

Gawler & Districts

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# 4WD Club Newsletter

December 2019



Founded in 2002



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



*Gawler and Districts 4WD Club with everyone a*

*Merry Christmas*

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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>						<b>13</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Committee</b>								<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>3</b>
									<b>25</b>	<b>29</b>		

***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

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

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## NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

### Presidents Report:

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This meeting is the AGM. Please consider nominating for a Committee position. None of the positions are particularly onerous as any current Committee member will tell you. Please be involved in the running of your club. We are only a small club, so all members should consider taking a turn on the Committee at some stage.

***NOTE -please remember to bring a plate of supper to share.***

Thinking of being on the Committee and involved in your club reminded me of an old saying.

*Once upon a time there were four people named Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody. When there was an important job to be done, Everybody was sure Somebody would do it.*

*Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did.*

*When Nobody did it,*

*Everybody got angry because it was Somebody's job.*

*Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Somebody realized that Nobody would do it.*

*So it ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody because Nobody did what Anybody could have done.*

I would like to wish all members and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and please be safe on the roads.

[Quenton]

### Editors Report:

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Hello everyone and welcome to the last Newsletter for 2019.

Well, what a great time was had by everyone at Normanville for our Christmas trip. It stayed sunny and bright, if a little cool, but everyone including the children seemed to enjoy themselves. Julie and Jo did a wonderful job in arranging the weekend and thanks must go to both of them for all the planning they did to make it a fun weekend and the complete success it was. I must say I'm particularly grateful that the committee changed the date of the weekend from when it is normally held as that weekend was cold, wet and miserable even though we were officially into summer.

Thank you to those people who joined us for the Martindale Hall/Mintaro Maze weekend. The weather was absolutely perfect and I think everyone who came enjoyed themselves.

Our December meeting is the last one for the year and as it's the AGM please consider taking a position on the committee - Quenton has said it all above!!

Pete and I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a safe, Happy New Year. We hope you have a wonderful time with family and friends and look forward to seeing you all refreshed in the New Year.

[Sandra]



## COMING EVENTS

<b>Trip Lotto</b>	
<b>Benson Park</b>	<b>11/12 January 2020</b>
<b>Waikerie</b>	
<b>Trip Details:</b>	To be advised
<b>Where:</b>	
<b>Cost:</b>	
<b>Meet:</b>	
<b>When:</b>	11/12 January 2020
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Steve & Lisa Cloughton
<b>More Info</b>	More details when to hand

<b>Caroona Creek</b>	
<b>Mt Bryan</b>	<b>7-9 March 2020</b>
<b>Trip Details:</b>	
	To be advised
<b>Where:</b>	
<b>Cost:</b>	
<b>Meet:</b>	
<b>When:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2020 (long weekend)
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Bob & Pauline Tonkin
<b>More Info</b>	When to hand

## 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.



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

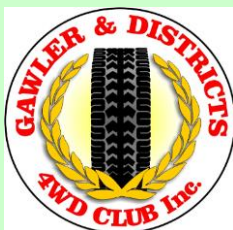


**Broken Hill/Silverton****Easter, Thursday 9 April to Monday 13 April 2020**

<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.

**Farina Bakery Run Saturday 20th June to Friday 26th June, 2020**

<b>Trip Details:</b>	Exploring the historic ghost town of Farina & sampling the wares of the Underground Bakery Limits: minimum 6, maximum 16 people
<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>

**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 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 person , 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.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

◆◆ December ◆◆
Peter C



**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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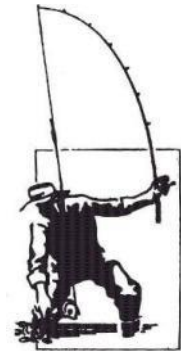
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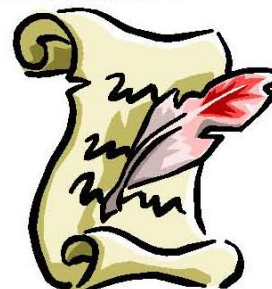
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### GUEST SPEAKERS



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

<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.**

<i>December</i>	<i>February 2020</i>	<i>March 2020</i>
Chris and Julie	Colin	Jo and Pete
Bob and Pauline	Brenton and Keryn	ROger

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 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 REPORTS

### Trip to Martindale Hall and Mintaro Maze

Meeting point was at Tarlee. Departure time was 9:30 sharp. Trip leaders were Pete and Sandra with a convoy of 9 vehicles - Lyn & Max, Bob & Cindy, Peter & Jo, Keryn Brent & Wil, Quentin & Deb, Stephen & Lisa, Julie & Chris with tail end Charlie John and Jane. It was a sunny morning, a bit chilly for some, with a current temp of 16 & an expected top of 24 degrees.

We arrived at Martindale Hall @ 10:15. Upon arriving we were greeted by Sharon and Michael Morris. Michael gave us an interesting run down on the history of the hall. Martindale Hall was built between 1879 and 1880 for Edmond Bowen at cost of £30,000 and has some 32 rooms and a large cellar of 7 rooms. The rooms were grand with plenty of history within them. We were left to wander around Martindale Hall at our leisure.



Upon leaving we had a group photo taken on the steps in front of Martindale Hall. We then made our way to Mintaro Maze.



Mintaro Maze was built in 1995 by Michael Morris and his family, Sharon his wife, Jacinta and Tyson along with a group of friends. They planted over 800 Castlewelling Gold conifers to form the maze in the Autumn/Winter of 1995. The maze was watered for the first 3 years and then again in its 5<sup>th</sup> year so that was ready for the public opening on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2000. The maze is trimmed twice a year which takes around 50 hrs of trimming each time.

We were given the choice to complete the "maze quiz" while wandering through. Some of us begged to differ with the answers provided. A good time had by all who wandered through the maze and once we had all finished we sat down and had lunch.



Next stop on the agenda was Burra Gorge for afternoon tea. It was a nice spot for afternoon tea and we were treated to jam and cream scones, unfortunately, complete with plenty of "flying currants" that descended on us as soon as we sat down!!! Wil showed us another use for a mesh washing basket - tip it upside down and place it on the head. As a result, Wil was the only one not swishing the numerous flies away. Scones were enjoyed by all. Thank you Sandra.

From here we made our own way home.

Thank you to Pete and Sandra for a great trip. A great day was had by all who were there.

[Joann]

## Normanville Christmas Party

Present: Deb & Quenton, Sandra, Wayne & Ava, Bob & Pauline, Roy & Bronwyn, Pete, Jo, Madeline & Charlie, Keryn, Brent & Wil, Bob & Cindy, Sandra & Pete, Chris & Julie, Norma & Bronte, Lyn & Max

The club members who decided to go to Normanville did so under their own steam staying a few days, a weekend or just a day! We all met up at the Normanville Jetty Caravan Park which turned out to be a very busy place probably due to the fact that it was "Schoolies week" at Victor Harbor.

The caravan park was well appointed and most of the Four Wheel Drive club members shared a common area with some people opting to hire cabins. Fortunately, the weather was sunny if a little on the cool side but that didn't deter anyone from enjoying themselves.

Those of us who were camped by Friday evening enjoyed an evening meal in the local pub rather than going to the trouble of cooking for ourselves. This of course followed "happy hour" which was held in the vicinity of Bob and Pauline's caravan.

On Saturday most people did their own thing during the day - some of us went sightseeing, others went shopping, some decided to go to the beach to while away a few hours and others just relaxed.

As the afternoon progressed, salads were made to accompany the BBQ and we made our way to the camp kitchen where we hoped to hold the meal inside. Unfortunately, we were pipped at the post as the inside tables were set up by another group for a birthday celebration.



The meat was divided into three and our trusty barbecuers headed off to three different barbecue locations within the caravan park. While this was going on, the other party using the camp kitchen, dispersed and left the area. We took the opportunity to move inside and set up tables for our meal. We also set up the salads in the kitchen area and waited for the cooked meat to arrive.

Once everything was in place, we enjoyed our meal amid banter and jollity from everyone around the table, the Christmas spirit was certainly in abundance. Dessert was served and the clearing away done with everyone lending a helping hand.

Much to the children's surprise a very slim Santa appeared together with his sack - we need to feed him up for next year!! Presents were handed to the children who ripped them open to see what Santa had brought. Wil was fortunate to receive some Lego

which he promptly sat down and completed. Ava, Maddy & Charlie were happy with what they had received and spent some time together playing.

After Santa departed, it was then the adults turn to receive their "Kris Kringle" gift. This was done by the drawing of names from a hat with Brent being the first recipient so he had the pick of the table. Choosing the closest gift to him, he opened it and found he'd received a Christmas chicken complete with scarf. Eventually, everyone had a turn in choosing a gift from the table which they then exchanged for something already opened, which caused great hilarity, or opted to keep what they'd chosen for themselves. The chicken, reindeer, lollies and vase changed hands a few times before the evening was finished.

Another enjoyable Christmas weekend was had by all thanks to Julie & Jo who made it all happen.



[Sandra & Pete]

## SOME PHOTOS FROM MARTINDALE HALL AND CHRISTMAS PARTY



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### THE HISTORY OF MINTARO MAZE

Mintaro Maze was designed by Michael Morris, with the original plan on paper being altered due to the design not fitting on the odd shaped block, so the maze took its shape as he went along pegging it out by eye and imagination.

Mintaro Maze is planted on land that was originally used to impound bullock traffic back in the 1800's. Bullock teams travelling between Burra and Port Wakefield would stop in Mintaro to rest so the stockmen would impound their animals and make their way to the local pub "The Magpie and Stump" being an important "watering hole" for thirsty bullock drivers. When planting the maze many old beer bottles and horse shoes were dug up which are reminders of a bygone era.

Mintaro Maze was planted by the Morris family in 1995. Michael, Sharon, Jacinta and Tyron Morris, along with a group of willing friends, planted over 800 Castlewelland Gold (*Cupressocyparis leylandii*) conifers into its form of a maze in the Autumn/Winter of 1995. The maze was watered for the first three years, the fourth year it wasn't watered so the trees could establish independence. Then again in 2000, its fifth year, it was watered again for this one year to support the trees and gain extra growth ready for the opening to the public on 28 October 2000. The maze hasn't been watered since the year 2000 making it a truly water wise garden. The only parts of the maze garden that are watered are the pot plants and a small grassed area ..... just as long as the Clare valley isn't in drought!

Unfortunately, due to some years of drought in the Clare Valley, a few of the more challenged conifers have died with the stronger, more independent trees taking over. This is a natural process with mazes and an expected loss is around 8%, the Mintaro Maze has only had around a 2% loss to date. In some areas where a few trees have been lost in a row, Michael Morris has filled these with his admired dry slate walls that are made out of local Mintaro slate. Also featuring the slate are the many games around the maze garden.

The Maze is trimmed twice a year and takes around 50 hours of trimming each time and the Maze is still owned and cared for by the Morris Family of Mintaro.

(The above information supplied by the friendly folk at the Mintaro Maze café)

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### NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE SERVICE SA

Looking for ways to keep the kids occupied this summer? Explore the South Para Reservoir Reserve together when it opens on Saturday 7 December, or drop them off at Cleland Wildlife Park from Monday 16 December to Friday 20 December for days packed with fun including animal feeding, games and keeper presentations.

Meanwhile on the southern Eyre Peninsula, white Christmas is looking a bit different thanks to the region's stunning white sand beaches and sparkling blue water. Coffin Bay National Park has all that and more for an iconic Aussie Christmas experience and it's featured as our park of the month in December – check out Ranger Sam's guide to this nature lovers' paradise.

From everyone at National Parks and Wildlife Service South Australia, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year spent enjoying parks with family and friends.

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*We wish you all a Very Merry  
Christmas and a safe, happy and  
prosperous New Year. See you in  
2020!*

