

Gawler & Districts

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4WD Club Newsletter

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Founded in 2002



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



October Fest 2019 - Merna Mora 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						2020					
<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					8	13		14	13	3	8	12
Committee						4		5	4			3
				30					25	29		

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

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

October 2018
See the attached Minutes (members only)

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

Presidents Report:

This month's Guest Speakers are Max & Lyn talking about their Maralinga Trip. I always enjoy our own club member's sharing their experiences - so should be good!

This month also sees our Photo Competition close - so get those photos printed ready to bring in to John. The "Open" section will be chosen by our sponsors Gawler Fishing & Outdoors. The People's Choice award has three categories sponsored by Annette from the Wagga Wagga Club. REMEMBER - Entries close at this meeting.

Our first "Trip Lotto" trip was the Adelaide Gaol led by Pete & Jo with 16 people enjoying perfect weather & a great day out. Well done Pete & Jo! Another Trip Lotto "winner" will be drawn at this November meeting.

Are you on Facebook? To spread our Club's message please "like" our page and "share" posts with your friends. This is a cost effective way to advertise our club.

If you are interested in finding out more about Australian Explorer Sir Hubert Wilkins, go online to see some work digitised of the Wilkins Collection held by the Ohio State University. Google "Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center", click on "Search Ohio State" and type in "Sir Hubert Wilkins".

Here you can click on "Sir Hubert Wilkins Papers" and you can read the history of Sir Hubert as well as his record Chronology.

[Quenton]

Editors Report:

Hello everyone and welcome to the November edition of the Newsletter - wow, only one more to go for the year!

As you can see from Coming Events, we have quite a few different trips listed for 2020 already so please support them and add your names to the trip lists.

Don't forget the Christmas raffle - only a short time left to make a donation to either Jo or Julie and the raffle will be drawn at the December meeting. While on that point, it's also the AGM so please think seriously about whether you'd like to take a position on the committee. It's certainly not an onerous task and you will be well supported by other committee members.

I'm sure the Christmas trip in a couple of weeks' time will be very enjoyable and thanks go to Jo and Julie for organising it and don't forget the next "trip lotto" trip to Martindale Hall. Please add your name to the trip sheets if you haven't already done so.

Thanks to Pauline, Bronwyn and Sandra for supplying trip reports for Merna Mora and the Adelaide Gaol trips.

That's it for another month, see you in December.

[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

Trip Lotto Mintaro and Martindale

17th November 2019

Trip Details:	Visiting Martindale Hall and the Mintaro Maze
Where:	Clare Valley
Cost:	\$22 per adult and \$10 per child (minimum of 12 people)
Meet:	Probably Tarlee, won't be too early
When:	17 November 2019
Trip Leader:	Pete and Sandra
More Info	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).

Christmas Trip

Weekend 22/23/24 November 2019

Trip Details:	Please see separate details in the Newsletter.
Where:	Jetty Caravan Park, Normanville.
Cost:	\$38/night (may be subject to change) \$9 pp extra (ditto above)
Meet:	Make your own way there.
When:	From Friday 22 to Sunday 24 November 2019 depending on how many nights you would like to stay
Trip Leader:	Joann and Julie (Social Committee)
More Info	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.

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 Lotto

Benson Park

11/12 January 2020

Waikerie

Trip Details: To be advised

Where:

Cost:

Meet:

When: 11/12 January 2020

Trip Leader: Steve & Lisa Cloughton

More Info More details when to hand

Caroona Creek

Mt Bryan

7-9 March 2020

Trip Details: To be advised

Where:

Cost:

Meet:

When: 7th to 9th March 2020 (long weekend)

Trip Leader: Bob & Pauline Tonkin

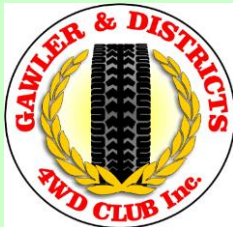
More Info When to hand

Broken Hill/Silverton	Easter, Thursday 9 April to Monday 13 April 2020
Trip Details:	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.
Where:	Broken Hill
Cost:	Powered site: \$40 per night for 2 adults
Meet:	Tarlee at 8.00 am
When:	Thursday 9 April 2020
Trip Leader:	Quenton and Deb Earl, 0407 604 601
More Info	Book Broken Hill Outback Resort direct on 1300 688 225 ASAP with credit card to secure a powered site. See website www.brokenhilloutbackresort.com.au . 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.

Farina Bakery Run	Saturday 20th June to Friday 26th June, 2020
Trip Details:	Exploring the historic ghost town of Farina & sampling the wares of the Underground Bakery Limits: minimum 6, maximum 16 people
Where:	Farina, South Australia
Cost:	TBA
Meet:	TBA
When:	20th - 26th June, 2020
Trip Leader:	Quenton & Deb Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	Staying in Shearer's Quarters. Bring your own food, water & bedding. see - www.farinarestoration.com

Christmas in July 25/26 July 2020

Trip Details:	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.
Where:	Riverton
Cost:	\$35 per person , drinks extra at Riverton Hotel. Your cost at Caravan Park.
Meet:	Riverton Hotel, 6.30 pm Saturday night
When:	Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 July 2020
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl, 0407 604 601
More Info	Accommodation available at Riverton Caravan Park - 6 cabins and powered sites, see www.rivertoncaravanpark.com.au 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

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:



◆◆November◆◆
<i>February must have been a quiet month.....</i>



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

SPONSOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



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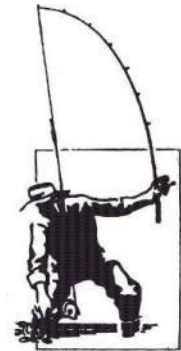
Gawler Fishing & Outdoors

48 Murray St Gawler SA 5118
Phone 08 8522 6200

fishnout@bigpond.net.au

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One off Advert : \$10	

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GUEST SPEAKERS



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

8 November 2019	Maralinga – Max and Lyn
13 December 2019	AGM - bring supper to share Think about nominating for a position
14 February 2020	Beyond Blue
3 April 2020	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.

November	December	February 2019
Bronte and Norma	Chris and Julie	Colin
Roy and Bronwyn	Bob and Pauline	Brenton and Keryn

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

Last chance



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 REPORTS

Octoberfest Trip Report 1

The trip started on 4th October 2019 at 8am with 3 cars meeting at Tarlee. Trip leaders were John and Jane Jansen and the other trip members were Roy and Bronwyn and Bob and Pauline. With happy hearts and good company we travelled to Jamestown and stopped for our morning coffee at the bakery.

Next stop was at Hawker where we stopped for lunch and refuelling. The traffic was reasonable for a long weekend but the temperature was climbing and it was in the high 30s when we reached our destination at Merna Mora. It was quite a sight, cars, vans tents and people everywhere but it didn't take long for them to direct us to our camp sites. I believe there were around 96 cars assembled for the event.

After setting up our vans, we went to collect our goodie bags. There were all the usual promotional items and information and a large bottle of port, and according to all reports it was not a bad drop!

Next we settled down for our happy hour and checked out the trips for the next 2 days.

It was a credit to the organisers as listing our trip preferences went rather smoothly considering the large amount of people present doing the same thing. The trips catered for both the adventurous people and those who just wanted an easy four wheel drive.



There was supposed to be a band playing and a camp oven competition that evening but it was cancelled due to the weather, however, we did enjoy a great happy hour supplied by a member of the Mt. Lofty 4WD club - Paul (sorry I can't remember his last name.)

On Saturday the Jansen's and ourselves went on the trip called "The Oakes." It was a fairly easy but scenic track and one that is usually not open to the public but we were able to gain access because the trip leader was friends with the owner.

The day was very hot and windy and we were glad to get back to camp to have a shower.



Sunday was a much better day as the temperature had dropped down to the mid 20s. We were the only car from Gawler 4WD club as Roy and Bronwyn did this track on Saturday when there was a large group. There were only 4 cars for the day, 2 from the Adventures and 1 from the Mt Lofty 4WD club.

The 1st stop was at Rawnsley Park to get our maps and keys for the gates. Then we went along the Chace Range meandering through beautiful rocks and vegetation. We stopped at the Pugilist Hill lookout, Wilpena Creek lookout and Prelinna lookout. The views were breathtaking and the tracks were moderate. The company was great and we finished our trip at Rawnsley Park and enjoyed some ice cream before heading back to camp.



Unfortunately the camp oven cook off was cancelled due to the windy condition but we were entertained by the band in a beautiful setting by the creek bed - what a way to end the event! The weather God had the last laugh, from soaring heat to very chilly so that everyone had to rug up for the last night.

Monday morning we started early with a knock on the door to announce that breakfast was ready, supplied by the Nissan Patrol Club, followed by the drawing of the raffle tickets. There were prizes galore and I managed to win a bottle of wine so hence Gawler 4WD club was mentioned.

We had a wonderful weekend and a big "thank you" must go to the Mt Lofty4WD club for putting on such a great show and thanks to their members for putting in the hard work for months to make it a success. Thanks also to the Nissan 4WD club for doing breakfast and it was great to see so many 4WD clubs from SA and even Victoria supporting the event.

Thank you John and Jane for leading the trip.

[Pauline]

Octoberfest Trip Report 2

Sunday 6th October

Roy & I joined other club members to navigate The Wowee 4WD trail on the Merna Mora property. Trip leader was Chris Gear from the Mt. Lofty Ranges club.

We started with 9 vehicles at 9-30am after instructions about the track from our trip leader. The track had several steep, slippery and rocky/shale ascents and descents. There were beautiful 360 degree vistas of the ranges and Piedmont Plains to the north and west of the track. At the top of the hill was Mt. Deception to the north and Beltana to the northwest. To the north side of the creek 3.7 kms further on was the Bunbinyunna track coming down out of the mountains. The trees in the area are slatey sheoaks and black oaks (all in need of a good drink.)

Further up the rise were wild apricot trees (the fruit of these trees is extremely bitter and inedible.) The rocky outcrops half way along the track going up a hilly area are very good vantage points for wedge-tail eagles. The hill to the left is known as Wedge-tail Lookout. Towards the end of the track in this general area are a lot of copper mines. Most of the holes/shafts were mined with little success. The track ends at an old quarry road and 50 metres towards the windmill there is a large sheet of rock on this side of the fence where there are imprints which (with some imagination) look like an Aboriginal woman together with a child's footprint. This track was an easy/ moderate 4WD track (depending on wet / dry conditions) taking approximately two and a half hours also depending on the number of vehicles involved. This was a very enjoyable morning with great views experienced by all who participated.



The whole weekend was well organised, with a great band on Sunday night and a good way to meet members from other clubs. An excellent venue. We will definitely return.

[Roy & Bronwyn Schwarz]

Adelaide Gaol and Vili's Day Trip - 26 October 2019

Trip Leaders Jo and Pete

Off we headed to Adelaide to meet at the Adelaide Gaol at 10:30am to spend hours being locked up at the gaol which is one of the oldest remaining colonial public buildings in Adelaide, then have a good meal at Vili's restaurant after.

As it was close to Halloween the gaol had a dress up for the children to come in Halloween costumes and go on a hunt following clues around the gaol to find "Mr Mouse" and a letter that gave us a clue to the secret words at the end, "Hocus Pocus." Plenty of children came dressed in their Halloween costumes so at times there were some pretty scary faces looking at you. Blake & Ava took off at lightning speed to see what they could find leaving me to play catch up around the gaol. They were both pretty pleased with themselves at the end to get their certificates.

After being fortified with coffee or hot chocolate, we ventured into the gaol to have a rare insight to what it was like to be a prisoner from March 1841 to when it was decommissioned on the 4 February 1988. Over that time many changes were made but it was still hard for them. We Trudged through the sombre halls and cells and then into the hanging tower where 45 prisoners were executed during the gaol's 147 year old history.



The gaol was designed by George Strickland Kingston after Governor Gawler put out tenders. He was sent back to England as he was sending South Australia broke and the gaol took a while to be built. It is made from Basalt rock which was quarried behind the Yatala gaol. You can walk down through the Stockade Botanic gardens to Dry Creek and see the quarry and there is a stone hut and stone fenced in yard that prisoners were locked up in if they played up while down there working. The gaol housed men, women and children. The first Governor of the goal was William Baker Ashton and the gaol was referred to as the Ashton Hotel. His wife looked after the female prisoners and tried to teach them life skills of sewing and cooking.

William Ashton actually died in his upstairs office at the gaol and, when found, rigor mortis had set in and as a result they couldn't get him down the steps so he had to be lowered out of a window. It is said that he still haunts the gaol today as he has never left.

It was difficult in the prison as they had no sewerage to their cells as it wasn't invented. At first, they used buckets but then it was too expensive and In the early



80's they got porta potties. They had to stop using the well at the gaol in the 1900's as it got too polluted due to the gaol and the city waste being buried too close to the River Torrens.

Disease was rife in the prison for a lot of years as medical and dental assistance was poor. You had to prove you had pain before you could be seen by the doctor when he came which maybe was once or twice a week if you were lucky. They had limited equipment which was often second hand and out of date. Disease such as Small Pox, Typhus fever (gaol fever), Impetigo and Tuberculosis were just some of the diseases treated.

Punishment was harsh in the early days and 24 listed offences warranted a flogging:

- **1890's:**
 - Under 18's cane and birch whips
 - Adults 150 strokes with thin leather whips soaked in water
- **1930's**
 - 25 -30 strokes
- **Final years**
 - 8-12 strokes

This punishment was abolished in 1976 with the last whipping being in 1964. Over 300,000 prisoners had gone through the doors before it closed in 1988.

- The first public hanging was in 1840
- 7 public hangings outside the gaol
- 13 in the North West lane area
- 21 in the new building
- 4 in the hanging tower

The last person to be hanged at Adelaide gaol was Glen Valance on 24 November 1964. The only woman to be hanged at the Adelaide gaol was Elizabeth Woolcook 1873. They are all buried between the inner and outer walls of the gaol and their initials are on the inner wall with the date of death.

You had to have a job while in gaol and as the gaol was run self-sufficiently the jobs included gardening, assisting with building public buildings, repair and maintenance of the gaol itself and cutting fire wood. They also had an olive grove which sold olive oil to the public. The women sewed, cooked and cleaned, until a new prison was built at Northfield. A bakery was built in later years which taught skills for when prisoners were released.

The laundry did washing for hospitals which included sheets and nappies. They also washed army blankets as well as the prison's laundry. This area was a good area to work in as contraband was often smuggled in - alcohol, tailor made cigarettes and drugs would come in tied in knots in the laundry. They were pretty ingenious at smuggling or hiding things in cut out books, pens and the false bottoms of tins. They also worked out how to do tattooing prison style.

Sister Mary MacKillop with the sisters of Saint Joseph often visited the prison and had a lot influence over the prisoners whereas other people didn't. They help them to reform, taught housekeeping, sewing, knitting and cooking skills to the female prisoner as these provided an alternative means of employment to prostitution. Sister Mary was quite often present when prisoners were executed. The Salvation Army has also had a big presence in the Adelaide gaol over the years.



After being worn out at the gaol we headed to Vili's for lunch and, as always, it was packed and very busy but most fulfilling - you can't go passed a good custard tart!!

Being the last to leave Keryn and Brenton, Jo and Pete, Wayne, Ava and myself went to the Stockade Botanic gardens and walked around the area to see the quarry and stone hut where the rock was taken to build the Adelaide Gaol. It must have been back breaking work.

Thank you Jo and Pete for an interesting and fun day

[Sandra Heintze]

GENERAL INFORMATION

Places to visit - Whyalla Maritime Museum, South Australia

The Whyalla Maritime Museum is home of the former HMAS Whyalla, the first ship built at the Whyalla Shipyard in 1941. It stands high and dry two kilometres inland from its birthplace and two metres off the ground. Every year thousands of visitors enjoy actually walking under the ship before boarding it with a tour guide for a truly unique experience.

The nearby museum building houses a treasured collection of artefacts and memorabilia including;

A journey through HMAS Whyalla's World War II involvement and BHP's shipbuilding years.

A natural history section featuring the upper Spencer Gulf's diverse marine environment.

Matthew Flinders' journals and charts, reflecting early maritime heritage.

Background of HMAS Whyalla (J153/B252).

The Whyalla was one of 60 Bathurst-class corvettes constructed during World War II and commissioned into the Royal Australian Navy (RAN).

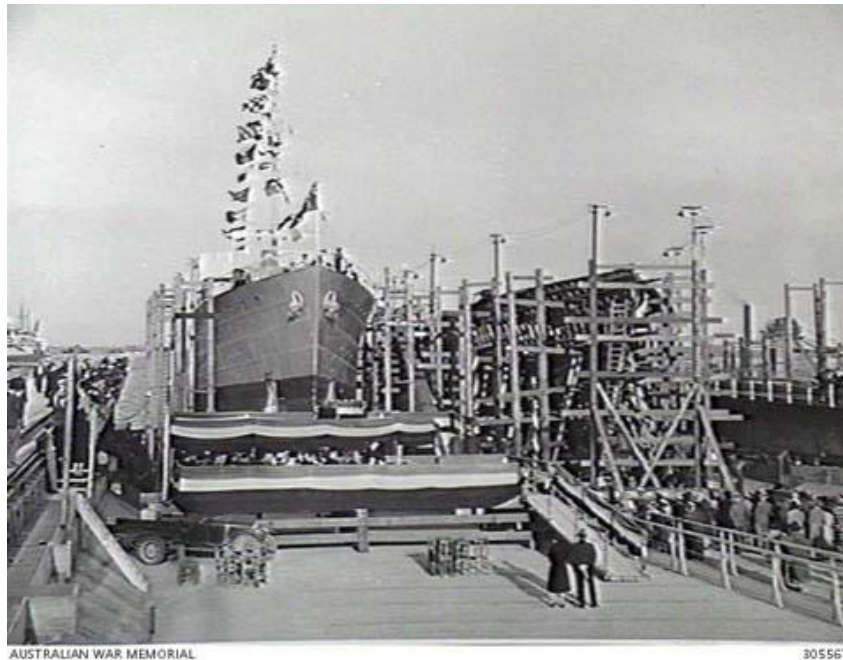
Launched on 12 May 1941 the Whyalla was the first ship built by the Whyalla shipyard and had a top speed 28.7 kph with a range 2850 nautical miles (5280 kilometres).

The ship was in Sydney Harbour during the Japanese midget submarine attack of 31 May 1942. Twelve days later, she was escorting a southbound convoy when the freighter Guatemala was torpedoed and sunk by a Japanese submarine, the only ship to be lost in a convoy escorted by Whyalla.

In December 1942, the Whyalla was assigned to New Guinea and in April 1943 proceeded to Milne Bay, where it was part of the anchorage attacked by approximately 100 Japanese aircraft. Not seriously damaged the corvette assisted sister ships Kapunda and Wagga in the rescue effort.

Whyalla returned to Australia and spent the rest of the war performing minesweeping, escort, and anti-submarine duties.

After the war Whyalla was sold to the Victorian Public Works Department and used as a lighthouse maintenance ship. In 1984 the Whyalla City Council learned that the corvette was to be scrapped and they negotiated a purchase. The ship sailed back to Whyalla with a volunteer crew of 11 in late 1984 and was moored in her launching slipway until 1987, when she was moved two kilometres inland to become the centrepiece of the museum as the largest landlocked ship in Australia.



The Corvette Whyalla at BHP's shipyard, Whyalla South Australia.

Caravan Quality Assurance

Carrying on with the "Caravan" theme for the year, you might find this snippet of information interesting.

With so many people buying caravans, camper trailers and motor homes these days it is important that you do your own homework both before you make a purchase and before any trip or holiday. There are a wealth of resources, technical information and articles like the one below freely available from the Caravan Council of Australia.

Many people assume that the legal requirements for manufacturers of caravans and camper-trailers for ensuring full Compliance and high Quality, are the same as those for motor vehicles. They are not.

Before a motor vehicle model can be offered for sale in Australia, detailed credible documentation, proving that it complies with all applicable ADR's (Australian Design Rules), must be submitted to VSS (Vehicle Safety Standards). to affix Compliance Plates to their vehicles. Manufacturers of motor vehicles must have Approval from VSS (Vehicle Safety Standards) to affix Compliance Plates to their vehicles. To be confident that no changes have been made, and that compliance continues, CoP (Conformity of Production) random audits are regularly conducted by VSS personnel.

Manufacturers of caravans (and camper-trailers) can simply affix Trailer Plates to their vehicles... via the accepted scheme of "Self-Certification".

Manufacturers of motor vehicles are also legally required to have a professional QSD (Quality System Documentation) program in place. Manufacturers of caravans and camper-trailers have no such legal requirement.

More information can be found at www.caravancouncil.com.au

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