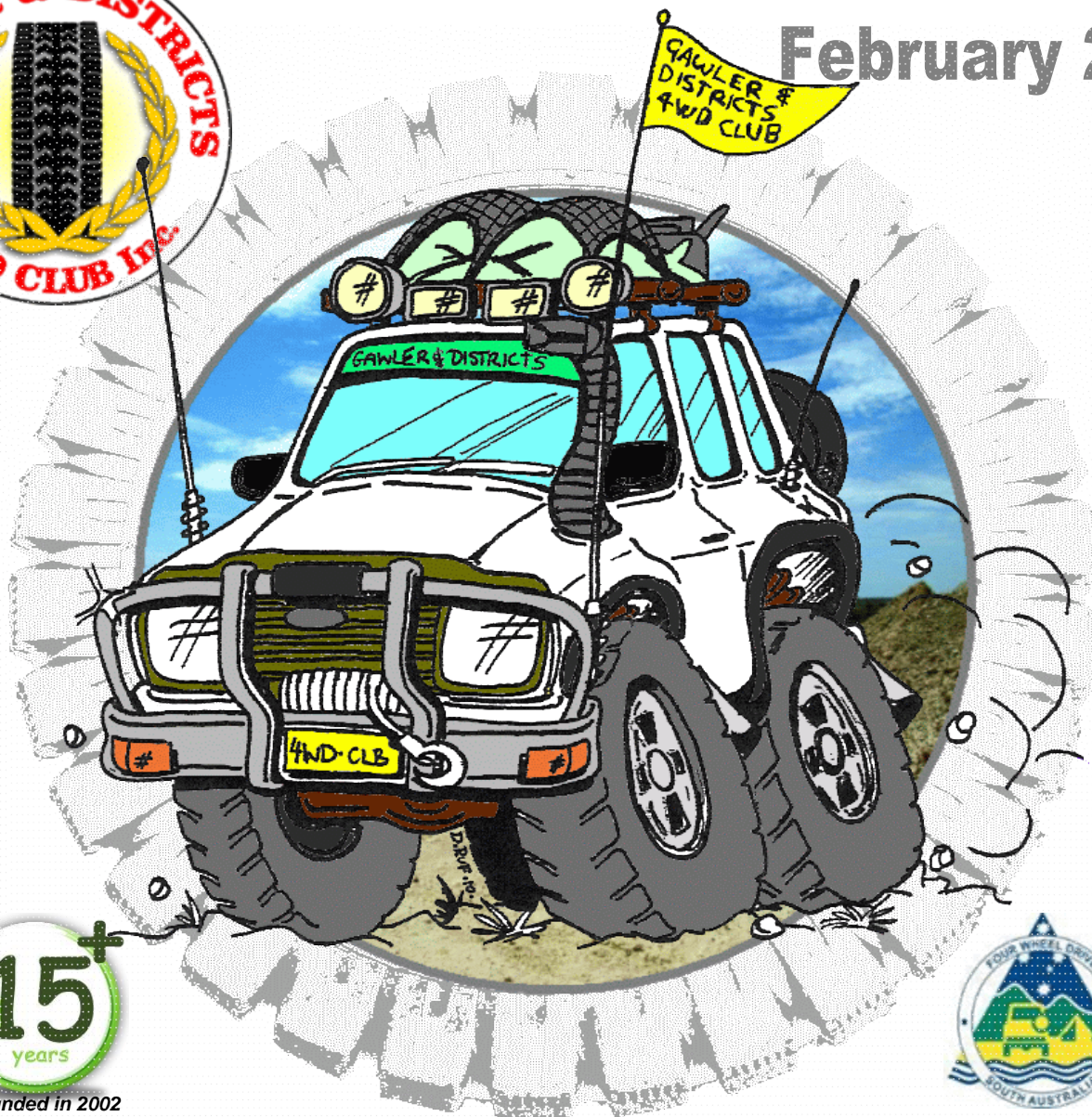


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# 4WD Club Newsletter

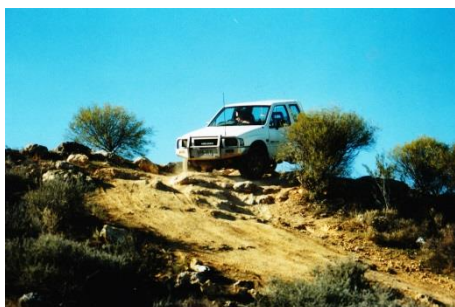
## February 2021



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is an active and supporting member of  
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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 \$60 per vehicle/family, plus \$10 joining fee.



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**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

	<b>2021</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>		12	12	9	14	4	9	13	10	8	12	10
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***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:

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Welcome to a new year of the Gawler & Districts 4WD Club Inc.

Our Guest Speaker at this meeting will be Haydn from the C.F.S. Should be very interesting, so hope to see you at the meeting.

It was good to catch up with members at the Australia Day lunch at Peter and Sandra's house. It was a good turnout (75% of the club!) and the weather was perfect - it was a good day. Thank you Peter and Sandra for the work you put into the day. Congratulations to Jo and Julie for winning "best Aussie costume" and Jane and Sandra for winning the quiz. We have a couple of more social days planned for 2021 including a "High Tea", so I hope you can participate in them - see the events page in this Newsletter.

Bob has been busy planning 4WD trips for this year, so see this Newsletter for a bit more information.

The Photo Competition will be for 2020 AND 2021 this year. The Open prize provided by Gawler Fishing and Outdoors and the People's Choice award is back. So get clicking!

Subs are now due. \$60 for renewal. You can do a bank transfer - see details in this Newsletter. Subs are to be paid by the March meeting please.

[Quenton]

### Editor's Report:

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Hello everyone, Happy New Year to you even though it's already a month old and a warm welcome to the first Newsletter for the year.

As you can see, we have a few Club trips planned for this year and that doesn't include the proposed "Trip Lotto" trips which are yet to come. Because there are a few outstanding, we won't be drawing another name at the February meeting.

As Quenton mentioned above the photo competition and trip report competition will go ahead this year and will be combined with 2020. Let's hope the Covid vaccine does its work and allows us to get out and about more frequently than 2020 allowed.

On the question of trips, if you have a suggestion or have been somewhere you think the Club members would be interested in, don't be shy, speak to a committee member so that we can turn the suggestion into a trip. Similarly, if you know of someone who could be a speaker at our meetings, please let a committee member know so that it can be followed up on.

Thank you to those people who came to our place for Australia Day and made it a success and thank you to Julie for coming up with the "Australia" quiz. It's amazing how many familiar events get forgotten over time but we all managed to come up with something and the scores were very close.

That's it from me for another month.

[Sandra]



## COMING EVENTS

### Easter 2021

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

<b>Trip Details:</b>	Travelling to the Gawler Ranges for the Easter long weekend
<b>Where:</b>	Waganny Campground
<b>Cost:</b>	\$13 per vehicle per night
<b>Meet:</b>	TBA
<b>When:</b>	TBA
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Robert and Pauline Tonkin, 0421 603 767
<b>More Info</b>	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

### 23 – 25 April 2021

**Tolmer Gold Escort Route Loop Drive**

<b>Trip Details:</b>	Tolmer Gold Escort Route
	Follow the footsteps of Alexander Golmter, who in the 1850s worked with SA Police to boost the state's future through gold routes near the Coorong
<b>Where:</b>	Meningie Caravan Park
<b>Cost:</b>	Powered Site     \$35 UnPowered        \$25
<b>Meet:</b>	TBA
<b>When:</b>	23 – 25 April
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Robert Tonkin
<b>More Info</b>	

**Sunday 16 May  
2021****High Tea in the Hall**

<b>Trip Details:</b>	High Tea in the Mt. McKenzie Hall
<b>Where:</b>	Barossa Valley
<b>Cost:</b>	\$10.00 Adult    \$5.00 Child Your cost at afternoon coffee stop
<b>Meet:</b>	Gawler Visitor Information Centre 9.00am for 9.15am leave
<b>When:</b>	Sunday 16 May 2021
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Quenton Earl    0407 604 601
<b>More Info</b>	Bring "high tea" style nibbles and your own tea/coffee for morning tea in the hall. Bring your best fancy cup, saucer and plate (prizes for best cup & saucer). Pack a light lunch for yourselves. Bring chairs and/or picnic rug. Visiting Shannon's Mausoleum, late light lunch at Angaston Railway Station precinct, Barossa Valley Chocolate Company for afternoon coffee and chocolate etc.

**13 Jun 2021****Farrell Flat Silo Art**

<b>Trip Details:</b>	Visiting the Farrell Flat Silo Art
<b>Where:</b>	Clare Valley
<b>Cost:</b>	\$5.00 Adult - Child - Free Your cost at lunch stop
<b>Meet:</b>	Tarlee (in town by toilets) 9.15am for 9.30am leave
<b>When:</b>	Sunday 13th June, 2021
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Quenton & Deb Earl    0407 604 601
<b>More Info</b>	All aboard! Visiting the new silo art at Farrell Flat. Pack morning tea for yourselves. Visiting historic Meriden, Black Springs, Hanson, Undalya and Woolshed Flat. Lunch stop at the Magpie and Stump Hotel, Mintaro. <a href="http://www.magpieandstump.com.au">www.magpieandstump.com.au</a>

**Coming Events**

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

<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>

**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)

**PAYING YOUR SUBS BY EFT**

Did you know that you can pay your membership subscriptions of \$60 by EFT?

The club bank details are:

**Account Name:**      **Gawler & Districts 4WD Club**  
**BSB:**                **105-109**  
**Acc no**                **018030740**  
**Ref:**                 **Surname + 2021**

If you do pay by EFT, please email a receipt Treasurer Wayne, [treasurer@gawler4wd.com.au](mailto:treasurer@gawler4wd.com.au), so he can update the club records.

## MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD



### PHOTO COMPETITIONS

*This year we have two photo competitions running, the regular open Competition sponsored by Gawler Fishing and Outdoors and a Peoples' Choice sponsored by the club we are also combining years 2020 and 2021.*

#### 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 18 - Nov 19)
- (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 Qenton by close of November General meeting
- (f) Late entries will not be accepted

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So get your photos in!!!

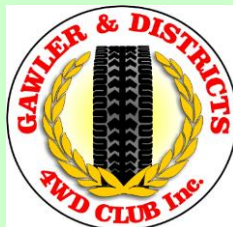
The winning photo of the Open Competition will be selected by Gawler Fishing and Outdoors



The Peoples' Choice competition will have 3 categories:

- Landscape,
- People, and
- Animals / Open

## 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 Qenton at the General Meeting

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





## 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 from 2020. Hopefully, 2021 will see a few more as we tick off the trips.*

*The lucky Winner will be drawn out of the collection of names at the end of the year either at the Christmas Show BBQ or at the AGM.*

**So the more reports you write the better your chances of winning!**

There will be another  
**Amazing Prize**  
so please keep-on writing!!!

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

◆◆ January and February ◆◆
Deb
Max
Bronte
Brenton



**Don't forget to  
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Maybe you have something at home you would like to sell.

**Contact us for details**

**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.***

**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**

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

<i>February 2021</i>	<i>March 2021</i>	<i>April 2021</i>
Wayne and Sandra	Martin	Lyn Li
John and Jane	Max and Lyn	Bob and Cindy

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

Taken from the February 2006 edition of the Club Newsletter and features the Earl's trip to Canberra, Blue Mountains and Sydney



The Light 4WD Club of SA Inc.

### *Canberra, Blue Mountains and Sydney*

After packing the night before, we managed an early start, leaving Gawler at 6.00am Friday the 30th of September for 2 weeks exploring Canberra, Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Our lunch stop was at Robinvale where a lot of work is happening upgrading the old wooden bridge to a much larger concrete and steel version. We stopped at Hay for afternoon tea and although our original plan was to stop here tonight, we decided to travel on a bit further. We were making good time as the highway is now 110 km/h and the area was surprisingly green. About an hour on from Hay, we stopped at Darlington Point, a very pretty Caravan Park with lots of shade alongside the Murrumbidgee River. Back on the road we are now travelling on the Bruce Highway, a four lane concrete highway in parts. An Ice-cream stop at the Dog on the Tucker Box at Gundagai and then on to Canberra. This whole area resembled travelling through Mount Barker, just a lot more of it! Found our way through Canberra and stayed at the Queanbeyan Caravan Park.

It is now Sunday the 2nd of October & a sunny 24 degrees & we were at "Floriade", the famous Canberra flower festival at 7.55am for the 8.00am opening. This early start proved a good strategy all week to avoid the school holiday crowd, by the time we were coming out; the crowd was queued at the gate & later were shoulder to shoulder throughout the displays. We then visited the National Museum. This is a new building and quite unusual. Like most attractions in Canberra, the admission is free and well worth the time to look through. Next we joined a guided tour at the New Parliament House (after Deb's Nurses' scissors were taken away by Security!). We learned a lot about this very impressive building including a central water feature made of black granite from S.A's Black Rock (as seen during one of the clubs Mystery tours). By this time we were seasoned tourists, so joined a tour of Old Parliament House. The stories of past goings on were more interesting than the building; I imagined this historic building to be grander, although it was only built to be temporary. We managed to get to the War Memorial to witness the Bugle blowing at 5.00pm to close the doors of the "Unknown Soldier's" tomb.

Not such an early start today, but we did manage to enter The National Science and Technology Centre -"Questacon" just after its 9.00am opening. David thought this place was "heaps cool!" and we easily enjoyed a few hours here. It is really well set up for the kids.

We drove around the different countries Embassies which are all located in the same area near the Lodge. Many are quite elaborate in architecture and their gardens, and Security has been stepped up, with many featuring very new fences and gates. We saw about eight Federal Police cars in this suburb, and after our second lap, they seemed as interested in us as we were with the buildings, so we decided against dropping in and having a cuppa with John and Janet.

Although we felt "Museumed out", we headed up Anzac Parade to the War Museum. I had no idea it was so big and the displays were well set up. We found Arthur Earl listed on the Honour Roll, a relative from Mallala who died in WW1, and looked up more details on him on the computer. We could have easily spent more time here.

Our last tourist spot was to see the view of Canberra from the Telstra Tower. There are so many signals sent out from this tower; the remote central locking would not work on the Patrol, so we had to lock it the old fashioned way. The view from the top was great, although very windy.

We left Canberra and drove to Mittagong. The new freeway from Canberra to Sydney is 110 km/h and all the steep sections have been cut into the rock. We drove on part of the old highway and we soon learned how steep the hills really were. Cutting across from Mittagong to Katoomba we were amongst a lot of traffic and soon learned round-a-bouts are not only restricted to Canberra, they love them, they were everywhere!

We set up camp in Katoomba, which would be our base to explore the Blue Mountains. Our first point of call was Echo Point and the view to the famous "Three Sisters". The steep steps down to the sisters were cut into the stone in the 1930's and described suitable for "strong walkers" only. They were certainly steep and even David was complaining. The walk to Katoomba falls and down to the old coal mine was very pretty. Beautiful ferns, trees, birds, streams and waterfalls greeted us at every turn on our way down to the valley floor. Leighton and I opted to take the "Scenic Railway", an open air carriage - the world's steepest railway - back up to Katoomba; certainly beat all those steep steps back up!



The next day we drove to Lithgow and then Clarence and rode on the "Zigzag Railway". On the trip back up the mountain the Steam engine was labouring hard and bellowing out a note loved by all rail enthusiasts, no matter what their age. Black soot and smoke -wonderful!

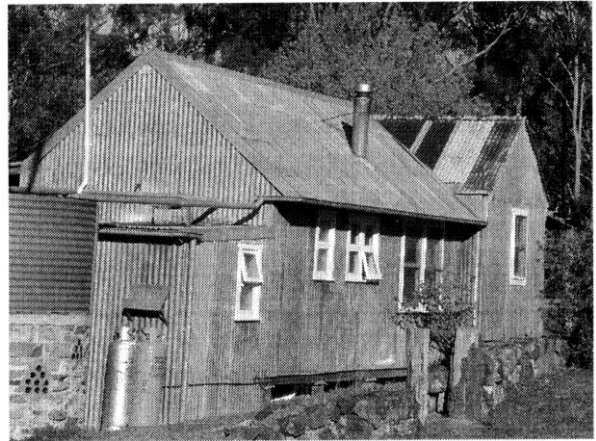
Many of the shops in the main street of Katoomba are the original shops built in 1915 -1920. The boys and I enjoyed a superb afternoon tea in "Paragons" an historic booth style cafe from the 1920's. With original rich timber and leather the decor matched the quality food served (and the prices).

Next day we went on more bushwalking to Wentworth Falls. More steep steps, great views and surprisingly hardly any tourists. We later found them in the main street of Leura, a pretty town with great shops, cafes and judging by the BMW's, Mercedes and Blonde Bobs, obviously the place for Sydneysiders to be seen on week-ends.

Following Trek notes from "4X4 Australia" we left the Camper trailer at Katoomba and headed to Yerranderie, an old gold mining town from the 1890's. We drove to Jenolan Caves and onto the 4WD Kowmung Fire Trail. Although only just over 100kms to the town, it took us nearly 5 hours. The Fire trail was very steep with large drainage humps -1st and 2nd gear low range. As it rained last night, the river crossing at the Kowmung Wild River was fast flowing and it's

depth a concern, so Deb took off her jeans and walked through to check the depth, with strict instructions (threats) -No photos!! It was just above her knees, so with seat belts off and all windows open we scrambled through and up the very steep bank the other side. -No drama!

Last night's rain and wind brought down trees across the track. Two we managed to clear, but two we had to manoeuvre around through the forest of trees alongside the track. We turned onto Banshea road, a good forest track and then joined onto the Oberon-Colong Stock Route, good gravel, but with wash-outs, rocky sections and narrow mountain twisty bits. The pot-holes were so deep; they were only ~ full of water. We were glad to arrive at Yerranderie and the relative comfort of "Slippery Norris's Cottage", an old tin miner's cottage. It now boasts solar lighting, a gas fridge, a wood heater and hot showers, but still with the original rustic feel. King Parrots landed at the back door and after a while they would land on our arms and heads. Great fun and lots of Kodak moments.



We woke to a beautiful sunny day and explored the town and the old mines. The whole town is owned by a Sydney lady and managed by a caretaker -Martin, who was suffering sleep deprivation after caring for a Joey with regular bottle feeds through the night; its mother a victim of road kill. We really enjoyed our stay at Yerranderie, and it was great to walk around all the restored buildings including the Store, Two storey Post Office, Court House, Police Station, Church, Cemetery and numerous cottages amongst the large Gum trees and the green parklands in such a remote location. Many of the mines equipment has been abandoned to rust after mining Tin, Silver and Gold from 1890 to 1950.

Although it was sunny, on the road back through the mountains it became suddenly cold and there was white stuff on the side of the road. David soon learned that you get wet after a snow fight, so after earlier having the air conditioner on, we now had the heaters going!

We looked through the Jenolan Caves and oohed and ahead and took many photos like the Japanese tourists joining us on the tour. We warmed up by the open fire in the beautiful Jenolan House; a huge resort built in 1889 and watched the Bathurst race, happening only just up the road - Go Craig Lowndes! Don't let a tyre through the window stop you!

Back on the narrow windy road (some corners 15km/h) to Katoomba, picked up the Camper trailer and an easy run into Sydney.

We arrived through the traffic, still married, and settled into the Lane Cove Caravan Park. Only 10kms from the CBD and alongside the Lane Cove National Park, such a very peaceful spot with Parrots, Lizards, Possums and Kookaburras regular visitors to our camp site.

Quite warm today, so we took it easy and the boys played in the pool. After getting the run down from fellow park tourists we bought a weekly transit pass that would enable us to use Buses, Trains and Ferries to get around Sydney.

First stop was Sydney Tower and we could get a great view of Sydney and it also helped us get our bearings and plan our assault. (Don't mention assault in Sydney, there are security guards everywhere!)

Today was David's 12th birthday, so we went on the RSL clubs courtesy bus (should be named horror bus - running red lights, 95km/h in a 50 zone, red lining every gear change; up and down - no wonder the oldies spent big on the pokies, their hearts might not make the trip back!) from the Caravan Park to the Chatsford Club for a great meal and jet bus ride.

Next day was the Bridge climb. We had booked it months ago and now David is 12, he can also climb it. After going through the suiting up and safety demos we headed out to the bridge in a group of 12. The bridge is HUGE; we were clipped to a safety line the whole way. Quite a steep climb up to the top of the arch and great views of Sydney for as far as the eye could see. Our guide was Bernie and a real character. David described the experience as "Awesome" and Leighton as "Excellent!!" It was worth the money and a great experience.

We spent the next couple of days seeing all the touristy bits of Sydney including Darling Harbour, Circular Quay, The Rocks, and Bondi Beach. We were lucky with the weather, most days sunny and around 25 degrees.

We bee-lined for home with an overnight stop at Darlington Point Caravan Park just before Hay, and then an easy drive home to Gawler. We travelled 3,822km and averaged 12.8 L/100km. Nissan Patrol 3.001 Turbo Diesel towing Spirit Camper trailer.

**Quenton, Deb, Leighton and David Earl. October 2005.**

## AUSTRALIA DAY 2021 WINNERS



Aussie Quiz Winners



Costume Winners

See the back page for more Aussie Day photos

## TRIP LOTTO

### 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 Cloughton - 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 2021

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### TRIP LOTTO RULES (UPDATED SINCE JULY 2019)

1. Nominees to organise a trip/event once a month liaising if necessary with previous nominees.
2. Current Nominees to organise their trips during 2021 (Covid permitting) bearing in mind those trips already listed in the Newsletter
3. At the February meeting no more names will be drawn as we still have three trip lotto trips to be organised
4. Each month thereafter another name will be drawn out of the hat.
5. If required, a "trip buddy" can be nominated to help
6. Once names have been drawn out of the hat they will no longer be eligible to be drawn again until all names have been utilised. If the Lotto is a success, a new roster will commence.

**SPONSOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**



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- \*Marine*
- \*Repairs*



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## FRIDAY FUNNIES

You'll have to indulge me, these two poem really took my fancy when I read them. Enjoy!! Taken from Westprint Friday Five

### The Story of Bluey the Retired Cattle Dog...

I'm feeling a bit proud of myself today. This poem is often sent to us and no one seems to know where it came from. I'm happy to say that the original is called *Blue and the Sheep* by the very talented bush poet Bob Magor and it can be found in the book [Snakes Alive and other Verses](#), available from us. Here it is. I've used the same wording as the book, but I've doubled up the lines due to space.

#### Blue and the Sheep.

We pensioned off old Blue the dog, When old age got him down.  
And we sent him in, for company, To old Grandma, in the town.  
But, while Granny was elated, Blue still craved the great outdoors,  
and he'd roam the town exploring, while old Granny did her chores.

So, it was this Sunday morning, Blue was fossicking about.  
Through the paddocks near the township, On his normal daily scout.  
When a canine gourmet odour, Overpowered his sense of smell.  
Though his eyesight had diminished, His old sniffer still worked well.

And the source of his excitement, Was reposed down by the creek,  
Where a sheep had met his maker, For the best part of a week.  
For its woolly corpse was spreading, And the air was far from fresh.  
From this rancid flyblown carcass, With its seething greenish flesh.

It was a dog's idea of heaven, And old Blue, he rubbed and rolled,  
Till he ponged just like the sheep did, And with ecstasy extolled.  
Then an idea formed within him, As he gave a gentle tug,  
And he found the carcass followed, Like a matted lumpy rug.

He would take it home for later! It should last a week or two -  
If he stored it in his kennel, He could keep his prize from view!  
So he gripped the carcass firmly. Proudly into town he went,  
But his load proved fairly heavy, And Blue's energy soon spent.

And the only shade on offer Was this building with a bell,  
And he dragged his prize towards it, With its flies and feral smell.  
Then the dog and sheep both rested, In the front porch of the church.  
And old Blue looked up the gangway, At the parson on his perch.

He was revving up the faithful. To repent to save their worth,  
And said Satan was the culprit, For all rotten things on earth.  
And he roared of fire and brimstone, And redemption for the throng.  
Up the aisle came Satan's presence, In this God forsaken pong.

And they all cried "Hallelujah", And they fell as one to pray,  
But by now old Blue had rested, And he hadn't time to stay.  
He proceeded up the roadway, With the woolly corpse in tow,  
With a shortcut through the Nursing Home, The quickest way to go.

Where the matron, in a panic, Counted heads in mortal fright,  
With a smell like that they'd surely lost, A patient through the night  
And the members at the bowls club, Lowered all their flags half mast,  
Doffed their hats and stood in silence, For the funeral going past.

But Blue lugged his prize on homewards, Travelling past the bowling club,  
Till he took a breather under, The verandah of the pub.  
There, old boozing Bill was resting, Sleeping off the night before,  
To await the Sunday session, When they opened up the door.

When a stench awoke his slumber, Which was highly on the nose,  
And he thought his pickled body, Had begun to decompose.  
And he missed the Sunday session, When he ran home to his wife,  
To proclaim the shock announcement, He was off the booze for life.

Meanwhile Blue could see Gran's gateway, At the far end of the street,  
So he started up the pavement, With his ripe and tasty treat.  
But there was movement in the backstreets, As the town dogs sniffed in deep.  
They broke chains and climbed high fences, For a piece of Blue's dead sheep.

And Blue felt the road vibrating, From the stamp of canine feet,  
As this pack of thirty mongrels, Came advancing down the street.  
But he wasn't into sharing, So he sought a quick escape,  
And he spied a nearby building, With a door that stood agape.

Through this door he sought asylum, but his presence caused a shriek,  
for he'd chosen the local Deli, that was run by Nick the Greek.  
And Blue shot beneath a table, Where the sheep and he could hide,  
But the dog pack was relentless, And they followed him inside.

Now the table Blue had chosen, was a double-booked mistake,  
with the law enforcement sergeant, sipping coffee on his break.  
And the sergeant sat bolt upright, with a dog between his feet.  
and his eyes began to water, from the dead decaying meat.

Then the Sarge leapt up in horror, but in his haste he slipped and fell,  
falling down amongst Blue's mutton, with its all-embracing smell.  
And he lay, somewhat bewildered, In the gore, flat on his back,  
When the mongrel pack descended, In a frenzied dog attack.

With first thought self-preservation, from the rows of teeth he faced,  
the Sarge fumbled for his pistol, in its holster at his waist.  
There were muffled bangs and yelping, as the random shots rang out,  
and a whine of bouncing bullets, off the brickwork all about.

As he blasted in a panic, From beneath the blood and gore,  
A front window and the drink fridge Were both added to the score.  
And the cappuccino maker, Copped a mortal wound and died.  
Hissing steam, it levitated, falling frothing on its side.

And Nick the Greek, the owner, grabbed a shotgun in his fright,  
blasting into the confusion, of the frantic canine fight.  
At short range it wasn't pretty. Dogs were pasted on the wall.  
There was Laminex in splinters, Clouds of dog hair covered all.

Then the smoke detector whistled, With the gun-smoke in the air,  
Which set off the sprinkler system, And a siren gave a blare.

And the echoes still were ringing, When beneath the dying heap  
There emerged old Blue, still dragging, At the remnants of his sheep.  
Its head was gone, and sev'ral legs. But it hadn't lost its smell.  
In the armistice that followed, Blue decided not to dwell.

He leapt the fence at Grandma's, For his feet had sprouted wings.  
Pure adrenaline propelled him, Fleeing dogs and guns and things.  
Now old Gran had influenza, And had lost her sense of smell.  
With Blues sheep out in the garden, That was probably just as well!

And she looked out from her front fence, At the town in disarray.  
At the ambulance, police cars and the R.S.P.C.A.  
Then the fire brigade rushed past her, Flashing lights of rosy hue,  
And she hugged the old dog tightly - He'd protect her, would old Blue.

"You just stay here like a good dog!" Grandma told him with a frown,  
"cause you've no idea the trouble, you can get into in town!"

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