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4WD Club Newsletter

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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, weekend, long weekend and extended trips. We are a member of the Four Wheel Drive South Australia that 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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WELCOMING OFFICERS	Norma Rivett

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

	2018						2019					
<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	14	12	9	14		8	1	12	10	14
Committee	4	1	5	3		5	30	20		3	1	5
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NOTE: DEADLINE TIME - All newsletter articles to the Editor before Committee Meeting date

Dates for 2018/2019

Labour Day 1 October:

2019: Australia Day 28 Jan; Adelaide Cup 11 March; Easter 19-22 April; Anzac Day 25 April; Queens Birthday 10 June

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

July 2018
See the attached Minutes (members only)

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

Presidents Report:

I can't believe its August already! Soon we will be thinking of trips for 2019, especially Easter and the long week-ends. If you have a suggestion, let John or any Committee member know. You may have been thinking of leading a trip yourself? You will get plenty of help from the Committee if you would like to be a Trip Leader. It is your club, it will only become stronger and more enjoyable if you become involved.

At this August meeting we have Border Watch coming to talk to the club. I am sure it will be an interesting talk, so please try to make it on the night. Numbers will be slightly down due to Googs Track trip.

Remember the Photo Competition is on again this year, so start clicking and sort through your photos to enter.

[Quenton]

Editors Report:

Welcome to the August edition of the Newsletter.

We have an interesting trip report from Quenton and Deb this month. They took a week off and visited areas in and around Broken Hill together with the Darling River. I hope you find it as enjoyable as I did.

At the last meeting, Pete spoke at length about changes being made to the way four wheel drive training is to be conducted in the future and the fact that not many people, who complete the basic training component, go on to do the advanced training. I just wonder where this will leave us and all other four wheel drive clubs in the future? We have plenty of current trainers/assessors but once they decide to retire who is going to replace them given that no-one seems interested in completing the whole training course? Maybe something to think about!!!

We have added meeting dates for the first half of 2019 together with the public holidays. Please put your thinking caps on as to future trips. Someone must have some idea of where they'd like to go be it for a day, weekend, week or longer. Personally, I think the trip Quenton and Deb did sounds like a wonderful start!!

Time is ticking on so don't forget to book your campsite in Waikerie for the Christmas trip. It's a relatively new caravan park so all facilities should be great.

Enjoy the rest of your month.

[Sandra]



Googs Track / Gawler Ranges

Trip Details:	TBA Departing on Saturday 4 Aug 2018, returning on Tuesday 14 Aug 2017
Where:	Googs Track / Gawler Ranges
Cost:	TBA
Meet:	08:00, 4 Aug at Tarlee
When:	TBA
Trip Leader:	Roy Schwarz, 08 8471 973
More Info	Tents Dry 1 st Night Wave Rock (Past Kimba) Refuel at Ceduna 2 nd & 3 rd Night at Googs Lake We'll see how we go for the other nights


Underway!

Upalina Station **October Long Weekend** **Friday 28 September to Monday 1 October 2018**

Trip Details:	Bush camping at Upalina Station for the October Long weekend
Where:	Upalina Station, Flinders Ranges, 387km north of Gawler near Wilpena Pound
Cost:	\$15 per vehicle per night
Meet:	Tarlee: Parking bay on northern side of town We depart at 09:00am Tarlee to Upalina is about 350 km, say 4 hours. So , we will plan on a stop in Hawker for a leisurely lunch around 12:30
When:	Long weekend is Friday 28 Sep to Monday 1 Oct (3 nights). Pete and Sandra will probably leave on Tuesday. However, if you want to get to the site early, that is also OK. Just let Pete Know
Trip Leader:	Peter Harper (04 1052 6317)
More Info	There are 8 camp sites available so plenty of room for all. There is a pit toilet on site, but you will need to be fully self-sufficient in every other respect. There are no showers, power or running water. Activities for the weekend are still in the planning stage but you can be assured that visits to the surrounding gorges will be on the list. Of course, we'll definitely visit the Blinman Pub for lunch over the weekend. Campsites have fire rings and, so long as there is no fire danger, we'll be right for cooking and comfort. Some wood is available, but bring-your-own-wood is always a good plan

Ngaut Ngaut	October Day Out, Sunday, 21st October, 2018
Trip Details:	Ngaut Ngaut is one of Australia's very special places near Swan Reach on the Murray River. A culturally and historically significant conservation park. Guided tour with traditional owners to get a glimpse of the rich culture of the Nganguraku people.
Where:	Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park
Cost:	Ngaut Ngaut - \$25.00 Adult \$10.00 Child under 15 Minimum of 10 people Swan Reach Car Museum - \$2.00 per person
Meet:	Nuriootpa Train Park
When:	8.30am
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	Take morning tea for a quick morning tea at Swan Reach. Meet Guide at Nildottie at 11.00am. Pack a picnic lunch for lunch by the Swan Reach riverfront. View the Mid Murray Classic Car Gallery at Swan Reach at 2.00pm. Sturdy shoes, hat, sunscreen, camera, picnic rug, chairs, table

GUEST SPEAKERS

	<i>These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:</i>	
	10 August 2018	Tim from Border Watch
	14 September 2018	Lisa Brock from Arthur J. Gallagher & Co will speak about 4WD and camping insurance. (Bring along any questions and Lisa will try and address them)
	12 October 2018	Judy Abbott talking about a “healthy gut supporting a healthier you for uninterrupted 4wdriving”
	9 November 2018	

GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB



Stickers For Sale – Only \$2.00 each
New design stickers complete with Web address - \$3.50 each
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See Quenton at the General Meeting



2018 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 24th November 2018

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**Sites should be booked in the name of
Gawler 4WD Club so please mention this when booking.
You can also book extra nights – Friday 23rd and/or Sunday 25th.**

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.**

*****As in the past, if you are bringing children, please remember to supply
a gift for each child to the value of \$15
which will be handed to them by Santa***.**

**To add to the festivities, can each person please bring along a fun
“Secret Santa” gift to the value of \$10 suitable for either male or female.
If you do not wish to participate in the fun that is fine also.**

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE and HAVE A GREAT TIME!



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.

August	September	October
Joann & Pete Wuttke / Cusick	Stephen and Lisa Claughton	Darryl Grace
Roger Brennand	Quenton and Deb Earl	Andrew and Tracey Granger

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

◆◆ June ◆◆

Lisa Claughton
Jane Jansen
Keryn Wilkins



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 for inclusion in our next newsletter providing it arrives BEFORE the newsletter deadline! (See page 3)

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DTU TRAINING EVENTS

The DTU Training Calendar has been confirmed and repeated below.

Dates:	Event Name	Venue	Description
Sun 28 Oct	Trip Planning (DTU)	SCC*	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
Sun 18 Nov	GPS and Ozi Explorer	SCC*	Please note that a FULL version of Ozi Explorer running on a PC is required
Sat 1 Dec	Hema HN6/HN7	SCC*	If you use a Hema HN6/HN7 then this course will help you get more out of your device
Sat 2 Feb 2019	Hema HX-1/HEMA Explorer	SCC*	If you use a Hema HX-1/HEMA Explorer then this session would be for you

*SCC. Now that FWDSA has vacated the Cavan headquarters, all FWDSA meetings and similar activity will be held at the Sporting Car Club, 51 King William Rd, Unley

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

[Pete 04 1052 6317]



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CELEBRATION OF FOUR WHEEL DRIVING – ADVANCE NOTICE

The following information has been received by the Club and is copied here for your information and participation should you have a wish to attend. The venue is the Birdwood Motor Museum.

Celebration of Four Wheel Driving May 18th/19th 2019, Club notes.

This is a first draft for the information for your Clubs. At this stage, use it to promote the event, but it may be changed or refined. To make this exhibition of Four Wheel drives work, we need cars. Duplication does not matter, so the overflow camp will not be required unless we get over the 120 mark! I believe we should now go "first in, best dressed", so give us the numbers you might have who want a fun camp, quite cheap, and a chance to show off our rigs! If any other Clubs, who have been slow to reply come back, we'll see how our numbers look. Keep in mind, off road campers and compact off road vans are quite acceptable!

Four wheel drives, off road campers, and small compact off road "vans" is what we are looking for, including all your "special" features.

Must be in before 5pm Saturday 18th and cannot leave before 4pm Sunday. As part of our demonstrations, some rigs will be packing up earlier, but not leaving. Some rigs might like to do demos of their camping equipment. If you're proud of it, why not show it off!!

Full rig, like you are about to cross the Simpson! Annexes, tents, as long as it comes in on your vehicle!

May have to pay \$15.50, or find a Club sponsor to help?? (Club Sponsors would be able to have a small static display near your Club setup.) At this stage the public will be paying normal entry admission, but with sponsors, we may get down to \$4 (for 4x4 day), or free entry. Everyone attending will be encouraged to wear club Logos or uniforms.

All display cars must be members of Clubs, or special permission must be obtained, and all attending people MUST sign in on Club registration.

All rigs will be encouraged to do some camp oven or other cooking around the campfire provided, as a demonstration. Maybe a damper demo, or a Dream Pot competition??

If any Clubs have Muso's, a free camp may be provided in return for some entertainment on the Saturday night, or "fill the gaps" on the Sunday. If we have enough sponsorship funds, or a specific sponsor, we may pay a band. The hire of a mobile stage has already been sponsored, but not PA equipment, yet!!

Full access to the Motor Museum, for both Saturday and Sunday, and pass outs, is included in the entry fee, for all legal passengers, who are also camping.

A list of trips taken by the Club members, and a list for the vehicle needs to be on display so the public can talk to members about their experiences.

Security of your rigs is entirely your responsibility, and may be shared with your neighbouring rigs!! The grounds will be secured overnight.

Clubs/or members, will asked to assist in helping to make the event happen. This is an opportunity to put our recreation on display, and show we are everyday people, from all walks of life, who have a passion for responsible four wheel driving.

If any Club members know of sponsors who would like to be involved in a major way, (ARB, Battery World and Mount Barker 4x4 Centre have already expressed interest) they will permitted to have an active display, possibly in the middle of our planned camping circles. All major sponsorships need to be arranged through the organising group. Maybe a winery, or brewery?? A car maker? Tyre dealer?

A meeting is being planned at Mount Barker 4x4 Centre in mid-August to discuss sponsorship.

Contact Trev Manning, at tlskmanning@bigpond.com if you require more information. Along with the people in the rigs, we expect a minimum of 1000 people through the gate, and advertising through various mediums that will cover the state and even interstate. All other general enquiries should also be directed, at this stage, to Trev Manning at the above address.

Looks like being a wonderful celebration of Four Wheel Driving in Australia.

Peter Harper has agreed to co-ordinate our interest. Peter can be contacted on 04 1052 6317 or via email at peter.harper@bigpond.com.

TECHNICAL - CARAVAN BROKEN WHEEL STUDS & LOOSE NUTS

The Caravan Council of Australia (CCA) continually receives a small number of reports of broken wheel studs, and loose wheel nuts... sometimes with the nuts unwinding completely off the studs. There has recently been a spate of such incidents.

It must be stressed that if a stud breaks, it is certainly no proof that the stud itself was faulty. There are a number of reasons for the problems. All supplied instructions regarding wheels and wheel nuts must be precisely followed. It is vital to ensure that if 'van owners or dealers fit after-market wheels and nuts, they thoroughly check to ensure the replacement wheels and nuts are, in fact, completely suitable for the vehicle and axles.

Possible Reasons for Broken Wheel Studs, or Loose - and Lost - Nuts:

- The pitch circle of the studs in the (imperial) hub not exactly the same as that of the holes in some (metric) wheels, such that all studs bend when the nuts are tightened
- The angle of the taper on the nuts not the same as the angle of taper in the wheels
- Low-Grade steel studs being used
- The hole in the wheel centre not compatible with the spigot diameter of the hub
- The serrated studs not "fully driven home" when pressed into the hubs, such that they gradually "give a little", thus causing the nuts to become loose
- Rattle-guns - set at unknown high-torque levels - used to tighten wheel nuts (rather than just undo them), causing the studs to stretch, and thus become weakened
- Nuts being tightened in a circular pattern in one action, rather than in a criss-cross pattern, using two or three (increasing) torques

- Wheel centres being highly dished, thus acting as a large spring-washer that gradually loses its tension and causes the nuts to loosen

Clearly, ALL nuts must be tightened to the correct torque, and in the correct pattern, in strict accordance with the instructions provided by the wheel or chassis manufacturer. It is strongly recommended that pencil lines are made on one face of each nut - with a mating line on the wheel - so that a quick visual inspection can detect any loosening of a nut. Clip-on plastic "indicators" - fitted to each nut, with their adjacent "arrow-heads" aligned - provide an even-quicker warning of any nut loosening. Continual vibrations - and occasional heavy impacts - from road surfaces, inevitably have an adverse effect on the wheel assemblies. This is severely aggravated if the tyre pressures - and the spring rates - are too high for the actual wheel-loading. Stresses on the wheel assemblies are further increased if shock-absorbers (dampers) are not fitted. Leaf-springs do provide some damping of vibrations, but unfortunately it is mainly on the "bump" (upwards) movement of the wheel, rather than on the "rebound" (down-wards) movement of the wheel... where it would be far more beneficial. Colin.

www.caravancouncil.com.au

(thanks to Westprint Friday Five for this article)

RECOVERY BOARDS AND SUNLIGHT

It is becoming quite a common sight to see four wheel drive vehicles running around with a stack of recovery boards in a multitude of colours mounted on the roof. Yes, I have a set and I do put them on their quick access rack when heading off road.

However, we are starting to hear of boards that haven't been used in a while suddenly being pressed into service failing due to UV induced deterioration.

Most of the recovery board manufacturers claim that the boards are made from UV stabilised plastic so that shouldn't be a problem, should it? Of course, should you experience a failure it is always worth going back to the supplier / manufacturer for resolution.

However, prevention is better than cure. Like all plastics, keeping recovery boards in permanent sunlight will eventually result in some level of deterioration. Unless you are heading into the bush every weekend, I would be tempted to keep recovery boards in the shed and away from sunlight. Believe it or not, you'll probably save a little bit of that most expensive commodity - fuel.

[Pete]

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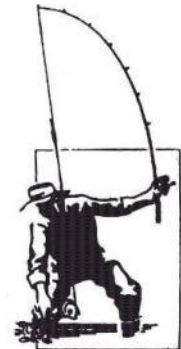
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**PHOTO
COMPETITION**

Yes, it's on again. You know the rules but just in case, here they are:

The PHOTO COMPETITION RULES:

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

**Entries to be handed to John by close of
NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

Late entries will not be accepted.

So get your photos in !!!

DOUBLE CHANCE OF a PRIZE!!



**TRIP REPORT
COMPETITION**

It's on again....

The committee has once again, decided to continue with the Trip Report competition this year to reward those who submit a Trip Report throughout the year!

It does not 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!!!

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 FAC

EBOOK link as well. www.facebook.com/GawlerandDistricts4WDClub

TRIP REPORT

Quenton and Deb's Broken Hill/Darling River trip

With one weeks leave available, we decided on visiting Broken Hill and Silverton. Even though I visited the Hill a couple of years ago on my motorbike, Deb hasn't been there for quite some time. Our first night was spent at the Burra Railway Station B&B. We have stayed at this B&B before and really enjoyed it, and knowing our dollars go to help preserving this wonderful old station and ongoing projects like the restoration of the "Edie" kitchen carriage. It was quite chilly, so I got the fire going early. We stopped at St Just's cafe for coffee and for something different, a serve of scones.

Next day we had an easy drive to Broken Hill. A large number of kangaroos and emus dead on the road made us keep an eye out for animals during the day. We saw quite a few, but managed to keep our new bull bar intact. Our first stop was at Bells Milk Bar - a 1950's milk bar in Broken Hill South, a must stop while in Broken Hill. We enjoyed a milkshake and thick shake while taking in the ambience of this iconic cafe.



We booked into our room for three nights at the Outback Lodge Motel. Our room was in the main part of the mansion which was originally a doctor's home with large rooms. This I figured would be better than a run of the mill motel.



We visited the regional art gallery which had an exhibition on the "Barka - the forgotten river" an exhibition of the Darling River which tied in well with my plans to later follow the Darling River.

Next morning we picked up a guide from the Visitor Information Centre and walked the main street area visiting all the historic buildings. Lots of old hotels - nearly one on every corner. We really liked the Palace Hotel where the barman let us take our drinks past the many murals, past the

"Priscilla Suite" (after the movie "Priscilla Queen of the desert") and up to their huge balcony. This finished with a coffee at "The Silly Goat" cafe which was recommended to us by the motel landlady as a cafe as good as any in Adelaide or Sydney. She was right; the cafe had a great vibe, good coffee and quite busy. We drove up to the "Line of Load" and dined overlooking the town. Also checked out the memorial to all the miners that died on the job.

Next day we drove out to Silverton. Here they are building a huge wind farm which the locals have mixed feelings about. Many think they look a blight on the landscape, but businesses are welcoming the influx of business by the workers. Being a Saturday, the Silverton Hotel was extremely busy, so if visiting Silverton, plan to come on a week day. We had a look at the many attractions of this little town such as four art galleries, Mad Max Museum, old school, gaol, all within walking distance. We also visited Penrose Park, once a favorite for picnic trains from Broken Hill and drove out to Umberumberka Reservoir which was bone dry, and to Mundi Mundi Lookout, a view as far as the eye can see over the plains and the scene from Mad Max 2.



We left Broken Hill and headed to Medindee. Here many of the lakes are dry and the National Parks have closed a few roads around the dry lakes. We headed to the National Park and in particular to Kinchega Woolshed. Here we had a good look around the many buildings and the woolshed which is in very good condition. The roads in the National Park were very rough and corrugated; they have not seen a grader for some time. We headed towards Station roughly following the Darling River. We were now on a dirt road on the southern side of

the river, and it started to rain. The road changed from red dirt to grey clay on the flood plains and is closed at the first sign of rain. We were half way, so we were pleased when the rain stopped and we could dodge the wet areas and the wind soon dried out the track. We arrived at Bindara Station and met our host, Barb. She showed us to our room for the night, the "Boundary Riders" hut. It had two queen sized bedrooms and a flyscreen enclosed verandah with a small new ensuite with gas fired shower and flushing toilet - perfectly comfortable. We went for a walk along the Darling river and checked out the stations camping area. Here they have large galvanized iron rainwater tanks fitted with flushing toilet and gas fired shower with room for quite a few campers along the river front. I had a look around the homestead that was built in around 1870. Bricks were fired on the property using the local clay, and the rest of the building materials were transported up the river by steam driven paddle boats. This property has quite a bit of history including once being owned by Gawler's John McKinlay. The station boasted a store, pub, school and smithy. It was also a port of call for paddle steamers making their trips up and down the river. It was



getting quite chilly so Barb had the fire going in the outside kitchen and dining shed. "Happy Hour" was enjoyed by the fire with fellow campers who were on their way to the Big Red Bash at Birdsville. On an open fire Barb had our tea cooking in a camp oven - lamb curry. Of course food always tastes best off the fire and we enjoyed the lamb with a selection of home grown vegetables. Pudding followed for dessert finished with a strong cup of tea, again with the taste only experienced off an open fire. In the morning we enjoyed a "Stockman's Breakfast" cooked on a large steel plate over the open fire. Cereal, yogurt and fruit followed by "Paddock Sausages", eggs, tomato, hash brown and toast set us up for the day of travelling. We left Bindara and headed for Pooncarie on the Old Pooncarie Road.

In the little town of Pooncarie we had coffee in a little cafe down by the old wharf area beside the Darling river (This cafe has just opened and Barb suggested we call in) - the sun was now out, so we enjoyed our coffee on the outside tables with only the bird calls and river sounds to be heard. - until she turned on the music - ah well.

From Pooncarie we headed to our next stop Avoca Station. Avoca Station also has lots of history. The original owners also built "Adare" mansion at Victor Harbor as their summer residence. The homestead and many outbuildings such as station store and post office, single men's quarters etc were built from pine logs. The old Post Office/Store is now a small museum. The homestead was built on with locally quarried stone and now is quite a large home with large rooms. It overlooks the Darling River. Our hosts Ian (now blind) and Barb showed us around the historic and interesting buildings. Here we enjoyed a three course home cooked dinner followed by a cooked breakfast with eggs, orange juice and jams made from the stations gardens.

We drove to Wentworth, passed the laying of the pipeline from Wentworth to Broken Hill (a huge project that no one that we spoke to wanted) and onto Mildura. Here I checked out the new Holden Museum while I dropped Deb off to the shops.

Our short holiday was soon over, but one that we enjoyed, especially the station stays.

Quenton & Deb



The Big Seat at Broken Hill

FRIDAY FUNNIES

(Thanks to Westprint Friday Five)

Amazingly simple home remedies

- If you're choking on an ice cube, simply pour a cup of boiling water down your throat. Presto! The blockage will instantly remove itself.
- Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold the vegetables while you chop.
- For high blood pressure sufferers ~ simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure on your veins. Remember to use a timer.
- A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.
- If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives. Then you'll be afraid to cough.
- You only need two tools in life - wd-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the wd-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.
- Remember - everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
- If you can't fix it with a hammer, you've got an electrical problem.

Below are three trick questions. You must answer them instantly. You can't take your time, answer all of them immediately.

Let's find out just how clever you really are....

- First Question:
 - o You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in?
 - o Answer: If you answered that you are first, then you are absolutely wrong! If you overtake the second person and you take his place, you are second!
- Second Question:
 - o If you overtake the last person, then you are...?
 - o Answer: If you answered that you are second to last, then you are wrong again. How can you overtake the LAST Person?
- Third Question:
 - o Very tricky arithmetic! Note: This must be done in your head only Do NOT use paper and pencil or a calculator.
 - Take 1000 and add 40 to it. Now add another 1000. Now add 30. Add another 1000. Now add 20. Now add another 1000. Now add 10. What is the total?
 - Did you get 5000?
 - The correct answer is actually 4100.

To the optimist, the glass is half full. To the pessimist, the glass is half empty. To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

"Normal people ... believe that if it isn't broken, don't fix it. Engineers believe that if it isn't broken, it doesn't have enough features yet."