

# 4WD Club Newsletter

## October 2019



Founded in 2002



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



Dice Run - Didn't Miss Out on Scones This Time!!

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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**

	<b>2019</b>						<b>2020</b>					
<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>
<b>General</b>				11	8	13		14	13	3	8	12
<b>Committee</b>				2		4		5	4			3
				30					25	29		

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

**Dates for 2019**

October Labour Day 7 October;

**Dates for 2020**

Public Holidays: Australia Day 26 January; Adelaide Cup 9 March; Easter 10-13 April; Anzac Day 25 April;  
Queens Birthday 8 June; Labour Day 5 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

***September 2018***  
***See the attached Minutes (members only)***

## NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

### Presidents Report:

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This month's meeting will be a Road Rules quiz with Jan from the RAA. She has included a few new rules, so should be interesting.

Following from a successful "Christmas in July" this year, we have organised a "Christmas in July" for 2020. It will feature a 2 course Christmas themed dinner at the Riverton Hotel. To make a week-end of it, book into the Riverton Caravan Park. They only have 6 cabins, (including a wheelchair friendly cabin) so book early.

If you are interested in the many silos that have been painted with murals, visit the website [www.australiansiloarttrail.com](http://www.australiansiloarttrail.com). It contains images of finished silos and water towers and has a downloadable map. They also have a Facebook page. This would be an interesting club trip for the future.

[Quenton]

### Editors Report:

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Welcome to the October edition of the Newsletter. Wow, only 2 more to go for the year!!

We have included a third Maralinga trip report thanks to Annette from the Wagga 4WD Club. By all accounts the trip was a great success and enjoyed by everyone who went.

There's also a trip report from Cindy on the Dice Run which was led by Quenton and Deb to the River Murray and Round House. That was a most enjoyable trip made even more so by the lovely weather on the day. Thanks to Quenton and Deb for another well run, relaxing, sociable trip. The next trip on the calendar is the Octoberfest trip followed by the first of the Trip Lotto trips. We also have some interesting trips pencilled in for next year - see details in the Newsletter.

Pete and I won't be at the next meeting as we'll be in Sydney but look forward to catching up in November.

Enjoy the month - not long now until Christmas so please start thinking about items which could be donated for the Christmas raffle. Thank you.

[Sandra]



## COMING EVENTS

### Trip Lotto Adelaide Jail

**26th October 2019**

<b>Trip Details:</b>	Day trip to Adelaide Jail and Vilis Café
<b>Where:</b>	Adelaide
<b>Cost:</b>	Adult \$15 (group of 10 or more cost \$13 per adult) Child \$9 Family 2 adults 2 kids \$37
<b>Meet:</b>	Adelaide Gaol @ 10:30 18 Gaol Rd Thebarton
<b>When:</b>	26 October 2019
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Jo and Pete
<b>More Info</b>	After Adelaide Jail going to Café De Villis for lunch 2-14 Manchester Rd Mile End South (off of South Rd)

### Trip Lotto Mintaro and Martindale

**17th November 2019**

<b>Trip Details:</b>	Visiting Martindale Hall and the Mintaro Maze
<b>Where:</b>	Clare Valley
<b>Cost:</b>	\$22 per adult and \$10 per child (minimum of 12 people)
<b>Meet:</b>	Probably Tarlee, won't be too early
<b>When:</b>	8 December 2019
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Pete and Sandra
<b>More Info</b>	We will visit the maze and Mintaro Hall. BYO Picnic lunch and we are hoping to have special scones for afternoon tea. Details will be a surprise (to us as well, maybe).

## GAWLER AND DISTRICTS 4WD WEB SITE

Have you checked out our web site lately?

[www.gawler4wd.com.au](http://www.gawler4wd.com.au)

Details of when meetings are to be held, what trips and events are coming up along with useful links to lots of 4WD resources are included. Read about the latest trip report or view our photo library. Of course, you can download one of our newsletters (back to Aug 2009) including our special 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary versions.



Check our FAC

EBOOK link as well. [www.facebook.com/GawlerandDistricts4WDClub](https://www.facebook.com/GawlerandDistricts4WDClub)

### Christmas Trip

### Weekend 22/23/24 November 2019

<b>Trip Details:</b>	Please see separate details in the Newsletter.
<b>Where:</b>	Jetty Caravan Park, Normanville.
<b>Cost:</b>	\$38/night (may be subject to change) \$9 pp extra (ditto above)
<b>Meet:</b>	Make your own way there.
<b>When:</b>	From Friday 22 to Sunday 24 November 2019 depending on how many nights you would like to stay
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Joann and Julie (Social Committee)
<b>More Info</b>	Details as per separate item in Newsletter. Please book early to avoid disappointment as other clubs are doing likewise for this weekend. for this weekend.. More details on the caravan park's website. Don't forget to add your name to the trip sheet so that Joann & Julie know how many people to cater for – please include any guests, eg grandchildren.

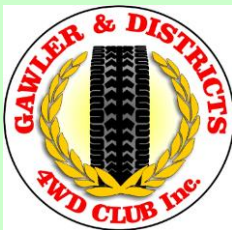
<b>Broken Hill/Silverton</b>	<b>Easter, Thursday 9 April to Monday 13 April 2020</b>
<b>Trip Details:</b>	Travelling to Broken Hill and Silverton. Staying at the Broken Hill Outback Resort. Dinner at the Mt Gibbs Hotel. Travel earlier or stay longer if you wish.
<b>Where:</b>	Broken Hill
<b>Cost:</b>	Powered site: \$40 per night for 2 adults
<b>Meet:</b>	Tarlee at 8.00 am
<b>When:</b>	Thursday 9 April 2020
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Quenton and Deb Earl, 0407 604 601
<b>More Info</b>	Book Broken Hill Outback Resort direct on 1300 688 225 ASAP with credit card to secure a powered site. See website <a href="http://www.brokenhilloutbackresort.com.au">www.brokenhilloutbackresort.com.au</a> . Some possible places to visit: Bells 1950's Milk Bar, the Palace Hotel, Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery, Sculpture & Living Desert Sanctuary, Line of Lode Miners Memorial, Jack Absalom's Gallery, Silverton including Silverton Hotel, Art Galleries, Mad Max Museum, Mundi Mundi Plains and more.

<b>Farina Bakery Run</b>	<b>Saturday 20th June to Friday 26th June, 2020</b>
<b>Trip Details:</b>	Exploring the historic ghost town of Farina & sampling the wares of the Underground Bakery
<b>Where:</b>	Farina, South Australia
<b>Cost:</b>	TBA
<b>Meet:</b>	TBA
<b>When:</b>	20th - 26th June, 2020
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Quenton & Deb Earl 0407 604 601
<b>More Info</b>	Staying in Shearer's Quarters. Bring your own food, water & bedding. see - <a href="http://www.farinarestoration.com">www.farinarestoration.com</a>

**Christmas in July 25/26 July 2020**

<b>Trip Details:</b>	Staying at the Riverton Caravan Park for the weekend (or coming just for Saturday night) Christmas 2 course meal at the Riverton Hotel on Saturday night.
<b>Where:</b>	Riverton
<b>Cost:</b>	\$35 per head, drinks extra at Riverton Hotel. Your cost at Caravan Park.
<b>Meet:</b>	Riverton Hotel, 6.30 pm Saturday night
<b>When:</b>	Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 July 2020
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Quenton Earl, 0407 604 601
<b>More Info</b>	Accommodation available at Riverton Caravan Park - 6 cabins and powered sites, see <a href="http://www.rivertoncaravanpark.com.au">www.rivertoncaravanpark.com.au</a> for further details. 3 Double rooms with shared bathroom available at Hotel and accommodation also available at the Tarlee Motel. Visit the Scholz Park Museum on Sunday at 11.00 am including working Blacksmith. Come for the night or stay the weekend – Book cabins early to avoid missing out.

**GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB**



**Stickers For Sale – Only \$2.00 each**  
**New design stickers complete with Web address – \$3.50 each**  
**Magnetic Name Badges – \$13.50 each**

**See Quenton at the General Meeting**





## **CHRISTMAS TRIP 2019**

**22/23/24 November 2019**

**Venue: Jetty Caravan Park at Normanville  
34 Jetty Road  
Normanville 5204  
Phone: 8558 2038**

**Website: [www.jettycaravanparknormanville.com.au](http://www.jettycaravanparknormanville.com.au)**

**Powered site \$38 / night**

**10 sites have been provisionally booked under the Gawler 4WD Club for the Saturday night and a 5% discount will apply . If anyone wants the Friday as well, they will need to mention it when booking.**

**Suggestion is to book as soon as possible as other groups are booking for the same reason for Christmas so book early to avoid disappointment. If you wish to book a cabin, a 5% discount applies as well (basic cabins.)**

**When booking let them know that you are with the Gawler 4WD Club.**

**If you are bringing a child or children, please don't forget to provide a small gift for each of them to be presented by Santa.**

**(Please see website for further details)**



## BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

◆◆September◆◆
Sandra (aka Mary)
Corry
Norma
Chris





**Don't forget to  
CHECK OUT OUR SPONSORS and ADVERTS**

Maybe you have something at home you would like to sell.  
Contact us for details

## FOR SALE

### FREE MEMBER'S "FOR SALE" ADVERTISING



Members can submit requests for a "FOR SALE" ad, free of charge, but there are some guidelines:

- (a) Maximum of 6 lines per ad (similar to a typical local newspaper ad)
- (b) Adverts can only appear for a maximum of 3 consecutive months
- (c) Must supply contact details (either a phone or email)
- (d) Editor reserves rights to reject and/or tailor any submitted adverts.

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

**SPONSOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**



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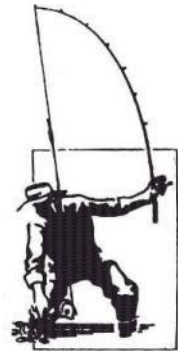
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[fishnout@bigpond.net.au](mailto:fishnout@bigpond.net.au)

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### GUEST SPEAKERS

	<i>These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:</i>	
	<b>11 October 2019</b>	RAA "Road Rules Quiz MkII" – Speaker Jan
	<b>8 November 2019</b>	Maralinga – Max and Lyn
	<b>13 December 2019</b>	AGM - bring supper to share Think about nominating for a position
	<b>14 February 2020</b>	Beyond Blue
	<b>3 April 2020</b>	Farina Restoration Group

### 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.**

October	November	December
Lyn Li	Bronte and Norma	Chris and Julie
Bob and Cindy	Roy and Bronwyn	Bob and Pauline

## 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:

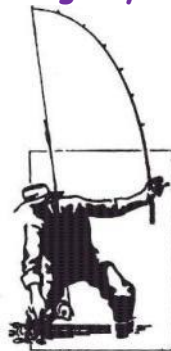
- (a) Each member may enter up to four (4) photos
- (b) Photos should be a copy (not originals) - Size 15cm x 10cm (6"x4")
- (c) Photos must have been taken on a club trip during the last 12 months (Nov 18 - Nov 19)
- (d) All photos must be labelled on the back with your name, where, and when, the photo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

## TRIP PLANNING

### Trip Suggestions (From September 2019 meeting)

Here is a summary of Trip Suggestions from our September 2019 meeting.

#### **Social outings/Events**

Golf day at Kapunda  
High Tea at Wohlers Tanunda  
Pt Adelaide Restaurant Boat trip  
ABC Tour  
Brewery Tour - Westend & Coopers

#### **Day Trips**

Victor Harbour  
Mt Lofty Botanic Gardens  
Carrick Hill  
Clare Winery tour  
Monarto Zoo  
Saunders Gorge

#### **Week-end Trips**

Burra to World's End Gorge  
Pt Germain - Melrose  
York Peninsular  
Copper Triangle  
Saunders Gorge Camping  
Border Track - Lameroo  
Beachport - Sand driving

#### **Long week-end Trips**

Pt Lincoln  
Gawler Ranges  
Mt Gambier

Cooper Pedy & Woomera

Eyre Peninsula

Harrow Light & Sound Show (Vic) &  
Serviceton Railway Station

Dangalli Conservation Park (maybe Oct long  
w/end)

Flinders Ranges - Argadells 4WD

Willangi - Peterborough

Naracoorte Caves

Painted Silos

Innes National Park

#### **Longer Trips**

Pt Fairy (Vic)

Simpson Desert

Marree, Oodnadatta, Coober Pedy

Ann Beadell Highway

Arkaroola (maybe Easter)

Gawler Ranges

Fraser Island

Streaky Bay & Whale watching

Margaret River

Pt Lincoln & surrounds

Pilbara

Kimberleys

Alice Springs & surrounds

## TRIP REPORTS

### Maralinga 2019 (No 3)

#### Maralinga Trip Report, by Annette Wheaton of the Wagga 4WD Club

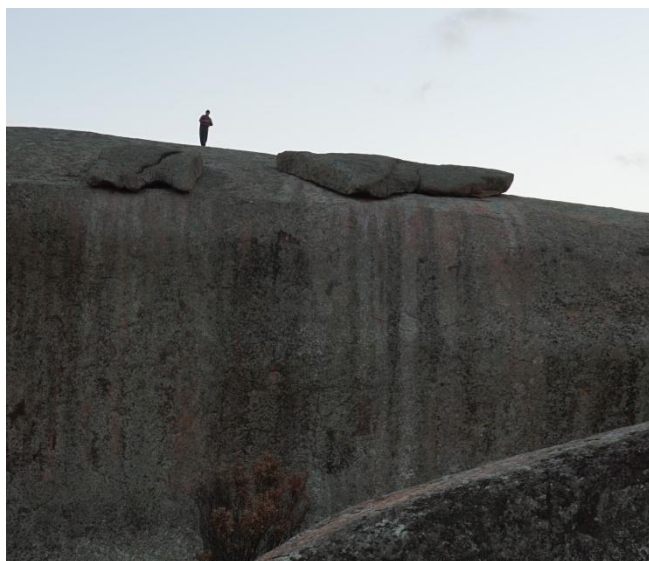
We began the trip by ambling through the small towns on the way to Tarlee, our meeting point with the Gawler 4WD club.

Upon arrival in Tarlee, we booked into my favourite motel in Australia, The Tarlee Motel. Andy and Margret, the owners of the Tarlee Motel, had lived in Woomera and in Andy's previous life he had been a security guard at Maralinga. They are both fascinating people, and it is a wonderful place to stay.

After settling in, we were invited to the Tarlee local community fund raising BBQ and bonfire on the Tarlee oval. The fire was raging, the snags delicious and a great night was had by all.

The next day we met up with the Gawler four-wheel drive club and the second stage of our adventure began. We were given a copy of an audio book by Judy Nunn called Maralinga; although primarily a love story, this audio book had a great deal of facts about Maralinga.

The first day's mission was to get to Pildappa Rock where we were to set up camp for the night. Along the way there were a few stop offs; silo art at Wirrabara was up first. We also had a look around Iron Knob and although it is now just a shadow of its former self, I was fascinated by this mine, the size and purpose. There was also good example of Dunny art at the rest stop as a bonus. Upon arriving in Kimba, I found out that it is the half way point from the east coast to the west coast of Australia. I had been driving for what felt like weeks, and I am only half way across Australia!



After Kimba we turned onto a well maintained dirt road that led us to Pildappa rock; a large granite outcrop, much like Wave rock in WA, only smaller. Pildappa Rock was breath taking, well worth a visit.

We packed up our gear in the morning, a little wet from the dew and light rain and headed on. After a brief lunch stop in Ceduna, as well as some supply gathering, we continued on to Penong. We stayed at Penong Caravan Park, in order to refresh as well as to make the early start in the morning a little easier.

Penong has a large display of windmills, both

historic and modern, used in the local area. The windmills have been donated by various members of the community and the collection even sports the largest functioning Comet windmill in Australia!

Onto the Main event of the trip: MARALINGA!

Maralinga is Aboriginal land owned by the Maralinga Tjarutja People. What a place! If you want to learn of the widely untold history of Australia this is a great place to start. The experience is well worth the money. Robyn Matthews was our tour guide and I have never come across a person that has his amount of knowledge and passion for a series of events. He managed to convey the three different versions of events; Australian government, Aboriginal and the British, without any bias, just facts. This is my strong recommendation of a must do trip.

Things you learn:

Maralinga has the biggest air strip in the southern hemisphere; a 2.7km bitumen strip with offshoots either end, that is maintained as an emergency landing strip for planes and, if needed, a backup landing strip for the US space shuttle. The selection of the strip for the backup space shuttle landing was largely due to the parts of the runway either end which sported 30m x 80m patch of 5m deep cement! The strip is around 70 years old and looks like new, as when the Brits arrived, they built everything to last the years they were expecting to stay as well as the changes in aircraft sizes that were bound to happen. They don't build them like that anymore.

The water collection infrastructure is fascinating; when it rains, the runoff from the parking area at the airport is funnelled into a holding dam. The runoff from an inch of rain on the airstrip could possibly keep Maralinga in water for up to 5 years.

The tour took us to several ground zero points, and to the 6 other atomic bomb testing sights. At the Breakaway ground zero, we were able to see where the dirt had been turned to glass, as a result of the heat of the explosion. It was originally one giant sheet of glass, but over time it has broken up into smaller green shards. The green of the glass is caused by the copper present in the soil. The tour also showed us where they buried all the radioactively contaminated equipment- including all vehicles, machinery and buildings in large pits. There are still areas at Maralinga that you cannot go as these areas have high radioactivity and will be off limits for at least 25,000 years. Yes, 25,000 years.

Leaving Maralinga, we went across to Watson which was the fletcher's village outside Maralinga. We checked out the old quarry and were amazed by the number of fossils. We continued on, over the Nullarbor Plain to the old Eyre Highway where we set up camp for the night. The track was rough in places but very doable. On the way across the Nullarbor Plain we came across a cave system, which contained Aboriginal paintings, and what appeared to be several blow holes above the caves. We also stumbled across the dog fence, a dead camel and a live dingo. The sunset and sunrise on the Nullarbor was an unforgettable experience.



On to the Great Australian Bight for a bit of whale watching! Head of the Bight at Nullarbor was a great place to view the Southern Right Whales and their calves. We even witnessed a great tail slapping event! We took a lot of photos that looked like floating logs in the water, at least we knew they were whales!



From the Bight, we headed back to Penong for the night via a brief stop at Port Le Hunte, just across some wonderful salt lakes. Martin left us

in the morning to continue on another adventure, and the rest of us moseyed back along the coastal route to Adelaide.

We managed to get in a bit more sightseeing. But first - Ceduna to replace a tyre that had blown out on the trip leader's caravan. Lessons learnt from this were: always stay at least 4 car lengths from the vehicle in front so as you have time to react and dodge the flying rubber, and check the manufacturing date on the tyre wall when you purchase new tyres as they have a use by date of 10 years.

One of the standout stops was Murphy's Haystacks; a group of Inselberg rock formations 40kms out of Streaky bay. The formations were caused by uneven weathering of pink Hiltaba Granite, and are magnificent. The granite itself is said to be some 1500 million years old.

Next, off to Point Labatt for lunch and sea lion viewing. The colony was actually at home, sunning themselves on the rocks below the cliff. Our adventure continued to the Talia Caves, where we got to see the wild ocean in action! We made it just in time as the daylight was dwindling, but well worth the stop.

We parted ways at Tumby Bay and continued the journey back to the Riverina.

Thanks again to the Gawler four-wheel drive club for inviting Wagga members to participate on this adventure, as usual it was a very well-run, unforgettable adventure. And a special thank you to Lyn and Max for planning the trip and ensuring everything ran smoothly!

**[Annette]**

## Dice Run Trip Report- Sunday 16 September 2019

Five cars met at Nuriootpa train park at 8.45am, Deb & Quenton Earl, Lisa & Stephen Cloughton, Sandra & Peter Harper, Cindy & Bob Mulyk, Peter Cusick & Joann Wuttke with their wonderful 3 granddaughters Madison, Charlie & Lily. First roll of the dice began the day with Stephen & Lisa rolling 22!! Setting the bar high for the rest of us. We left at 9.00am and headed for Swan Reach via Angaston. Drove past kilometres of amazing stone walls, apparently it took 2 men a long hard day of work to construct 6 feet of wall, -blows me away to think how many hours went into the walls we saw today!!

Arrived at Swan Reach for our first ferry crossing and shared morning tea, very windy but nice and sunny. The three little girls loved the playground. Another throw of the dice with Stephen & Lisa now on 29, Harpers & Earls coming up the rear with 15.....we won't mention the other scores.

From Swan Reach we headed to Walker Flat with a stop at the Big Bend lookout to enjoy the view of the River Murray. Managed about 6 drops of rain on the way to Walker Flat, for our second ferry crossing and next throw of the dice whilst crossing the river. Cloughton's now have a score of 34 but watch out the Earl's are creeping up with a score of 23.

We left Walker Flat and headed to Mannum for our third ferry crossing and next roll of the dice, Cloughton's now on 43, the Mulyk's are now runners up with 32!! Off the ferry and on our way to Murray Bridge for lunch.

Arrived at Murray Bridge and set up for lunch at Sturt Reserve, the little ones were kept busy with the swans and seagulls. Sturt Reserve was very busy with many families enjoying the sun and of course the Bunyip, that was very entertaining. We had the final throw of the dice and needless to say, with a total score of 58 the Cloughton's were outright 1<sup>st</sup> prize winners. Peter & Joann came in last but did not miss out on a prize.

At 1.20pm we loaded into the vehicles and headed to the Round House for a very informative talk from the volunteers. We had a look through the house with it's many memorabilia items, the girls had fun in the old school room. The dining room was set up beautifully for us and low and behold Quenton was overjoyed to see scones, jam & cream were on the menu for afternoon tea. Also had cuppa's in proper cups, something many of us had not enjoyed for a very long time. After spending time at the Round House we all went our separate ways back home.

Thank you to Quenton & Deb for another enjoyable day trip, and look forward to the next trip in October.

[Cindy]

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## The Six Sided Murray Bridge Round House

The Round House was built from 1873-1876 for Mr Henry Parker, the superintendent overseeing the construction of the first bridge to span the Murray River.

Constructed of local sandstone, its distinctive hexagonal shape reflects the style of a traditional English toll house, as the building is believed to have originally been intended to collect a toll for bridge crossings.

It is said that Mr Parker diverted labour and materials from the bridge project, with reports that "...he is doing what he likes, he is building a great stone house at the entrance of the bridge" and that "...some thousands of pounds are sunk here while the more important works of continuing the metal road to the bridge are neglected." The house came to be known as "Parker's Folly," a veritable mansion among the few pug and pine structures in the wilderness.

Being the first substantial building in Murray Bridge it played a significant part in the early history and development of the township. On completion of the bridge in 1879, the Round House served for several years as a school, post office, church and council chambers.

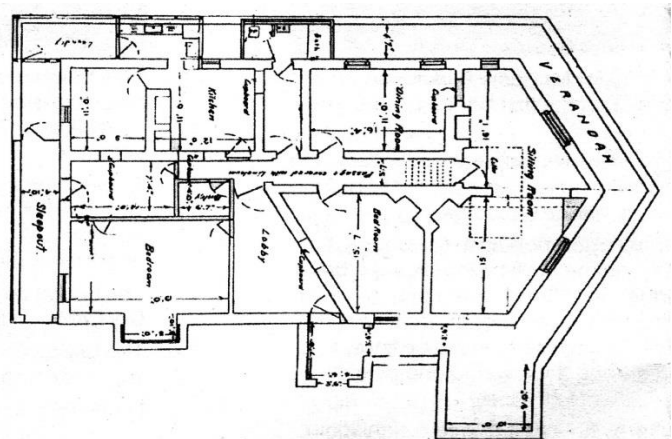
From 1884 the Round House was placed under the control of the Railways Commissioner. Referred to as Railway Cottage Number 146, for nearly 100 years the building was continuously occupied as a residence for senior administrative officers including bridge keepers, foremen and superintendents of the South Australian Railways.

The Round House lost its iconic hexagonal shape when it was extended in 1918 to accommodate the families of railway staff.

The Round House remained the property of the Railways until 1988 when it was purchased by the Rural City of Murray Bridge to ensure its ongoing conservation.



Round House Circa 1890



Round House Floor Plan 1918

**(Information supplied by The Round House, Murray Bridge)**

## TRIP LEADING AND PLANNING COURSE

Traditionally, the Driver Training Unit of FWDSA has conducted a Trip Planning and Leading Course each October. This year's course was scheduled for 20 October. However, seems like the promotion of this course was minimal and, consequently, no nominations have been received.

Fear Not!!

Historically, this course has been run by members of the TLCCSA and there were 10 nominations at the start of September. So, the course will go ahead as a TLCCSA event.

The TLCCSA has opened up the course to all clubs on a first come, first served basis. Details are:

When: Sunday 20 October, 9am to 4pm

Where: Sporting Car Club, Unley

Cost: \$10 per person

There are only a few places left, so please let me know if you would like to nominate.

[Peter, 04 1052 6317]

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## THE DUNNY OUT THE BACK

They were funny looking buildings, that were once a way of life,  
If you couldn't sprint the distance, then you really were in strife.  
They were nailed, they were wired, but were mostly falling down,  
There was one in every yard, in every house, in every town.

They were given many names, some were even funny,  
But to most of us, we knew them as the outhouse or the dunny.  
I've seen some of them all gussied up, with painted doors and all,  
But it really made no difference, they were just a port of call.

Now my old man would take a bet, he'd lay an even pound,  
That you wouldn't make the dunny with them turkeys hangin' round.  
They had so many uses, these buildings out the back,"  
You could even hide from mother, so you wouldn't get the strap.

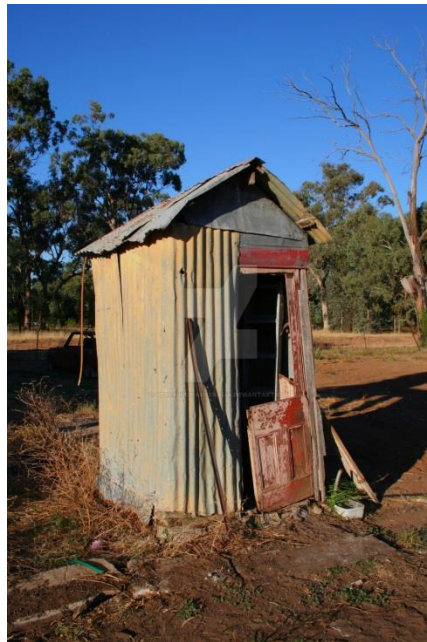
That's why we had good cricketers, never mind the bumps,  
We used the pathway for the wicket and the dunny door for stumps.  
Now my old man would sit for hours, the smell would rot your socks,  
He read the daily back to front in that good old thunderbox.

And if by chance that nature called sometime through the night,  
You always sent the dog in first, for there was no flamin' light.  
And the dunny seemed to be the place where crawlies liked to hide,  
But never ever showed themselves until you sat inside.

There was no such thing as Sorbent, no tissues there at all,  
Just squares of well-read newspaper, a hangin' on the wall.  
If you had some friendly neighbours, as neighbours sometimes are,  
You could sit and chat to them, if you left the door ajar..

When suddenly you got the urge, and down the track you fled,  
Then of course the magpies were there to peck you on your head.  
Then the time there was a wet, the rain it never stopped,  
If you had an urgent call, you ran between the drops.

The dunny man came once a week, to these buildings out the back,  
And he would leave an extra can, if you left for him a zac.  
For those of you who've no idea what I mean by a zac,  
Then you're too young to have ever had, a dunny out the back.



*(Thanks to Westprint Friday Five – original author of poem Judy Jenkinson)*