

# 4WD Club Newsletter

December 2017



Merry Christmas!



Founded in 2002



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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<b>WELCOMING OFFICERS</b>	Darryl Grace, Bronwyn Schwarz

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

	<b>2017</b>						<b>2018</b>					
<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>
<b>General</b>						8		9	2	13	11	1
<b>Committee</b>							31	21		4	23	

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

**AGM!!**

**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

# November 2017

See the attached Minutes (members only)

## NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

### President's Report:

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This meeting is our AGM and we are looking for a Vice President, Treasurer and Minute Secretary. None of these positions are particularly onerous as the retiring officers will attest, but very important positions in the club. Become more active in your club and nominate.

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

We have had a varied calendar of trips and Guest Speakers this year, so I hope you have enjoyed being a member of the Gawler and Districts 4WD Club. Already we have a few trips and Guest Speakers planned for 2018, so with all of your help we will have another successful club year.

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

[Quenton]

### Editor's Report:

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It's almost unbelievable that another year has come and gone. I'm sure I'm not the only person who feels each year passes quicker than the one before. Looking back, I took over the job of Editor at the AGM in 2011 - 6 years ago!! It certainly doesn't feel that long ago and with the support of the committee during my tenure, the task has been less than onerous. Maybe next year is the time to inject some new blood into the position so if anyone would like to consider taking over at the 2018 AGM, perhaps give it some thought during the year.

I would like to thank the committee for their ongoing support and the club members for always submitting articles or trip reports in plenty of time for inclusion in the magazine.

May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and, if you are travelling or taking holidays, a safe and Happy New Year. See you all in 2018.

[Sandra]

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## COMING EVENTS

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

<b>March 2018</b>	<b>Faulty Towers Dinner and Show (Social Night Out)</b>
<b>Trip Details:</b>	Barossa Arts & Convention Centre and Interactive Theatre International presents <b>FAULTY TOWERS</b> <b>The Dining Experience</b> <b>inc 2-Course Dinner</b> <b>and 2-hour show</b>
<b>Where:</b>	Barossa Arts & Convention Centre Magnolia Road, Tanunda
<b>Cost:</b>	\$85 per person
<b>Meet:</b>	At the venue
<b>When:</b>	Thursday, 1 March 2017
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Max and Lyn Leske
<b>More Info</b>	To book, please add your name to the trip sheet at the next meeting (the AGM) and come armed with \$85 for each ticket you wish to purchase. (Lyn Leske has pre-booked a table as the tickets usually sell out quickly) <a href="http://www.barossaconvention.org">www.barossaconvention.org</a>

**Day Trip to Victor Sunday 11 March 2018**

<b>Trip Details:</b>	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.
<b>Where:</b>	Victor Harbour
<b>Cost:</b>	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
<b>Meet:</b>	Gawler Visitors Information Centre
<b>When:</b>	8.00am
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Quenton & Deb Earl 0407 604 601
<b>More Info</b>	Bring a packed picnic lunch, chair, picnic rug, hat, sturdy shoes, camera, sunscreen, UHF radio. Further information, see website <a href="http://www.urimbirra.com.au">http://www.urimbirra.com.au</a>


**Easter Weekend (Proposed) Friday 30 March to 2 April 2018**

<b>Trip Details:</b>	Proposed trip to Wyperfield National Park
<b>Where:</b>	Big Desert, Victoria
<b>Cost:</b>	TBA
<b>Meet:</b>	TBA
<b>When:</b>	TBA
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	TBA
<b>More Info</b>	Under discussion at the moment.

## Mystery History Day Trip Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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

## GUEST SPEAKERS

	<i>These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:</i>	
	<b>December</b>	AGM: Your chance to join the committee and have a big say in the running of <b>YOUR</b> club
	<b>March 2018</b>	Battery World
	<b>1 June 2018</b>	Kristin Weidenbach (author of "Mailman of the Birdsville Track" about Tom Kruse.)

## 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>December</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>
Stephen and Lisa Cloughton	John Gardner	Pete and Sandra Harper
Quenton and Deb Earl	Darryl Grace	Wayne and Sandra Heintze

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*[Fees apply and payment has to be made prior to printing]*

## SECRET SANTA GOODIES





**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



◆◆ December ◆◆

Dave Riddle  
 Stephen Thompson  
 Peter Cusick

**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) Must supply contact details (either a phone or email)
- (d) Editor reserves rights to reject and/or tailor any submitted adverts.

Please send full details to our editor [editor@gawler4wd.com.au](mailto:editor@gawler4wd.com.au) for inclusion in our next newsletter providing it arrives BEFORE the newsletter deadline! (See page 3)

**DTU TRAINING EVENTS**

Here is a quick summary of the DTU training events coming up for the rest of the year. If you are interested, please let me know ASAP

Remote 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid	9/10 Dec	Space available \$150 per person
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[Pete 04 1052 6317]

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## GAWLER AND DISTRICTS 4WD WEB SITE

Have you checked out our web site lately? [www.gawler4wd.com.au](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary versions.



Check our FACEBOOK link as well. [www.facebook.com/GawlerandDistricts4WDClub](http://www.facebook.com/GawlerandDistricts4WDClub)



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

Contact us for details

## GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB



Stickers For Sale – Only \$2.00 each

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


Magnetic Name Badges - \$10 each

See Quenton at the General Meeting

## FWDSA – NRAU INFO

### Draft Witjira Waru Pulka (Fire) Management Strategy

They didn't leave me much space, but here is some early information from DEWNR on a draft fire management strategy for the Witjira area.

Please visit <https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/decisions/witjira-waru-pulka-fire-management-strategy/about> to review the Draft strategy and have 

[Pete]

**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 original) 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 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.*

*Winners 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!!!

That's it for another year competitions are now closed

**AGM**

**ADVANCE NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS**

**2017 AGM**

At meeting: **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 13 for details of committee positions.



## **"SILENT NIGHT" – THE CAROL THAT BRIEFLY STOPPED A WAR**

*One account of that amazing night by Victor Parachin*

When World War 1 erupted in 1914, soldiers on both sides thought they would be home to celebrate Christmas. But the men on the fronts didn't get home for Christmas and many not at all as the war dragged on four more years, killing more than 8.5 million men. The "war to end all wars" took a horrific human toll and transformed Europe.

However, on Christmas Eve of that first year of battle, one of the most unusual events in military history took place on the western front. The weather abruptly became cold, freezing the water and slush of the trenches in which the men were bunkered.

On the German side, soldiers began lighting candles. British sentries reported to commanding officers that there appeared to be small lights raised on poles or bayonets. Although these lanterns clearly illuminated the German troops, making them vulnerable to being shot, the British held their fire. Even more amazing, British officers saw through binoculars that some enemy troops were holding Christmas trees over their heads with lighted candles in their branches. The message was clear. The Germans, who celebrated Christmas on the eve of 25 December, were extending holiday greetings to the enemy.

Within moments, the British began to hear a few German soldiers singing a Christmas carol. It was soon picked up along the German line as soldiers joined in harmonizing. The words were these: "Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!" British troops immediately recognised the melody as "Silent Night, Holy Night" and began singing in English.

The singing quickly neutralised hostilities and, one by one, British and German soldiers began laying down their weapons to venture into no-man's land separating the two sides. So many soldiers on both sides ventured out that their superior officers were prevented from objecting. An undeclared truce erupted and peace broke out.

Frank Richards, an eye witness, wrote in his diary, "We stuck up a board with 'Merry Christmas' on it. The enemy stuck up a similar one. Two of our men threw their equipment off and jumped on the parapet with their hands above their heads as two of the Germans did the same, our two going to meet them. They shook hands and then we all got out of the trench and so did the Germans." Richards explained that some German soldiers spoke perfect English with one saying how fed up he was with the war and how he would be glad when it was over. His British counterpart agreed.

That night enemy soldiers sat around a campfire. They exchanged small gifts - chocolate bars, buttons, badges and small tins of processed beef. Men, who only hours earlier had been shooting to kill, were now sharing Christmas festivities and showing each other family snapshots.

The truce ended just as it had begun, by mutual agreement. Captain C I Stockwell of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, recalled how, after a truly "Silent Night" he fired three shots into the air at 8.30 am on 26 December and then stepped up onto the trench bank. A German officer, who had exchanged gifts with Captain Stockwell the previous night, also appeared on a trench bank. They bowed, saluted and climbed back into their trenches. A few moments afterwards, Captain Stockwell heard the German officer fire two shots into the air, and the war was on again.

"Silent Night," the carol that briefly stopped World War 1, is among the most recognisable Christmas songs and one of the most popular pieces of holiday music. During December it can be heard in malls, churches and concert halls around the planet.

(Another account related that during that time, soldiers on both sides buried their dead who had lain on no-man's land while the fighting took place.)

## TRIP REPORT

### Christmas at Coobowie

Friday 24th November saw us embark on another 4WD Christmas get together and this year it was to be Coobowie on the Yorke Peninsula. Most of the members and families arrived on the Friday to a rather blustery east wind but thankfully there was no sign of the muggy conditions we left behind in Gawler. We had all pre-booked for tea so when the last of us arrived at the park we meandered down to the pub. Great conversation and a few drinks were partaken and who should join us but "Keithy" aka John Mewett and Karen, it was great to see them after so long. Friday was a reasonably early night as Jo our trip leader wanted us up and ready at 9am for a day of sightseeing around the Yorke Peninsula.



Saturday was an overcast day but the sun soon shone and we were off to the Stansbury Markets, on the way Jo told us a bit about Coobowie. Coobowie was proclaimed in 1875 and the word "Coobowie" comes from an Aboriginal word meaning "wild fowl water." At the 2011 census, Coobowie shared a population of 220 with other localities and the protected area known as the Coobowie Aquatic Reserve is partly located within Coobowie with the remainder

being located in the adjoining bay, Salt Creek Bay.

At the Stansbury markets we wandered around and looked at stalls that sold everything from oysters to garden ornaments and lots in between. Quenton, of course, went in search of coffee (no scones available) and recommended this to many tourists passing. Max bought oysters, Lyn turmeric and Will was seen with a few treats Pa bought for him!! We all left with something and continued on to the fish market and then on to Wool Bay.

Wool bay was originally called Pickering when it was established in 1872, the town is built on cliffs overlooking a protected bay. In 1882 a jetty was built which was wide enough to roll wool bales out to the ships, the locals came to know the jetty as





Wool Bay jetty and by 1940, the name of the town had also changed to Wool Bay. For many years, the town functioned as a wool, grain and lime exporting port.

Between 1900 and 1910, six lime kilns were built on top of, and along the base of, the rugged cliffs overlooking the bay. Lime was burnt to create quicklime, an important ingredient in mortar and brick-making. Today, the ruins of only one kiln remain which is perched



precariously on the side of the cliff, or so it seems when looking up from the jetty. This kiln was the cutting edge of wood-fired lime burning technology when it was built by Mr Miller from David Miller & Sons, and opened in 1910. Technological changes and a decrease in the demand for lime during the 1950s and 1960s led to the closure of the Wool Bay kilns. Most of the remaining kilns and supporting infrastructure were demolished in the 1970s.

The group wandered around and on top of the lime kiln marvelling on the engineering expertise of the round and arched walls. From then it was back to Coobowie to refuel with lunch and then to continue south.

Jo and Peter took the group via Edithburgh to visit the tidal pool, jetty and wind farm.

Edithburgh was originally developed as a port for servicing the pastoralist pioneers. In the 1870s grain farming became a mainstay of the local economy, which it still is. At the turn of the 20th Century additional

industries were established in the form of gypsum mining and salt refining. There are vast salt lakes in the area, from which salt was scraped and exported as far as Russia. Among those refineries was the Standard Salt Company, operated by CT McClew. The jetty became a busy hub for exporting these commodities, as well as unloading supplies.

Originally the tidal pool was on the southern side of the jetty to cater for the ladies as mixed bathing was not permitted in the 1880s. As time went by they decided to build another pool for men. The jetty was a very busy port so very often no one was able to swim in the area around it, so the pool provided a safe alternative. The men's pool remains and continues to provide this today.



Nowadays the jetty is used mostly for recreational fishing and is a popular Scuba diving site. There is also a small fishing and prawning fleet based there. The town is now overshadowed

by the 55 wind turbines of the Wattle Point Wind farm, located southwest of the town and opened in April 2005.

Whilst Eva and Will were swimming in the pool, some were busy checking out the sleeping snake while the rest were discussing Troubridge Island and its well defined lighthouse. We were then on to the wind farm and although many of us had seen others up close on a previous 4WD trip, I had forgotten just how big and noisy they were.

The convoy then wound around the coastline and we were fortunate to see egrets sitting in tidal pools, dolphins frolicking in the ocean and the spectacular coastline. Troubridge Point Lighthouse, was built in 1980 as part of a project to downgrade the lighthouse on Troubridge Island to a relatively low-powered automatic operation (later decommissioned,) and build a full-powered light on the nearby Yorke Peninsula coastline. The tower was constructed from unpainted brickwork built of custom-made bricks. The brickwork construction system was selected as it reportedly offered wind and earthquake loading design benefits and as it is intended for automatic operation, the tower has no windows. The innovative use of brickwork in the tower won its procurers an award from the South Australian Clay Brick Association.



These lighthouses were of course built because of the many lives lost when passenger and cargo ships hit the rocks below. One of these was the "SS Randle" and a memorial by the roadside pays tribute to those who lost their lives and to the people who tried to help them.

The beaches of course are pristine the further south you go and Jo led us to the perfect one which we accessed via a purpose

built staircase, although the water was chilly, some of us dipped our toes in while of course Ava and Will went swimming. Mick tried his luck at fishing and Bronwyn found the only available shade on the beach and relaxed taking in the sights.

From there it was on to Ballywire Farm & Tea rooms and, yes, scones were available. While the adults and Clarantyne enjoyed the scones and coffee, Will, Keryn, Ava and Sandra took a bucket load of carrots and went out to feed the menagerie of animals. There were donkey's, sheep, cows, horses, chooks of every breed, turkeys, cockies, galahs and even a peacock putting on a magnificent display. They then went on to play "putt putt" while the rest of us meandered home via the back roads to get ready for tea and a visit by Father Christmas.





We had arranged for Father Christmas to visit us early this year so about 5.30 pm we heard the familiar jingle of the sleigh and there he was in the usual red suit and big bushy beard. He gave out Christmas greetings to all and presents to Ava and Will. Sandra got to tell Santa what she wanted for Christmas and Jo and Lyn stole a kiss on the cheek from the Merry Gentleman. After a barbeque and pooled salad tea we all gathered for what may become a tradition of opening "Secret Santa" presents.

Everyone's name went in a hat and when your name was pulled out, you got to choose a present and open it. The catch was you had a chance of swapping that with another present



you liked. Some people gladly wanted to swap while others were hiding theirs. With much jocular and mockery the Crow, which was swapped 9 times, finally ended up in the possession of Lisa and the liquorice allsorts, which changed hands 4 times, were acquired with one of the last picks by Pauline. Although John's version of a recent statue in the news probably got the biggest response!

The night continued with everyone having the chance to chat and mingle with old friends and get to know the newer members of the club. A good time was had by all with a big thank you to Jo and Julie for organising the food and the evening's entertainment and for those who helped to cook the BBQ, set up and pack things away.

It was probably right to say that no one had a tremendous amount of energy when packing up on Sunday but it had to be done. While some went fishing the rest of us departed about 10.30, Chris & Julie were staying for another day and Bob and Pauline were off to Pt Hughes. A few of us stopped in for a coffee and light lunch at Pt Wakefield at the "Salt of the Earth" cafe and then onto home.

Thank you, Jo, for being trip leader and for all the above commentary of the towns and places we visited and to Peter for your support.

[Deb Earl]

**COMMITTEE MEMBER PORTFOLIOS**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Role</b>
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.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Role</b>
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.

<b>Gawler and Districts 4WD Club Committee Nomination</b>	
<b>Nominee</b>	
<b>Signature Of Nominee</b>	
<b>Position:</b>	
<b>Nominated By:</b>	

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To all our members  
Have a very Merry Christmas and a safe  
Happy New Year