Gawler & Districts 4WD Club Newsletter







Four Wheel Drive South Australia

Caroona Creek

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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												
Meeting	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
General		14	13	3	8	12	10	14	11	9	13	11
Committee		5	4	29		3	1	5	2		4	2
Committee			25					^	30			

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

Dates (202020

Public Holidays: Easter 10-13 (DN); Inzac Ray 5 April; Queens Birthday 8 June; Labour Day 5 October;

Club committee meetings commence a 7:30pm on the scheduled Wednesday, on a rotating basis, held at various committee members homes. All club members welcome.

Last General Meeting

# March 2020

See the attached Minutes (members only)

#### **NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE**

### **Presidents Report:**

Our April meeting has been cancelled due to concerns around COVID-19. Please all stay safe.

The Gawler Council has also advised the Gawler Elderly Centre has been closed until further notice. All Committee and General meetings will be cancelled until further notice. If you have any comments or questions, please email me on qdld@bigpond.com

Our Easter trip to Broken Hill has also been cancelled. I know this will be disappointing for some, however your health is our number one priority and now the Governments have closed the state borders and issued instructions against non-essential travel. We may re-schedule this trip to Easter 2021.

All further trips and events on our calendar of events have also been cancelled until further notice.

In effect our Club will go into "recess" for approximately 6 months. We will keep you updated with any club news via email.

COVID-19 Scam - There is a government impersonation scam text doing the rounds to trick you into installing software that will steal your banking credentials. DO NOT CLICK ON ANY LINKS IN SUSPICIOUS TEXTS.

Our monthly meeting raffles from February and March and the total from the Koala donation tin added up to \$150.20. This money will be donated to the Adelaide Koala Rescue centre at Paradise. Thank you to everybody who bought tickets for this worthwhile cause. Who doesn't love a Koala? Well done!

[Quenton]

# **Editors Report:**

Hello everyone and welcome to the April edition of the Newsletter.

Well, what a difference a month makes!! It's just amazing how this COVID-19 virus has practically ground the country to a halt. I do hope we are able to get on top of the virus sooner rather than later either by everyone doing the right thing and limiting contact with people by staying home or by the possibility of a vaccine to halt it in its tracks.

I thank goodness for the "senior's hour" three days a week at the supermarket. I know it means getting up early to get to the shops between 7 and 8 am but it does mean that some things are available to buy then whereas later in the day the shelves are likely to be empty!! For the life of me I cannot understand this "panic buying" syndrome we are experiencing at the moment. Exactly how much is needed to stay at home for a fortnight? If people took some time to work it out, they'd probably find they have almost enough stock in their pantries already. If extra is needed, just add a can of this or packet of that to your regular shopping, then there would be enough for all without the supermarket shelves going empty. Toilet rolls!! Exactly how many do people need? Certainly not a cupboard full unless you are part of a very large family.. I do hope common sense prevails in the end and we get back to some kind of normality!!

[Sandra]



### **COMING EVENTS**

Broken Hill /
Silverton

Easter, Thursday 9 April to Monday 13 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: Taree 8.00am

When: hursday 9th April, 2020

Trip Leader: Quenton & Deb (a) 0407 604601

More Info

Book Broken Hill Outback Resort direction 1300 688 225 ASAP with

credit and to secure powered ste. See website

Bell's 1960's Milk Bard 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.

Farina Bakery Run Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Eart 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: Cost: \$35 per person, drinks extra at Riverton Hotel. Your cost at Caravan Park. Riverton Hotel, 6.30 pm Saturday night Meet: 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.

We are leaving the "Christmas in July" details for the moment and will cancel should it be evident that the "lockdown" is going to continue on past this date.

missing out.

Come for the night or stay the weekend – Book cabins early to avoid

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

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**



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

3 April 2020	MEEETING CANCELLED		
8 May 2020	MEETING CANCELLED		

#### **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 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary versions.



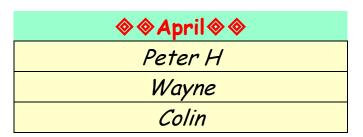


Check our FAC

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:







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

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# Want to advertise in our Newsletter?





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Quarter Page	\$50			
Half Page	\$100			
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Contact our editor <a href="mailto:editor@gawler4wd.com.au">editor@gawler4wd.com.au</a> for details <a href="mailto:fees apply and payment has to be made prior to printing">fees apply and payment has to be made prior to printing</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

#### SPONSOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



# **GAWLER**

FOR ALL YOUR 4WD AND SUV TYRES OR PASSENGER TYRES AND WHEEL ALIGNMENTS

# **CONTACT MICHAEL OR JASON** on 08 85223000

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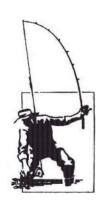
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April 2020

#### **MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD**



# PHOTO COMPETITIONS

This year we only have ONE photo competition running, the regular Open Competion 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 19 Nov 20)
- (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 7 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!!!

#### RAFFLE ROSTER

We ask if all members could kindly donate an item for a raffle prize each month to 11pprox. 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.

Colin	Jo and Pete	Stephen and Lisa
Brenton and Keryn	Roger	Quenton and Deb

#### **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 <a href="mailto:editor@gawler4wd.com.au">editor@gawler4wd.com.au</a> for inclusion in our next newsletter providing it arrives BEFORE the newsletter deadline! (See page 3)

#### **DRIVER TRAINING**

Not surprisingly, most training opportunities have been put on hold. We were hoping to get a chance to share a weekend at Morgan with another club, or two. However, the Mid Murray Council has closed all council operated facilities, including the Old Morgan Quarry.

[Pete, Training Co-Ordinator]

#### TRIP REPORT

# March Long Weekend 6th- 10th March 2020

Trip leader: -Bob and Pauline

Trip participants: Stephen and Lisa, John & Jane, Roy & Bronwyn, Max & Lyn

### Friday 6th March

Car all packed, it was overcast but not cold. We headed off slowly to Tarlee our meeting spot. John and Jane arrived just before Bob and Pauline. A quick chat and then it was off to Burra. We had a look in the information centre before going across to the bakery for some morning tea where Bronwyn and Roy joined us.

From there it was on to Caroona Creek Conservation Park to set up camp at the old shed campground a nice spot for our sized group. Weather was warming up and clouds disappearing. While setting up camp I noticed diamond from my engagement ring was missing. Never going to find it here, but luckily found it on floor in camper and couldn't believe my

luck, I'd better buy lottery ticket when I get home!!

John and Jayne stayed behind while the rest of us went for a drive to Thomas Hut ruins and for a walk up Tourille gorge, it was a nice drive and the gorge was spectacular. When we got back Max and Lyn had arrived and were all set up. After tea we all went and sat round John and Jaynes caravan before retiring for the night,



### Saturday 7th March

A leisurely start to the morning. We headed off at 10.30am and our first stop was a look at the other campground, the Heysen hut. From there a lovely drive through the country side. We had quite a few stops and a lovely spot in the creek for our lunch. We drove past the Mongolata Goldfields and it was amazing to see how green it was in some patches.

We had a lovely group dinner, and a pleasant evening. We indulged in some pumpkin and zucchini soup followed by a smorgasbord of sweet and sour chicken and rice, honey and soy chicken pieces and rice, quiche and roast lamb, honeyed carrots and mashed potato and gravy. We washed it down with some Bannock Station Crimson Cabernet. Afterwards some chocolate pudding for dessert.

Some pleasant conversation followed then off to bed.

### Sunday 8th March

Up early and after a hearty breakfast we were off for a drive, taking in some historic building ruins on the way at Collinswood Station, Mallett, and Ketchowala, just love exploring old ruins but couldn't as they were on private property so took pictures from outside the fences. At Mallet we could explore a little more around the area and have a proper look at the ruins. We had lunch near Pandanna Conservation Park, then on to Terowie where we explored the train station followed by ice cream at the servo.

On the way back to camp we stopped at Wilkins House, then it was back to camp. After dinner we all went over to Bob and Pauline's van and watched a video of their trip up to Cairns and back home through outback Queensland, enjoying some scones with some orange and lemon curd or jam and cream.



## Monday 9th march

Another lovely morning, John, Jane, Max and Lyn headed off after breakfast while the rest of us slowly packed up. After lunch we headed off to Worlds End camping area. Found a nice spot to set up for the night. Roy and Bronwyn had to work on Tuesday so headed off later in the afternoon.

We all went for a walk up the creek before going back to camp for tea enjoyed a beautiful sunset before going to bed.

#### Tuesday 10th March

After packing up we headed for Eudunda and had some morning tea with Bob and Pauline. We then parted ways as we were heading for Port Germain to meet our friends from Alice Springs.

Thanks to Bob and Pauline for organising and planning a terrific weekend, we enjoyed several day trips with great scenery and information about the area. Thank you to all who came and we thank you all for your companionship.

[Lisa]

#### **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, <a href="mailto:treasurer@gawler4wd.com.au">treasurer@gawler4wd.com.au</a>, so he can update the club records.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Following on from the Mozzie bite information in a recent newsletter, I found this bit of interesting information in Westprint Friday Five: I think we've all suffered from their bites at some time or other.

### Sand flies, horse flies, march flies.

#### Midges

Midges, knowns as midgees or sand flies are tiny biting flies, the proper common name is biting midges.

They are renowned worldwide for their bites in habitats such as coastal lagoons, estuaries, mangrove swamps and tidal flats. Midges generally bite around dawn and dusk and don't usually move far from their breeding sites. Only female midges feed on blood, but both the females and males will feed on vegetable fluids and nectar. Female midges may attack humans in large numbers, biting on any areas of exposed skin, and often on the face, scalp and hands. Some species will blood feed on a wide range of animal hosts. The life cycle of midges is between 3-10 weeks, dependent on species and conditions.

Biting midges are responsible for acute discomfort, irritation and severe local reactions. Itching may commence immediately after the bite, but often not for some hours later, and most individuals are unaware of being bitten at the time. Biting midges have their greatest impact on people new to an area. Local residents seem to build up some immunity to the biting. In sensitive people, midges can produce persistent reactions that blister and weep serum from the site of each bite and these reactions may last for several days to weeks. Biting midges are not known to transmit any disease-causing pathogens to humans in Australia.

There are no known efficient methods of controlling biting midges, but personal protection will help in reducing exposure to their bites. Avoid localities, especially at dawn and dusk that are known to be frequented by midges; wear long sleeves and long pants and apply a repellent to exposed skin. Irritation associated with bites may be alleviated with anti-itch creams, but severe reactions may require medical treatment with antihistamines.

#### March Flies, horse flies & stable flies.

Although Australian biting flies (other than the mosquitoes) do not transmit diseases to humans they are renowned for painful bites.

Australian biting flies of greatest significance are the March flies also known as horse flies (Family Tabanidae) and stable flies (Family Muscidae). March flies and stable flies are widespread throughout the warmer parts of Australia and will attack humans, livestock and domestic pets to acquire blood.

The stable fly is a vicious biter with piercing and sucking mouthparts that can easily penetrate socks. Both sexes of this fly will search for blood meals, often twice a day and can engorge on blood up to three times their own body weight. In the cooler months their life span is 1-2 months, in warmer weather it is reduced to 3-4 weeks. They are normally associated with rural properties but are also common on beaches where they breed in seaweed.

March flies (Tabanids) have two large prominent eyes and are much larger and robust than stable flies; they have a shorter life than stable flies and an adult lives only 3-4 weeks. Although they are a major pest to livestock, several species will bite people. It is only the females that seek blood meals; the males feed on nectar and plant juices. Female tabanids are armed with two large blade-like mouthparts that are used to pierce and slash skin. This inflicts a painful wound and produces a large puncture site that will continue to ooze blood long after the mouthparts are extracted. As the blood flows, the flies lap the blood to engorgement, unless disturbed. It has been estimated that some animals can lose up to 300ml of blood a day due to attack by these flies, resulting in serious blood loss. After mating, the females disperse, travelling many kilometres in search of blood meals.

Biting flies can produce an array of symptoms including pain, itching, urticaria and cellulitis. An allergic response is the most common, which may be characterised by hives, and in some cases wheezing. Tabanid bites are very painful, with some individuals developing severe lesions, fever and general disability. This allergic response is due to the large amounts of saliva injected by the fly to prevent their blood meal from clotting. Stable fly bites are quite painful and are often itchy. Local symptoms can be relieved with an application of antiseptic lotion or cream and in some cases a mild oral antihistamine is prescribed. Prolonged scratching of bites may lead to secondary infections.

The use of repellents that contain DEET will generally deter most biting flies.

#### **FRIDAY FUNNIES**

While crossing a border on his bicycle, a man was stopped by Paul, a security guard, who pointed to two sacks the man had on his shoulders.

"What's in the bags?" asked the guard.

"Sand," replied the cyclist.

"Get them off - we'll take a look," said the guard.

The cyclist did as he was told, emptied the bags, and proving they contained nothing but sand, reloaded the bags, put them on his shoulders and continued across the border.

Two weeks later, the same thing happened. Again, Paul the security guard demanded to see the two bags, which again contained nothing but sand.

This went on every week for months, until one day the cyclist with the sandbags failed to appear.

A few days later, the guard happened to meet the cyclist downtown. "Say friend, you sure had us crazy", said the guard. "We knew you were smuggling something across the border. I won't say a word - but what is it?"

"Bicycles."

"I've been described as a lighthouse in the middle of a bog: Brilliant but useless."

Resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die.

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on.

Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

A Zen master once said to me, "Do the opposite of whatever I tell you."

"So, I didn't."

An 85-year-old couple were married almost 60 years before they both died. They had been in good health the last ten years mainly due to her interest in health food, and exercise.

When they reached the pearly gates, St Peter took them to their mansion which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath suite and spa. As they looked in awe, the old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost.

"It's free," Peter replied. "This is Heaven."

Next, they went out back to survey the championship golf course that the home backed on to. They would have golfing privileges every day and each week the course changed to a new one representing the greatest golf courses on Earth.

The old man asked: "What are the green fees?"

Peter's reply: "This is Heaven, you play for free."

Next, they went to the club house and saw the lavish buffet lunch with the cuisines of the world laid out.

"How much to eat?" asked the old man.

"Don't you understand yet? This is Heaven, it is free!" Peter replied with some exasperation.

"Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol tables?" the old man asked timidly.

Peter lectured: "That's the best part, you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like, and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven."

With that, the old man went into a fit of anger, throwing down his hat and stomping on it, and shrieking wildly. Peter and his wife both tried to calm him down, asking him what was wrong.

The old man looked at his wife and said: "This is all your fault. If it weren't for your blasted bran muffins, I could have been here ten years ago!"