

Gawler & Districts

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4WD Club Newsletter

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Founded in 2002



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



A Red Truck and Decorated Bunnuts

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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.

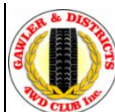
It has become a very social club and has run many a successful day, weekend, long weekend and extended trips. We are a member of the Four Wheel Drive South Australia that incorporates the Driver Training Unit. Most meetings include a Guest Speaker and a monthly club newsletter.

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

	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		5			4	1		3	1
			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 were to be entertained by Phil of Wizzbang Magic. Phil however will be in Queensland. He will perform for us on another date. Sandra has seen his work and he comes highly recommended so should be a lot of fun! We will keep you posted.

Bob will talk to us and show slides of their trip to the Dig Tree, Innamincka and Birdsville. I always enjoy club members talking about their trips, so I am sure it will be very interesting.

It was good to see a great turnout for the Eudunda Silo day trip and our first breakfast on a day trip which I feel went well. Em's Cookie Jar Cafe made us cookies with the club logo on them which was very well received. See Sandra's trip report in this Newsletter.

A BIG Thank You to Wayne and Sandra for organising their "Trip Lotto" Mystery Observation Drive. Everyone enjoyed it from the drivers to the storekeepers, even the Ferry operators!

Don't forget the Photo Competition is on again this year. You can submit any club outing photo from 2020 and 2021. The Open prize provided by Gawler Fishing and Outdoors and the People's Choice award is back. So get clicking! Entries at the November meeting please.

[Quenton]

Editor's Report:

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

As you will see, we have included some new trips - a movie night, weekend in Laura and forward planning for the Witchelina trip proposed for May 2022 that had to be abandoned this year due to the Covid outbreaks in NSW/Qld. More details under "coming Events." If you are interested in any of them please add your names to the trip sheets. Any suggestions for future trips are always welcome.

There's quite a lot of content in this Newsletter, so I hope you enjoy the read.

Welcome back to Rob and Pauline and Stephen and Lisa after their trip away.

Don't forget the Christmas raffle. The ladies are looking for donations of a Christmassy nature so please add your name to the list against the item that you'd like to donate.

And that's your lot for this month. Have a good one and I'll see you in November.

Ps: Don't forget to book the caravan park for next month's Christmas trip to Wallaroo. All details in the Newsletter. Also, for those people staying Friday night, it's been proposed to have dinner at the Wallaroo Hotel. If you'd like to go, please let Jo or Julie know so that they can book a table.

[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

Saturday 20th November, 2021

Movie Night

Trip Details:	Gawler Cinema to see the latest Bond movie "No Time to Die"
Where:	Gawler Cinema
Cost:	Adult \$12.00 Concession \$10.00
Meet:	Gawler Cinema
When:	Session time will be advised closer to date
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	Bond has left active service and is enjoying a tranquil life in Jamaica. His peace is short-lived when his old friend Felix Leiter from the CIA turns up asking for help. The mission to rescue a kidnapped scientist turns out to be far more treacherous than expected, leading Bond onto the trail of a mysterious villain armed with dangerous new technology.

27/28 November 2021

Christmas Trip

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.wallaroholidaypark.com.au for further details.
Cost:	\$38 per night, extra adults \$12 and extra children \$7 per night
Meet:	Please see details in the Newsletter.
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.

**12th,13th,14th
March, 2022****Laura weekend**

Trip Details:	March long week-end - Visiting Laura and surrounds staying in the Laura Community Caravan Park.
Where:	Laura, South Australia
Cost:	\$30 /night Powered site \$110.00 /night (2 Adults) Ensuite Cabin Your cost at Hotel Sat night.
Meet:	Tarlee - 9.00am Saturday (Parking Bay just North of township)
When:	Sat/Sun/Mon 12th, 13th, 14th March, 2022
Trip Leader:	Quenton & Deb Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	Visiting Bridle 4WD Track, Beetaloo Valley, The Bluff Look-out road, Wirrabara Painted Silos, CocoLaura Chocolate shop, Golden North Ice-cream eating competition, Saturday night meal at North Laura Hotel. The township of Laura will be celebrating 150 years in 2022. Caravan Park Ph. 8663 2296 (Alison) Please book ASAP. 3 Cabins held under "Gawler 4WD Club" until 15/10/21. www.laurasa.com.au

May 2022**Witchelina, Farina and Outback SA
Expressions of Interest**

Trip Details:	We missed out in 2021, but are hoping to get to Witchelina and see some more of Outback SA
Where:	Witchelina and places east
Cost:	Will depend where we stay (camping, shearers quarters, etc)
Meet:	TBA
When:	Farina bakery opens 1 May 2022. We want to avoid the June long weekend and the school holidays which start on 2 Jul. So, Depart Gawler around 9 May and return home 2-3 weeks later
Trip Leader:	Peter and Sandra, 04 1052 6317
More Info	More details will be provided as they mature. But, for now, please register your interest and preferred time frames

GUEST SPEAKERS

October 2021 - Rob & Pauline talking about their recent trip around South Australia.

February 2022 - Andrew Ridge - Sir Hubert Wilkins

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.

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

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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 is Open (we won't have categories this 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 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 an 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>October 2021</i>	<i>November 2021</i>	<i>December 2021</i>
Wayne and Sandra	Martin	Lyn Li
John and Jane	Max and Lyn	Bob and Cindy

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 22.

TRIP REPORT

Gawler 4WD Eudunda Silo Art Day trip, Saturday 18th September 2021

Trip Leader: Quenton and Deb Earl

Followers: Sandra & Peter Harper, Keryn & Brenton Wilkins, Jo Wuttke, Tas, Phillip Smoolt, Julie & Chris Sieben, Rodger Brennand, Cindy & Bob Mulyk, Sandra & Wayne Heintze.

We all met at Em's Cookie Jar Café, Freeling at 8:30 for breakfast, which was different and a lovely idea. Breakfast was really great and homemade biscuits by the cafe with our logo on was such lovely surprise.



Heading off on the back roads, looking at the paddocks full of beautiful green crops as high as the fences in some places. Canola crops bright yellow with the sun shining on them, swaying in the wind. The sheep were fat and lots of baby lambs everywhere. With the prices of lamb/hogget now the farmers will make up for lost years due to the drought.

Alma South School and cemetery was our first stop.

The cemetery was interesting because the residents were in their 70 - 80's very few young ones. The school began as a church built in 1862, the following year they built a manse across the road. The first school master/minister was William Henry Cope. The school remained operating until 1964 with the average attendance of 33 children. The gum trees around the property were planted by the students for Arbor Day. Ellen M Dubois became head teacher in 1911 and taught at the school for 20 years, retiring from the position. She must have really loved her job.



We found on the black board painted on the wall, writing from lessons still visible. Which is amazing if they were from the 60's. There was a large fireplace, I definitely would have been sitting next to that if it was my school. The electricity was 32 volts, and some hooks remained in the area where the children would have hung their bags.

Over more dirt road and not a clue where Hamilton was, it really was a mystery drive.

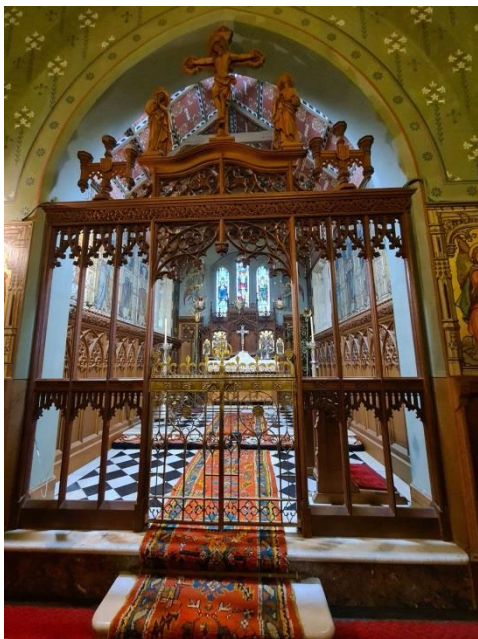
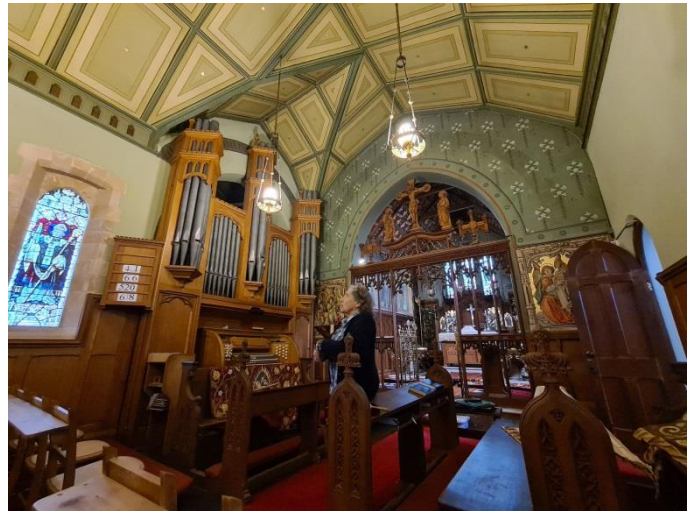
It is in the Mt Lofty Ranges going east from

Giles Corner. It once was a stopping spot for mining carts going from Adelaide to Burra. Back then the township boasted 2 hotels. Now it is just a small agricultural district.

We arrived at St Matthew's Anglican Church with another cemetery looking over the beautiful green countryside. This church was financed and furnished by Henry Dutton the owner of

Anlaby Station to be a memorial to his only daughter, Helen age 16, who drowned at Granite Island in 1892, also his wife Helen and brother Frederick.

It is a very ornate church with a beautiful organ. The first organ is now in St Oswald's Church in Parkside, Adelaide. Mr Dutton, as an organist, was not happy with the first organ and it was giving him trouble which is shown in correspondence that the church retains. Money seemed to be no object, the 2nd organ came at a cost of pounds 916.4s.9d . This organ had to have someone to pump the bellows while the organist played. The many beautiful fittings and ornaments had already been given to the 1st church of 1857. They were removed and given to the new church. No expense was spared with lead light windows coming from Powells of London and Percy Bacon & Bros of London who supplied the brass angels bearing candles, lamps etc. The oak fittings and carvings also come from London. We were given a very interesting and informative talk by Maryann who follows in her mother's and grandmother's footsteps to look after and attend this beautiful church. Church services are still held in the church.



where he graduated in 1941. He became a teacher and taught at several schools before joining the 18th Light Horse as a private and then transferring to RAAF.

The gardens are well maintained and have a fantastic children's garden to follow and interact in. There is also a sculpture of Colin Thiele and an information board to read.

We decided to walk to the Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery where there was a lot to look at and brought back memories of what a lot of us grew up with.

Cindy use to work at a telephone exchange as a telephonist, Bob got up close to one of the mannequins that took a liking to him. They have race cars; a rocking horse made from logs of wood





and sticks and some very old and beautiful wedding dresses. Quenton decided to join the picture show crowd, very dapper in his mask. There were a few items that were unusual and took a while to work out what they were for.

We decided to walk to see the silos art and also see part of the town.

It is the 50th silo art in South Australia and the design was voted on by 260 locals with a short list of 4 artists. Sam Brooks is the artist, and it is his 1st silo. The story is of 2 children sharing

stories of their past, culture and family connections to the local area. One child uses Colin Thiele's book "Sun on the Stubble" which talks about the hardships, community and rural life experienced. The other child uses the Ngadjuri book (English translation "We People") which signifies the culture, customs, people and lifestyles of the Ngadjuri people from this area. This silo art has had a lot of thought and work put into it by the artist Sam Brooks.

Walking back to our cars we then headed to Litl Mo's bakery at Kapunda for a coffee, cakes and the biscuits from Em's Cookie Jar Café at Freeling.

A great day thanks to Quenton and Deb.



[Sandra Heintze]

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

◆◆ September ◆◆

Sandra (aka Mary)



Mystery Observation Trip, Sunday 3 October 2021

Well, what a fantastic day was had by the participants of the Mystery Observation Trip on Sunday of the long weekend. Special thanks must go to Wayne and Sandra Heintze for the well thought out and planned day. It was great fun despite the slightly soggy start and everyone had a ball and full marks to you both for pulling it all together at such short notice..

We all gathered at the Information Centre carpark on Calton Road and left at ten minute intervals complete with instructions and a box of "goodies???" (Q: What were these for?)

Oh, as it turned out, they were to decorate the "bumnut" which we had to pick up at the Baker Street Bakery in Williamstown. What a good sport the bakery owner was to participate in handing out to everyone "bumnuts" (thankfully hard boiled "bumnuts" - had to check to make sure as the thought of breaking an egg in the car didn't appeal at all.). Pete and I took the opportunity to have "morning tea" at the bakery - I'd have to say that the iced finger bun was one of the best I've had, it was rather yummy and the coffee was good too.

As well as driving the roads in and around Sedan and Springton and having to observe things/items along the way, the following is a list of "extra" things we had to do and gave us bonus points which would add to the total at the end of the day:

1. Get someone to video you dancing the chicken dance in the main street of a town (5).
Extra points if you have the music as well (5)
2. Go to a playground and get someone to video you sliding down the slippery dip or swinging on a swing (4)
3. Take a picture of wildlife (3) (managed roos & emu)
4. Look in your purse/wallet or car and find the oldest coin. The person with the oldest coin wins the points and it needs to be shown (2)
5. Take a picture of someone walking a dog (1)
6. Take a picture of something red (1)
7. Take a picture of a garden gnome (1) (not sure ours qualified as a gnome but it was a garden "something")
8. Bring back three different leaves (1) (easy peasy)
9. Photo of an out of state number plate (1) (couldn't find one all day!)
10. .A library card (we didn't have one)



Before arriving at Sedan, we had to stop at a given point along the road and recite a tongue twister three times as fast as we could with the valley in the background!!! I had to recite mine three x 3 times before the video was acceptable!!!

When we arrived at Sedan it was time for a break, comfort stop and morning tea, although Pete and I had already had ours, morning tea that is! However, before pulling into the hall carpark, we had to visit the little shop across the road and purchase Freddo Frogs at 50 cents

each and we were also given an envelope with a riddle in it by the shop assistant which we had to solve!!!

Off we went again. This time we had to cross the ferry and had to name the bird in the picture on the ferry and, for an extra point, get the name of the ferryman. That was easy, Saul had a badge on.

Swan Reach cemetery was the next stop with three questions which meant walking around the cemetery to find the answers!

Next to Julie Anthony's home town, Galga, where Pete did his chicken dance in the middle of the town. We also had to answer questions about Julie.

Bakara called next and a visit to the Nildottie Steam Pump where we also found a crate in the pug hut holding up a shelf, with "The Adelaide Wine Company, Chateau Tanunda, South Australia" written on it!!

A visit to a river lookout at Walker Flat and more questions to answer as well as Pete taking a selfie pulling a silly face - yes all part of the fun!! Back to the ferry, another bird question to answer and this time we were in the safe hands of Troy as we crossed the river. After we came off the ferry we found a rock for our dressed "bumnut" and took a video of Pete singing "Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall" with "bumnut" (Humpty) in the shot. Not sure what bystanders thought!!

We then made our way to the Walker Flat Community Hall for a barbecue. Unfortunately, the BBQ wasn't working too well so some cooking was done inside on the big cooker in the kitchen. This is a very well equipped Community Hall - good kitchen and bar, toilets and loads of room. It's obviously well used by the locals.

Here we all marked our papers to see who would win the grand prize as well as answer the riddles.. The top score was 67 out of a possible 81 (well, that's what I made it anyway as Sandra wasn't sure) and the winners were Chris and Julie. They also won a prize for the best chicken dance as they had the music to dance to which gave them an extra 5 points. A prize was also given to Keryn and Brent for their video of Humpty Dumpty - poor Humpty came a cropper complete with blood (tomato sauce!!)



Once again, thanks to Sandra & Wayne for a great day out, it was terrific fun.

When's the next one??

[Sandra Harper]

VKS 737 NEWS

Some of our Club members are members of VKS as well and I thought this might be interesting reading. . We never leave home without them and it's comforting to know that someone knows where we are. This has been re-printed thanks to Westprint Friday Five who put the link into their Newsletter

Often Subscribers to VKS-737 Radio Network become involved, assisting travellers who become distressed for many different reasons. Here is an excellent example where our people were able to effect a successful rescue and the part that HF Radio played in it:

Recently we travelled Goog's Track and around parts of South Australia's Desert Country on a two week trip which was uneventful, except for one thing...

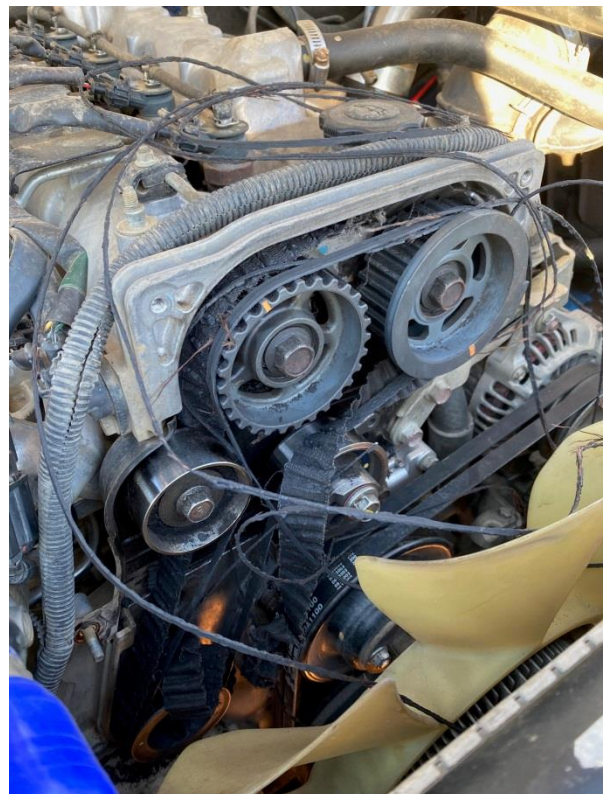
Late in May we were travelling north on Googs Track to our first camp at Googs Lake when late in the afternoon we came upon a broken down four wheel drive vehicle with a failure that most would consider rare. The couple were stranded about seven kilometres from Googs Lake, with no reliable form of communications to call for help.

The camshaft belt follower in their Ford Ranger had broken a bolt head, completely destroying the timing belt *(see photo below)*.

Ed and his wife Sharon had left their caravan in Ceduna and driven up to Googs Lake, just for a day trip. They were only carrying enough food for their lunch. Fortunately, they had plenty of water as they'd been stranded for quite some time before we came across them.

Radio contact was made with Bart, the operator on VKS-737/RFDS Charleville Base. He handed the problem to Robert on Stawell Base. We changed to another frequency to clear the one being used for the afternoon Queensland voice skeds.

I provided Robert with all the details. He went into action to summon help, contacting the RAA in Adelaide. Relay assistance was also provided by Tony on Adelaide Base to ensure that reliable communications were maintained. Tony regularly checked on our welfare. While that was happening, we managed to tow their vehicle a short distance to a safe spot, off the main track.



The RAA tried to dispatch a towing service down on the coast however Robert advised by radio that the towing company had refused to provide any help in recovering the Ranger. Apparently, they were not willing to help anyone stranded on Goog's Track, anywhere north of the Dog Fence. Given the seriousness of this, VKS-737 then put the matter in the hands of South Australian Police who notified Ceduna State Emergency Service Unit of Ed and Sharon's predicament. Our vehicle was not equipped to be able to tow theirs all the way out of Goog's Track and to further complicate matters, we were towing a Tvan.

Already late in the day, we were told by radio that Ceduna SES members were happy to provide assistance and would arrive sometime the next morning. The couple remained in their car for an extremely uncomfortable night on their front seat while we set up camp a short distance away. Ainslee and I had already decided to stay and look after Ed and Sharon for as long as it took to rescue them.



The next morning, we made radio contact with VKS-737 at the pre-arranged time to learn that the SES could possibly only rescue Ed and Sharon back to Ceduna. It looked as if their vehicle would have to be locked up and left along Goog's Track.

Later that morning, SES members arrived, luckily in not one, but two vehicles. One of the rescue vehicles was an F250, easily able to recover Ed and Sharon's vehicle back to Ceduna.

Speaking to Ed by phone a few days later by phone, I learned that it had been a difficult tow, recovering them back to Ceduna. Three tow straps bit the dust on the way. They were grateful to have arrived successfully and were extremely thankful to everyone involved for the assistance they'd received.

With Covid restrictions the way they've been this last year and lots of people choosing not to travel, this could have ended quite differently had we not planned to head onto Goog's Track.

Ed and Sharon spent a week in Ceduna while repairs were made. Fortunately the Ranger's engine was not destroyed from the timing belt failure and they travelled home to Culcairn, north of Albury with no further incident.

This is a good example of HF Radio to the rescue. We made the request to VKS-737 and their operators worked tirelessly to ensure a good outcome. We placed the emergency in their hands and they did the rest.

We were happy to be able to offer assistance to this couple in distress but the real credit goes to the Base Operators of VKS-737 Radio Network who give so much of their time to help others.

Also, we can't ignore the effort that Ceduna State Emergency Service members went to ensure a safe rescue.

Clayton & Ainslee Edson

VKS-737 Editor's Note: THIS STORY HIGHLIGHTS HOW IMPORTANT RELIABLE FORMS OF COMMUNICATIONS ARE WHEN TRAVELLING MORE REMOTE PARTS OF AUSTRALIA. MOBILE PHONES ARE USELESS ALONG GOOG'S TRACK AND IN MOST PARTS OF OUTBACK AUSTRALIA. UHF CB RADIOS ONLY PROVIDE RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS OVER VERY SHORT DISTANCES.

TOO MANY TRAVELLERS SPEND HUGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY ON VEHICLES, CARAVANS AND TRAVELLING COMFORTS, THEN BAULK AT THE THINGS THAT WILL SAVE THEIR LIVES WHEN EVERYTHING GOES PEAR SHAPED.

BE SAFE OUT THERE!

FOR SALE

Have you got anything you would like to sell? List it here for free!!

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)

Want to advertise in our Newsletter?



Advertising Rates (12 months)	
Quarter Page	\$50
Half Page	\$100
Full Page	\$200
One off Advert : \$10	

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CHRISTMAS TRIP 2021

DATE: 27/28 November 2021

WHERE: Wallaroo Holiday Park

1 Pamir Court, Wallaroo

Phone: (08 8823 253

Website: www.wallaroholidaypark.com.au

Cost: 38 pp per night

Extra adults \$12 pp and extra children \$7 pp per night

The Club will provide meat and dessert

BYO salads

BYO drinks, chairs, crockery, cutlery, tables etc.

If children are going to be present, then Santa will make a visit. Please remember to bring along a present for each child.

Kris Kringle will make an appearance as in previous years so if you wish to participate in the fun, please provide a gift to the value of \$15.

Ten sites have been provisionally booked for Saturday night only, .If you wish to stay Friday night please book that at the same time. Dinner will be at the local pub on Friday night, please let Jo or Julie know if you wish to be included. There is no club discount at the park as the rates are off peak for this weekend.

Please speak to Jo or Julie for any further information and don't forget to add your name to the trip sheet and book your site with the park



RECIPE

THE ULTIMATE SALTED CARAMEL CHOCOLATE MUG CAKE

(from [Dessert Recipes](#) in [MumsLounge.com.au](#))

Eeeeeeeek!! (And that's an eek of sheer and utter excitement by the way!). I cannot believe that this little sugarholic had never tried a mug cake until tonight!! Massive eeeek!! I had no idea what I was missing out on... until now that is.

So I had always been a little skeptical of mug cakes that you cook in the microwave because, well, because it's a microwave. As in, the thing that I pretty much only ever use to defrost food or heat my lunch up in. Certainly not something I ever thought about making a cake in! But I finally decided that I would give a mug cake a go. Seriously, it's not like I needed much persuading!

This Salted Caramel Mug Cake is totally dangerous. The fact that you can have a moist, rich, gooey, caramel cake in about 1 minute is scary! I feel like I'm going to be the person that wakes up at 3 in the morning and makes one of these cakes... just because it's so easy. The hardest part of making this mug cake was sharing it with my husband. I should have definitely made two of them. Although on second thoughts, given that it was really rich and I smothered it in ice-cream and chocolate sauce, one cake was probably the way to go!



To make the mug cake that bit more decadent, I popped two squares of Cadbury Caramello chocolate into the centre halfway through cooking. They sunk to the bottom and so when we ate the cake, there was this oozy, gooey caramel layer on the bottom. Eeeek I tell you!!

And so rather than me go on about how incredibly awesome it was, I'll just show you a picture of the empty mug... a picture paints a thousand words, right??

Next time you are craving something decadent and chocolatey, then please, please try this mug cake... just make sure you use a big mug!!!

About the Author

Hi there! My name is Lucy and I'm a primary school teacher, a wannabe baker, a wife, a blogger, a Pilates lover, a chocolate addict, a super-organizer and an over-analyzer. When I'm not teaching, you will usually find me whipping up something very naughty in the kitchen... chocolate and caramel are two of my best friends!

Come and join me over on my blog [Bake Play Smile](#) or on [Facebook](#) for some more sugarific baking adventures! For more recipes like this, go to [Dessert Recipes](#) in [MumsLounge.com.au](#).

The Ultimate Salted Caramel Chocolate Mug Cake – Recipe

Prep time: 2 mins
Cook time: 1 min
Total time: 3 mins

Serves: 2

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp butter, melted
- 1 egg
- 3 tbsp milk
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 4 tbsp plain flour
- 3 tbsp brown sugar
- 3 tbsp cocoa powder
- ½ tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp expresso granules (optional)
- Pinch of salt
- 2 caramel chocolate squares (I used Cadbury Caramello) - you could also use a chewy caramel like Werther's instead
- Salted caramel ice-cream to serve (or whatever flavour you like!)
- Chocolate sauce (or ice-magic!)



Method

1. Select a large mug (a smaller one will result in an overflowing cake).
2. Put your mug onto a microwave safe plate (just in case it does overflow!)
3. Place butter into your mug and microwave for 10 seconds (or until melted)
4. Add the egg, milk and vanilla essence and lightly beat with a fork until combined
5. Add the dry ingredients into your mug and beat with a fork until well combined (no lumps!)
6. Place mug into the microwave and cook for 30 seconds on medium heat
7. Place the caramel chocolate squares into the middle of the cake
8. Place the mug back into the microwave for a further 30 seconds on medium heat (watch it carefully to make sure it doesn't overflow)
9. The cake should be cooked on the outside and gooey in the middle
10. If you think it's still a little undercooked (all microwaves are different), then pop it back into the microwave and cook for a further 10 seconds on medium
11. Repeat until it's cooked how you like (don't overcook it though or else it will be dry and yuck... keep it gooey and moist - like a pudding!!)
12. Take out of the microwave and top with your choice of extras - I used salted caramel ice-cream and chocolate sauce.
13. You could also use chopped nuts, whipped cream, chocolate bits, strawberries or berry

Hope you find this recipe just as good as we have. Share it with others if you like it.

[Thanks Chris]

ANSWER TO "WHERE AM I?"

Vietnamese Boat People Monument "Guiding Light" Victoria Drive, Adelaide. (opposite the Parade grounds)

Plaque reads -" Vietnamese Australians are forever grateful to Australia and its people for welcoming us. We extend our gratitude to all levels of Government around this Nation for assisting hundreds and thousands of Vietnamese refugees to successfully resettle in Australia."

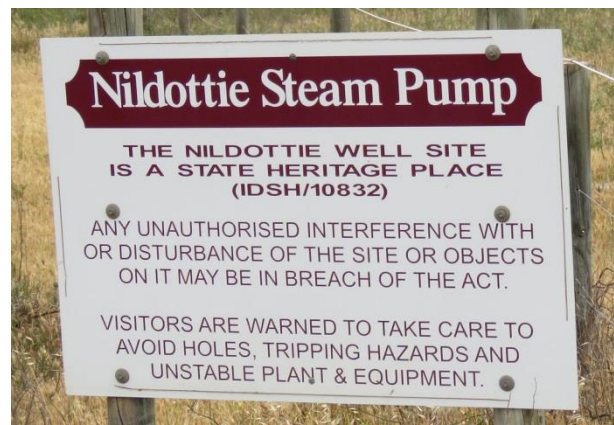
The monument captures two Vietnamese children travelling in a sculpted boat on a granite and slate ocean. The six lotus flowers, forming the Southern Cross, direct the children to the horizon and towering beacon, representing a guiding light and new beginnings. This monument was developed by the Vietnamese Boat Peoples Monument Association and funded with contributions from the State Government, Vietnamese Business Community, and a number of local government councils, and donated to the City of Adelaide.

GENERAL INFORMATION

NILDOTTI WELL AT BAKARA

The earliest well in the district was sunk to provide water for stock. "It was described as being 6 feet x 4 feet in section and 209 feet deep, the first 30 feet being timbered with split pine. The pump was driven by a steam engine with a masonry chimneystack 37 feet high. Water was stored

in a circular masonry tank. . . Stock was watered from masonry troughs 342 feet long, 16 inches high and 4 feet wide at the top." [Murray Mallee Heritage Survey (1998)]. There



was also an underground tank and a 2-room pug and pine hut. When the boiler exploded 1899, it was not replaced. A windmill pumped the water until 1953 when the well began to cave in.

"The young man, W. Stengert, who was injured by the boiler explosion at Nildottie, is not seriously hurt. . . The scene of the accident (Nildottie Well) presents strong evidence of the destructive power of a steam boiler. The three walls of the engine-house were completely wrecked, timber, stones, and iron were thrown about in every. . . The immediate result of the present accident is that the residents near Nildottie Well are put to great trouble to procure water for their stock.

Nildottie Well is about 14 miles south-easterly of Swan Reach head station, and is now the centre of a thriving farming community," [Advertiser 17 Feb 1899]

"In the early seventies Mr. Thomas Smith and his sons did much good work in the country out from the Murray in this district. They took a contract from Mr. James White, then owner of Thurk station, to sink the Nildottie well. They sank through huge slabs of solid rock, and the family still possess specimens of the fossil shells and shark's teeth found in the water bearing stratum. The timbering used fifty two years ago is thought to be still intact." [Murray Pioneer 19 Dec 1924]

"Nildottie, Bakara, and Easton Wells on the track from Purnong to Loxton. . . They were put down in the early sheep station days for watering sheep grazing outback from the station homestead. Nildottie supplied the sheep from the station at Swan Reach, the old homestead of which was turned into an hotel about 1899. . . Bakara, and Eastern (not Easton) were put down for Thurk station. . . Thurk was a large station, about 40 miles by 35 miles, extending along the Murray from Walco above Moorook down to where Mercunda is now. . . The water in Bakara and Eastern Wells was brackish. Sheep would drink it, but some horses refused to do so, even on the hottest days, just dipping their mouths in the cool water. Nildottie Well contained better water." [Chronicle 3 Apr 1941]

STOP PRESS – TRIP REPORT SUMMARY

Dig Tree Trip (Outback SA, Anyway)

Hi there, just an overview of our trip in September. Lisa will be doing a more detail report next month as they have just returned from their extended trip.

The object destination was Burke and Wills Dig Tree but of course we got to visit many wonderful places along the way. We've always wanted to visit those places and so glad to be able to do it finally.

During the planning stage we had Sandra and Pete, Lisa and Steve, Bob and myself but unforeseen circumstances meant Sandra and Pete were unable to join us. We were all so looking forward to their company for the trip and thought of them often during the trip.

If we were looking for fun and adventures, we've certainly experienced them

We went to places we've never been to before and that's always exciting and the weather and element didn't let us down either, we had wind, dust, rain and MUD!!!! BUT, we had a wonderful time.

Our 1st stop was at Danggali Conservation Park. Lovely spot with old relics, thinking of you Keryn, you would have a wonderful time fossicking. We stayed for 2 nights. The 2nd day was very hot and windy. Came back to the campsite to find our tent on the ground. Luckily the tent was not damaged.

3rd day ,headed north to Yunta, after our morning tea break the sky decide to open up and rain and the rain and dirt roads don't go well together. The road got worse after Yunta, by the time we stopped for the day the cars and trailers were TOTALLY covered with MUD.

Interesting exercise to hitch the tent without being covered in mud is near impossible BUT we had the most amazing view and glorious camp fire that night even though it was cold.

Next destination was Gammon Ranges, visiting Balcanoona (love that name, sounds so nice), camped at Griddles hut. We went 4wding, beautiful scenery.

Arkaroola was our next stop; saw the station owner feeding the yellow footed wallabies and the night sky was amazing. Did some extreme 4wding while we were there. Had their BIG breakfast before we left and they are BIG.

From there we went to Innaminka but we did a detour to Cameron Corner a 200km plus return trip, unfortunately for us due to Covid, the borders were closed 😞😞😞 but we took our photos to prove we were there .

It was a wonderful experience to be camping along Cooper Creek, lucky for us there was abundant water flowing. We had a lovely time visiting all the historical sites. AND of course we visited the Dig Tree.

We had to change our plan while there as the original route that we were going to use was closed due to the rain a week ago, so we decided to go to Birdsville instead. Now I can say I've been to the Sturt Stony Desert and know why they gave it that name. Came across lots of interesting places along the way.

Next stop Birdsville, it wasn't like I imagined. I was amazed to see a township as on TV all I saw was the pub and people getting drunk, but it's really a very nice place. Of course while we were there, the boys had to drive up the BIG RED. I think they had a lovely time. We also had a lovely meal at the PUB!!!!

From there we found our way south and had to apply to come back to SA; Farina here we come!! Been there before many years ago but a place I always want to revisit. It's as interesting as before and this time we did their 4wd track, it was worth going on. While we were there the wind decided we needed some sleepless nights by howling. We just had to lie there wondering in the dark when the tent was coming down! Our lovely little tent survived.

From there we said good bye to our wonderful companions and head home while they continued on their journey.

Lisa and Steve has been a wonderful traveling companions, we start of as friends and now they are our mates. They are VERY experienced 4wders, and we stayed at many great roadside camps.

We looking forward to leading trips to these areas if any of you are interested in going.

[Pauline]

(Proposed trip in the offing, please see Coming Events. Ed)