

# Gawler & Districts

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# 4WD Club Newsletter

## May 2020



Founded in 2002



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



Wild Flowers Seen on a Recent Trip (pre-COVID-19)

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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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<b>WELCOMING OFFICERS</b>	Max Leske / Bob Tonkin / Bob Mulyk

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

	<b>2020</b>											
<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>
<b>General</b>		14	13	3	8	12	10	14	11	9	13	11
<b>Committee</b>		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: 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

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## NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

### Presidents Report:

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Our May meeting has been cancelled due to COVID-19. The Elderly Centre has been closed by the Council until further notice. The Club is effectively in "recess".

The Farina Restoration Group will not be visiting Farina this year (due to COVID-19), so the underground bakery will not be open. This has led us to cancel our planned trip to Farina.

I have left the Christmas in July booking; we will make a decision on that one a bit closer to the date.

Deb and I have been planning a day trip on the map to Rathjen Gap. So when the travel and group restrictions are over; we can all look forward to that. Don't know where Rathjen Gap is? Well you will just have to come on the day.

If you have a little more time on your hands these days, check the history videos of Adelaide Walking Tours with Keith Conlon. Interesting short videos on Edmund Wright designed Adelaide buildings. It may make you take a closer look at these landmark buildings.

<https://history.sa.gov.au/walking-tour-videos/>

And if you want to see Ethan White's (our March 2019 Guest Speaker) latest trip to Darwin and Brisbane, check out his video via the following link.

<https://www.offthecouchwithethan.com.au/shorts>

I hope you are all staying safe and well and not going stir crazy being stuck at home.

[Quenton]

### Editors Report:

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

I think, as a state, we have done a remarkable job in keeping COVID-19 at bay especially when you look at NSW and Victoria. Obviously the social distancing is working and I hope we continue to follow the advice given by the medical professionals when some of the restrictions are lifted. I would hate to see us slip back and the virus take hold once more.

Wayne and Sandra Heintze have given us a number of old Newsletters from the "Light 4WD Club SA Inc" days so we are going to reprint some of those articles under the heading "A blast from the past" which I hope you will find enjoyable. For those people who were part of that club before it changed its name to what it is today, I hope it will bring back a lot of happy memories. Guess who the president was then? Yep, the same as now, Quenton!!

If you have any interesting articles you would like to share (long, short, funny or otherwise), please forward them to Pete or myself and we will do our best to include them in the Newsletter. Thanks to Lisa, Lyn L & Quenton for their contributions this month.

A big "thank you" to our sponsors who still support us during this time. Your support is much appreciated.

That's it for another month. Take care and keep safe.

[Sandra]



## COMING EVENTS

### Farina Bakery Run **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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>


### 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.

*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.*

<b>Coming Events</b>	
<b>St Kilda Tramway Museum</b>	<b>Date and details to be advised – watch this space!</b>
<b>Trip Details:</b>	St Kilda Tramway Museum & Adventure Playground
<b>Where:</b>	St Kilda
<b>Cost:</b>	TBA
<b>Meet:</b>	St Kilda Tram Museum
<b>When:</b>	TBA
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Roger Brennand, 0422 409 253
<b>Further Info:</b>	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**

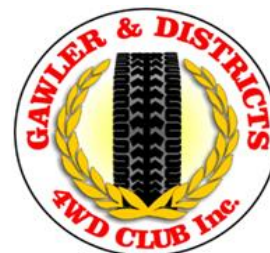
	<p><i>These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:</i></p>	
	<p><b>8 May 2020</b></p>	<p><b>MEETING CANCELLED</b></p>

**GAWLER AND DISTRICTS 4WD WEB SITE**

Have you checked out our web site lately?

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

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



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

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

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

<b>◆◆ May ◆◆</b>
<i>Martin</i>
<i>Roy</i>
<i>Bronwyn</i>



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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 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**

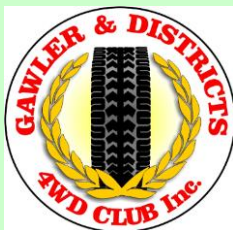
Late entries will not be accepted.

*It's going to be difficult, I know, but when we are up and running again, I hope you will all support the competition and do your best to get some good shots even though the time to do so will be shortened!!!*

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.



**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





## 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! Even if we don't produce too many more trip reports between now and the end of the year, we do have some contenders for the prize so thank you to those people and. hey there's always next year!*

**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 9pprox. 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

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

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***NOW THAT A LOT OF US HAVE BEEN STAYING AT HOME AND MAYBE CLEARING STUFF OUT, IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO ADVERTISE FOR SALE, PLEASE LET US KNOW. THANK YOU.***

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**SPONSOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**



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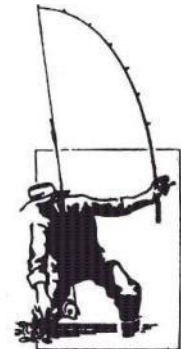
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## TRIP REPORTS

### Caroona Creek Conservation Park – March long weekend

We ventured off from home on Friday afternoon, set up camp at 4.30pm in a very peaceful location that Bob had chosen. To our surprise, a special spot was saved for our size van as we were the last ones to arrive. We were greeted by John and Jane. A dry-as-a-bone coat was hanging neatly on a wire coat hanger swinging in the tree where Bob and Pauline had parked – was it to avoid the smell or just claim their piece of land? Bob, Pauline, Stephen, Lisa, Roy and Bronwyn had gone for a drive and walk-about exploring the new countryside.

FLYS, FLYS and MOSQUITOES. I wore my fly net the majority of the time so I could talk without eating them, but had some difficulty eating real food with my veil on. Actually the fly net was Max's because I left mine home! We all had a lovely catch up talk after tea around John & Jane's camp. 4 more vehicles camped near the toilet and shed area staying only the Friday night.

Saturday 7/3/20 we all ventured off after morning tea checking out Heyson shelter, another camp site that we could have stayed at. We crossed several times over the Caroona Creek, opened and shut many gates and stopped for sheep to cross the road. Travelled on White Field Road and looked at some historic ruins. Went on Dust Hole Creek road – well, that certainly lived up to its' name, then back on White Hill Road following the Mawson trail. Enjoyed a nice lunch stop in the creek just off Mongolata Road. Someone came up with the idea of a "Gate Waltz" which allowed all vehicles to take it in turns getting their daily exercise and creating a different interest of opening and shutting the gates.



Back on Caroona Road to get to camp as some were getting anxious to start cooking for our shared

meal together. One thing was bugging me, the long drop had not been cleaned for quite a while. I prepared a bucket of disinfectant water and rag and began to walk up the rise for cleaning duties but I saw Roy heading the same way. It seemed he was going to get there 1<sup>st</sup>, so I kindly, almost begged him to do my dirty work for me. All I could say "it's now a sheer delight" after a quick sweep away of the spider cocoons and webs. Thank you so much Roy! Another couple arrived with a large camper trailer. They came from the opposite entry to where we had and camped just up from our group for the night. They wondered how we got through as their travel was rugged.

The gas Weber Q seemed the popular form of cooking as it was still fire ban season so no camp fires. I really love the idea of a shared meal, no competition, just whatever we have on hand. What a fantastic social idea. Certainly didn't go hungry with Pumpkininni soup (pumpkin and zucchini) with bread as starters. Our feast comprised of Sweet and Sour Chicken and rice, Honey and Soy Chicken pieces and rice, Zucchini and Bacon Quiche, Lamb Roast with

Gravy, Honeyed Carrots and mashed Potatoes. To top off our full bellies we had to try the Chocolate Pudding for sweets.

Left about 9.00am Sunday on the same track as yesterday but travelled in the opposite direction only to find Dust Hole Creek Road again. Reached Dares Hill Lookout where a plastic rain water tank was placed inside an old stone square tank with a windmill pumping water to stock troughs. This fascinated me. Pauline dared us to eat some ripe red wild tomatoes from bushes on the roadside thinking she didn't want our company that night. But watching her eat them, I felt it was safe. They were sweet with



a hard small seed inside. Next onto Dares Hill Summit Road and Scenic Road where we watched the kangaroos eating these wild tomato bushes. Found some amazing white trumpet wild flowers some with a purple tinge to them. Arrived at the township of Mallett which

never fully developed after being surveyed, had 5 houses built in stone which were all abandoned.



Travelled on Ketchowla Road to find a station with Days Hut ruins built in the 1930s as a stop-over place. A sign read Far Away Hill but instead we stopped on Pandappa Road near the conservation park for lunch. Now onto Franklin Road, Scenic Drive 21 and into Terowie township to check out

the restored Railway Station. Time to enjoy a sit down and a beautiful ice cream, well, make that 2 (for each of us I mean), tasted so very good. Moved onto Whyte Yarcowie town, Ulooloo Road, Scrub Road, Banbury Road, Mt Bryan East Road, Wilkins Drive to finally reach Wilkins Hut. Some in our group had not seen this hut so they walked around the outside to check it out. Back on Mt Bryan East Road, Dares Hill Summit Road, past the old School and Church on Mt Bryan East Road and guess what, we found Dust Hole Creek Road once again!! Somehow we ended up as trip leader and Bob tail end, which was in reverse when we started the day. Back to camp to enjoy happy hour.

After tea, we all met at Bob & Pauline's camp where Bob set up photos, complemented with background music, that he had taken of their 3 month trip to Cairns in Qld and outback Qld to come home. More food - Lisa made lovely scones with orange and lemon curd served with jam and cream. Delicious, thank you Lisa, topped the night off beautifully.



Monday 9/3/20 we packed up and left at 9.45am travelling with John and Jane until we hit the black top. The remainder of the group were planning a night's stay at World's End. Such a relaxing weekend in quite a remote area.

Thanks Bob for your planning and the rest of the group for your company. (Yes I did give Max's fly net back to him)

[Lyn]

*Love this !!!!!*

## Easter 2020

Another Easter has come around and we are doing things a little different this year. Our plans have changed from going to Broken Hill to camping at Claughtontown. The amenities were fantastic and just loved the camp kitchen. We have been blessed with some nice weather so time to sit and enjoy each other's company, do some knitting and some reading

It is still fire ban season so no camp fire unfortunately. As we had plenty of time on our hands we had plenty of opportunity to practice new things in the Weber.



We did a salmon and potato pie for Good Friday and some Oysters Kilpatrick on Saturday. Tried out a new batch of scones using a different recipe and they turned out really well.



We are looking forward to when we can hitch up the camper and spend some time with friends again.

We hope everyone had a nice Easter and are keeping well. Until we meet again stay safe.

[Lisa]



*This one made me laugh.....*

## **"BLAST FROM THE PAST"**

**Light 4WD Club SA Inc - September 2004**

### **The Blue Diamond - The Value of Undies**

Be careful what you wear (or don't wear) when working under your vehicle .... Especially in public!!

From the Sydney Morning Herald comes this story of a central west couple who drove their car to K-Mart only to have it break down in the parking lot. The man told his wife to carry on with the shopping while he fixed the car in the lot.

The wife returned later to see a small group near the car; on closer inspection she saw a pair of male legs protruding from under the chassis. Although the man was in his shorts, his lack of underpants turned private parts into glaringly public ones. Unable to stand the embarrassment she dutifully stepped forward, quickly put her hands UP his shorts and tucked everything back in place.

On regaining her feet she looked across the hood and found herself staring at her husband who had been standing idly by. The mechanic, however, had to have three stitches in his head.

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**Also from the same Newsletter was the following recipe for scones which were sampled for morning tea at the Historic Daydream Silver Mine by the Cameron Corner Campers and are recommended.**

### ***SCONES***

*Preheat oven to 450F.*

6 cups SR flour

3 tsp baking powder

400 ml cream

400 ml cold water

1 dssp sugar

Sift dry ingredients together, add cream and water. Mould together.

Cuts 30 scones approximately, cook for 20 minutes. Add 5 minutes for extra tray.



## 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](mailto:treasurer@gawler4wd.com.au), so he can update the club records.

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## BOOK REVIEW BY QUENTON

### **The Railway Dog - The true story of an Australian outback dog.**

Written by author Olywn M Parker this true story follows the life of "Bob" the Railway dog in the 1890's. Olwyn has a link to one of the main towns in the story; Peterborough, as her grandparents ran the Hotel Peterborough in the 1960's.

The book is an easy read and follows the adventures of Bob, a scruffy brown dog, from his time in the city as a stray to his time in the railway towns of Peterborough and Terowie. Bought on a whim by a railwayman as a present for his wife, all the railway men knew him and he loved riding trains in the mid North, to the city of Adelaide and as far as Sydney. The men would look out for him, and ensure he got a feed. This is in the times of horse and cart and when the railways were a very important part of the country's transport. "Bob" became a legend and a part of Australia's rich railway history.

You may have seen Bob's statue in the main street of Peterborough or his collar at the National Railway Museum in Port Adelaide.

Written in 2011 the book is available for loan from the Gawler library or purchase online. A children's book called "Bob the Railway dog" by Corinne Fenton is also available from the Gawler library or for purchase online.

