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4WD Club Newsletter

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



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WELCOME

to the Gawler & Districts 4WD Club

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

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

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

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

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

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



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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

2020												
<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>
General		14	13	3	8	12	10	14	11	9	13	11
Committee		5	4	29		3	1	5	2		4	2
			25						30			

2021												
<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>
General		12	12	9	14	4	9	13	10	8	12	10
Committee		3	3	29	5		1	4	1		3	
			31		26	30			29			

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

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:

This meeting is our AGM. Two positions will need to be filled at the meeting. Jane and John will be stepping down from their positions; so we will be looking for a new Secretary and Trip Co-ordinator. Bob Tonkin has nominated for Trip Co-ordinator, so we need a Secretary. Please seriously consider putting your hand up for this position and involve yourself in your club. You will get plenty of help from the rest of the Committee.

Australia Day Peter and Sandra are organising an event at their new house - see details in this Newsletter.

Trips have been quite short for 2020 due to Covid. We have 4 outstanding "Trip Lotto" winners, so please organise your event/4WD trip for 2021 as soon as possible so we can get them approved by the Committee and include the details in the February Newsletter.

I would like to wish all members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and be safe on the roads.

[Quenton]

Editor's Report:

Welcome to our last Newsletter for 2020.

What a tumultuous year it's been and one we certainly didn't envisage this time last year. I guess one of the positives is that it's brought some families closer together. They've re-discovered that there are more things to enjoy than technology and social media - reading, playing board games, getting the jigsaw puzzles out or just enjoying being together as a family. Some people have discovered the joys of baking, the only side effect being the possibility of putting on weight when tempted by some of the delicious recipes on offer.

As we reflect on what has been or might have been, we can't remember 2020 without thinking of the numbers of people still stranded overseas desperate to get back home to spend Christmas with their families and the people who have lost loved ones to the pandemic; Christmas will never be the same again for them. We also think about those people, young and old, who have felt particularly lonely during the year, cut off from family and friends. To them, mobile phones and social media have been a lifeline keeping them sane during the most difficult of years. Our heartfelt thoughts must also turn to the people and families who are stressed and struggling to make ends meet due to job losses or reduced working hours.

Let's hope that with the advent of a successful vaccine, 2021 will be a much happier year for all of them and us as we get back to some semblance of normality once more.

Pete and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy & healthy New Year. Enjoy the festive season and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2021!

[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

PROPOSED BBQ AUSTRALIA DAY

Tuesday 26 January 2021

Trip Details:	Australia Day Barbecue
Where:	18 Hill Street, Gawler South
When:	Tuesday 26 January 2021
Time:	12 pm onwards
BYO:	Meat, salads, drinks, chairs, sense of humour
Hosts:	Sandra & Peter Harper Pete: 0410 526 317 Home: 8523 0889
More Info	Australia Day theme, prize for best dressed. Rain or shine we should be able to accommodate everyone under cover. Should the dreaded Covid affect plans, we will let you know. All members welcome - Hope to see you there.

Easter 2021

2nd – 5th April 2021

Trip Details:	Travelling to the Gawler Ranges for the Easter long weekend
Where:	Waganny Campground
Cost:	\$13 per vehicle per night
Meet:	
When:	
Trip Leader:	Robert and Pauline Tonkin, 0421 603 767
More Info	Campsite suitable for caravans, tents or camper trailers. Long drop toilet. No water Attractions: Organ Pipes, Pondanna Outstations, Kolay Mirica Falls, Mount Wudinna, Pildappa Rocks and more Alternatives: Two days to get there and two to three days to return

Coming Events

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

Trip Details: St Kilda Tramway Museum & Adventure Playground
Where: St Kilda
Cost: TBA
Meet: St Kilda Tram Museum
When: TBA
Trip Leader: Roger Brennand, 0422 409 253
Further Info: Museum is open on Sunday afternoons from 12 noon to 5:00 PM.
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.

Want to advertise in our Newsletter?



Advertising Rates (12 months)	
Quarter Page	\$50
Half Page	\$100
Full Page	\$200
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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:

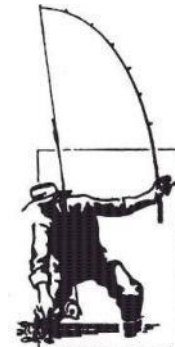
- (a) Each member may enter up to four (4) photos
- (b) Photos should be a copy (not originals) - Size 15cm x 10cm (6"x4")
- (c) Photos must have been taken on a club trip during the last 12 months (Nov 19 - Nov 20)
- (d) All photos must be labelled on the back with your name, where, and when, the photo 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

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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.



GAWLER AND DISTRICTS 4WD WEB SITE

Have you checked out our web site lately?

www.gawler4wd.com.au

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



Check our FAC

EBOOK link as well. www.facebook.com/GawlerandDistricts4WDClub



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!!!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

◆◆ December ◆◆

Peter C



FOR SALE

FREE MEMBER'S "FOR SALE" ADVERTISING



Members can submit requests for a "FOR SALE" ad, free of charge, but there are some guidelines:

- (a) Maximum of 6 lines per ad (similar to a typical local newspaper ad)
- (b) Adverts can only appear for a maximum of 3 consecutive months
- (c) Must supply contact details (either a phone or email)
- (d) Editor reserves rights to reject and/or tailor any submitted adverts.

Please send full details to our editor editor@gawler4wd.com.au for inclusion in our next newsletter providing it arrives BEFORE the newsletter deadline! (See page 3)

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.

LUCKY TRIP LOTTO WINNERS:

Peter Cusick and Joann Wuttke - Adelaide Gaol - completed on 26 October 2019

Sandra & Peter Harper - Martindale Hall and Mintaro Maze - completed on 17 November 2019

Andrew & Tracy Granger - left club before it could be arranged

Stephen & Lisa Claughton - Benson Park - completed in January 2020

Roger Brennand - St Kilda Tramway Museum - Date to be advised

Robert and Pauline Tonkin - Gawler Ranges - Easter 2021

Bronte & Norma Rivett - Date and venue to be advised

Wayne & Sandra Heintze - Date and venue to be advised

Max & Lyn Leske - Date and venue to be advised

No more trip lotto winners will be drawn until the New Year.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Due to Covid-19 the committee has decided not to raffle the usual Christmas Hampers this year, however, there will still be a raffle at the December AGM. If you wish to donate something of a festive nature to go towards the raffle, please hand any donations to either Jo or Julie before the December meeting commences. Thank you

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Taken from the December 2005 edition of the Newsletter. I'm sure it'll bring back some fond memories for those who were there.

BERRI CHRISTMAS PARTY – 27 November 2005

We all met at the Truro parking lot ready for the weekend. All was well until we hit the road and our radio would not work. We did hear some conversation but not much, so we pulled over and got the hand held radio out. This was a little better. We travelled up to Monash where some big and some smaller (teenagers) had a play on the playground, others had morning tea, while still others went over the road to the Chocolate Factory. When we left there, we went straight to Berri Riverside Caravan Park. We were greeted warmly on our arrival and shown where we could camp. We also had the function room available to us for the evening. The kids soon had bikes off trailers, bathers on and were off doing their own thing. The adults were left to set up camp, which was done at a leisurely pace. After lunch, some of us went for a walk down by the river to have a look at the Aboriginal mural under the new bridge. This was very interesting. The mural depicted the Aboriginal paintings of animals, fish and birds as well as a Bunyip. There were pelicans and bunyips on poles as well. On the way back we had a look at the Jimmy James Memorial. This consists of several plaques embedded in the ground amongst the gum trees and on the river bank. There is also a large rock memorial with carvings of animals and birds on the highly glazed face and a sculpture of Jimmy James on the face. On the stone which the mural is standing in there are tracks of human shoes, animals, snakes and birds. All of this was his trademark. The notice board said that he tracked 40 criminals and saved 20 people from disaster.

After a leisurely afternoon we soon started to get tea ready. There was so much food for us to eat. The barbeque was great as were the salads. Then this was followed by fruit salad and ice cream and fairy floss. During tea we had a visit from Santa who gave all the kids a present.

When we had all had our fill and couldn't fit anymore food in, Keryn came out with some games. In typical Keryn and Nikki fashion we were all in stitches and had an hilarious time with these. Keryn's magic bag is starting to empty but we will try and have some more surprises in there for next year. I don't think some people have laughed so hard for quite a while. Thank you so much Keryn and Nikki.

For those who still had not had enough, we went in two car loads over to Loxton to see the Christmas lights which had been turned on for the first time on Sat night. These were great. Don't ask us about directions or getting diverted up wrong streets, we still found quite a few lights to look at. We would like to thoroughly recommend the Christmas Wonderland if you are in the area to see the lights, they are well worth looking at. There has been so much work put into the displays.

We all took our time to wake up Sunday morning and the park people didn't have any restrictions on us leaving so we took our time. When we did leave it was to go over the road where Peter put his Zodiac in the water, and Trevor his Jet Ski. Although the wind was cold, the sun was warm, the kids came out of the water and shook for ages. They had a great ime.

We all started to come home various ways. Some stopping at Banrock Station and doing some wine tasting, while others just came straight home. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came and made the weekend such a great success. All 45 of you. What a great turn out.

Thanks heaps, have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and safe New Year.

From Norma, Keryn and Nikki.

GENERAL INFORMATION

It's that time of year again when snakes are prevalent, the following article is re-produced by kind permission of Westprint Friday Five.

LIVING WITH SNAKES

Peter Mirtschin, Managing Director, Ophiobioscience Pty Ltd

Spring is the time for snakes to become active again, and for thinking about how to live with them.

The benefits of snakes

Snakes are very efficient rodent catchers, and keep the rodent population, and our pesticide use, down. Snakes help keep a predator–prey balance. They form part of the natural biodiversity in our local environment.

The risks of snakes

Anecdotal evidence indicates that we probably increase risks to ourselves by removing or killing snakes. New snakes move in. They take a while to adapt to us and our movements, and are far more likely to bite if we inadvertently approach them. Formal research has not been conducted to prove this is the case.



THE COMMON BROWN SNAKE *PSEUDONAJA TEXTILIS* IS AN EFFICIENT HUNTER OF RODENTS ACCOUNTING FOR A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF THEIR TOTAL CULL.
PHOTO: PETER MIRTSCHIN

The danger real or imagined.

The main thing to know is that snake bite is rare, and death is even rarer. A little knowledge and a lot of awareness are your main defences against snake bite:

- Don't approach or handle or disturb snakes. Leave them alone
- Do not place any part of your body in any area where visibility is poor
- Use a torch or other lighting when moving around at night
- When you see a snake, keep movements slow, never sudden
- If snakes have to be removed, call a snake catcher
- Monitor young children and pets
- Keep pets in snake-proof enclosures when they are unattended, and avoid the veterinary bills

Removing snakes

It's your decision whether or not to remove snakes. In certain workplaces, houses, bird aviaries or some sheds, snakes do need to be removed. However, in poultry pens they control rodents without worrying the chickens or eating their eggs. They can live in harmony with most people in many situations. More and more people are doing this, and enjoying and benefitting from the presence of snakes.

If you do decide to remove snakes, use snake catchers unless you have adequate training. Snake catchers are formally trained to safely catch snakes and remove them from areas where they are not wanted.

Snakes and our environment

Snakes are part of a viable of our environment and its diverse animal life. Forcing them into extinction will only add to the growing list of lost species. They are fascinating creatures and simply want a place to live their lives.

Top 4 things you need to do if you get bitten by a snake

All Australians need to know what to do if bitten by a snake. Snakes usually bite defensively, rather than actively attacking humans and most bites occur when people try to remove snakes from their own yards and gardens.

Information from Department of health.

1. Call an ambulance immediately

You should treat any snake bite as an emergency, regardless of whether you think the snake was venomous or not. Many snakes look similar, and if you wait to see if you feel symptoms of venom poisoning, it might be too late by the time you get help.

What to do

You need to stay as still as possible, so rather than running for a phone, use a mobile phone or have someone else go and call for help. Call Triple Zero (000) and ask for an ambulance, or use the [Emergency+ app](#) to call an ambulance. This app uses GPS functionality on mobile phones to help the emergency services know exactly where you are.

2. Don't panic and don't move

While it's easier said than done, staying calm and still after a snake bite can help slow down the spread of venom in your body. If you've been bitten by a poisonous snake, not moving might save your life.

It's a myth that snake venom gets straight into your blood stream after a bite. Instead, it moves through your lymphatic system. Lymph is a fluid in your body that contains white blood cells. Unlike blood, which is pumped around your body continuously, your lymph moves when you move your limbs. If you can stay still and calm, you can prevent the venom in your lymph traveling further into your body.

What to do

If you're sure the snake has moved away after biting you and you're not in danger of being bitten again, remain where you are, rather than walking to get help. If you're with other people, they shouldn't move you at all, but start administering first aid where you are.

Take long, deep breaths to help calm yourself down. Remember that the odds are in your favour: it's rare for people to die after being bitten by a snake, especially if they follow first aid steps.

3. Leave the snake alone

Don't try to identify, catch, injure or kill the snake – you're likely to come off second best. At the

hospital, staff have access to a range of tests that can help them determine the likely snake which you have been bitten by, enabling them to give you the most appropriate treatment.

4. Apply a pressure immobilisation bandage and splint

Most snake bites occur on a limb, so legs, feet, arms and hands are most commonly affected. If you've been bitten on a limb, applying a pressure immobilisation bandage can stop the venom moving through your lymphatic system.

What to do

If you've got a pad or even a piece of plastic like cling wrap, put it over the bite site to either soak up or protect the venom for later testing.

Apply a pressure immobilisation bandage by following the steps below:

- use an elasticised roller bandage that is 10-15cm wide
- roll bandage over the bite site
- apply a second elasticised roller bandage, starting just above the fingers or toes and moving upwards on the bitten limb as far as the bandage will reach
- apply the bandage as tightly as possible to the limb
- if you don't have a bandage handy, any stretchy material will do (torn up t-shirts, stockings or other fabric can be used as a bandage)

Once the bandage is on, mark the bite site on the bandage with a pen or other substance that will leave a mark – if you've got nothing else on you, putting a little mud or dirt on the bandage will work. Then, splint the limb to keep it still. Any straight object will do – a stick, rolled up newspaper or even firmly rolled up clothes or tarps can all work. Fix the splint in place by securing it to the limb with bandages or other material.

If you've been bitten on your head, neck or torso, you don't need to put on a pressure immobilisation bandage.

There's no substitute for learning first aid in-person, so if it's been awhile since you last did a course, or you've never done one, make it a priority to book in.

There are a lot of old methods of treating snake bites that are now known to cause more harm than good.

Washing the snake bite site can wash off venom that the hospital staff may be able to use to identify the type of snake that bit you.

Do not suck or cut the bite area.

Do not apply a tourniquet to the limb – this can be dangerous.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS****2020 AGM**

At meeting: **Friday 11th December 2019**

All positions **except Vice-President and Treasurer** are up for re-election including:-
**President, Secretary, Minute Secretary, Social Secretaries, Editor & Publisher,
 Property Officer/Librarian/Trips Co-ordinator, and Welcoming Officers etc**

**Please consider nominating yourself or someone else for a position within the Club.
 We need your continued help and valued input to keep our club active and progressive.**

COMMITTEE MEMBER PORTFOLIOS

Position	Role
President/Public Officer: (Elected) Elected in Even Years - 2020	To Chair Committee & General Meetings. To be involved in the general administration of the club. To speak for and on behalf of the club. To welcome new Members.
Vice-President: (Elected) Elected in Odd Years – 2021	To stand in for the President should the need arise and to keep themselves familiar with the running of club business. To speak for and on behalf of the club
Secretary: (Elected) Elected in Even Years - 2020	To keep a record of incoming mail, answer any correspondence or respond to as required by the committee. Collate a summary of incoming and outgoing correspondence for meetings to be included in minutes from committee and general meetings.
Treasurer: (Elected) Elected in Odd Years - 2021	To keep a true and accurate record of all incoming and outgoing accounts and to pay all accounts approved by the club. To keep a record of all members. The books must be audited each year and a report is tabled and presented at the AGM.
Minutes Secretary: (Elected)	To keep a true and accurate record of all business discussed at Committee and General Meetings, and any other meetings called by the committee. Type up these minutes and email onto editor for insertion into newsletter each month. Email Committee Minutes to Committee Members.
Social Secretary/s: (Elected)	To organise a group of helpers for putting on all social functions. For organising and running all fund raising efforts within the club. To keep true and accurate financial records, to report at Committee and General Meetings on all of the above. Collect items to be raffled each month, have tea, coffee, cold drinks and supper ready for after the meeting. You are the welcoming face of the club as you are the first person the members and visitors see as they register and buy raffle tickets. This position is encouraged to be shared by 2 people.

Position	Role
Editor/Publisher: (Elected)	To collect material suitable for printing in the club newsletter including trip reports and photos and any information relevant to club activities, association business, and any other information to keep members informed on all matters relating to 4WD driving and our club. To organise advertising such as to compensate the production costs of producing the newsletter and upkeep costs of the Website. To organise typing, printing and uploading to Website of the newsletter. You can ask for volunteers help from the membership. Email out club Newsletter to all those on Email List before General Meeting and to other 4WD Clubs around the state.
Trips Co-ordinator: (Elected)	To keep a record of all information relating to any CLUB ORGANISED outing. To post any club trips in newsletter and let the members know at meetings, make sure all trips/ club outings are minuted, organise any trip that they so desire, but is not necessarily responsible for the running of all/any club trips. Help advise trip leaders on what information is required for a trip. Gawler and Districts 4WD Club Incorporated
4WDSA Delegate (Elected)	To represent the club at monthly association meetings and to report back to members all relevant information concerning club members.
Training Co-ordinator - Elected)	To organise training for club members, to keep records of all training activities and progress of all members participating.
Librarian/Property Officer: (Elected)	To maintain Club's Books, Videos, DVD's, Maps, Magazines from other clubs, general info and to retain 1 copy of each of our Club Newsletters for prosperity. Responsible for maintaining and storing all Club Property.
Committee Member/s: (Elected)	To help and undertake responsibilities as decided by the club.
Trip Leader:	Any member of the club can organise and run a Club Trip of their choice providing all aspects of trip and convoy regulations are strictly adhered to. (Refer to Club By-Laws)
Welcoming Officer/s: (Volunteers Appointed)	To make welcome any potential new members which may come to the club meetings as visitors. Answer any of their questions about the club and offer some information about the club.

Want to join the committee and have a say in the running of **your** club? It's simple, just fill out the form below and pass to the President or Secretary.

Gawler and Districts 4WD Club Committee Nomination	
Nominee	
Signature Of Nominee	
Position:	
Nominated By:	

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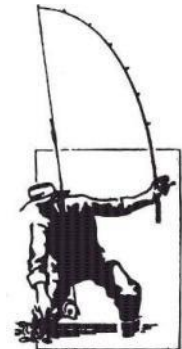
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GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB




Stickers For Sale – Only \$2.00 each

New design stickers complete with Web address - \$3.50 each

Magnetic Name Badges - \$12.50each

See Quenton at the General Meeting

*** Please note there has been a change of price for the Magnetic Name Badges, they are now \$12.50 each***



Don't forget to

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Maybe you have something at home you would like to sell.

Contact us for details

RAFFLE ROSTER

We ask if all members could kindly donate an item for a raffle prize each month to approx. 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.**ant

Donations can be given to the Social Committee (Joann Wuttke or Julie Sieben) any time.

<i>December 2020</i>	<i>February 2021</i>	<i>March 2021</i>
Quenton and Deb	Wayne and Sandra	Martin
Pete and Sandra	John and Jane	Max and Lyn

FRIDAY POEMS

Here are some more poems by local author **Chris Russack** and re-produced with his kind permission. Chris has written a book called "Covid Poetry" profits from the sale of which will be donated to the Barossa Area Fundraisers for Cancer.

"Hip" Doc Mets Hip Doc

There's a rumour in the mill, that a guy called Doctor Bill.
Is off to see an orthopaedic surgeon;
Stressful movement on old bones, causing several groans and moans'
His decision's one that needed a little urgin';
Is it over-zealous bip-bop, that's caused the doctor's slip slop,
Or is it age-related at this point?
But as he goes in for the chip-chop and his much-awaiting hip op,
We hope he will be pleased with his new joint.

Upstaged

T'was a balmy night last September, when my lady and I made our way
Downtown to the old Regent Theatre, to watch a Shakespearian play,
When amidst all the second act drama, Mother Nature upon me did call,
I excused myself from my lady, and edged my way out of the hall.

An usher obliged with directions, "Tis the door on the right to be certain,"
But on entering aforementioned portal, saw merely a flowerpot and curtain.
My second attempt to discover, a rest room to aid my relief,
Simply led to same flowerpot and curtain, frustration and feelings of grief.

So I asked for a third time the question, as my bladder continued its swelling,
"Could you please tell me where is the toilet, I've some pressure that badly needs quelling?"
A kindly old man sent me scurrying to an archway beneath a dim sign,
But all I could find on my entry were the items that stood there last time.

Now thrice was one time too many, for a discomfort I far from enjoyed,
So ducking 'longside hefty curtain, the flowerpot I quickly employed,
I returned to my wife in the theatre, "Have I missed many passionate lines?"
"You should know, my dear," she said smiling,
"You've been up there on stage but three times."

Get to School

"Rouse yourself," his mother said, "It's time to get to school!
Come grab your brekky, take a shower, you know the daily rule;"
Her son replied, as he ducked his head, beneath the sheets pristine,
"I loathe that place, I'm staying here, I'd rather be unseen."

"I'll argue not," his ma replied, "But give me reasons why
You will not go to school today and give it all a try?"
"I haven't any friends," he said, "I sit alone at lunch
While everybody else it seems is huddled in a bunch."

“And the teachers always pick on me and talk behind my back
And some parents come and threaten me and tell me I am slack;
I know the kids poke out their tongues and call me awful things,
I’m only happy at that place when the home-time siren rings.”

“For Pete’s sake stop your whinging lad, and listen to your Mum;
There’s no way that you are staying home so get up off your bum;
Going to school should be cool and a long way from disaster
For a guy like you who’s fifty-two and the incumbent school headmaster.”

And just to round things off, a final Blast from the Past – a few Christmas Statistics taken from the December 2004 Newsletter makes for interesting reading:

CHRISTMAS STATISTICS

With Christmas rapidly approaching here are a few of those little incidents that can take some joy out of Christmas. Call me Humbug, but I do this ‘cos I care:

- 31 Australians have died since 1996 by watering their Christmas Tree while the fairy lights were plugged in.
- 19 Australians have died in the last 3 years by eating Christmas Decorations they believed were chocolate.
- Hospitals reported 4 broken arms last year after cracker pulling incidents.
- 101 Australians since 1997 have had to have broken parts of plastic toys pulled out of the soles of their feet.
- 18 Australians had serious burns in 1998 trying on a new jumper with a lighted cigarette in their mouth.
- A massive 543 Australians were admitted to casualty in the last two years after opening bottles of beer with their teeth or eye socket.
- 5 Australians were injured last year in accidents involving out of control scalextric cars.
- 3 Australians die each year testing if a 9V battery works on their tongue.
- 142 Australians were injured in 1998 by not removing all the pins from new shirts.
- 58 Australians are injured each year by using sharp knives instead of screwdrivers.
- AND FINALLY
- 8 Australians cracked their skulls in 1997 after falling asleep (passing out) while throwing up into the toilet.

YEP! It’s great to be Australian!!

***MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.***

