Gawler & Districts 4WD Club Newsletter March 2018

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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# **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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WELCOMING OFFICERS	Norma Rivett, Mick Overington

# **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

	2018											
Meeting	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
General			2	13	11	1	13	10	14	12	9	14
Committee				4	2		4	1	5	3		5
Committee					23					31		

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

# February 2018

See the attached Minutes (members only)

### **NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE**

# **President's Report:**

Our guest speaker at our March meeting will be Rian from Battery World. They have set up shop on Adelaide road and stock all sorts of batteries from mobile phones to 4WD batteries. As a new business in Gawler, please welcome Rian to our meeting.

Club sponsor Gawler Outdoors and Fishing have re-located to bigger premises in Murray Street. (Next door in the old Meznar Furniture store) Please pop in and check out their new store and say 'Hi".

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

If you are interested in training, please see Pete. We are a member club of 4WDSA and the DTU (Driver Training Unit) so take advantage of the training at minimal cost.

[Quenton]

# **Editor's Report:**

Hello and welcome to the March edition of the Newsletter.

Firstly, I would like to thank Chris Sieben for offering to produce the newsletters for April and May - thanks Chris, that's greatly appreciated and means I can go on holiday without worrying about the newsletter.

Secondly, if you have any articles or news stories which you think may be of interest to our members, please forward them to Chris. I'm sure he would appreciate the input.

Our first day trip for March is on Sunday, 11th to Victor Harbor so if you would like to go on that trip or any other trips, don't forget to add your name to the trip sheets located on John's desk. Suggestions for future trips would also be welcome.

Thanks, that's about it from me for a couple of months. Over to Chris.

[Sandra]



# COMING EVENTS

March 2018	Faulty Towers Dinner and Show (Social Night Out)	
Trip Details:	Barossa Arts & Convention Centre and	
	Interactive Theatre International presents	
	FAULTY TOWERS	
	The Dining Experience	
	inc 2-Course Dinner	
	and 2-hour Show	
Where:	Barossa Arts & Convention Centre	
	Magnolia Road, Tanunda	
Cost:	\$85 per person	
Meet:	At the venue	
When:	Thursday, 1 March 2017	
Trip Leader:	Max and Lyn Leske	
More Info	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)	
	www.barossaconvention.org	

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 <a href="http://www.urimbirra.com.au">http://www.urimbirra.com.au</a>	

Easter 2018	Wyperfeld National Park, VIC
Trip Details:	The Wyperfeld National Park is the third largest national park in Victoria, Australia, located in the Mallee district, approximately 450 kilometres northwest of Melbourne
Where:	Camping at Patchewollock, VIC
Cost:	Powered site \$15. No cabins available, however, there is motel accommodation nearby.
Meet:	Outside the Gawler Caravan Park (facing south east)
When:	8am Thursday 29 March. Monday 2 April
Trip Leader:	Robert Tonkin, 0421 603 767
More Info	Proposed meal in hotel at Patchewollock on one night

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Mystery History Day Trip **Trip Details:** As part of History month, visiting interesting sites in our local area. Where: Gawler and surrounding areas Cost: \$16.00 Adult and Teenagers. \$8.00 Child Plus (at your cost) coffee from Coffee Van at approx 3.30pm **Gawler Visitors Information Centre** Meet: When: 9.00am Trip Leader: Quenton Earl, 0407 604 601 More Info Bring morning tea to share. Pack a picnic lunch for yourself. Coffee Van available at our last stop. Bring chairs, table, camera, UHF radio, closed in shoes.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018 Waterloo Day Trip **Trip Details:** Visiting the birthplace of Tom Kruse at Waterloo for morning tea in "Tom Kruse Park". Driving the back roads past the source of the "Light" river, through picturesque ranges, World's End and to Burra for lunch. Visiting Wolta Wolta Homestead in Clare before finishing for afternoon tea of coffee and cake at "Olive Bus Clare". Where: Waterloo, Burra, Clare districts. \$5.00 Adult \$1.00 Child Cost: Coffee and cake at your cost at Olive Bus Clare. "Map the Miner" at Kapunda Meet: When: 9.30am Quenton & Deb Earl 0407 604 601 **Trip Leader:** Pack morning tea to share, Picnic lunch or Waters Bakery in Burra will be **More Info** open, afternoon tea at "Olive Bus Clare". UHF radio a must (club has 2 to loan), chairs, table, camera.

	Googs Track / Gawler Ranges Saturday 4 August to Tuesday 14 August 2018
Trip Details:	TBA
Where:	Googs Track / Gawler Ranges
Cost:	TBA
Meet:	TBA
When:	TBA
Trip Leader:	Roy Schwarz, 0412 679 973
More Info	Tents Only

# **GUEST SPEAKERS**



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

2 March 2018	Rian from Battery World, Gawler
1 June 2018	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.

March	April	May
Pete and Sandra Harper	John and Jane Jansen	Max and Lyn Leske
Wayne and Sandra Heintze	Martin and Corry Kisbee	Lyn Lillecrapp

# Want to advertise in our Newsletter?





Advertising Rates (12 months)				
Quarter Page	\$50			
Half Page	\$100			
Full Page	\$200			
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Contact our editor <u>editor@gawler4wd.com.au</u> for details [Fees apply and payment has to be made prior to printing]

# **BIRTHDAY WISHES**

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



Lyn Leske



### **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 <a href="mailto:editor@gawler4wd.com.au">editor@gawler4wd.com.au</a> for inclusion in our next newsletter providing it arrives BEFORE the newsletter deadline! (See page 3)

### **DTU TRAINING EVENTS**

The DTU Training Calendar has been confirmed and repeated below.

Dates:	Event Name	Venue	Description
Sat 07 Apr - Sun 08 Apr	Basic Theory (DTU)	Cavan HQ	Course Cost: \$20, Access Charge: NIL
Sat 16 Jun - Sun 17 Jun	DTU Training - Mud and Water	Ashbourne	Course Fee: \$40, Property Access Cost: \$50
Sun 28 Oct	Trip Planning (DTU)	Cavan HQ	Course Fee: \$10, Access Cost: NIL
Sat 03 Nov - Sun 04 Nov	DTU Professional Development	Peake	Open to Club Training: Training Fee: \$45, Property Access Cost \$40
Sat 10 Nov	GPS and Ozi Explorer	Cavan HQ	Please note that a FULL version of Ozi Explorer running on a PC is required

No update on the Hema or First Aid courses other than "later this year"

If you want to get on any of these courses, please let me know.

[Pete 04 1052 6317]

### **CLUB HISTORY AND ARCHIVE PROJECT**

Our club is almost 16 years old and many of the older records and club information is probably only held in paper form. That's great, for those that have the paper, but not a lot of use to other members of the club. The best record of the club is probably the monthly newsletters. For the Tenth anniversary Chris (former publisher) did make a collection of some old electronic newsletters, but this only goes back to August 2009. We also have a scan of the first newsletter that was published in June 2002.



So, if you, or any former member you know, has a hard copy of any newsletters prior to August 2009, I would be very grateful if I could borrow them for scanning. As Sandra mentioned in her report, we are going to be away for a couple of months so no rush in locating any useful material as I won't be able to scan until June anyway.

[Pete, club publisher]

# **AUTUMN RAFFLE**

As many of you will recall, our August 2017 meeting was held at Gawler Mechanical. This meeting coincided with the launch of Gawler Mechanical opening an Ironman 4.x 4 franchise.

At that meeting, Amy and Brett, donated an Ironman  $4 \times 4$  30l Fridge Freezer to the club. The committee has decided that the best use of the fridge would be to be used as a raffle prize in a raffle to be run by the club with 50% of the proceeds to be donated to the RFDS.



First Prize - Valued at \$750 from Gawler Mechanical https://www.facebook.com/Gawler-Mechanical-171513072869777/

We have also received generous donations to 3 minor prizes:

Second Prize: \$50 Meat tray from Wintulichs, <a href="http://wintulichs.com/">http://wintulichs.com/</a>

Third Prize: \$50 Voucher from the Golden Fleece Hotel,

http://goldenfleecegawler.com.au/

**Fourth Prize** \$50 Voucher from Beauty on Calton,

https://www.facebook.com/beautyon.calton/

The tickets go on sale on Friday night and will cost \$2 per ticket. Only 500 tickets will be issued. The raffle will be drawn at 8pm, 1 June 2018 at Club Meeting, Elderly Centre, GAWLER.



# SPONSOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



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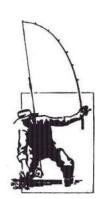
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# **GAWLER AND DISTRICTS 4WD WEB SITE**

Have you checked out our web site lately? <a href="https://www.gawler4wd.com.au">www.gawler4wd.com.au</a>

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



# **CHECK OUT OUR SPONSORS and ADVERTS**

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

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Have You Seen a Bumblebee on the Australian Mainland?

Information from: Agriculture Victoria.

Bumblebees are large, hairy, social bees belonging to the family Apidae (subfamily Bombinae). Bumblebees are not native to Australia, however one species, the large earth bumblebee Bombus terrestris, has established in Tasmania.

The large earth bumblebee is black with one yellow/ochre band across the front of the thorax, and another yellow/ochre band across the abdomen. An important identifying feature of the large earth bumblebee is the tip of the abdomen, which is buff or white.

Bumblebees are not believed to occur on mainland Australia. There have been occasional reports of bumblebees in Victoria, however none of these reports have been confirmed. The large earth bumblebee has established in Tasmania but is restricted to that State. Several species of bumblebees, including the large earth bumblebee, are established in New Zealand. It is quite easy for bumblebee queens to hitch a ride to the Australian mainland on a ship or a plane.

The public in Victoria and in Queensland are being asked to report any bumblebee sightings to their DPI Call Centres:

In Victoria, phone: 136 186 agriculture.vic.gov.au

In Queensland, phone: 13 25 23.
In NSW, phone 1800 084 881



(For more information on these bees, go to www.aussiebee.com.au/bumblebeeharm)

## **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 <u>club</u> <u>trip</u> 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!!!

### **NGARKAT WORKING BEE**

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"KEEPING IN TOUCH"

# NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK INTERCLUB WORKING BEE 24th & 25th March 2018

WHAT: Each year a group of volunteers from FWDSA affiliated clubs meet at the Ngarkat CP to undertake a number of tasks that have been developed in conjunction with the Senior Ranger, Natural Resources (SA Murray-Darling Basin, DEWNR) from Lameroo. These tasks assist DEWNR in maintaining, sustaining and enhancing the Ngarkat CP for all park visitors.

This year the work to be undertaken is again generally on or near the one-way and two-way section of the Ngarkat CP Border Track and includes trail marking, fencing (repair, replacement or installation), fireplace & rubbish clean-up, signage, vegetation trimming and painting. DEWNR will be providing materials and specialist tools needed for the work and the volunteers will need to provide all the basic hand tools and labour.

The one-way section of the Border Track is closed to public traffic until the first weekend of April and therefore will be closed to public traffic during the working bee.

WHEN: Weekend of 24th & 25th March 2018. Work starts at 9am on the Saturday, but you may setup camp on the afternoon or evening of the preceding Friday.

WHERE: Meet at the Ngarkat CP Pine Hut Soak campground (S35° 25' 24.7" E140° 52' 46.2"). See the map overleaf.

Overflow if necessary to the nearby Nanam Well and Cox's Windmill campgrounds.

**Directions:** 

Heading south from Tailem Bend cross the railway overpass, turn left onto the Mallee Highway; drive through Lameroo, Parilla and past the T-Junction to Bordertown (do not turn), then after ~1.9km turn right on to Rosy Pine Road (Ngarkat Park sign at this point), continue south for ~14.7 km to the Park Entrance (there may be one or two gates near the end of this road). 250m on from the Park Entrance is the visitor information shelter and a further 70m is the turn left to the adjacent Pine Hut Soak campground.

#### WHAT TO BRING:

Camping:

Camper trailers and caravans can be accommodated. The Pine Hut Soak campground has one long drop toilet but you need to bring everything else (water, food, shelter). Please note that the working bee dates will still be in fire danger season so the "camp fire" will need to be artificial (a gas stove will be OK).

**Equipment:** 

**Tools** 

Post hole digging tools, pruners, loppers, bow saw, handsaw, shovel, rake, hand tools, battery powered electric drill / angle grinder with a range of drill sizes and spade bits.

UHF

In car and handheld UHF radios will be useful, Channel 16 will be used initially. Personal Working gloves and footwear, drinking water, sun protection (hat, long sleeves, long

pants, sun screen).

Bring high visibility vests or clothing and possibly share them with your fellow workers.

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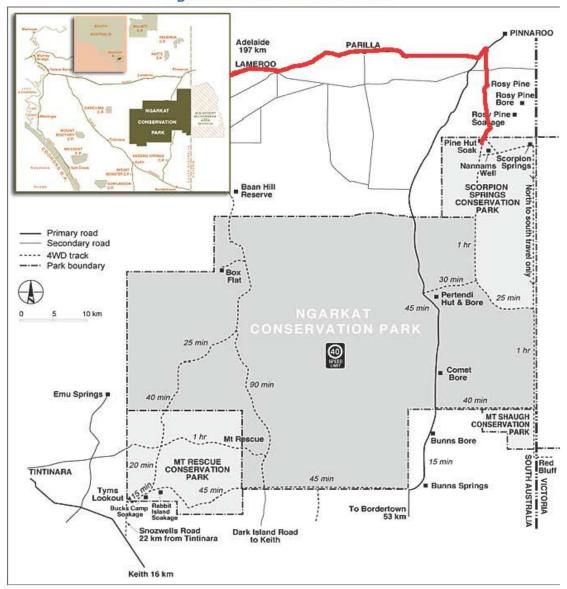
#### CONTACT:

Darryl McManus - e-mail ddaajmcm@bigpond.net.au, Mb. 0488 275 300
Satellite phone: 0424 212 534 for Emergency incoming & outgoing calls during the working bee.

Important Note - let us know in advance:

- Contact details for your group.
- · When you plan to arrive.
- . The number of people and vehicles in your party.
- If you can bring a trailer that could be used to transport materials from the campground.

# Ngarkat Conservation Park



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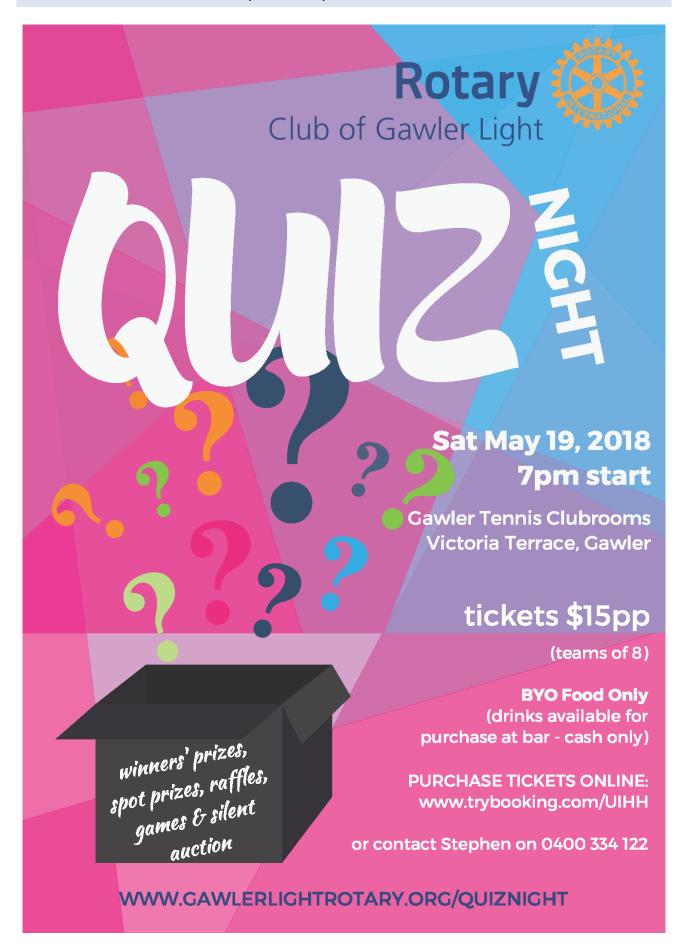
# **DEWNR INFORMATION - BIRD SURVEYS**

Want to get involved with bird surveys? Please see the flyers below. If you want full size versions just send an email to <a href="mailto:publisher@gawler4wd.com.au">publisher@gawler4wd.com.au</a>



# Autumn Lower Murray Bird Field Surveys Are you interested in bird watching? Would you like to improve your knowledge of local bird species and contribute to Citizen Science? Lavari Conservation Park Fieldy 13 April 2018, 8:36m - 1pm Laratings Wetlands Laratings Wetlands Laratings Wetlands Laratings Wetlands Laratings Wetlands Tolderol Game Reserve State day 24 April 2018, 8:36m - 1pm Tolderol Game Reserve State day 25 April Conservation for the provided and the provi

# QUIZ NIGHT FOR ROTARY (ADVERT)



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# **Friday Funnies**

(thanks to Westprint Friday Five)

There I was sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a large, trouble-making bikie steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig.

"Well, whaddaya gonna do about it?" he says, menacingly, as I burst into tears.

"Come on, mate," the bikie says, "I didn't think you'd CRY. I can't stand to see a man crying."

"This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife with another man... and then my dog bit me."

"So, I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all, buy a drink, drop a cyanide capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve; and then you show up and drink the whole damn thing!

But hell, enough about me, how's your day been?"

You Know You're Australian When:

You know the meaning of the word "girt".

You believe that stubbies can be either drunk or worn.

You understand that the phrase "a group of women wearing black thongs" refers to footwear and may be less alluring than it sounds.

You think "Woolloomooloo" is a perfectly reasonable name for a place.

You believe it makes sense for a country to have a \$1 coin that's twice as big as its \$2 coin.

You understand that "Wagga Wagga" can be abbreviated to "Wagga" but "Woy Woy" can't be called "Woy".