

4WD Club Newsletter

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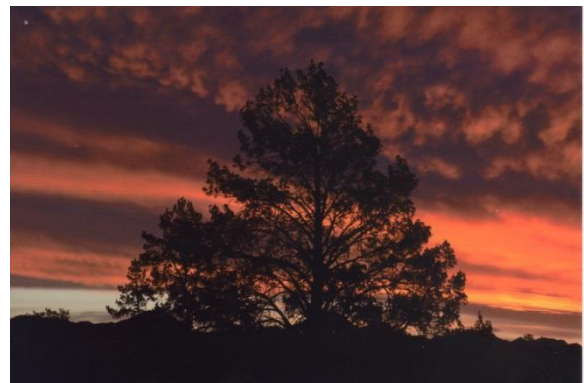


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2018 Photo Competition



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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 \$55 per vehicle/family, plus \$10 joining fee.



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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

	2019											
<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>
General		8	1	12	10	14	12	9	13	11	8	13
Committee	30	20		3	1		3		4	2		4
					25		31			30		

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

Dates for 2019

**Australia Day 28 Jan; Adelaide Cup 11 March; Easter 19-22 April; Anzac Day 25 April;
Queen's 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

December 2018
See the attached Minutes (members only)

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

Presidents Report:

At this month's meeting we are learning how to be a "Trip Leader". It may help you decide to run a trip in the future and use some of the skills you will learn on the night. You will get plenty of help from the Committee if you want to lead a trip for the first time.

Our first social outing for the year happened last week-end for the "Australia Day" picnic at Bethany. Everyone had an enjoyable time; see the report and photos in this newsletter.

Your club Subs are now due - \$55 plus \$10 late/joining fee (if applicable) due by the March meeting at the latest. Please ensure your renewal form (available from our website under "Downloads") is filled out and signed front and back. See Wayne with correctly filled out form and a copy of your Insurance papers. You can also pay by Bank transfer if you let Wayne know.

Have you bought a club stubby holder yet? Available tonight at the special price of \$5.00 each!

[Quenton]

Editors Report:

Hi everyone and welcome to the first Newsletter for 2019. Let's hope the year turns into a good one for the Club.

As you can see, we already have a few speakers lined up for this year starting with Pete who will do a presentation on becoming a Trip Leader. It's not difficult and when it's broken down into steps, there's a logical sequence which isn't onerous at all. It just takes a little thought and planning. We always need extra Trip Leaders so please think seriously about having a go yourself.

At the AGM the Committee was elected and it has remained basically the same as in 2018 so congratulations to all the nominees. The complete list is on page 3 of the Newsletter.

As mentioned in the past, if you feel you have something to contribute to the Newsletter be it a personal trip report which you think would interest our members or even a favourite camping recipe, hint, photos or even jokes, don't be shy, put them forward as we are always looking for interesting items for the Newsletter.

That's it from me for this month. Enjoy the rest of February.

[Sandra]



Coming Events

10th March 2019 **A day in the Adelaide Hills**

Trip Details:	Visit "The Cedars" Hans Heysen's house and studio, Melba Chocolate factory, Woodside Cheese, Beerenberg Farm
Where:	Adelaide Hills
Cost:	10 + Adults \$12.00 each. Children under 14 y.o free
Meet:	Gawler Visitor Information Centre
When:	Meet 9.00am Leave by 9.15am
Trip Leader:	Bob and Pauline
Trip Coordinator:	Quenton Earl, 0407 604 601
More Info	A day trip touring the Adelaide Hills. BYO Morning tea & Picnic lunch & drinks. An ideal trip for a new Trip Leader with help from Quenton.

Easter 2019 **Horseshoe Top End** 19-22 April 2019

Trip Details:	Spend Easter 2019 at one of the iconic properties in the southern Flinders Ranges
Where:	Horseshoe Top End, Mookra
Cost:	\$15 per head per night, \$7.50 for under 17s 4WD Track \$50 per vehicle
Meet:	TBA
When:	Thursday 18 April to Tuesday 23 April 2019
Trip Leader:	Peter Harper, 04 1052 6317
More Info	We'll add some detail in the next couple of month, but you can visit www.horseshoetopend.com.au for info on the property




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18th – 19th May 2019		Celebration of Four Wheel Driving	
Trip Details:	Celebrating Four Wheel Driving at the National Motor Museum, Birdwood.		
Where:	National Motor Museum, Shannon St, Birdwood		
Cost:	TBA		
Meet:	TBA		
When:	TBA		
Trip Leaders:	Trev Manning, tlskmanning@bigpond.com		
Gawler 4WD Club Trip Leader	Quenton Earl, 0407 604 601		
More Info	<p>A week-end celebrating 4WD driving. Special guests include Valmai Hankel, Doug Sprigg and John Rooth "Roothie".</p> <p>Camping available with display 4WD vehicle (packed and loaded for a "Simpson crossing") with off road campers or off road small van.</p> <p>Please wear club logos, uniforms and/or name badges.</p> <p>More details closer to date</p>		

9th June 2019		Bungaree Station	
Trip Details:	Visit Bungaree Station. (Min 20 people)		
Where:	Bungaree Station in the Clare Valley - 431 Bungaree Rd, Clare SA 5464		
Cost:	TBA		
Meet:	"Map the Miner" in Kapunda		
When:	TBA		
Trip Leaders:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601		
More Info	<p>Visit the Ross Vogt Collection in Kapunda, the old Police Station and Court House, Auburn and a guided tour of Bungaree Station including Afternoon tea. Bring morning tea to share and a picnic lunch for yourself. Wear sturdy shoes.</p>		

GUEST SPEAKERS

	<p><i>These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:</i></p>	
	8 February 2019	Trip Leader Training
	1 March 2019	Ethan White - presenter of "Off the couch with Ethan" Travel TV show on channel 44
	12 April 2019	Bob Tonkin – Camera Collection
	10 May 2019	Mr. Tony Ey RAA "Then and Now"

13th and 14th July Christmas in July

Trip Details:	Staying in the Clare Caravan Park. Dinner Saturday night 6.30pm at the Sevenhill Hotel.
Where:	Clare Caravan Park. Horrocks Hwy, Clare
Cost:	Your cost of Caravan Park - Mention Gawler 4WD Club for 10% discount for 1 night. 15% discount for 2 nights.. Your cost at Hotel
Meet:	Make your own way to Clare Saturday (or earlier if you wish)
When:	Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th July
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl
More Info	Sevenhill Hotel - winner of "Best Country Dining" 2017, 2018 AHA Awards. Website - www.sevenhillhotel.com.au Discovery Holiday Park Clare 1800 422 724. Discount approved by Jules. Powered sites or Cabins.

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>February</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>
Max and Lynne Leske	Norma and Bronte Rivett	Chris and Julie Sieben
Lyn Lillecrapp	Roy and Bronwyn Schwarz	Bob and Pauline Tonkin

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

◆◆February◆◆
Bronte



DTU TRAINING EVENTS

The DTU Training Calendar has been confirmed and repeated below.

Date(s)	Event Name	Venue	Description
Sat 6 – Sun 7 April	Basic Theory - \$20	Sporting CC	
?? April	Morgan Training \$40 Advisor -\$60	Morgan	Mainly ascent and descent
Sat 22 – Sun 23 June	Training Mud & water - \$50 TBC.	Ashbourne	Good opportunity to see how your vehicle performs in nice sticky mud. The water crossings (basic depth) can be fun too
Sat 17 – Sun 18 August	Training Mud & water - \$50 TBC.	Ashbourne	
Sun 20 October 19th	Trip planning and leading \$10	Sporting CC	
Sat 2 – Sun 3 November	Training - Sand \$45	Peake	Plenty of opportunity to experience soft sand driving. Apart from Mud and Water, we can complete most basic competencies at Peake. There may also be opportunities to complete some advanced sand and recovery

The Sporting Car Club is located at 51 King William Rd, Unley

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

[Pete 04 1052 6317]

2018 PHOTO AND TRIP REPORT COMPETITIONS

Trip Report Competition was won by Martin Kisbee - *Ngarkat: Perfect Place For A Pizza*

The Gawler Fishing and Outdoors Photo Comp - Keryn Wilkins

People's Choice Photo Comp - Norma Rivett

Congratulations to you all.

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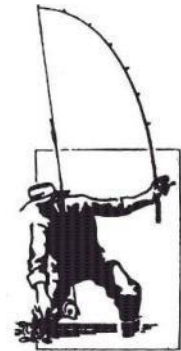
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Thanks to Quenton for submitting the following article.

Marree Man

Marree Man is located at Finnis Springs approx 60 kilometres West of the small township of Maree.

You may have seen pictures of it, or been lucky enough to fly over it.

The dimensions of "Maree man" are huge. It is 4.2 km tall and has a outline measuring 28 km. The original lines outlining the figure were 35m wide and up to 20-30cm deep.

No one knows who created the geoglyph. No one has claimed responsibility for drawing the original artwork, first spotted by a pilot in June 1998. In July 1998 anonymous faxes were sent to the media and local businesses and contained many phrases that would suggest they were written by an American. The Australian Army were doing night time exercises at Woomera at the time, but neither the American or Australian army have said they were responsible. It is believed the drawing would have needed GPS technology to accurately draw the outline, and GPS was only in its infancy at the time. Dick Smith has had a team working on the original artist for two years, but apart from collecting some bamboo sticks used in its outline from a visit to the site in his helicopter, has not discovered who created Marree Man. Mr. Smith has offered a reward of \$5,000 to anyone who can prove who the artist was.

Over the following decades, Marree man has faded. Outback adventurer Rex Ellis used four wheel drives to mark out and retrace three quarters of the giant image in 2014. Phil Turner, the publican of the Maree Hotel organised a group to re-plough the whole 28km in the middle of 2016. This caused a lot of discussion with some people suggesting he should be charged, but Phil had permission from the Arabana Aboriginal Corporation and no charges were laid.

Scenic flights can be taken over Marree Man from the Marree Hotel.

Farina

The works program for this unique ghost town, restoring it to its former glory, gains momentum each year. So much so that there is a roster of when people can assist. If you are interested in volunteering at Farina, here is the

link: <https://farinarestitution.com/where-is-farina/volunteers/>

- All volunteers at Farina:
- Must be registered
- This is an adult's only program
- Will work on Farina projects according to their skills and abilities
- Are expected to stay in the camp site at Farina with the group
- Agree to be directed by the team leader on their activities

When selecting dates, they'd like you to arrive on a Saturday and leave on a Saturday.

If you are interested in helping out, please use the above link which details what is expected, dates and a list of volunteer skills that are required. There is also a registration form to fill out.

(Thanks to Westprint FF for providing this information.)

Tomato Relish Recipe

At the Australia Day picnic, Deb produced a delicious homemade tomato relish to share. If, like Pete, you took a liking to the relish, here is the recipe:

TOMATO RELISH

1.5 kg tomatoes chopped- can be peeled
3 onions chopped
1 Tablespoon salt.
500 mls malt vinegar
2 cups brown sugar
1 Teaspoon chilli powder (I used mild)
2 Tablespoons of plain flour
1 Tablespoon curry powder
1 Tablespoon mustard powder

Cover tomatoes and onion with salt and stand overnight.

The next day drain any liquid, place tomato mixture in pan and add 250 mls of vinegar. Bring to the boil and reduce heat to low. Simmer for 30 minutes, add sugar and chilli then simmer stirring occasionally for 1 hour.

Mix flour, curry & mustard with remaining 250 mls of vinegar, add to pan.

Cook for 3-4 minutes until thickened.

Pour into sterilised jars.

Deb- fromTaste .com.au

ANNUAL NGARKAT WORKING BEE



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NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK

INTERCLUB WORKING BEE 30th & 31st March 2019

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 & clearing, fencing (repair, replacement or installation), fireplace & rubbish clean-up, track maintenance, 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.

Note: DEWNR will be providing an evening meal for volunteers at the Pine Hut Soak campground on the Saturday evening of the working bee.

WHEN: Weekend of 30th & 31st March 2019. 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.

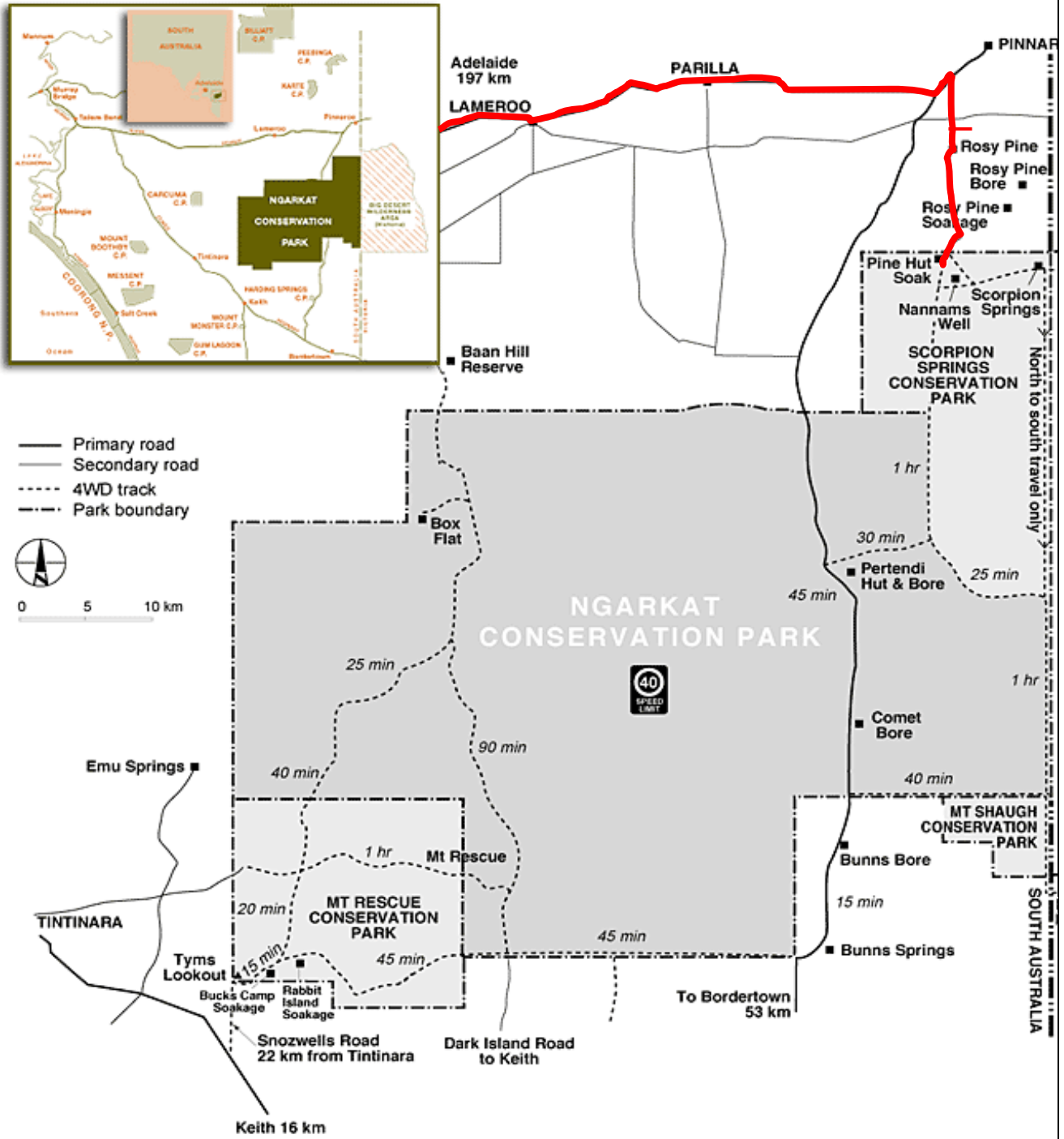
CONTACT:

Darryl McManus - e-mail darryl_4wd@ddaajmcm.com.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

TRIP REPORT

Australia Day Picnic Sunday 27th January, 2019

We all started to arrive around 11.00am with the last to arrive - Wayne and Sandra. What an entrance they made with Sandra hanging out the sunroof waving the Australia flag and shouting Aussie Aussie Aussie, Oi Oi Oi! Wayne and Sandra were later to win the "best dressed Aussie theme" prize. Sandra said she raided the "dress up" boxes at home to outfit herself and Wayne. Their prize consisted of a goodie bag filled with Farmers Union Iced Coffee, Fruchocs, Allen's lollies, Vegemite and a sticker sheet of Australia flags. Wil's hat also looked the part complete with marshmallow "corks".



With a Nuriootpa forecast of 27 degrees it was too nice a day to sit in the shelter shed, so we set up our chairs and tables under the shade on the lawn. We set up our shared lunch on two tables and all sat around and enjoyed the food and was a great time to talk and catch up on all the gossip.

After lunch we had a game of cricket with what seemed a very slippery tennis ball! Next was the "Thong throwing" competition. The name of the game was to get the thong in a crate for 2 points and to hit the crate for one point. Winner for the girls was Deb and Brent won for the guys. Bocce was next and out of two shots it was the closet to the kitty would be the winner. Deb won by touching the kitty, so was easily the closest! Jane gave out the prizes of bags of Allen's Fantales. Keryn and Sandra had a go at





skipping and taught Wil, who picked it up very quickly - and Wil didn't seem to puff like his teachers!

By now we were moving chairs as we were losing shade, so we called it a day around 3.00pm. It was a great social day - our first for 2019 and a great catch up. Thank you to everyone who came and helped to make the day so enjoyable.

[Quenton and Deb]

PAYING YOUR SUBS BY EFT

Did you know that you can pay your membership subscriptions by EFT?

The club bank details are:

Account Name: Gawler & Districts 4WD Club
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Acc no 018030740
Ref: Surname + 2019

If you do pay by EFT, please email a receipt Treasurer Wayne,
treasurer@gawler4wd.com.au, so he can update the club records.

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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.



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