elected) Elected in Even Years - 2018	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 - 2017	To keep a true and accurate record of all incoming and outgoing accounts and to pay all accounts approved by the club. To keep a record of all members. The books must be audited each year and a report is tabled and presented at the AGM.
Minutes Secretary: (Elected)	To keep a true and accurate record of all business discussed at Committee and General Meetings, and any other meetings called by the committee. Type up these minutes and email onto editor for insertion into newsletter each month. Email Committee Minutes to Committee Members.
Social Secretary/s: (Elected)	To organise a group of helpers for putting on all social functions. For organising and running all fund raising efforts within the club. To keep true and accurate financial records, to report at Committee and General Meetings on all of the above. Collect items to be raffled each month, have tea, coffee, cold drinks and supper ready for after the meeting. You are the welcoming face of the club as you are the first person the members and visitors see as they register and buy raffle tickets. This position is encouraged to be shared by 2 people.
Editor/Publisher: (Elected)	To collect material suitable for printing in the club newsletter including trip reports and photos and any information relevant to club activities, association business, and any other information to keep members informed on all matters relating to 4WDiving and our club. To organise advertising such as to compensate the production costs of producing the newsletter and upkeep costs of the Website. To organise typing, printing and uploading to Website of the newsletter. You can ask for volunteers help from the membership. Email out club Newsletter to all those on Email List before General Meeting and to other 4WD Clubs around the state.

Position	Role
Trips Co-ordinator: (Elected)	To keep a record of all information relating to any CLUB ORGANISED outing. To post any club trips in newsletter and let the members know at meetings, make sure all trips/ club outings are minuted, organise any trip that they so desire, but is not necessarily responsible for the running of all/any club trips. Help advise trip leaders on what information is required for a trip. Gawler and Districts 4WD Club Incorporated
4WDSA Delegate (Elected)	To represent the club at monthly association meetings and to report back to members all relevant information concerning club members.
Training Co-ordinator/DTU Delegate: : (Must be a member of Driver Training Unit - Elected)	To organise training for club members, to keep records of all training activities and progress of all members participating. To attend DTU meetings and report back to members any relevant information.
Librarian/Property Officer: (Elected)	To maintain Club's Books, Videos, DVD's, Maps, Magazines from other clubs, general info and to retain 1 copy of each of our Club Newsletters for prosperity. Responsible for maintaining and storing all Club Property.
Committee Member/s: (Elected)	To help and undertake responsibilities as decided by the club.
Trip Leader:	Any member of the club can organise and run a Club Trip of their choice providing all aspects of trip and convoy regulations are strictly adhered to. (Refer to Club By-Laws)
Welcoming Officer/s: (Volunteers Appointed)	To make welcome any potential new members which may come to the club meetings as visitors. 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 PAGE – THE FUNNIES - ENJOY!

Love these quotes from Westprint Friday Five:

"It always rains on tents. Rainstorms will travel thousands of miles, against prevailing winds for the opportunity to rain on a tent."

The more things you do, the more you can do.

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream

Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.

Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated.

NOW FOR THE FUNNIES:

(Thanks again to Westprint Friday Five)

The new boat rental employee looked out at the lake. It was getting late and fog was starting to come in. He could just faintly make out one small rowboat, its number painted on the hull still way out on the lake and he had already used his bullhorn 30 minutes ago to tell all the rentals it was time to return to shore. He used his bullhorn again. "Boat #99 time to come in! Boat #99 please return to shore!" Nothing.

Another employee came up. "We don't have a boat #99."

The other employee looked again then raised his bullhorn. "Boat #66 - are you in trouble?"

Q: Why is it so hard to fool a snake? A: Because you can't pull its leg.

Q: Why did the watch stop? A: He was running fast all week.

Q: Why did they have a funeral for the frog? A: Because he croaked.

Q: Why did the ox lose his job on the farm? A: Because he couldn't take a yoke