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





More pictures from this month's "Blast from the Past" (same place anyway)

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#### 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	X	5	2		4	2
Committee			25						30			

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

## Dates for 2020

#### Public Holidays: 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.

## NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

#### Presidents Report:

Hello everybody.

Our Committee has decided to cancel this August General meeting. With many members away and with COVID-19 Council restrictions meaning no supper, we thought this the best decision at the moment.

We will monitor coming months and advise you in due course.

Mark your diary for Sunday the 27th September for a visit to the Karoonda painted Silos. This will be a social day trip, but you can extend it to overnight to see the night time projections on the Silos. I have also organised the buildings to be open for us at the Karoonda Pioneer Park.

Trips have been very limited in 2020 due to COVID-19. If you would like to plan your "Trip Lotto" or a 4WD trip, please advise the details to the Committee for approval and insertion in the Newsletter.

If you are on Facebook, please "like" and follow our page. I have added some photos of past trips from the archives and also keep up to date with any club events and meeting status.

#### [Quenton]

#### **Editor's Report:**

Hello everyone and welcome to the August edition of the Newsletter. The idea of keeping the Newsletter going is to keep us connected as a Club and to advise you of changes when they occur.

As Quenton mentioned above, there will not be a general meeting for August for reasons stated. Future meetings will also be assessed as the year progresses.

Perhaps like me you didn't think, way back in March, that this COVID-19 problem would still be ongoing this late in the year. In light of the problems the people of Victoria are experiencing, it seems the likelihood of COVID-19 continuing on to Christmas and beyond is very real now and I'm sure will upset a lot of plans for "family get togethers" if that is the case. I know it's going to upset ours!

Due to the ongoing virus problem, we may also have to re-think the competitions too. We will keep you advised.

It is hoped that our Christmas trip will go ahead but I guess it all depends on what happens between now and November. If nothing else, we just have to remain flexible.

I have continued on with the "First Car" theme and written about ours. If you would like to submit something along a similar vein, please feel free to send it to us as I'm sure the first vehicle stories are as varied as we are.

Quenton has also forwarded an article on Australian Explorers which I hope you will find interesting.

Keep in good spirits and keep safe and keep those distances going. One day it will be but a dream,.....one day!!!! That's it from me for this month.

#### [Sandra]



Karoonda Silos	Sunday 27 September 2020			
Trip Details:	Travelling to Karoonda painted silos and visiting Karoonda Pioneer Par			
Where:	Karoonda			
Cost:	Donation at Karoonda Pioneer Park			
Meet:	Gawler Information Centre 8.45am for a 9.00am leave.			
When:	Sunday 27th September,2020			
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601			
More Info	Pack morning tea for Walker Flat, pack picnic lunch or buy from Karoonda Mini Mart Bakery Cafe. Visit Karoonda Silos and Pioneer Park which will have buildings open for us at 1.30pm. Come for the day or stay overnight at the Caravan Park to see Projections onto Silo at night.			
	www.karoondasiloart.com.au			
	Details of caravan park:			
	Address: 11 Railway Terrace, Karoonda 5307			
	Phone: 8578 1004 www.karoonda.org/book-online			
	R.S.V.P: Please advise Quenton via email qdld@bigpond.com or text on 0407 604 601 so we can add your name to the Trip Sheet.			
	REMINDER: We will be entering a Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone, so you will need an itemised receipt if carrying fruit.			
	For further information, visit <u>Remember Your Receipt</u> on the PIRSA Website.			

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:	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.

## 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:







## **MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD**



# PHOTO COMPETITIONS

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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 × 10cm (6"×4")
- (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

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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.





# 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. <u>Please check below to see if your name is on the roster</u>. 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.

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

# 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:

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 <u>editor@gawler4wd.com.au</u> for inclusion in our next newsletter providing it arrives BEFORE the newsletter deadline! (See page 3)

## 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.

# Giveaway

Small Samsung Bar fridge. Good working order.

Phone Quenton 0407 604 601





## **BLAST FROM THE PAST**

# Bri-Glen Weekend 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July 2005 (from the August 2005 Newsletter)

On Saturday we met at Tarlee at 8:00am and left by 8:15am, there were 8 vehicles. We drove towards Hallett and stopped at the General store for a break and picked up the key for the Sir Hubert Wilkins cottage from the pub. We then started the Dare's hill circuit tourist drive. We saw lots of kangaroos, grey and red, and saw lots of other wildlife like parrots and other birds. We soon arrived at the Sir Hubert Wilkins cottage. Some of us had morning tea in the cottage because it was very windy, cold and drizzly. We read about this little know explorer & adventurer and looked through the restored cottage where he lived as a boy. We saw in the visitor's book that the channel nine "Postcards" crew visited the cottage on the 21 st of June and the story will be on TV Sunday night the 17th of July.

About halfway around the tourist circuit at Mallett (a town that never turned into a town) we turned off to Bri-Glen Park and travelled 13 km to Brian's front gate. We set up camp and had lunch, (still windy). We decided to go for a drive around the Bri-Glen Park. The bulldozer had been around the track we chose earlier in the week so it was easy to get around, so easy that you could almost go around it in a 2WD vehicle. Brian said the water got to 3 metres high in some of the creeks; so many creek crossings were washed away. When we climbed to the top of "Reg Sprigg Look-out", we could hardly stand up it was so windy. We stopped at the gold mine and had a look around. The old hut and one old mine, still with its old timber supports were amazing. Chief ventured a little way into the mine, but Ben called him back. When we got back we rode our motorbike for a while which was really fun. Michael had a go too and now really wants a motorbike for his birthday or Christmas! We had tea around the fire. Brian had dug a fire pit for us with the bulldozer. Martin and Ben picked up a load of stumps with their Landcruiser Ute.

Brian was busy finishing the new toilets he has been building since the 2003 fire. The club presented him with a "Golden toilet brush plague" to mark the opening of the toilets.

Sunday we woke to a sunny day. No wind! Dad went for a scout around on our Honda 50 around the tracks to find out where to go for today and got lost. Leighton called him on the radio after 45 minutes and he was on his way back, although he came back in the opposite direction!



Harrison rode his motorbike around the camp area where the bulldozer had levelled the area and left some great jumps. Bronte drove over Harrison's motorbike jump with his Patrol and the side steps graded the top off the jump. Harrison was not happy!

We then went for a drive on the "Back mountain track". The bulldozer had not been here, so it was more interesting 4WDing. Michael's dads Courier had wheels off the ground and Ron

said it was the hairiest 4WDing he had done so far in his new Pajero. We saw a couple of look outs, . then went to Bri-Glen Springs where Chief chased a few goats, but the goats out climbed him. Dad got slightly bogged in the creek bed but got himself out by selecting low range & lots more revs & black smoke (didn't want to get out and dig). The others went part way up the Cobb & Co track. At one of the gates I opened, Dad drove off without me for about 50 metres, which wasn't very nice. After that we went back and had lunch, packed up and headed off at around



3:00pm. We continued along the Dares hill circuit and saw some interesting old stone buildings from the mid 1800's, and lots more kangaroos and one Emu. We had a look around Terowie and had ice-creams about 5.00pm despite the cold weather. I dropped in the key from Sir Hubert's cottage into the Hallett pub, everyone in the pub stopped their conversations as I walked in; haven't they ever seen an 11 yr old kid in a front bar before? We slipped behind the convoy, but managed to overtake everyone by taking a shortcut just before Burra. Took everyone ages to realise we were back in front despite Dad dropping hints over the radio. As we got closer to home, channel 16 was taken over by the "Brotherhood"; before they drove us mad, we said our good-byes and everyone headed their separate ways home. It was a fun weekend. Thank you to Brian Sambell and everyone that came from the club and a couple of new visitors, we hope to see you on club trips again.

# David Earl. 😳

## NATURAL RESOURCES INFORMATION

Grasslands: Biodiversity of south-eastern Australia app - FREE

Australia's native grasslands are some of our most critically endangered ecosystems, home to many endangered fauna and flora species. A new, free comprehensive field guide app for iPhone and iPad, <u>Grasslands: Biodiversity of south-eastern Australia</u>, introduces users to, and aims to build an appreciation of, the unique biodiversity of south-eastern Australia's temperate native grasslands. Grasslands includes:

- Information on 8 endangered grassland communities of south-eastern Australia, including 2 grassy wetland communities
- Over 500 flora descriptions with images
- Over 200 fauna descriptions with images and selected bird and frog calls
- Distribution maps from the Atlas of Living Australia
- Details of 25 easily accessible grassland sites to visit, representative of grassland communities in Victoria, New South Wales, ACT, South Australia and Tasmania with more grasslands planned for inclusion in future app releases
- Grassland site descriptions include species lists linking back to the field guide, allowing users to explore their local grasslands and identify species present
- Interactive maps of grassland sites, communities and their bioregions.

Grasslands: Biodiversity of south-eastern Australia is a collaboration between the University of Melbourne team that published Land of Sweeping Plains: Managing and restoring the native grasslands of south-eastern Australia and Ecolinc, a Department of Education and Training Specialist Science Centre focussing on environmental science curriculum programs for P-12 students and teachers.

Grasslands would not have been possible without generous funding provided by the Myer Foundation and the dedication of the many individuals who donated time, expertise and photos over the many years it has taken to develop.

For more information contact Associate Professor Nicholas (Nick) Williams, Urban Ecology and Urban Horticulture, School of Ecosystem and Forest Sciences, Faculty of Science, The University of Melbourne via email: nsw@unimelb.edu.au

The above information came from a mail-out from Victorian Environment Friend Network Incorporated

[Pete]

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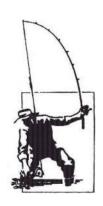
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## **OUR FIRST CAR**

## The Harper's First Car

Our first car wasn't exactly glamorous or sporty, it was second (or third) hand and cost 100 UK pounds. It was grey in colour and was a Vauxhall Viva HA 2-door sedan. It came with a "B" registration which meant that the UK registration year was 1964 and we purchased it around 1972.

Unlike a lot of UK cars of the time, this one actually came with "air conditioning!" Thanks to the salt sprinkled on UK roads to combat ice in the winter, the floorpan on the passenger side was missing a bit of metal (rust) so not only was I fortunate enough to get cool air whether I needed it or not, I was also fortunate to get sprinkled with the odd shower of "rain!"

Resourceful as usual, Pete removed the front passenger seat so that he could work on the car which meant that I had to sit on the back set whenever we went out in it. He actually cut out part of the floorpan and replaced it with fibreglass. He also fitted a new Weber 28/36 carburettor which significantly improved the performance of the vehicle.

When we planned our 1973 wedding, we decided to go to Scotland for our honeymoon and needed the Viva to get there. Unfortunately, Pete also needed the car for work and a month before we got married, as Pete was leaving his work's carpark, his boss who was wearing a neck brace at the time and couldn't turn his head, drove into the side of the Viva writing it off. However that, as they say, is another story!!!!

**Some Viva facts:** The Vauxhall Viva was a small family car produced by Vauxhall in a succession of three versions between 1963 and 1979. These were designated as the HA< HB and HC series.

The Viva was introduced a year after Vauxhall's fellow GM company Opel launched the Opel Kadett A. Both cars were a result of the same General Motors project and share the same floorpan and engine construction, but with one main difference being the use of metric measurements for the Opel and imperial ones for the Vauxhall. In the UK the Viva's principal competitors at the time of its launch included the well established Ford Anglia and Morris Minor.

The HA Viva, was announced in September 1963 and replaced in September 1966 and was Vauxhall's first serious step into the compact car market after the Second World War. The HA Viva was powered by a 1,057cc overhead valve, four cylinder, front mounted engine driving the rear wheels. It was also an inch longer than the Ford Anglia.

The HA set new standards in its day for lightweight, easy to operate controls, a slick short gear change (*which, as luck would have it, came off in my hand when I was driving it*), lightweight steering and clutch pedal, good all-round visibility and relatively nippy performance. It was one of the first cars to be actively marketed towards women, perhaps as a result of these perceived benefits for them.

The HA, however, suffered severely from corrosion problems<sup>1</sup>along with other Vauxhall models of the time and very few of this model remain - one of the main problem areas being the capping along the top side edges of the luggage compartment badly corroding and allowing water to enter, consequently leading to severe structural corrosion in the luggage-compartment floor area. As with a lot of other British cars of that period, many Vivas failed to survive long term.



Viva HA de luxe from behind. The styling of the HA was acceptably modern though in most respects, compared to its replacement, it was a relatively plain design.

The Viva nameplate was re-introduced on a rebadged <u>Daewoo product</u> in 2015 and discontinued during 2019.

(We eventually replaced the Viva with a green Morris Mini traveller (it had the wood on the outside) which had once been owned by HM The Queen as the previous address was Buckingham Palace. We joked that it was probably to take the corgis out for their daily walk although a Martin Charteris, the Assistant Private Secretary to the Queen, actually drove it. He later became Sir Martin Charteris. My mum bought the Mini off us when we migrated to Australia.)



[Sandra]

## OUTBACK EXPLORERS BY QUENTON

### Stuart

John McDouall Stuart (1815-1866) embarked on several death-defying attempts to cross Australia South to North before finally succeeding in 1862. He was the first European to find and name Chambers Pillar 160km South of Alice Springs. The Stuart Highway is named in his honour.

## Sturt

Charles Napier Sturt (1795-1869) survived extreme hardship to trace the course of the Macquarie River in New South Wales. His third major expedition was a quest to find Australia's great "inland sea", which he and many others learned did not exist.

## Gosse

William Gosse (1842-1881) gave Uluru its European name Ayers Rock during an expedition that covered 155,000 square kilometres of unknown country.

## Eyre

Edward John Eyre (1815-1901) survived a murderous mutiny to complete an incredible expedition from Adelaide across the unforgiving Nullabor Plain to Albany in Western Australia. He also undertook an unsuccessful attempt to reach the centre of Australia. Lake Eyre, Eyre Creek, Eyre Peninsular and Eyre Highway were named in his honour.

## Gregorys

Sir Augustus Charles Gregory (1819-1905) explored Western Australia, Queensland, South Australia and the Northern Territory, while his younger brother Francis Thomas Gregory (1821-1888) discovered fertile grazing land and the makings of what become a thriving pearl industry on the North West coast of Western Australia.

#### Giles

Ernest Giles (1835-1897) led a series of expeditions in central Australia, naming the Gibson Desert, the Great Victorian Desert and The Olgas. He was the first European to see Uluru.

# Burke & Wills

Perhaps the most famous of Australia explorers, Robert O'Hara Burke (1821-1861) and William John Wills (1834-1861) led a South - North expedition from Cooper Creek to the Gulf of Carpentaria in the Top End. Reaching Cooper Creek on their return, they found it deserted - the men waiting for them had given up and departed a mere nine hours earlier. Both died of starvation. All together seven men lost their lives. Only John King survived the crossing by relying on help from the Cooper Creek Aborigines.

## Forrest

Sir John Forrest (1847-1918) won fame as an explorer by leading three expeditions into the interior of Western Australia in the late 1800s including a successful mission to survey a land route along the Great Australian Bight. He was appointed Western Australia's first Premier in 1890.



## Beadell

Often regarded the "last true Australian explorer", Len Beadell OAM (1923-1995) was responsible for opening up the final frontiers of central Australia between 1947 and 1963. Beadell established the site of the Woomera Rocket Range 485 km North of Adelaide as well as a network of outback roads, including the Gunbarrel Highway that connects Victory Downs in the Northern Territory to Carnegie Station in Western Australia. I was privileged to hear Len talk in the mid 1980's and he was a very interesting and entertaining speaker. In his work years he drove Land Rovers, he and his family explored the bush in a Toyota FJ55 4WD station wagon and tours taken by his family are now done again with Land Rover vehicles. He has written a number of books such as "Too long in the bush", "Blast the bush", Still in the bush" and many others of his exploits in the outback. These books are still available through the families website www.lenbeadell.com.au.

## Sprigg

Reg Claude Sprigg AO (1919-1994). In 1962 with his wife Griselda and two children Marg (10) and Doug (7) crossed the Simpson Desert from Andado Station in the Northern Territory to Birdsville in Queensland. It was the first vehicular crossing and was done in a Nissan Patrol with all four sitting across the front bench seat. It took them 12 days and crossed approximately 1,100 sand dunes. Reg and his family purchased the Arkaroola Station in 1968, destocked the



station and opened a sanctuary and Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary is now run by Marg and Doug Sprigg. A couple of good books are "Dune, is a four letter word" by Griselda Sprigg and Rod Maclean and "Rock Star, the story of Reg Sprigg - an Outback legend" by Kristin Weidenbach (Kristin has been a Guest Speaker to our club in June 2018).

Deb and I have been to Arkaroola about five to six times over the years and have met Reg talking about rocks, Griselda while drinking at the "Pick and Shovel" bar, a flight over Arkaroola with Doug and in 2017 a Ridge Top Tour with Reg's grandson Mark Sprigg.



## FRIDAY FUNNIES

A Texan farmer goes to Australia for a vacation. There he meets an Aussie farmer and gets talking. The Aussie shows off his big wheat field and the Texan says, "Oh! We have wheat fields that are at least twice as large."

Then they walk around the farm a little, and the Aussie shows off his herd of cattle. The Texan immediately says, "We have longhorns that are at least twice as large as your cows."

The conversation has, meanwhile, almost died when the Texan sees a mob of kangaroos hopping through the paddock. He asks, "And what are those?" The Aussie replies with an incredulous look, "Don't you have any grasshoppers in Texas?".....

I have a stepladder. I never knew my real ladder......

My friend told me he had the body of a Greek god. I had to explain to him that Buddha is not Greek.....

Oh my gosh, I just saw Johnny fall off a 20-metre ladder. Lucky he was only on the first step at the time.....

How to cheer up in easy steps:

- 1. Whisper "Beep Boob" to yourself.
- 2. Alternatively, plug your nose, and try and say "Sneep Snop"
- 3. Or, try and say "Bubbles" in the angriest voice you can.
- 4. Repeat until not sad.

Spoons are just little bowls on sticks

Why isn't the word 'union' pronounced like the word 'onion'?

What if the only reason we can't go through mirrors is because our reflection is blocking us.

If 'womb' is pronounced 'woom', and 'tomb' is pronounced 'toom', shouldn't 'bomb' be pronounced 'boom'?

"In case of fire use stairs". That's ridiculous. HOW am I supposed to put out this fire with stairs?

So, how did people think before languages?

When you look away from the mirror your reflection could still be staring at you and you would never know.

With thanks to Westprint Friday Five; please visit their website <a href="http://www.westprint.com.au/">http://www.westprint.com.au/</a>.