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4WD Club Newsletter

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Gawler and Districts 4WD Club Incorporated
is an active and supporting member of
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Gawler Ranges National Park

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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

	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
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			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 we will have Lange Powell talk to us about the Nature Foundation - sure to be an interesting subject.

"High Tea in the Hall" is on this Sunday. If you are able to join us, please put your name on the Trip Sheet or email me on qdld@bigpond.com. It will be a great social day!

We have a few more social days planned, so see the "Coming Events" section and I hope you can join us. Please add your name to the Trip sheets so we know numbers as soon as possible. This is particularly important for "Farrell Flat Silo Art" day trip on the June long week-end as the Hotel will need numbers to confirm.

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!

[Quenton]

Editor's Report:

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

Firstly, we have a "thank you" from Bob and Pauline to everyone who came on the Easter and Meningie trips, which were a great success, and especially to Max & Lyn and Pete for assisting Bob when his vehicle ran into a bit of strife (see Easter trip report.) Thankfully, all turned out well in the end with no serious damage done. We wish Bob and Pauline well on their trip up north to reunite with their family after so long and especially their grandchildren. We all know how precious the time is when spent with family. And also a big thank you to Lisa for her very interesting Easter & Anzac weekend trip reports.

I think we all appreciated Bob stepping up as Trips Co-ordinator for the Club at the AGM but let's not place the onus for arranging trips on one or two people (Q being the other.) As a Club we are collectively responsible to make it a success and reap the benefits, so please bear this in mind and let us all do our bit to support trips as they're suggested. Also, and I've reiterated this several times, let's make suggestions for and offer to lead some trips as well, thereby relieving the Trips Coordinator of the responsibility to do both. I'm sure that Bob would like to relinquish responsibility sometimes and just play "follow the leader" on some trips. Our Club is full of very capable and informative people, any one of whom would make a good and competent trip leader. Please give it some thought and "give it a go." Don't forget help is always at hand should you need it.

On another note, I'm sure you'll all join with me in wishing Bob Mulyk a full recovery after his recent heart bypass surgery. "Get well soon, Bob, we'll miss your happy face at meetings and on trips and look forward to seeing you back in full health soon!"

Thanks everyone and as the saying goes, "that's yer lot for this month." Enjoy!

[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

**Sunday 16 May
2021**

High Tea in the Hall

Trip Details:	High Tea in the Mt. McKenzie Hall
Where:	Barossa Valley
Cost:	\$10.00 Adult \$5.00 Child Your cost at afternoon coffee stop
Meet:	Gawler Visitor Information Centre 9.00am for 9.15am leave
When:	Sunday 16 May 2021
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	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

Trip Details:	Visiting the Farrell Flat Silo Art
Where:	Clare Valley
Cost:	\$5.00 Adult - Child - Free Your cost at lunch stop
Meet:	Tarlee (in town by toilets) 9.15am for 9.30am leave
When:	Sunday 13th June, 2021
Trip Leader:	Quenton & Deb Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	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. www.magpieandstump.com.au

**Sunday 11 July
2021****Christmas in July**

Trip Details	Lunch at the Greenock Hotel, wine tasting at Kalleske Wines and coffee at El Estanco, all in Greenock.
Where	Greenock Hotel
Cost:	Your cost at hotel \$10 per head wine tasting and your cost at El Estanco coffee
Meet:	Greenock Hotel at 12.30 pm
When:	Sunday 11 July 2021
Trip Leader:	Quenton & Deb Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	Please see www.thegreenock.com.au for more information

**Sunday 15 August
2021****St Kilda Tramway Museum**

Trip Details:	St Kilda Tramway Museum & Adventure Playground
Where:	St Kilda
Cost:	\$10 adults, \$7 child/concession
Meet:	Gawler Elderly Centre
When:	12:00 pm on 15 August 2021.
Trip Leader:	Roger Brennand, 0422 409 253
Further Info:	Museum is open on Sunday afternoons from 12 noon to 5:00 PM. After the museum, we will visit the adventure playground – something for the kids / grandkids.

**Early September
2021****Burke & Wills Dig Tree**

Trip Details:	Outback Tour. Visiting Mungo National Park, Menindee, Broken Hill, Tibooburra, Cameron's Corner, Innamincka, Burke & Wills Dig Tree, Vulkathunha Gammon Ranges NP, Lake Frome, Frome Downs & Teetulpa Goldfields
Where:	SA, NSW and QLD
Cost:	Costs TBA
Meet:	TBA
When:	Early September 2021
Trip Leader:	Robert Tonkin, Ph 0421 603 767
More Info	Accommodation: Off road vans, trailers & tents. Approx distance: 2700km

**27/28 November
2021****Christmas Trip (save the date)**

Trip Details:	Annual Christmas Trip
Where:	Wallaroo Holiday Park (previously known as Wallaroo North Beach Tourist Park), 1 Pamir Court, Wallaroo, SA 5556 Phone: (08) 8823 2531, website: www.wallarooholidaypark.com.au for further details.
Cost:	\$38 per night, extra adults \$12 and extra children \$7 per night
Meet:	Details to be advised closer to date
When:	Sat/Sun 27/28 November 2021
Trip Leader:	Jo and Julie
More Info	10 sites have been provisionally booked, no club discount as the rates are off peak for this weekend.

GUEST SPEAKERS

- May 2021 - Lange Powell from the Nature Foundation
 October 2021 - Trevor Bellchambers - Car Collecting

We are always on the lookout for interesting speakers. If you know (or know of) someone, please let Quenton, or any other of the committee know.

GENERAL INFORMATION

For anyone wishing to visit Woomera during the Financial Year 2021-22 the following are Department of Defence exclusion periods for access to the Woomera Prohibited Area (WPA)

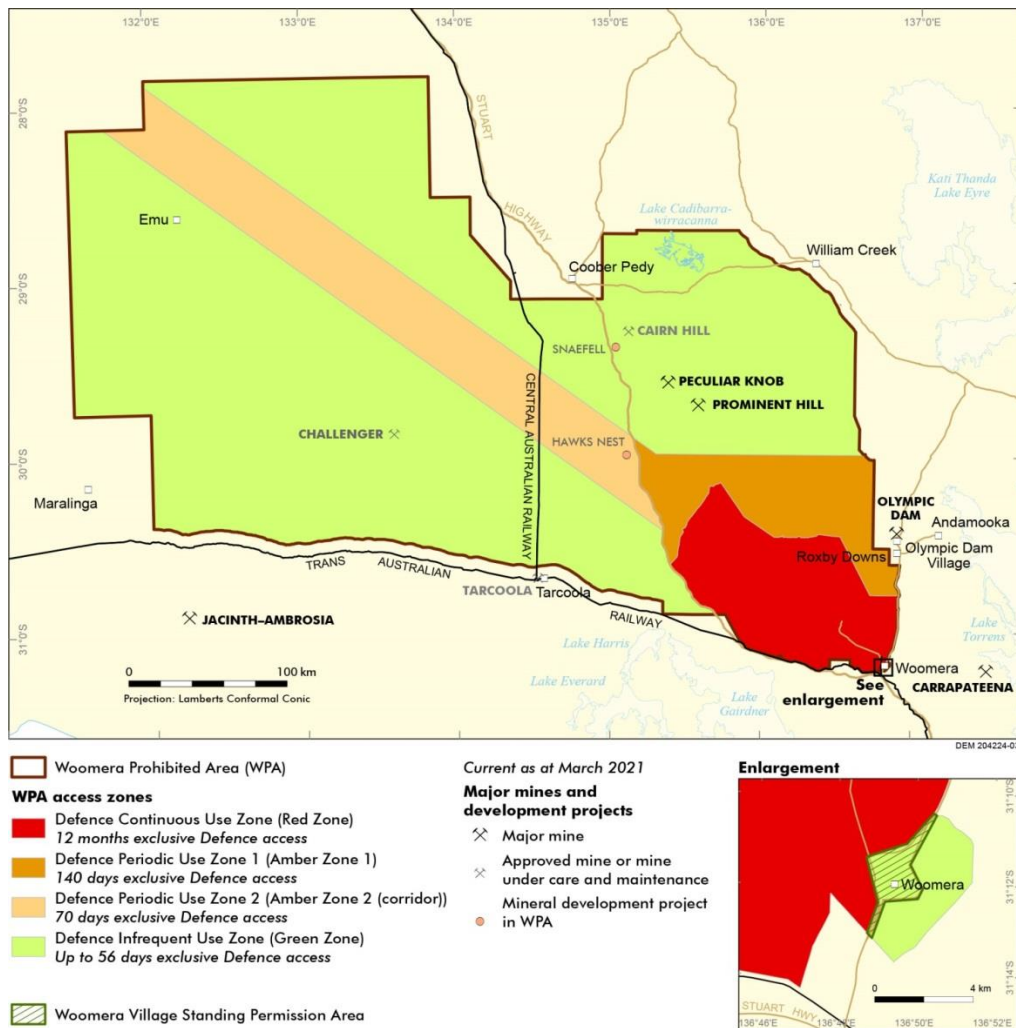
Amber Zone 1 (Defence Periodic Use Zone 1)	Amber Zone 2 (Defence Periodic Use Zone 2)
1 3 July to 30 July 2021	1 3 July to 16 July 2021
2 20 September to 21 November 2021	2 4 October to 7 November 2021
3 7 March to 10 April 2022	3 21 March to 10 April 2022
4 23 May to 5 June 2022	

Green Zone (Defence Infrequent Use Zone)
1 Advice will be provided separately.

The exclusion periods are also published on the following websites:

WPA: www.defence.gov.au/woomera

Federal Register of Legislation: <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/F2021L00227>



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 2020 - Nov 2021)
- (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 Quenton by close of November General meeting
- (f) Late entries will not be accepted

Entries to be handed to Quenton by close of NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Late entries will not be accepted.

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 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 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!!!

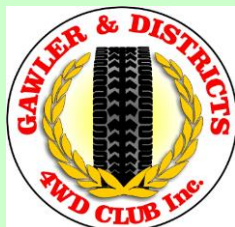
RAFFLE ROSTER

We ask if all members could kindly donate an item for a raffle prize each month to 10pprox. 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.

May 2021	June 2021	July 2021
Bronte and Norma	Chris and Julie	Brenton and Keryn
Roy and Bronwyn	Bob and Pauline	Peter and Jo

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****

WHERE AM I?



Answer on Page 21

TRIP REPORTS

Easter 2021. Gawler Ranges and Eyre Peninsula

TRIP LEADERS: BOB AND PAULINE

TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Steve and Lisa

John and Jane

Max and Lyn

Roy and Bronwyn

Peter and Sandra

Peter Jo and Maddison

Brent and Keryn

Bob and Sam

Chris and Julie

Martin and Martin

Thursday April 1st

We arrived at Mallala and waited for everyone one to arrive. We had 6 vehicles to start off with. Bob and Pauline, Peter and Sandra, Brent and Keryn, John and Jane, Martin and Martin and us. We departed at 8.30am and our first stop was Port Wakefield for those needing the rest rooms or a visit to the bakery. From there it was on to Redhill for morning tea. As we were packing up to head off, a couple of wide loads went past with police escorts. We were able to get past them on the first overtaking lane as the police stopped traffic heading south. It took two overtaking lanes for all of us to get past it. Fuel and lunch stop at Port Augusta.

From there onto Kimba. There were several sections of 80kms and had heaps of cars that obviously didn't see the numerous signs that had been put out.

In Kimba we set up camp at the Sports Ground Memorial Park, a lovely spot. There were toilets and a coined operated shower. Peter, Jo, Maddison, Bob, and Sam arrived not long after we got there. We all made a donation. It is free camping and you can stay for a maximum of 5 days.

Steve and I went into town to get some flowers to put on his grandma's grave at the cemetery. Unable to get fresh ones but found some nice artificial ones.

When we got back to camp we found Roy and Bronwyn had arrived. A little happy hour before some of us went out for tea to the hotel. From there we went out to Whites Knob to look at the sunset and the sculptures dedicated to Edward John Eyre and the Aboriginal men that helped him and the bush skills which he relied on for his survival. A little late for sunset but we still got some beautiful pink sky. Back into town to look at the light show on the silos before heading back to camp for a coffee before going to bed.



Friday April 2nd

It was a little "fresh" when we got up, had breakfast and packed up. Peter, Sandra, Martin and Martin and us were taking the dirt road to the Gawler Ranges so we headed off while everyone one waited for Max and Lyn as they were going by the bitumen. We stopped at the Rocks Lookout where we met up with Brent and Keryn who also gone onto Buckleboo to visit

her granddad. Then onto Gawler Ranges National Park. The road was in pretty good condition. We stopped for some morning tea at around 10 o'clock as Peter found a nice shady spot for us. A couple more stops to let air out of tyres and the park information bay at the Old Shearing Shed and Quarters. Then onto Waganny campground. We set up and waited for others to arrive. Chris and Julie arrived as well. They arrived about 2 o'clock.

We had happy hour at 4 o'clock all gathered around Roy and Bronwyn caravan. Bob had organised a raffle. We put \$5 in per vehicle for the items he had supplied, ranging from some wine, nuts, soft drink, lollies and a couple of booby prizes, a bar of Sard soap and a roll of garbage bags. One by one Maddison drew out a name and we got our prize. Jo and I ended up with the booby prizes! Bob did say if anyone wanted to swap they could providing the other couple wanted to. Jane swapped her lemon lime and bitters with us and Peter swapped his Pepsi with Maddison for a can of Pringles. It was a lot of fun. After tea we went over to John and Jane's for a chat before going to bed to another refreshingly cool night.

Saturday April 3rd

Up early to get ready for our 8 o'clock departure. We had split up into 2 groups to make it easier for getting into places. The other group led by Roy was leaving at 8.30. Bob's group had Bob and Pauline, John and Jane, Max and Lyn, Peter and Sandra and us.



Another beautiful morning and the track was in good condition. Our first stop was Old Paney Station. The house was in good condition and so were the old dog shelters. Then to Stone Dam before going onto the Organ Pipes. The Organ Pipes are some of the largest rhyolite rock



formations in the world and were formed over 1500 million years ago through volcanic eruptions. It was a nice walk in some rocky sections but not too bad and was well worth the walk. Some of the group were lucky enough to see some Yellow Footed Rock Wallabies. There were plenty of March flies

though!! It was decided to have morning tea there and the other group arrived just as we were about to pack up. From there we finished the loop and headed back to camp.

We stopped further up the road so Bob could check his vehicle as he was having a problem with the steering. There was no power steering fluid left, so Max offered to tow him back to camp. We had lunch further up the track before getting back to camp about 2 pm.



Bob got underneath his vehicle and on removing 2 plates found the pipe was loose. He tightened it up. No one had any power steering fluid so Peter took him into Wudinna to see if he could get any. While they were gone the other group arrived back at camp. Bob had no luck getting any fluid but he was able to contact the RAA who would send someone out.

After tea we went over to Bob and Pauline's for a while before having an early night.

The weather had been very hot during the day but cooled down at night time which made sleep very comfortable.

Sunday April 4th

Day light saving had ended so was light by 5.45 am. I got up to do some Easter bunny deliveries and the Easter bunny had also visited us. As a matter of fact it seemed there were several Easter bunnies in camp. Thank you to all the Easter bunnies! Chris and Julie packed up and headed home this morning,

Time for the usual Sunday cooked breakfast then went around and said good morning to everyone. Brent and Keryn went for a walk. We were surprised that we had phone reception so Bob came over and rang the RAA to see what time approximately they would be coming out. Apparently they didn't have a four wheel drive so Bob would have to go into Wudinna to get the power steering fluid.



A drive was planned anyway for the day so Bob and Pauline got a ride with Peter and Sandra and Peter was trip leader. Once Bob had got his power steering fluid they met us at the granite sculpture of the Australian Farmer. It is 8 metres in height and weighs about 70 tonnes. The farmer represents the early settlers from the area and has carvings symbolic of grain and sheep found around the bottom of the sculpture.



From there it was onto Mount Wudinna stopping to look at Turtle Rock on the way. Mount Wudinna is a 260 metre high granite monolith. We had lunch at Mount Wudinna, Martin, Bob, Pauline and Keryn climbed it. From there we were heading back to camp. Peter, Sandra, Bob, Pauline the two Martins and us headed on 4WD track towards Mount Sturt while the

others went back to camp. The track was in pretty good condition and took us along to Lake Wudinna. We stopped to take some pictures and I do believe it is the whitest salt lake I have ever seen! From there we went onto Sturt Falls. It was too hot to do the walk so we just got some pictures from a few metres in. There were some long sandy stretches and dunes on the way home but very easy to navigate. It was a fantastic day of driving and beautiful scenery. When we got to camp Bob popped his oil into the vehicle and car was all good. For tea we all met in front of our camper as the shade was a little better and had our meals together. After tea we all told our best story or joke and a vote was taken on the best one. We all voted for Bob and Sam's. It was very funny and a true story. Plenty of stories around the tables and then it was off to bed.

Monday April 5th

Everyone started packing up. The two Martins, Jo, Pete and Maddison, Bob and Sam were homeward bound. Max and Lyn were off to Ceduna and said they might join us at Streaky Bay tomorrow. The rest of us headed to Streaky Bay. Peter, Sandra and ourselves headed there via Minnipa (Yardae Road) while the others went via Wudinna and would meet us at Pildappa Rock for lunch.



We stopped at a rock hole for some morning tea and then on to Pildappa Rock. The road was in excellent condition apart from a small section of corrugations. We saw some emus and some wedge tail eagles on the way. We arrived at Pildappa Rock and secured the picnic table under the shed for lunch. A few of us climbed it and from there it was onto Streaky Bay Island caravan park. What a great park, huge sites with amazing amenities blocks. We watched the sunset and had tea and then went to Bob and Pauline's for coffee before going to bed.

Tuesday April 6th

After getting ready we headed into Streaky Bay for those that needed fuel and then on for our scenic drive. First stop was Tractor Beach, a beautiful spot with high cliffs and then onto The Granites, there were plenty out surfing, after which we went onto Smooth Pool which was an amazing spot with plenty of surf but no surfers - we have such an amazing coastline!! Then it was onto Sceale Bay where we had lunch then onto Point Labbatt to look at the sea lions. There must have been about 30 odd sunbaking and frolicking in the water. Murphy's Haystacks was our next stop, lots of granite monoliths. I (and others) purchased some of their local honey. Finally we stopped at Eyre's Waterhole before going back to camp. When we got back to camp we found Lyn and Max had arrived from Ceduna. We all took the complimentary bus into town to have tea at the hotel. It was a good meal with the best King George whiting and oysters Kilpatrick. Back to camp and off to bed.

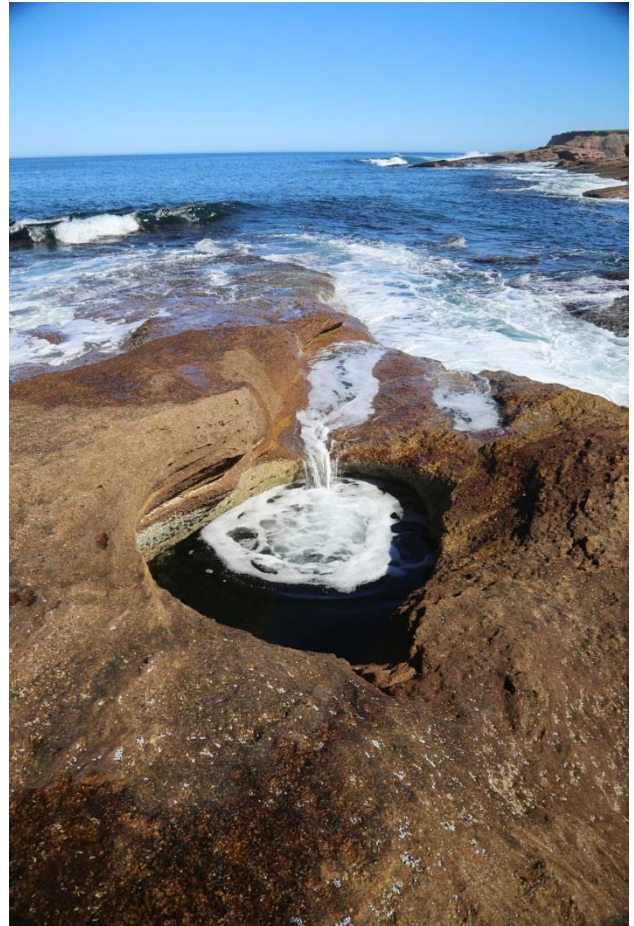
Wednesday April 7

Peter and Sandra headed home today. Some had to fill their water tanks in town before leaving as we are not allowed to fill up in the caravan park as it comes from desalinated sea water. You can buy water in town at the Lions park (dump point) at a cost of \$1 for 25 litres. We got some whiting, scallops and calamari from the fish shop while we waited. It was then onto look at Wool Shed Caves and the Tub. You could just keep on taking photos by the hundreds. We stopped at Elliston for lunch at the bakery. Bob stopped at Lock for some fuel before we headed to Cleve. John and Max got some fuel and then onto Yeldulknie Weir to camp for the night. A beautiful shady spot and it was a little cooler here. We enjoyed a nice dinner, some funny stories and off to bed.

Thursday April 8

A little overcast when we got up but it soon cleared. We went for a walk after breakfast to the weir wall and the wheel house. There was some water in the reservoir and some beautiful Port Lincoln parrots.

Once packed we headed for Cowell where we had morning tea. We went onto Lucky Bay where the ferry comes in from Wallaroo; and it could be seen in the distance but was still a long way out. We went onto Whyalla passing the Iron Duke and Iron Duchess iron ore mines on the Middle Back Ranges on the way. We re-fuelled at Whyalla Norrie. John and Jane were staying in Whyalla for a couple of days so we said our goodbyes before heading to the jetty for lunch. After a walk on the jetty, which has a circular feature and is very impressive, we headed back for some donuts, however, the donut machine wasn't working so we settled for a soft serve ice cream. From there it was on to Point Lowly to make camp for the night. Another beautiful little spot that cost \$10 a night and you can stay a maximum of 14 days. There were toilets and a cold shower available. It started to get a little windy around tea time. More stories around Bob and Pauline's caravan before going to bed.



Friday April

A little overcast this morning but still managed to see some of the sunrise. A slow pack up before our trip home. We went and had a look at the lighthouse and cottages before leaving. The lighthouse was completed in 1883 and was 15 metres high in 1909 but was extended by 8 metres and was manned for 90 years until it became fully automated. In 1995 it was deregistered by the Australian Maritime Safety Register and is now owned by the City of Whyalla. The cottages are available for hire.

It was then time to start our journey home and we were hoping for some rain to clean all the dust off. You don't always get what you hope for! We had a few sprinkles on the way back to the highway but that was it. Put some more fuel in at Port Augusta and had morning tea at Hungry Jacks.

Max and Lynn turned off at Crystal Brook so we said our good byes. Stopped at Redhill for a restroom break before turning off at Nanntawarra and then stopping at Balaklava for lunch.

We said our goodbyes to Bob and Pauline just before Gawler.

Arrived home at about 3pm. Then unpacked, tidied up, a long shower and relaxed.

We would like to thank Bob and Pauline once again for organising such a wonderful and adventurous trip and to everyone one that was on the trip for their company. We look forward to our next adventure with them.

Lisa and Steve

ANZAC Day 2021 - Meningie

Wednesday 21 April

We left home at about 8.30am and slowly made our way to Murray Bridge via Birdwood and Palmer. Not a lot of traffic, a toilet break at Murray Bridge before stopping at the Tailern Bend bakery for morning lattes and sausage roll also bought a coffee cream donut, and what a donut it was for afternoon tea. From there we onto Meningie set up camp before having lunch. Steve & I went into town to the hardware store to get a broom and some irrigation fittings for the drainage hose. It was very overcast and was quite windy when we arrived but calmed down later in afternoon. We had a good view of the lake from our site and received a little rain about 9pm. The diesel heater works really well.



Thursday 22 April

It was "fresh" this morning. After breakfast we went for a drive, we headed for Narrung and had a look at the ferry crossing before heading back via the Coorong National Park. Went out to Policeman's Point and then onto Long Point. There were a lot of pelicans hanging around a shack waiting for a feed we think! At Long Point saw a couple of fur seals, one on the jetty and one in the water. It was a nice drive with no traffic which was very surprising. Back to camp for lunch and a nana nap. Went to Fishies for tea which is right next to the caravan park. It was very nice then it was back to camp and played some cards before going to bed.

Friday 23 April.

Went for a walk to shops and to find out where the Dawn Service will be, just up road at Memorial Gardens. Pete and Sandra arrived in the morning, noticed their camper trailer, they

had gone into Meningie for some lunch. Lucky them as their campsite was close to the amenities block but a little hike for the rest of us.

Bob, Pauline, John, Jane, Pete and Jo arrived about 2 o'clock. Because of recent rains we were allowed to have a campfire in the fire pits provided. We always carry some wood just in case we can have one. Peter went and got a bag from the hardware store and Bob had some so we



were set. We had happy hour around the fire and our dinner. Max and Lyn arrived about 7pm. It was very enjoyable sitting around the fire watching the spectacular sunset. Lots of pelicans on the water.

Saturday 24 April

Up early and got ready for our drive. Bob was taking us on the Tolmer Gold Escort route. It was a great drive. We had some sand driving as well in sections.

Unfortunately poor John lost forward momentum and had to be pulled out backwards by some lovely young men from Meningie. There were several points of interest on the track. After lunch at Tintinara we stopped at an old homestead and shearing shed for some pictures. We also stopped in at Tolmer and Boothby Rocks. There was several bee hives in some of the caves. You could see that people had broken off some of the honey comb as it was lying on the ground near the entrance to the little caves.

On the way back we stopped at the Coorong near Hells Gate Lookout. The weather was glorious

and the cloud had cleared so we got some great photos. They say that between 10 February 1852 and 21 December 1853 there were 18 successful escorts who safely escorted 328,509 ounces of gold, valued at 1.5 million pounds, to Adelaide.



We all went out for tea to the hotel and back to camp to enjoy the fire and a few drinks before going to bed. Thanks to Pete and Jo for their home brews certainly warmed up the body.

Sunday 25 April

Up early well rugged up and walked downed to the Dawn Service. We all went with some walking and others driving. It was a good service with a great turn out. There was only so many breakfasts back at the RSL so we decided to go to the restaurant near the park and left it for the locals to enjoy the breakfast. Pete and Jo had the big breakfast. It looked great and

I had the pancakes which Sandra had said were delicious, and they were - served with bananas, bacon, maple syrup and some creme fraiche.

We went for a drive in the morning to the inland lighthouse at Point Malcolm. It is just across the ferry from Point Malcolm and is the only inland lighthouse in the Southern Hemisphere. It was built on the eastern side of the Narrows between Lake Alexandrina and Lake Albert. The light was first turned on in February 1878. The lighthouse was built to help ships passing through from Lake



Alexandrina to Lake Albert or the ports on the Murray River. It was turned off in 1931 due to a decline in water traffic. From here Peter and Sandra headed home and as it was Peter's birthday so we all serenaded him before they left.



On the way back to camp, we tried to find Mason Lookout but we couldn't find the track to it. Then it was back to the caravan park for lunch stopping to get some fresh mullet on the way.

A relaxing afternoon followed by dinner around the fire and a dessert of some rhubarb, apple and blackberry pie with custard and ice cream. We enjoyed some lovely dessert wine and great company.

Monday 26th April.

A lazy morning. Peter and Jo, Max and Lyn packed up and headed home. We watched most of the park pack up and leave as well. After lunch we went into town and got some firewood.

We also bought some more mullet and went and had a look at the Lookout and Old Well.

Back to camp for some freshly made scones for afternoon tea. A nice night around the campfire followed by looking at the full moon which was a "super moon."

Tuesday 27th April

A beautiful morning. Time to pack up and head home. We stopped at Taliem Bend for morning tea and got home at about 1pm. Then the hard work started, unpacking, washing and some relaxation. Thanks to Bob and Pauline for another great weekend and to everyone else for their great company.

Lisa and Steve



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BLAST FROM THE PAST

The following is an extract from a Newsletter dated May 2006

KATARAPKO

Murray River National Park Trip 11-13 March 2006

On March 11th a small group of us went to the above National Park for the long weekend. We met at Truro. There was Roy, Bronwyn and Travis Schwarz, Michael Squires, and Bronte, Norma, Kassie, Iosh and April Rivett in our little convoy of 4 cars. Michelle and David Riddle had gone up and secured a camping site the night before. We set out at 8am and arrived safe and sound to set up camp before lunch. It was quite warm so we didn't do much but have a great time relaxing. David already had his lines in and was getting a few nibbles. I took Josh, April and Cassie into Berri for a couple of things and showed them the sites we looked at whilst we were there for the Christmas party last December. Sunday dawned on another hot day. We all did a bit of dabbling the feet in the river while Travis and Bronte both had swims. Iosh, Cassie and April decided it was cooler and not as boring to go for a drive and ended up in Berri where they did some window shopping [indoors because of the heat]. During the afternoon we watched the clouds roll in and wondered whether we would get any rain. Bronte and I went for a drive and explored the area a little more, there were some great campsites at Katarapko and I would recommend them for any further trips. You MUST however bring the Aeroguard especially if it is hot.



Well it rained from about 11pm onwards and we were in quite a wet, muddy and slippery position. Michael should be writing this part of the report -he was the first to leave at about 8am and it had only just stopped raining. If you know the Murray and its tributaries at all you will be aware that when these areas become wet it is very slimy. When Michael tried to leave he had trouble, first attempt he couldn't get over the rise, second attempt he tried in 4WD but still no success. However the vehicles 4WD did not engage properly so try again he did.

About 3/4 of the way up he stopped and was just not going to make it so Bronte took his Ute out the other entrance so he could pull him up over the rise. Bronte seemed to be taking a while and we could hear the Ute revving. We all climbed over the rise to see what was going on only to find Bronte stuck in the gutter of the track going sideways. Well not really sideways, his tyres were pointing as if he was going into hard lock out of the gutter and the car was going straight. Bronte didn't mind as he was having so much fun sliding. He finally got the Ute turned in the right direction and pulled Michael over the rise. Then it was Michael's turn to slide out of the park in the gutter and both vehicles had mud to



the top of their bonnets and caked underneath. After all this excitement it was time for breakfast and to pack up. By the time we had done this it was nearly lunch time and the wind and sun had done their job and we just drove out on dry dirt. All in all a good time was had. Heat, flies and mud withstanding.

Norma Rivett.

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