

4WD Club Newsletter

February 2020



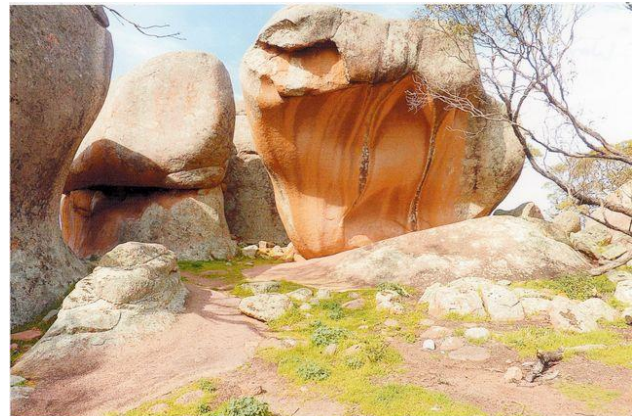
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Gawler and Districts 4WD Club Incorporated
is an active and supporting member of
Four Wheel Drive South Australia



Sunset at Benson Park



Gawler Fishing and Outdoors Photo
Competition WINNER

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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

	2020											
<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		14	13	3	8	12	10	14	11	9	13	11
Committee		5	4	29		3	1	5	2		4	2
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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

December 2019
See the attached Minutes (members only)

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

Presidents Report:

This meeting we have John Maguire from Beyond Blue as our Guest Speaker, so I am sure it will be an interesting talk by John. The Committee has decided to make a small donation (\$50.00) to Beyond Blue - we will present a cheque to John on the night.

At this meeting and our March meeting we will be raising funds for the Adelaide Koala Rescue centre at Paradise. Funds raised from our monthly raffle and donation tin will be sent to help with costs associated with the rescue of koalas from the recent bushfires. So please buy plenty of raffle tickets and donate what you can to this great cause.

Welcome to a new club year! I would like to welcome Cindy to the 2020 Committee and thank her for putting up her hand to do the meeting minutes.

Subs are now due; \$55.00 + \$10.00 Joining/late fee. You can do a bank transfer and the bank details are in this newsletter. Don't forget to fill out your Membership renewal form front & back (download and print from our website) and show Wayne a copy of your insurance. It's as easy as that!

[Quenton]

Editors Report:

Hello everyone and welcome to the first Newsletter for 2020. We hope you've all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and are coming back feeling renewed ready to start another year.

Please check the "Coming Events" pages and if there's a trip you'd like to join, make sure you put your names down on the trip sheets. The first trip, led by Bob and Pauline Tonkin, is only a matter of a few weeks away.

We also have the trip report for Benson Park. By all accounts, the participants had a great time and I'm sorry we had to miss it.

Help!! Our Social Committee, Jo and Julie, will need some supper assistance during the year as Jo has returned to full time work and won't be available for all meetings and Julie & Chris are going away on a trip. They are looking for someone to provide supper for the May and June meetings so if you would like to help, there's a budget of \$20 per supper. Please let Jo or Julie know if you are able to assist or one of the committee members. Thank you.

Have a great week and enjoy our first meeting for the year.

[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

Caroona Creek Mt Bryan

7-9 March 2020

Trip Details:	To be advised
Where:	
Cost:	Camping is free. 4WD Track is free
Meet:	TBA
When:	7 th to 9 th March 2020 (long weekend)
Trip Leader:	Bob & Pauline Tonkin
More Info	When to hand

Easter 2020 Broken Hill / Silverton

Thurs 9th April to Mon 13th April, 2020

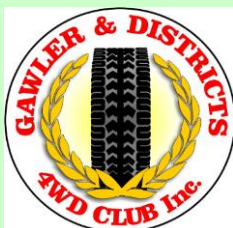
Trip Details:	Travelling to Broken Hill & Silverton. Staying at the Broken Hill Outback Resort. Dinner at the Mt Gibbs Hotel. Travel earlier or stay longer if you wish
Where:	Broken Hill
Cost:	Powered site \$40/ night 2 Adults
Meet:	Tarlee 8.00am
When:	Thursday 9th April, 2020
Trip Leader:	Quenton & 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 - Bell's 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 + more.

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

GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB

Stickers For Sale – Only \$2.00 each
New design stickers complete with Web address – \$3.50 each

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See Quenton at the General Meeting

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.

Coming Events

St Kilda Tramway Museum Date and details to be advised – watch this space!

Trip Details:	St Kilda Tramway Museum & Adventure Playground
Where:	St Kilda
Cost:	TBA
Meet:	St Kilda Tram Museum
When:	TBA
Trip Leader:	Roger Brennand, 0422 409 253
Further Info:	Museum is open on Sunday afternoons from 12 noon to 5:00 PM. <i>Currently the trams are not running due to renovations to the tram lines to St Kilda beach.</i> <i>Trip details will be updated once confirmation that trams are running again.</i>

GUEST SPEAKERS



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

14 February 2020	John Maguire, Beyond Blue
13 March 2020	Colin Mugford, Club Support Unit (CSU) Chair
3 April 2020	Farina Restoration Group
8 May 2020	Information night

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

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

◆◆ January / February ◆◆
<i>Deb</i>
<i>Max</i>
<i>Bronte</i>
<i>Brent</i>





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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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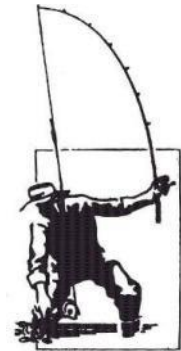
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MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD



PHOTO COMPETITIONS

This year we only have ONE photo competition running, the regular Open Competition sponsored by Gawler Fishing and Outdoors.

The PHOTO COMPETITION RULES:

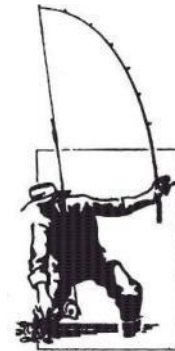
- (a) Each member may enter up to four (4) photos
- (b) Photos should be a copy (not originals) - Size 15cm x 10cm (6"x4")
- (c) Photos must have been taken on a club trip during the last 12 months (Nov 18 - Nov 19)
- (d) All photos must be labelled on the back with your name, where, and when, the photo 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 fingers moving and snap some great photos for the competition, you've got 9 months to get some amazing shots!!!

The winning photo of the Open Competition will be selected by our friends at Gawler Fishing and Outdoors - Please remember to support them during the year.



TRIP REPORT COMPETITION

Yes, 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 and we already have our first for the year.

The lucky 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!

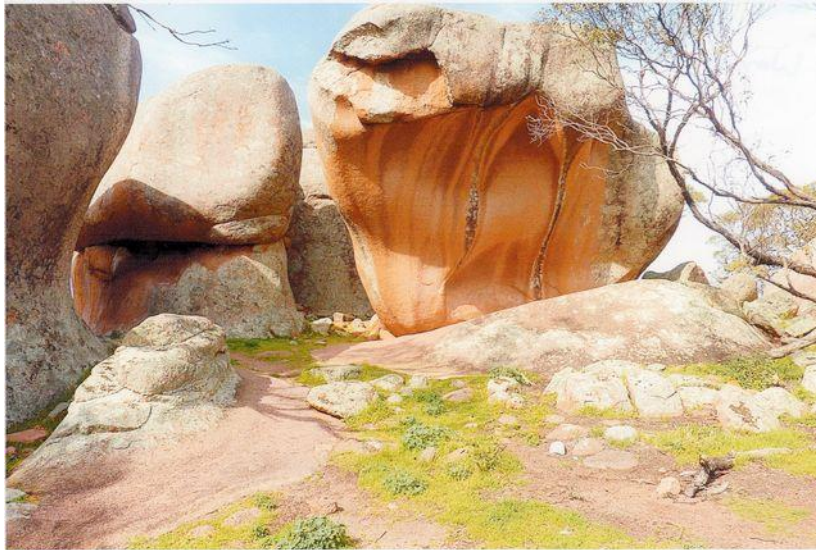
There will be another
Amazing Prize
so please keep-on writing!!!

COMPETITION WINNERS

PHOTO COMPETITION

Last year we had two sponsors for our photo competitions. Of course we had the regular sponsorship by Gawler Fishing and Outdoors. Club visitor, Annette, sponsored three categories in the "people's choice" competition.

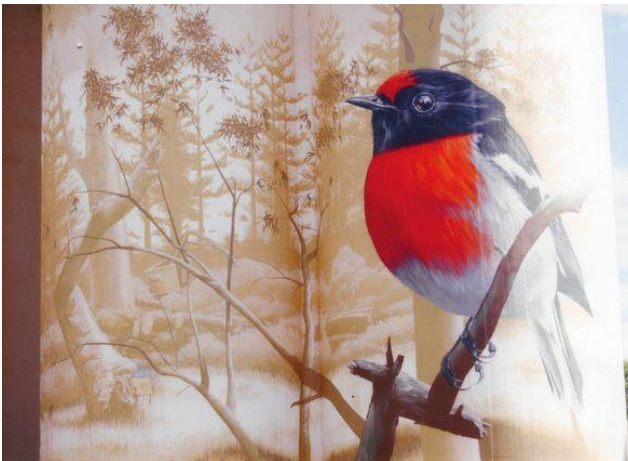
As always, selection of the winning entries was a challenge; but the judges prevailed and the winning photos are presented below.



GAWLER FISHING AND OUTDOORS PRIZE

"Murpheys Haystacks" - Max Lekse

Taken Near Streaky Bay during Maralinga Trip 2019



PEOPLE'S CHOICE - ANIMALS

Bob Tonkin

Taken at Wirrabra, Easter Weekend, 2019



PEOPLE'S CHOICE - LANDSCAPE

"Top of Pildappa Rock" - Lyn Leske

Taken near Minnipa during Maralinga Trip 2019



PEOPLE'S CHOICE - PEOPLE

"Wayne and Sandra" - Quenton Earl
Australia Day Picnic, 2019

TRIP REPORT COMPETITION 2019

One of the great things about belonging to our club is the variety of trips we get to go on. While we don't all get to go on each trip, we do get a chance to read about the trip through the trip reports written by the members that are published in the monthly newsletter.

Here is a list of the trip reports published in 2019:

NL	Title	Author
2019-04	Adelaide Hills Drive, Sunday 10th March, 2019	Quenton
2019-05	Adelaide Hills Drive, Sunday 10th March, 2019	Keryn
2019-06	Bunagree Station Day Trip - Sunday 9 June 2019	Quenton
2019-06	Day Trip for the Queen's Birthday Sunday 9/06/19	Norma
2019-08	Christmas in July week-end in the Clare Valley, 21/22 July 2019	Quenton
2019-09	Maralinga 2019 (No 1)	Lyn Le
2019-09	Maralinga 2019 (No 2)	Martin
2019-10	Maralinga 2019 (No 3)	Annette (Wagga)
2019-10	Dice Run Trip Report- Sunday 16 September 2019	Cindy
2019-11	Octoberfest Trip Report 1	Pauline
2019-11	Octoberfest Trip Report 2	Roy and Bronwyn
2019-11	Adelaide Gaol and Vili's Day Trip - 26 October 2019	Sandra He
2019-12	Martindale Hall & Mintaro Maze 17 November 2019	Joann
2019-12	Normanville Christmas Trip 22/23/24 November	Sandra and Pete

To provide a small encouragement to our avid report writers we hold an annual competition, see page 14 for details of this year's competition.

Trip Report Winner for 2019

The lucky winner of the 2019 competition was Joann for her report "*Martindale Hall & Mintaro Maze 17 November 2019*" - congratulations Jo.

TRIP REPORTS

Benson Park, Waikerie - January 10-12th 2020

FRIDAY 10 JANUARY

We met Bob and Pauline at Truro at 9am and slowly made our way to Benson Park.

Ken met us and showed us where to camp. There was plenty of grass to camp on and we had power available to us if we wanted it. After setting up camp we relaxed for a bit before going into town.

There we picked up a few groceries as we needed to get vegetables, as we couldn't bring any with us due to the quarantine bins, and had some lunch at the bakery before going back to camp to relax. There was a little rain and it got very windy so Bob put his awning away and we sat in the van for a while.

After we had tea Max and Lyn arrived at about 7 o'clock and once they had set up we sat around had a chat and a nice drop of wine. Some of the cloud had subsided and we had a glorious sunset.

SATURDAY 11 JANUARY

The sun was out when we got up but cloud started to come in. Pauline and I went for a horse ride. We helped get the horses ready for our ride - Pauline had Riverboy and I had Johnny. Janine took us for our ride. She was very good and helpful. We meandered through the bush and had a lovely river view. She took us to a plaque where Ken's grandfather had first settled. Once back to camp we unsaddled our horses brushed them down and took them back to the paddock for some well-deserved carrots - the horses not us!!



Then it was off to Banrock Station for some lunch and some wine tasting.



We found a nice table to sit at with a lovely view of the wetlands. Tasted and bought some nice wine.

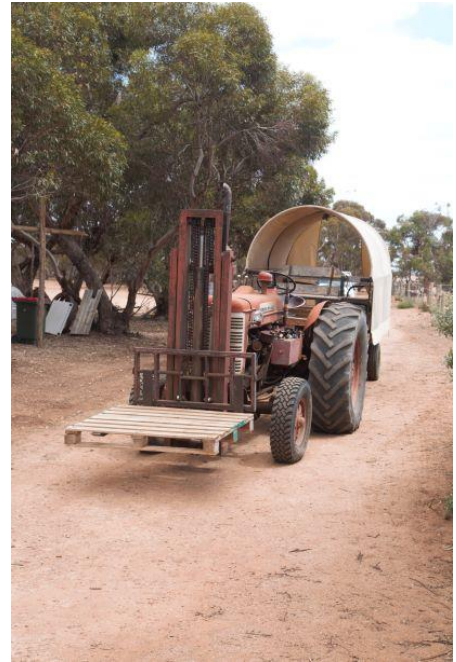
Back to camp and time to relax before our pot luck dinner. We had a lovely meal that we all shared - curried sausages, satay chicken, salad, zucchini slice, rice, fried rice and some naan bread and a nice drop of red. Then it was time to clean up before Ken took us to the river to watch the sunset in the chuck wagon towed by an

AW7International tractor. We were closely followed by Rocky and Dobby his "dogs" - really

his sheep. They were African sheep that shed their own fleece. They were funny, they'd walk along side, hang back and then race to the front of the tractor and then do it all over again!! Sunset was lovely but it was very windy up the top and we were lucky enough to have some cloud come in.

On the way back we stopped for some pictures of the full moon as it was rising between the trees.

Back at camp we had dessert - sticky date pudding, butterscotch sauce, cream and ice cream and washed it down with a coffee before going to bed.



SUNDAY 12 JANUARY

We awoke to another glorious morning. Lyn went for a ride on the horse and buggy with Janine.



Ken invited us over to the "stable" for some morning tea. He had some lovely cake and biscuits for us to enjoy. He also had some puzzles for us to attempt which kept us amused for some time. He then took us over to the shed and the boys got involved and started the old Lanz tractor. It was very interesting - handles to wind, the fuel had to be warmed up with a flame and all the boys got to have a drive of it. Then it was back to camp to relax before lunch

We enjoyed a relaxing afternoon. Max and Lyn packed up, said their "goodbyes" and headed home. We received a text message saying they had shredded a tyre on the caravan at Accommodation Hill. Pauline and I decided to take a nap while the boys chatted to Ken and helped him feed the horses and pigs before Ken went home for the day.

After tea we all went for a walk back to the sunset point following the walking trail. We sat for a while enjoying the view. Afterwards we headed back, stopping to look at the alpacas before going back to camp. Another lovely evening.



MONDAY 13 JANUARY

Another glorious morning. We had some breakfast before a slow pack up. Ken came over and asked if we wanted to go and feed the alpacas so we all went over and helped feed them - so cute! Then he let the goats out and they jumped through some rings on top of hay bales while we sat on some chairs between the hay bales watching them.

Back to pack up. Bob and Pauline headed off before us. We had a quick bite for lunch and then it was homeward bound.

We would like to thank Bob, Pauline, Max and Lyn for their company over the weekend and a big "thank you" to Ken for his wonderful hospitality. We didn't expect the events that he had planned for us and they were certainly enjoyed by all.



[Lisa]

DRIVER TRAINING

The Club Support Unit (CSU) is meeting monthly and one of their tasks is to establish a driver training program to take the place of the original Driver Training Unit (DTU) activities.

While that is happening, some clubs are continuing with their internal programs using former DTU members of their own, or other clubs. One of the great things about being a member of a FWDSA affiliated club is the ability to share resources.

With my TLCCSA Education Officer hat on, I can advise that there is an opportunity to join the TLCCSA training at Peake (Sand Driving) and Morgan (Inclines and Declines) in March and May respectively. If you are interested, please let me know (by phone, email or in person), and I will add you names(s) to the TLCCSA visitor list.

[Pete, Training Co-Ordinator]

PAYING YOUR SUBS BY EFT

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

The club bank details are:

Account Name: Gawler & Districts 4WD Club
BSB: 105-109
Acc no 018030740
Ref: Surname + 2020

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Presidents Report to the AGM, December 2019

We had quite a few enjoyable trips and day trips in 2019 and saw the first of our "Trip Lotto" trips.

First off for the year was our Australia Day Picnic at Bethany Reserve. It was great to see members dressing up in the Australia day theme. We enjoyed a shared picnic lunch and the weather was perfect at around 27 degrees.

Sunday the 10th March saw a day trip in the Adelaide Hills. We visited the "Cedars" Hans Heysen's house and studio, the historic Nixon's Mill, Johnston Brewery, Melba Chocolate factory and Woodside cheese with a return to home via some back roads.

Easter saw the club head to "Horsehoe Top End" in the Southern Flinders Ranges, where some members extended their stay in the small town of Gladstone.

May saw the inaugural "Celebration of Four Wheel Driving" at the Birdwood National Motor Museum. Roy displayed his Nissan Patrol to represent our Club.

June we enjoyed a day trip to Bungaree Station, on the way visiting the amazing Ross Vogt Collection in Kapunda and the Old Police Station and Courthouse in Auburn.

July we enjoyed our first "Christmas in July", and members stayed in the Clare Caravan Park and enjoyed a meal at the award winning Sevenhill Hotel, before visiting Pike Wines on the Sunday morning. July also saw Max and Lyn's trip to Maralinga and we enjoyed their report to us at our November meeting.

September saw a day trip "Dice Run" via three ferries to Murray Bridge where we enjoyed a tour and Devonshire tea at the historic "Round House".

October saw our first "Trip Lotto" trip to the Adelaide Gaol and lunch after at Cafe Villi's.

October also saw Octoberfest 2019 at Merna Mora Station in the Flinders Ranges and offered a variety of tracks and tours over the week-end.

November saw our second "Trip Lotto" trip to Mintaro visiting Martindale Hall and the amazing Mintaro Maze with a special afternoon tea of scones under the gum trees of Burra Creek Gorge.

Our last event for the year was our Christmas week-end at Normanville. A few members stayed for an extended stay here and the weather was very kind to us.

We had a number of interesting Guest Speakers talk to us over the year.

February we learnt all about Trip Leading by our own member Peter Harper.

March we heard from the young and amazing local lad Ethan White about his filming of "Off the Couch with Ethan" viewed on channel 44.

April, our fellow member Bob showed us a part of his extensive collection of cameras and their history.

May a visit from Tony from the RAA talking about the history of the RAA.

June we watched a DVD on Len Beadell - The last true Australian Explorer.

July Kevin Shubert spoke on "The second chance of life" and his steel sculptures.

August was a social night with BYO supper.

September was a Trip Planning meeting

October saw the return of Jan from the RAA with "Road Quiz MKII"

November Max talked about their Maralinga trip with an excellent Slide show.

And already we have a few Guest Speakers pencilled in for 2020 along with a selection of trips so it looks like 2020 will be another successful club year.

[Quenton]

NEWSLETTER PHOTOS

Our trip reports are great and they are even better with lots of photos. When we include photos in the newsletter we need to format the photos so as they are suitable for publication. For this reason, we ask that any photos you send to editor or publisher are sent as separate files. PLEASE DO NOT INLCUDE IN ORIGINAL TEXT. If you want a particular photo to appear at a specific location in you text, include something like "photo xyz goes here" and we will try to make sure that's where the photo ends up.

Talking of photos, please send the highest resolution you are able to. If you mail from your phone you might get an option to "reduce file size". Please select the highest resolution you can. Yes, this will take extra data, but it means that the quality of the photos being added to the newsletter and Web site is far better than if low resolution photos are used.

[editor and publisher]

FRIDAY FUNNIES

A shopkeeper was dismayed when a brand-new business much like his own opened up next door and erected a huge sign which read 'BEST DEALS.'

He was horrified when another competitor opened up on his right, and announced its arrival with an even larger sign reading, 'LOWEST PRICES.'

The shopkeeper panicked, until he got an idea. He put the biggest sign of all over his own shop.

It read... 'MAIN ENTRANCE'

What did the sign in the Egyptian funeral home say? "Satisfaction guaranteed or your mummy back!"

"The trouble with being punctual is that there's nobody there to appreciate it."

"I told my psychiatrist that everyone hates me. He said I was being ridiculous - everyone hasn't met me yet."

A man walked by a table in a hotel and noticed three men and a dog playing cards. The dog was playing with extraordinary performance.

"That must be a very smart dog," the man commented.

"Not so smart," said one of the players. "Every time he gets a good hand, he wags his tail."

Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder.

This is how it manifests: I decide to water my lawn. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide my car needs washing. As I start toward the garage, I notice that there is mail on the verandah table that I brought up from the mailbox earlier.

I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car. I lay my car keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the rubbish bin under the table, and notice that the bin is full. So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the rubbish first. But then I think, since I am going to be near the mailbox when I take out the rubbish anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my cheque book off the table and see that there is only one cheque left. My extra cheques are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Coke that I had been drinking. I'm going to look for my cheques, but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. I see the Coke is getting warm, and I decide I should put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the Coke, a vase of flowers on the bench catches my eye - they need to be watered. I set the Coke down on the bench, and I discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers. I set the glasses back down on the bench, fill a container with water and suddenly I spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table.

I realise that tonight when we go to watch TV, I will be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the living room where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers. I pour some water on the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back down on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill. Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day: the lawn isn't watered, the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a warm can of Coke sitting on the bench, the flowers don't have enough water, there is still only one cheque in my cheque book, I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses, I don't remember what I did with the car keys, and my neighbour called to tell me he turned off the hose that was flooding the driveway.

Then when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day long, and I'm really tired. I realise this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail.