

# Gawler & Districts

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# 4WD Club Newsletter

## September 2020



Founded in 2002



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



Morgan Training 2002

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# WELCOME

## to the Gawler & Districts 4WD Club

Previously known as "The Light Four Wheel Drive Club of SA Inc." this active 4WD club was founded in 2002. Members voted at the March 2008 meeting to change the club's name and meet at Gawler to give the club a more recognizable name and a more central meeting place.

It has become a very social club and has run many a successful day, weekend, long weekend and extended trips. We are a member of the Four Wheel Drive South Australia that incorporates the Driver Training Unit. Most meetings include a Guest Speaker and a monthly club newsletter.

***If you are a visitor to tonight's meeting, we welcome you and your family to our club. Please ask as many questions as you want. You can join us on up to 3 club outings before becoming a member. Trip Leaders run each outing and will be glad to help you with tips on four-wheel driving and how to get the best from your vehicle. If you would like to join us on any trips and enjoy what 4WD can really bring, please fill out your details on our Trip Sheets.***

The Club meets every second Friday in the month at 7.30 pm at the Gawler Elderly Centre Hall in Fourteenth Street, Gawler.

The meeting dates are shown on page 3 of this newsletter.

Annual membership fees are \$55 per vehicle/family, plus \$10 joining fee.



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**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

	<b>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: 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:

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Hello everybody.

Our Committee has decided to cancel this September General meeting. With no Guest Speaker and with COVID-19 Council restrictions meaning no supper, we thought this the best decision at the moment. We will however hold a General meeting in October with Guest Speaker Alan Murphy talking about his ride across America on his motorbike and with a refined COVID - 19 safe supper. Hope to see you all there.

Deb and I will be running a trip on 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. Please advise me if you would like to go.

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. "Trip Lotto" winner for September is - Wayne and Sandra Heintze.

Our Christmas week-end at Renmark will be the 5th and 6th of December. Slightly different format this year - our Saturday night dinner will be at the Renmark Club overlooking the Murray River. Jo has organised a Club discount at the Caravan Park. See this magazine for full details.

[Quenton]

### Editor's Report:

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Hello everyone and welcome to September's edition of the Newsletter.

I must apologise for the Newsletter going out late this month but the publisher spent all week working down at Ngarkat on the Border Track so was unavailable to do the publishing.

At the last committee meeting it was decided to postpone both the Photo and Trip Report competitions for this year. All photos and trip reports for 2020 will be added to those submitted for 2021 so you won't miss out. I think, initially, we all hoped that the Covid-19 virus would blow over and things would start getting back to normal for the remainder of this year but that hasn't happened and is unlikely to happen any time soon so it seemed the only way to go to be fair to everyone concerned. Let's hope that 2021 has some semblance of normality about it.

We have included details in the Newsletter of the Christmas Trip under "coming events" which is now scheduled for the first weekend in December. 5/6th. Further details will come to hand once we have an understanding of restrictions around Covid-19 and whether or not other outbreaks in the State have occurred. Fingers crossed all remains positive.

And that's it from me for another month. Keep safe and well and we'll see you in October.

[Sandra]

## TRIBUTE - JOHN MEWETT.

It is with sadness that I report the passing of former club member John Mewett who died Friday the 28th of August, 2020.

John and Karyn were long time members of the club while living in Gawler before moving to Coobowie. John aka "Keithy" (after Keith Martin - the weatherman) was a source of entertainment on club trips giving us weather updates each morning and throughout the day.

His trusty white Pajero lead John and Karyn over many rough tracks and proved to be a most reliable vehicle over many years.

John represented our club as Delegate to the 4WDSA meetings for many years. He was the recipient of the "Russell Koite Award" in October, 2012 for burying his Pajero in a Wombat hole at our 10th anniversary trip to Burra Creek. (See photo).

John will be remembered for his dry sense of humour and sense of good fun.

Vale a funny man and friend to all.

[Quenton]



## COMING EVENTS

### Karoonda Silos

**Sunday 27 September 2020**

**Trip Details:** Travelling to Karoonda painted silos and visiting Karoonda Pioneer Park

**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.karoodasilart.com.au](http://www.karoodasilart.com.au)

**Details of caravan park:**

**Address:** 11 Railway Terrace, Karoonda 5307

**Phone:** 8578 1004 [www.karoonda.org/book-online](http://www.karoonda.org/book-online)

R.S.V.P: Please advise Quenton via email [qld@bigpond.com](mailto:qld@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 [Remember Your Receipt](#) on the PIRSA Website.

<b>Training Opportunity</b>	<b>Morgan, Sat 17th and Sunday 18th October</b>
<b>Trip Details:</b>	The Toyota Landcruiser Club (TLCCSA) will be conducting training at the Old Morgan Quarry and we have been invited to participate
<b>Where:</b>	Old Morgan Quarry
<b>Cost:</b>	Venue access is \$0, but there will be a small charge of not more than \$20 per vehicle to help offset the cost of fuel for the trainers (the actual charge for us will be determined by the number of people attending).
<b>Meet:</b>	We meet at the Morgan Ferry carpark on the Morgan side of the river
<b>When:</b>	We will leave the carpark no later than 9am so please be there no later than 0845 so as we can get some admin completed
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Peter Harper, 04 1052 6317
<b>More Info</b>	<p>Easiest is to camp at the caravan park. Each person will need to book their own site. Choices are cabins, powered site or unpowered sit.</p> <p>On Saturday, we normally book for dinner at the Commercial Hotel. We will create a group booking once we know numbers. This is optional, so no issues if you wish to cook yourself.</p> <p>After dinner, those so inclined, will get together again for some more socialising at a distance, of course.</p> <p>Activities that can be covered are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snatch recovery (although we don't use the term "snatch" any more)</li> <li>• Driving over rocks</li> <li>• Side slopes</li> <li>• Driving up inclines and down declines</li> <li>• Stall starts forward and reverse</li> <li>• Pre departure checks</li> <li>• Change a wheel</li> </ul> <p>If you are interested in the Morgan weekend, please email, or phone, Peter Harper</p>

<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>

<b>Christmas Trip</b>	
	<b>Renmark Big 4 Riverfront Caravan Park Saturday/Sunday, 5/6 December 2020</b>
<b>Trip Details:</b>	Staying at the caravan park and, unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions regarding the sharing of food, dinner has been booked at the Renmark Club for 6.30 pm on the Saturday night. If you wish, you can check out the menu on <a href="http://www.renmarkclub.com.au">www.renmarkclub.com.au</a>
<b>Where:</b>	1 Patey Drive, Renmark. Phone: 8586 8111
<b>Cost:</b>	Powered Site: \$52.00 for two people and \$17 pp with a 10% Club discount on the total price. Payment will need to be made at the time of booking. Unpowered Site: \$47.00 for two people
<b>Meet:</b>	Make your own way to the caravan park
<b>When:</b>	Saturday/Sunday, 5/6 December 2020
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Joann Wuttke & Julie Sieben
<b>More Info</b>	More details can be obtained from the caravan's website: <a href="http://www.big4.com.au/accommodation/renmark">www.big4.com.au/accommodation/renmark</a> 10 sites have been pre-booked – they are NOT on the river front. If anyone would like to extend their stay, they can book the extra nights. When booking you will need to mention that you are with the Gawler 4WD Club.



## 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:

◆◆ September ◆◆

*Stephen*



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## 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:

- Each member may enter up to four (4) photos
- Photos should be a copy (not originals) - Size 15cm x 10cm (6"x4")
- Photos must have been taken on a club trip during the last 12 months (Nov 19 - Nov 20)
- All photos must be labelled on the back with your name, where, and when, the photo was taken
- Entries to be handed to John by close of November General meeting
- 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 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.



CHRISTMAS 2020



## **CHRISTMAS TRIP**

**Stay at: Renmark Big 4 Riverfront Caravan Park**  
**1 Patey Drive, Renmark**  
**Phone: 8586 8111**

**Cost: Powered Sites: \$52.00 for two people**  
**\$17.00 pp for each extra person**  
**Unpowered sites: \$47.00 for two people**  
**Extras as above.**

10 sites have been pre-booked. When booking please let the park know that you are a member of the Gawler 4WD Club - a club discount of 10% will be applied on the full amount. You can also arrange to stay longer if you wish. Payment will need to be made at the time of booking.

**Due to Covid-19 Restrictions with regard to the sharing of food the BBQ won't go ahead as usual instead dinner has been booked at the Renmark Club**  
**160 Murray Avenue, Renmark**  
**For 6.30 pm on the Saturday evening.**

**Please see details under "coming event" in the Newsletter.**

**Details regarding other events for the weekend will be advised in due course and is dependent upon restrictions around Covid-19**  
**Please contact Jo or Julie for further information.**



## 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!*

Competition will roll over to 2021

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 12pprox. 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.**

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:

- (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)

***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**

*This month, something different. This "trip report" didn't come from one of our past Newsletters but was sent into Westprint Friday Five by someone called John and I thought it was worth sharing. The photos are amazing especially the one of Alice Springs – how it has changed!*

### **An Outback Trip in the 1950s – John C.**

The year 1954 was a memorable one for me in many ways. After finishing teacher training at Mercer House at the end of 1953 I received my first permanent appointment as a Grade 6 teacher at Grimwade House. Soon followed the first Royal Tour of Victoria by a reigning monarch and the many opportunities to see Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip during their fourteen day stay in the state. Late in the same year I obtained my driving licence and purchased my first car that was a new Austin A30, but it would be eighteen more years before I purchased my first 4WD vehicle. However, the highlight of the year was my first trip to the Outback during the August school holidays.

A group of fifteen friends (10 male and 5 female) met on a cold August morning to commence this memorable trip and were soon heading along the Western Highway bound for Murray Bridge, Adelaide and Port Augusta. The vehicles used were two Series 1 Land Rovers, a Standard Vanguard Sedan and a hired trailer.

On day three we stopped for an evening meal at a cafe in Port Augusta and after dark headed north on the Stuart Highway which at that time was unsealed once across the Spencer Gulf bridge. We camped for the night near Bookaloo and were disturbed by steady rain in the early hours of the morning. This was not a good start when sleeping in the open without tents. On resuming our journey next morning, we soon found that the mud thrown up from the wheels quickly filled the mudguards on the Vanguard. Fortunately, a tow truck from Woomera was out looking to help a convoy expected there and it was able to tow the Vanguard across the muddy section to the "Pines Homestead". Here we set up camp and removed the excess mud from under the vehicles.



For the next couple of days, we followed the road (track) through Kingoonya and then north to Coober Pedy making sure that we avoided any muddy sections. At this time Coober Pedy was a very small town centred somewhere near where the Unmoona Mine is today.

The fuel tanks on the Series 1 Land Rovers only held ten gallons of petrol and hence it was necessary to stop for fuel at most of the homesteads we passed, as until the 1980s the highway followed a route from one homestead to the next. Due to the rough track, we spent most mornings repairing the vehicles and would consequently need to travel until late at night in order to keep to schedule.

At Kulgera we purchased two 44-gallon drums of fuel which would be enough to take our three vehicles from here to Alice Springs via Ayers Rock. These were added to the already overladen trailer with one drum being dumped near Erldunda ready for our return from Ayers Rock.



We stopped at Curtin Springs homestead that was established by Abraham Andrews and his family in 1943 and named after the Australian prime minister of the day. The homestead was very basic and was mainly constructed of spinifex held between two layers of wire netting. Peter Severin, the present owner of Curtin Springs purchased the property from Andrews in 1956 and constructed a new homestead in a different location.



In 1954 Ayers Rock was still part an Aboriginal Reserve and we had a permit to visit the area for some purpose. It was not until 1956 that it was declared a national park and Bill Harney become its first ranger. The track to Ayers Rock was first graded in 1953 but the dunes remained a challenge for many years after this. At this time there were no roads west of Ayers Rock as Len Beadell did not commence construction of the Gunbarrel Highway at Victory Downs (west of Kulgera) until November 1955.





After leaving Curtin Springs the trailer was uncoupled to help with a vehicle recovery from the sand and it was not correctly attached again after this. No chains were used back in 1954 to keep a trailer attached in an emergency. We continued towards Ayers Rock looking ahead for our first glimpse of the monolith but as we turned to climb one dune it was noticed that there was no drag from the trailer because it was no longer attached. We retraced our route to find it upside down in the middle of the track some 15 miles back. Then came the task of separating the trailer from its load and then straightening the pipe towbar. This was soon accomplished, and we again headed for Ayers Rock.



We spent the best part of a week at Ayers Rock and the Olgas and were the only people there during this time. We camped at a site close to Maggie Springs used by Len Tuit and other visitors to the Rock and drew water from the waterhole. We climbed the Rock without the aid of the chain that was added in stages during the 1970s and were able to roam across the summit and down to the Uluru Rockhole that lies in a deep valley well below the summit.

We then moved camp to the Valley of the Winds in the Olgas and had an interesting time climbing some of the domes in that area. Two of our group completed the difficult climb to the summit of Mt Olga and added their names to the four



After leaving this area we headed back to the Stuart Highway to Alice Springs. Here we stayed in caravan park accommodation and during our time there visited Standley Chasm and Corroboree Rock. Once again, all these roads were rough, and few tourists regularly visited any of these sites.

Our homeward journey from Alice Springs followed the Oodnadatta Track from Granite Downs through Oodnadatta, Marree, Hawker, the Barossa Valley and Mildura back to Melbourne. The Vanguard found this section difficult due to the soft sand in creek beds and over the dunes and it often needed a tow from one of the Land Rovers and in some other places even used the railway line sleepers to make progress in the sand.



When we reached Oodnadatta the trailer was having spring problems and we were forced to wait for the return of the mailman to gain access to his pile of spare parts to find replacement springs. During this forced stay, the ladies in the party stayed at the Transcontinental Hotel and the remainder camped nearby but we all enjoyed the hotel's hospitality. With little else to do we watched the cattle trains leaving for the southern markets.



We were now running behind schedule and drove well into the evenings to make up time. At the Marree Hotel we were required to help with the meal preparation and cleaning up to get a meal before moving on to camp near Beltana that evening.

This trip was a wonderful experience and inspired me to return to the Outback on many future occasions; this included trips that visited Ayers Rock on at least twelve more occasions and to Alice Springs more than double that number. John.

(All included photographs were taken on this trip and reflect the conditions found in 1954.)

## NATURAL RESOURCES INFORMATION



# Insider tips

*11 September 2020*

The sun is shining and the weather is beginning to get warmer, which means one thing - spring is here!

From wildflowers to baby animals, the change of season brings much to see, experience and explore in national parks.

One of the best places to spot baby animals is at Cleland Wildlife Park, which is offering 30 percent off family memberships for spring.

Wildflowers are in full bloom at Innes National Park, you can find out which parks can be explored with your four legged friends and we've got ideas for five walks to avoid the Mount Lofty crowds.

There's so much to see and do and we can't wait to see you in one of our parks soon.

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### [Wildflowers at Innes National Park](#)

Spring has sprung and so have wildflowers on Yorke Peninsula. Keep a look out for these six flowers on your next visit.



### [Spring into Cleland Wildlife Park](#)

Spring is a great time to visit Cleland Wildlife Park. With school holidays just around the corner, take advantage of their 30% off family memberships offer.



### [5 great walks that aren't the Waterfall Gully to Mt Lofty Trail](#)

Love the Waterfall Gully to Mount Lofty Trail but want to avoid the crowds? Try these alternative hikes in the Mount Lofty area and beyond.



[Grab your four-legged friend and get out in nature](#)

Here are 18 dog-friendly parks for you to visit in metropolitan Adelaide.



[Dogs in parks, everything you need to know](#)

Now you know which parks allow dogs, here is everything you need to know when you go.



[Five things you can do to 'leave no trace'](#)

From taking your rubbish with you to bringing your own firewood, here's how to keep South Australia's national parks untouched.



[Learn about SA's lesser-known bushfire-affected creatures](#)

Did you know that since the 2019-20 summer bushfires, extensive wildlife monitoring is underway on Kangaroo Island? Here's how the Aussie owlet-nightjar is faring.

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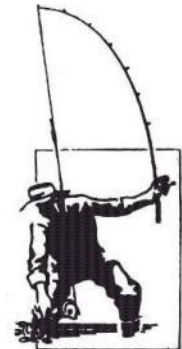
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## OUTBACK EXPLORERS BY QUENTON

*Thank you to Quenton for submitting the following article*

### **Bastin's Flinders Ranges Tour 1935**

Seven days, all inclusive 8 pounds, 10 shillings

Leaving every Saturday during May, June, July, August and September.

Saturday

Leave Adelaide, motor to Port Pirie via Port Wakefield and Port Broughton. Afternoon: Inspection of Smelters.

Sunday

Motor to Port Augusta via Port Germein, Port Germein Gorge, Melrose, Mount Remarkable, Wilmington, Horrocks Pass.

Monday

Leave Port Augusta, motor to Hawker via Pichi Richi Pass and Quorn.

Tuesday

Motor through the rugged, picturesque scenery of the Flinders Range to Angorichina Hostel, from where one of the finest views of the Range is obtained. Afternoon: Motor through the Parachilna Gorge to Blinman, where a visit will be paid to the old Blinman Copper Mines.

Wednesday

Leave Blinman, motor to Wilpena Pound. Some hours will be spent here, midst the rugged grandeur of the mountains. Afternoon: Motor to Hawker.

Thursday

Motor to Clare via Carrieton, Eurelia, Orroroo, Jamestown, Spalding.

Friday

Inspect local beauty spots and places of interest. Afternoon: Motor to Adelaide.

Bastin's buses were bright green and white. One bus named "Miss Transalia" and the other "Miss Southalia". I found on another website the price for this tour as 18 pounds, 10 shillings. The average weekly wage in 1935 was about 7 pounds per week. Bonds Scenic Motor Tours also ran tours and built the Wilpena Chalet in 1948. A similar 7 day tour with Australian Iconic Tours costs \$2495.00 today.

[Quenton]

## FRIDAY FUNNIES

*Now something to make you smile.*

Strangers on a train.

Four strangers travelled together in the same compartment of a European train. Two men and two women faced each other. One woman was a very wealthy and sophisticated 70-year-old lady who was decked out in the finest of furs and jewellery. Next to her sat a beautiful young woman, nineteen years old - who looked like something right off the cover of a fashion magazine. Across from the older lady was a very mature looking man in his mid-forties who was a highly decorated Sergeant Major in the Army. Next to the Sergeant Major sat a young private fresh out of boot camp.

As these four strangers travelled, they talked and chatted about trivial things until they entered an unlighted tunnel, and there they sat in complete darkness and total silence, until the sound of a distinct kiss broke the silence; following the kiss a loud slap could be heard throughout the cabin. In the ensuing period of silence, the four strangers sat quietly with their own thoughts. The older lady was thinking, "Isn't it wonderful that even in this permissive day and age there are still young women who have a little self-respect and dignity?" The young woman, shaking her head and greatly puzzled, asked herself, "Why in the world would any man in his right mind want to kiss an old fossil like that when I'm sitting here?" The Sergeant Major, rubbing his sore face, was outraged that any woman could ever think that a man in his position would try to sneak a kiss in the dark.

The private, grinning from ear to ear, was thinking, "What a wonderful world this is when a private can kiss the back of his hand and then smack a Sergeant Major in the face and get away with it!"

A warrant officer was crossing a road one-day when a frog called out to him and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess".

He bent over, picked up the frog and put it in his pocket.

The frog spoke up again and said, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a beautiful princess, I will stay with you for one week."

The warrant officer took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it and returned it to his pocket.

The frog then cried out, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you for one week and do ANYTHING you want."

Again, the warrant officer took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket. Finally, the frog asked, "What is the matter? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess, that I'll stay with you for a week and do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?"

The warrant officer said, "Look I'm a warrant officer. I don't have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog, now that's cool."

A young naval student was being put through the paces by an old sea captain. "What would you do if a sudden storm sprang up on the starboard?" asked the captain.

"Throw out an anchor, sir." replied the naval student.

"What would you do if another storm sprang up aft?" asked the captain.

"Throw out another anchor, sir." answered the student.

"And if another terrific storm sprang up forward, what would you do?" asked the captain.

"Throw out another anchor." replied the student.

"Hold on," said the Captain. "Where are you getting all your anchors from?"

The naval student replied, "From the same place you're getting all your storms, sir."

Private Jones was assigned to the induction centre, where he advised new recruits about their government benefits, and the benefits of extra insurance. It wasn't long before Captain Smith noticed that Private Jones was having a staggeringly high success-rate, selling insurance to nearly 100% of the recruits he advised. Rather than ask about this, the Captain stood in the back of the room and listened to Jones' sales pitch. Jones explained the basics to the new recruits, and then said: "If you pay for extra insurance and go into battle and are killed, the government has to pay \$500,000 to your beneficiaries. If you don't, and you go into battle and get killed, the government only has to pay a maximum of \$20,000. Now," he concluded, "which group do you think they are going to send into battle first?"

During training exercises, the lieutenant who was driving down a muddy back road encountered another car stuck in the mud with a red-faced colonel at the wheel. "Your jeep stuck, sir?" asked the lieutenant as he pulled alongside "Nope," replied the colonel, coming over and handing him the keys "Yours is."

Q. How do you stop a dog barking in the back seat of a car? A. Put him in the front seat.

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## CLARENTYNE – THE CLUB MASCOT



We haven't seen much of Clarentyne recently. Hopefully, as the COVID restrictions ease, we might get a chance to see our mascot once more.

[Thanks to Keryn for the photos]