

4WD Club Newsletter

June 2019



Founded in 2002



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



Bungaree Station

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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		5	3		4	2		4
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NOTE: DEADLINE TIME - All newsletter articles to the Editor before Committee Meeting date

Dates for 2019

Queen's Birthday 10 June; October Labour Day 7 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

May 2018
See the attached Minutes (members only)

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

Presidents Report:

This month's meeting we will start the first "Trip Lotto" for our club. Three names will be drawn out of a "hat" and those chosen will have four months to arrange an event. It can be a day trip, week-end trip or longer, or simply a social cuppa or a meal somewhere. This is a new initiative suggested by Lyn Leske and works well in the Wagga club. I am sure with all your support it will work in our club too. See this Newsletter for trip/event suggestions and some simple rules.

You can ask for a "Trip Buddy" which may be a more experienced club member for help.

This is something new for our club; I hope you embrace it. [See Page 23 for further information]

Our June long week-end trip to Bungaree went well and I hope it was enjoyed. A highlight for me was viewing Ross Vogt's collection. Ross presented the club with a copy of his autobiography and this will be available to members to borrow. Also the club purchased the book "The story of Bungaree Station" which will also be available for members to borrow.

[Quenton]

Editors Report:

Welcome to the June edition of the Newsletter.

Can you believe that we are almost halfway through the year already. It's unbelievable how quickly time disappears.

As you can see, we only have four trips left on our books for the rest of the year; the Maralinga trip is now closed and all we have is "Christmas in July" in Clare and a new trip Pete has put up to the Border Track on 16/17/18 August. We are also in the process of putting together our annual Christmas Trip in November. With trips in mind, we have introduced the "Trip Lotto" as indicated by Quenton above and there are more details in the Newsletter as well as some suggestions to get us started. This list is by no means complete and can be added to at any time. We hope you will embrace this new idea, it's not meant to be onerous but fun. If you would like some assistance in putting together a trip or event, please don't hesitate to ask.

See you in July - have a good month and keep warm.

[Sandra]



Coming Events

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.

July 2019 Maralinga Trip

Trip Details:	A one to two week trip to Maralinga to visit "Ground Zero"
Where:	Maralinga – North of Ceduna and Nundroo off the Nullarbor
Cost:	Tour - \$215.00 per person, includes 2 nights at caravan site & guided tour on 23/7/19 – NOTE: Alcohol free zone. Plus fuel, Caravan Park fees or bus on camping along the way. <u>FULL cost paid before 20 June 2019 to Trip Leader.</u>
	Optional extra – Whale watch at the head of Australian Bight \$15.00 per person or \$12.00 with Senior's card.
Meet:	Taylor car park north of township, 7.15am leave 7.30 am sharp
When:	Leaving Saturday 20th July – booking confirmed and deposit paid. Possible return 30 July 2019.
Trip Leader:	Max Leske phone 0427 807 066
More Info	Check website www.maralingatours.com.au

Border Track	17th – 18th August 2019
Trip Details:	Departing from Pine Hut Soak on Saturday morning, we'll take a leisurely drive south down the Border Track and camp at Red Bluff on Saturday evening. We'll return home on Sunday via Keith
Where:	Ngarkat Conservation Park
Cost:	Park Entry \$10, \$8 for concession Camping at Pine Hut Soak \$12
Meet:	We will depart Pine Hut Soak at 9am on Saturday. Best plan is to camp at Pine Hut Soak on Friday evening – makes for a leisurely start on Saturday
When:	We will depart Pine Hut Soak at 9am. On Sunday, we'll leave Red Bluff when we are ready
Trip Leader:	Peter Harper
More Info	Pine Hut Soak is about 17km from Pinnaroo. Gawler to Pine Hut Soak is just under 300km and I usually allow 4hrs including breaks. The run from Pine Hut Soak to Red Bluff is about 70km and can be expected to take 4-5 hours We come back via Keith which, back to Gawler will be around 325km We will be camping in a Conservation Reserve so firewood collection is prohibited. During July, we can expect COLD weather so, bring plenty of firewood and warm clothes.

Dice Run	Sunday 15th September, 2019
Trip Details:	Travelling along the Murray river - 3 Ferry crossings. Bring morning tea to share, bring your own picnic lunch, afternoon tea provided at The Roundhouse, Murray Bridge
Where:	Murray River, ending at Murray Bridge
Cost:	\$11.00 per person
Meet:	Nuriootpa Train Park 8.45am for 9.00am leave
When:	Sunday 15th September, 2019
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	Dice Run - Each driver will get to throw a dice at each stop. The highest total count wins a prize. Cost includes guided tour and Devonshire tea at the Roundhouse

SAVE THE DATE - CHRISTMAS TRIP 2019



CHRISTMAS TRIP 2019

22/23/24 November 2019

Beachside Holiday Park, Normanville

157 Williss Drive, Normanville

Phone: 08 8558 2458

Website: holiday@beachside.com.au

Cost: currently \$38 for two people but there's likely to be a price rise in October which will take the cost of a powered site to around \$40 with \$9-\$10 pp extra.

More details to follow.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

◆◆ June ◆◆

Andrew

John

Joan





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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)

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

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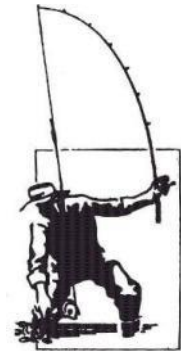
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TRIP REPORT

BUNGAREE STATION DAY TRIP – SUNDAY 9 JUNE 2019

We met at "Map the Miner" at Kapunda at 8.30am for a 8.45am departure. There were 21 of us and Sandra & Pete joined us in Clare later.

First stop was Ross Vogt's home collection. Ross collects antiques, carnival glass, telephones and a vast array of gramophones - all working and Ross gave us a demo of a few machines. Ross is 96 and quite a character. He has toured Australia over 130,000 km on his BMW motorcycle and trailer. He said at age 90 he rode his motorbike to 160km/h just to prove he could still do it. He restored a couple of old motorbikes which are now on display in the Kapunda Museum. He also has 3 classic cars which are on the Historic rego and the sheds were open for us to view. In recent years he built a new workshop and this was filled with some very interesting tools from his joinery days and caravans which he built over the years. Ross presented a copy of his autobiography to the club, and this will be available for members to loan.



Soon it was time to go, so we headed to "The Pines" reserve for morning tea.

Our next appointment was at 11.00am at the old Courthouse and Police Station at Auburn where we met Kay and Don. Kay told us about the history of the building and allowed us to



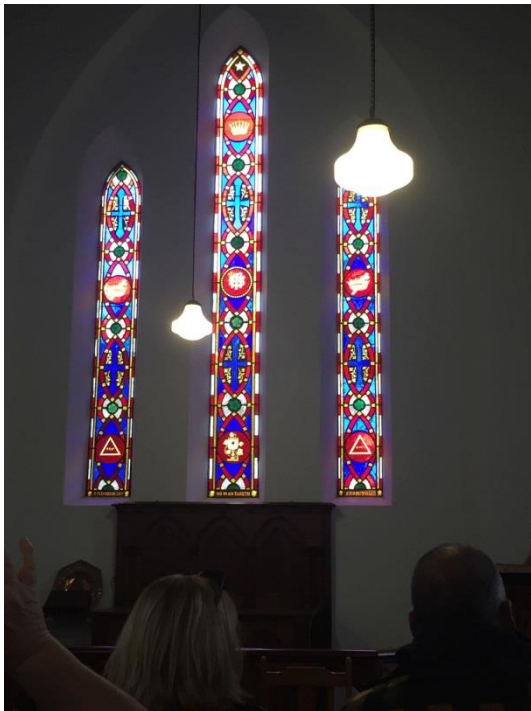
look through the buildings including the old Police cells and Stables. Kay also took us on a walk to the Rising Sun Hotel to show us the original stables and loft (used as a temporary office for the first Auburn telegraph in 1862) and "the Muse" accommodation buildings and then across the road to see original timber roof shingles on an 1855 old shop. I gave out brochures on Auburn which includes details on the town's historic buildings and would be great for a walk around the town.

Next stop was lunch in Melrose Park in Clare. Here the Clare Valley Model Engineers operate the Lakeside Miniature Railway. Wil and a couple of other "kids," Keryn and Sandra, had a ride on a miniature steam train and loved it!

We were booked for a guided tour of Bungaree Station at 1.30pm and arrived to be met by Mark. Mark and Vicky (a 5th generation of the Hawker family) run the tourist side of the station. Mark started the tour



at St Michaels Church at the front of the property and explained the history of the Hawker brothers beginning in 1841. The stained glass windows of the church have been restored and



the floor sanded and refinished so the church is in excellent condition and gets used about 5 times a year. Mark was full of interesting information including a gem I had not known that the town of Hawker in the Flinders Ranges was named after the Hawker brothers of Bungaree. Our tour went past the restored Manager's home, now a B&B and the old council chambers/school now also a luxury B&B.

Next stop was the two storey homestead gardens and again Mark explained the home's history. We also looked at an old shed with vintage trucks and an old Willys Jeep and a timber stump floor preserved years ago by a liberal coating of left over white-ant treatment. (It is also interesting to note that one of the old trucks - a 1927 Chevrolet - was used by Ross Vogt to get templates off for a cab and tray he built for a truck he restored at Kapunda).

We looked through the restored Office/Store and Mark told us of current plans to convert some stone station buildings to new B&B style accommodation. It will be interesting to watch this progress on their website and stay a week-end in them when finished. The Woolshed - the first stone building built on the station in 1842 to shear up to 100,000 Merino sheep - was our next stop. Now the property runs 5000 sheep, but the woolshed is still used to shear the sheep



every October. The quality of the Bungaree wool is known Australia wide and today the same quality of wool is maintained.

Lastly we visited the Shearers Quarters dining room for afternoon tea of homemade chocolate cake and tea or coffee. The club bought a book "The story of Bungaree Station" which will be available to members to loan.

Quenton



DAY TRIP FOR THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY SUNDAY 9/06/19.

Well we started the day at Map the Miner in Kapunda with most of us rugged up quite well. It was very cloudy & quite cold. There were 10 cars present and we were all looking forward to an exciting day. Present were the Earl's (trip leaders), Sieben's, Mulyk's, Leske's, Jansen's, Rivett's Schwarz's, Heintze's, Wilkins & Wil and the Grangers. What a wonderful turn out! Thank you everyone for coming along and making it a great day, and thanks Quenton again for all your research into organising another interesting trip.

First off to Ross Vogt's place. Wow what a lot of interesting stuff he has in his possession. Ross was very interesting to listen to & was very happy to answer our many questions. There is so much history in his house, with all the gramophones, telephones, photos of his family and the many treasures from his wife's collection of plates & decorations. There are cars & garages full of memorabilia, beautifully kept in original condition. In a shed out the back he had some of his joinery tools & machinery from when he owned Kapunda Joinery. I lost Bronte for the whole time we were there. Ross has many cupboards of his tools which brought back so many memories of Bronte's teenage & earlier years with his father, and his own apprenticeship days.

After farewelling Ross it was on to The Pines for morning tea. It was still cold & the warm cuppas were really appreciated. Then it was on to Auburn to visit the former courthouse, police station & stables. I wouldn't have wanted to be a prisoner for quids, so cold & uncomfortable in winter & stinking hot in summer. The lady who greeted us was very informative on the stone which was used to build the buildings. I never realised that so many different stones came from so many areas with all the stones having their own unique uses.

These buildings are being kept by the National Trust of SA. Next to the courthouse is the St John's Anglican Church which also has beautiful stone work & I was invited to go inside for a look. The stained glass windows were beautiful. It's a small church now with only 7 members. Following this we were shown the area behind the pub which is now accommodation. A lot of these buildings still have shingle rooves with iron over the top.

We then travelled on to Clare and went to Melrose Park for our lunch. Wil, Sandra & Keryn enjoyed a train ride on the miniature train. We ate lunch quickly so we could be a Bungaree Station on time for our tour. Here we welcomed the Harpers, joining us after doing the family thing with the grandies.

We were greeted by the manager of Bungaree Station who gave us a detailed explanation of the history of the property. It is really interesting how these first inhabitants explored & settled our country under such extreme hardship. He showed us the church which was built on the property 150 years ago. They only have 5 services a year now and the Christmas Eve service sounds fantastic. There is a lot of history on plaques around the walls and more stone inside as well. The font is made of marble from Angaston. The timber work is beautiful.



From the church we were taken to the front of the house which was built in several stages over many years. It was an absolute wonder that all these buildings were built without an architect. The gardens are beautiful. In days gone past the station was literally a village as many properties were back then, looking after the provisions for the many families in their employ. Then it was time for a look at the shearing shed followed by afternoon tea. It was still very cold and the heater in the shearer's quarters was very welcome.

Once again thank you Deb & Quenton for another great day.

Norma

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GUEST SPEAKERS

	<i>These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:</i>	
	14 June 2019	Movie Night – Len Beadell
	12 July 2019	Kevin Schubert, Renmark speaking on "2 nd Chance of Life"
	9 August 2019	Social meeting – BYO supper
	13 September 2019	Trip planning – we discuss ideas for future trips
	11 October 2019	RAA "Road Rules Quiz MkII" – Speaker Jan

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.

June	July	August
Joann Wuttke & Peter Cusick	Stephen and Lisa Cloughton	Andrew and Tracey Granger
Roger Brennand	Quenton and Deb Earl	Peter and Sandra Harper

MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD



PHOTO COMPETITIONS

This year we have two photo competitions running, the regular open Competition sponsored by Gawler Fishing and Outdoors and a Peoples' Choice sponsored by Annette who joined us at Horseshoe Top End over Easter

The PHOTO COMPETITION RULES:

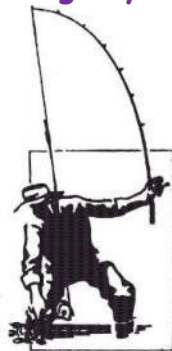
- (a) Each member may enter up to four (4) photos
- (b) Photos should be a copy (not originals) - Size 15cm x 10cm (6"x4")
- (c) Photos must have been taken on a club trip during the last 12 months (Nov 18 - Nov 19)
- (d) All photos must be labelled on the back with your name, where, and when, the photo was taken
- (e) Entries to be handed to John by close of November General meeting
- (f) 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!!!

The winning photo of the Open Competition will be selected by Gawler Fishing and Outdoors



The Peoples' Choice competition will have 3 categories:

- Landscape,
- People, and
- Animals / Open



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!!!

GENERAL INFORMATION

We enjoyed Pauline's delicious peanut sauce dip at last our last Christmas party. We hope you will give it a try too.

PAULINE'S PEANUT SAUCE DIP

4 tbsps cooking oil
1 onion
2-3 cloves of garlic
1-2 tbsps curry powder
1 can coconut cream
4-5 tbsps crunchy peanut butter
Half cup vinegar
Salt and sugar to taste
1-2 sprigs curry leaves (optional)
1-2 Kaffir lime leaves, finely shredded (optional)

Method:

Blend onion, garlic and curry powder in blender with some water Heat oil, fry curry mixture with optional curry leaves and Kaffir lime leaves.

When fragrant, add peanut butter, coconut cream, vinegar, salt and sugar to taste.
Keep taste testing until you are happy with the taste - trust your taste buds!!

Enjoy.

CARAVAN REPAIRS – RESEARCH PROJECT

Those of you with caravans might be interested in this article and survey which was printed in Westprint Friday Five a week or so ago.

The Australian National University, ANU College of Law is conducting research to identify whether the Australian consumer law and the Australian vehicle standards are ineffective in ensuring that only caravans that are fit for purpose are used on Australian roads.

A survey is being conducted looking for details of the consumer experience in obtaining remedies for defects in caravan manufacturer. ANU is interested in finding out about your experience with defects that render the vehicle unsafe to tow. This research is not looking at what is called 'defects of convenience' e.g. faults in design that affect whether the caravan is waterproof, or various fixtures and fittings work. Whilst no doubt inconvenient, disappointing and expensive to repair, these do not go to the safety of the vehicle. Within scope will be defects in gas and/or electrical installation as these must be certified as safe as part of the registration process and go to the question of whether the van is safe and fit for purpose.

If you have relevant experience with defects and with trying to get those remedies corrected you are invited to complete this survey. The survey involves 21 questions that mostly ask you to select from various options and, in some cases, to add any comments you would like to make. The survey should take no more than 20 minutes. Completion of the survey

is voluntary and anonymous. More details on the study and how the results will be stored and used is available when you open the link to the survey.

The results of the survey will be used to compare the lived experience of obtaining repairs and remedies against the stated aims of the Australian Consumer law. The results will form the basis of recommendations to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and the Federal Government for changes to the ACL and remedies. If you require more information contact Dr Michael Eburn, Associate Professor, School of Legal Practice, ANU College of Law. michael.eburn@anu.edu.au

If you are ready to complete the survey - follow this link to the [Caravan consumer satisfaction survey](#):

The project is reviewing relevant law applicable to the design and sale of caravans including the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* (Cth), the *Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2019* (Cth) and *Vehicle Standards Bulletin VSB1 Building Small Trailers National Code of Practice*. Other relevant law will be the *Australian Consumer Law* (or ACL). The ACL is set out in Schedule 2 to the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth). It is complemented by state and territory laws to ensure that all manner of consumer transactions are covered

TRIP PLANNING – PLANNING AN EXTENDED TRIP

In the April Newsletter, we presented an article on planning for a short trip. This month, we will look at some of the things to think about when planning for an extended trip (measured in weeks or months). The information in the following article is based on an assignment I had to complete following a two day Trip Leading course.

The assignment task was:

Prepare plan for extended trip to [pick a destination]; report to include

- a. Logistical Arrangements*
- b. Selection, and use, of suitable outdoor equipment*
- c. Identify, plan and monitor food requirements*
- d. Identify and plan for water needs and usage*
- e. Identify and plan clothing requirements*
- f. Participate in outdoor activity*
- g. Deal with non-routine situations*

This final report ran to 23 pages so I will cover the big picture topics this month and fill in the details in the coming months.

The whole idea of planning an extended trip can seem quite daunting, but if the planning task is broken down into logical sections, it really is not that much different from planning a short trip.

So, where to start? Obviously, picking the area(s) to visit is the first starting point. For this article, let us assume that we are going to The Kimberly.

RESEARCH DESTINATION

With the decision made on where to go, the fun can begin... In the past, we would visit the local / state library, talk to others who have been on a similar trip before. Maybe even visit some of the larger 4WD clubs who might have a library of specialist books. There were (and still are) a number of specialist book shops that would be another source of excellent information. Fast forward to 2019 and, thanks to the Internet, we now have access to more information than ever before.

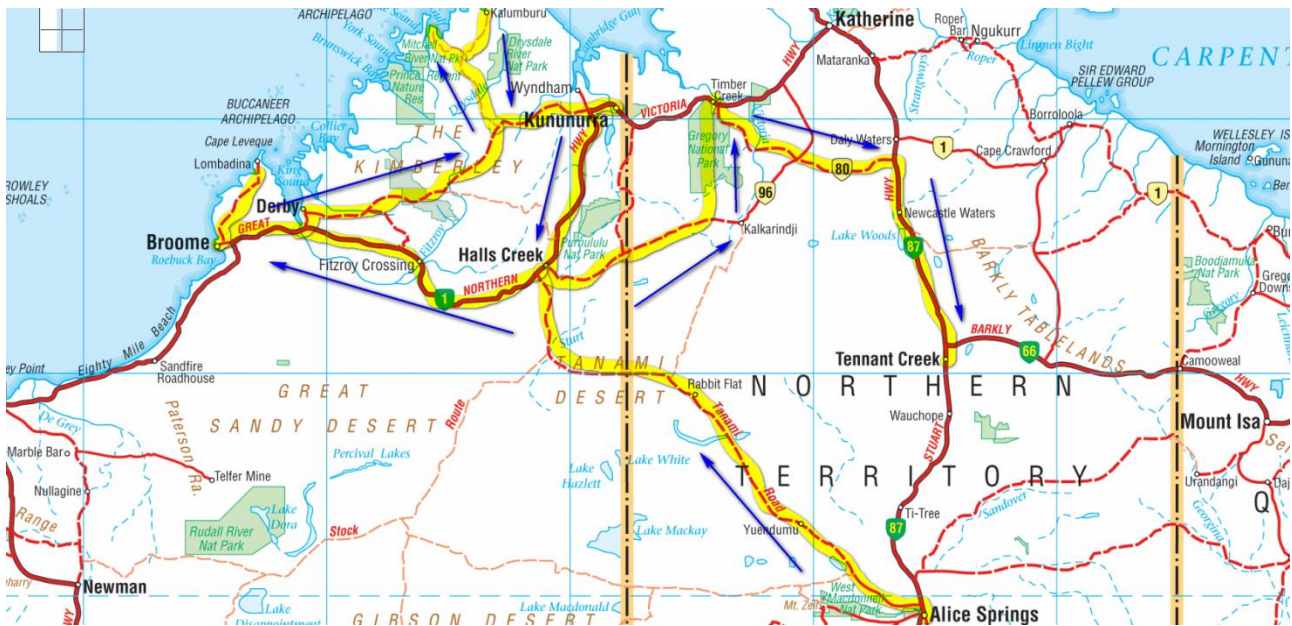
Actually, there is such a large volume of information that filtering to get the detail you need can be a challenge.

TRIP OVERVIEW

So, after many hours with Mr Google and some library books, the trip overview looked something like visiting:

- Coober Pedy,
- Alice Springs,
- Tanami Track,
- Purnululu NP (Bungle Bungles),
- Kununara, via Ord River and Lake Argyle Village,
- Wyndham,
- Drysdale River Station,
- Kalumburu,
- Mitchell Falls,
- Derby,
- Windjana Gorge,
- Broome,
- Beagle Bay,
- Cape Leveque, and
- Fitzroy Crossing.

The trip distance will be approximately 12,000 km



With this big picture in mind, there are some other fundamental questions to ask. For example:

- What road conditions do we want to plan for?
- What are the vehicle requirements (eg low range, high clearance, tyres)?
 - For the Kimberly trip, most "off the shelf" 4WD will be OK, but for a Canning Stock Route then some modifications would probably be essential.
- Can I tow? If yes, what sort of trailer / caravan might be suitable?
 - Can we tow part way and then tackle the difficult bits without towing?
- When to travel?
 - Travel in the north of Australia can be almost impossible during the wet so our southern winter is the best time to head north (many places are closed in the wet anyway). Everyone else knows this so it's going to be busy in the popular places
- How long do we want to be away for? This example trip is about 12,000 km. Now, you might like to drive 500km per day, camp overnight, and keep going. If this is your ideal way you could probably cover the route above in 24 days, but you are not going to see anything!!
- What level of driver experience will be required? For this trip over mostly formed gravel roads, most of the driving requires a basic skill level. I wouldn't suggest that your first trip on a gravel road is the 1,100 km of the Tanami track as conditions can vary from ideal (right behind the grader) to not so good (in front of the grader). The Tanami is also a road train route and they can make for some interesting passing if you are not used to driving on gravel roads.
- How many vehicles? There is no right answer, but more than one and certainly no more than 6 on a trip like this. If there will be more than 6 vehicles, best to split into two groups.
- Cost? This sort of trip will not be cheap. You should consider:

- Cost of fuel (most we paid in 2015 was \$2.65 per litre and I bought 200l)
 - Free camping in the popular areas is almost impossible. Caravan parks, even for unpowered sites are becoming expensive.
 - Most of the tourist attractions are also expensive - but, why bother visiting this sort of area and not try to see as much as possible.
 - Vehicle servicing - for this length of trip there will be at least one service required. Suspect you'll need a tyre, or two, as well. Don't forget that these items can be significantly dearer than at home.
 - Don't forget to allow for food and refreshments. Most areas have an IGA, or similar. Cost will be higher than at home, but not much more for basic items.
- Many of the remote areas we like to visit require some form of permit. While the permits are normally granted, you will need to allow plenty of time as some permits can take over 90 days to obtain (although this was not a problem for the Kimberly trip).

DETAILED PLANNING

With the big picture developed, it is time to submit a trip application to the Committee (assuming the trip will be a club trip) for approval. For an extended trip, this really needs to be done many months ahead of the departure date.

The next step in the planning process is to arrange a Trip Meeting with the proposed participants. The initial meeting will help to ensure that all participants are, not only aware, but are able to provide their input on places to visit, caravans, trailers and many other elements.

Although the Trip Leader is the leader, all participants can, and should, take part in elements of the detailed planning. For instance, let's say we need to plan the Mitchell Falls element: there are many things to consider; do we need to book campsites, do we need to book helicopter rides, can I tow my caravan all the way to the falls (80km of very corrugated road, hmmm?)

The detailed planning process will refine elements such as:

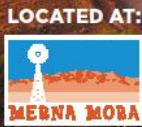
- Will some join / leave part way through?
- What equipment will be required? Can some items be shared (we won't all need a hi-lift jack)
- What will be required for remote area travel; food, water, additional fuel, communications, first aid items, spares, and so forth? Yes, I have a checklist, but others might have their own - good idea to compare and see what is missing from my list.
- Access to medical facilities? Do any participants have medical conditions that might impact the overall trip? Let's plan to manage that so as we can all enjoy the trip.

I add a little more detail next month. But if there is any particular topic you would like me to address, please let me know and I'll see what I can do.

Pete

FWDSA INFORMATION

OCTOBERFEST 2019



STUNNING NEW LOCATION, SAME GREAT EVENT!

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- Sponsors Happy Hour – Saturday
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Octoberfest Raffle tickets - \$5.00 each and the raffle – with great prizes - will be drawn on 12 August 2019. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please see Quenton.

DTU TRAINING EVENTS

The DTU Training Calendar has been confirmed and repeated below.

Date(s)	Event Name	Venue	Description
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.

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MORE PHOTOS FROM BUNGAREE



TRIP LOTTO

TRIP LOTTO RULES

1. 3 names to be drawn at the June meeting
2. Nominees to organise a trip/event once a month for September/October/November 2019
3. At the July meeting one more name will be drawn out of the hat and that person can then liaise with the previous nominees to select a month for his/her trip/event.
4. Each month thereafter another name will be drawn out of the hat.
5. If required, a "trip buddy" can be nominated to help
6. Once names have been drawn out of the hat they will no longer be eligible to be drawn again until all names have been utilised. If the Lotto is a success, a new roster will commence.

POSSIBLE SUGGESTIONS FOR TRIP LOTTO TRIPS

PS Marion trip	Pichi Richi Railway
Martindale Hall - Mintaro	Steamranger Railway
Maritime Museum	Flinders Ranges
Jets Fighter Museum	Border Track (sorry, that's gone for now)
Carrick Hill	A Brush with Art Tour
Greenock Hotel	Ryelands Farm Stay
Barossa Goldfields	High Tea in a Shed
Movie night - Gawler Cinema	Villi's Pie factory
Warrawong Wildlife Sanctuary	West End Brewery
Adelaide Central Market Tour	Cooper's Brewery
Adelaide Oval Tour	Barossa Valley Chocolate Company
Loxton Historical Village	Adelaide Gaol
Bonfire night	West Terrace Cemetery
Saunders Gorge 4WD track	Cafe Nova
Collectable Classics, Strathalbyn	Just Desserts Cafe
Adelaide Clipper Ship tour	Burra
Farina Bakery Run & Talc Alf	Barbecue - BYO meat, salads and sweets to share

FRIDAY FUNNIES

A couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember.

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. Want anything while I'm in the kitchen? he asks.

Will you get me a bowl of ice cream? she says.

Sure.' he replies.

Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it? she asks.

No, I can remember it. he says.

She adds Well, I'd like some Strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?

He says, I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.

I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that'.

Irritated, he says, I don't Need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs.

She stares at the plate for a moment and asks Where's my toast?

An old guy is convinced his wife is getting a bit deaf, so decides to test it.

One night, he's sitting by the fire while she's in the kitchen. He says in a normal voice at normal volume, "Honey, can you hear me?"...

No answer.

He gets up, walks to the kitchen door, and in a slightly louder voice, asks "Honey, can you hear me?" ...

Still no answer.

So, he walks in, stands right beside her and shouts, "Honey, can you hear me?"

She turns and looks at him angrily and answers, "For the third time, yes!"