

Gawler & Districts

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4WD Club Newsletter

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



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WELCOME

to the Gawler & Districts 4WD Club

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

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

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

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

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

Annual membership fees are \$60 per vehicle/family, plus \$10 joining fee.



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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

	2022												
<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Dec</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	10		11	4	8	13	3	8	12	9	14	11	9
Committee	1		2	30		4	29		3		5	2	
			23			25			31			30	

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 view the new Toyota Series 300 Landcruiser from Barossa Valley Toyota in the car-park. This meeting will be our AGM, please bring a plate of supper. If you would like to be more involved with your club, please consider joining on the Committee.

The Photo Competition has been judged by Gawler Fishing and Outdoors and you now get the chance to vote for the people's choice award at this meeting.

It's not too late to enter in the Christmas raffle - tickets are \$2 each at this meeting.

We have a few trips and events for 2022, if you have an outstanding "Trip Lotto" event to plan please consider scheduling soon so we can advertise it in the February Newsletter and feature in the "Events" section of our Website. Myself, Bob or any of the Committee will be willing to help you.

Just a reminder - there is no meeting in January, 2022.

Deb and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please stay safe on the roads.

[Quenton]

Editor's Report:

Hello everyone and welcome to the last Newsletter for 2021.

Well, what a year it's been with Covid making a nuisance of itself and interrupting plans. It's not over yet and who knows what rules will apply come Christmas Day. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that my daughter and her family can visit from Sydney but I'd have to say with the Covid rules changing on almost a daily basis, I'm beginning to wonder whether this will be another Christmas of not seeing the grandchildren -we couldn't see them last year as there was a Covid outbreak on the Northern Beaches of Sydney in December which put paid to our plans to visit them. In January it will be 2 years since we last went to Sydney. Now we have this new variant on the scene creating havoc.

Thanks to Jo and Julie for the great weekend in Wallaroo. They did a wonderful job organising everything and it went off without a hitch but with much laughter. As Quenton said, next year we will be celebrating in Barmera.

Wayne and Sandra have kindly offered their home for a BBQ on Australia Day 2022. Details in the Newsletter. It's BYO everything and we look forward to seeing you there.

I'm sure as the year progresses more trips will come to light so if you have any ideas for a trip you'd like to share, don't be shy, just let a committee member know what you propose.

Thank you to all the people who have contributed an article for the Newsletter. These are always welcome and anytime you would like to see an article of yours in print, please send it in.

Finally, as it's the AGM please give some thought to becoming a committee member. It's not an onerous task and we meet once a month in each other's homes for a quick meeting and

supper. If you feel you'd like to become part of the committee, please nominate at Friday's meeting. Oh, and the trip report winner will be announced at the meeting too.

I look forward to catching up with you next year. In the meantime Pete and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe, Happy New Year. Let's hope 2022 give us more freedom to travel and is a vast improvement on 2021.

Sandra]

FOR SALE

FREE MEMBER'S "FOR SALE" ADVERTISING



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

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

Please send full details to our editor editor@gawler4wd.com.au 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.



**Don't forget to
CHECK OUT OUR SPONSORS and ADVERTS**

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

Contact us for details



COMING EVENTS

26 January 2022 **Australia Day**

Trip Details:	BBQ at Sandra & Wayne Heintze's house
Where:	30 Hillier Rd, Evanston
Cost:	BYO everything including chairs
Meet:	At the Heintze's
When:	Australia Day 2022
Hosts:	Wayne and Sandra
More Info	All welcome

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. www.laurasa.com.au

**Sunday 3rd April,
2022****Outback Morning Tea - RFDS**

Trip Details:	Morning Tea to socialise with fellow members over a hot cuppa & raise money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service
Where:	Bethany Reserve, Bethany
Cost:	Donation to RFDS at morning tea Your cost at bakery
Meet:	Gawler Visitor Information Centre 9.30am OR Bethany Reserve 10.00am
When:	Sunday 3rd April, 2022
Trip Leader:	Quenton & Deb Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	A get together to raise vital funds for the Flying Doctor over delicious baked goods & a freshly brewed pot of tea. B.Y.O tea or coffee & homemade morning tea to share. Afterwards a guided walking tour of Angaston main street followed by lunch at the bakery. Come dressed in your best Outback hat. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

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

December 2021 - This is AGM night - Come along and have a say in the running of your club

We will also have a chance to have a look at a Toyota 300 Series Landcruiser:



Thanks to



Barossa Valley Toyota

I will be at the Elderly Centre around 6:30 pm. So come down early and have a look at the latest 4WD from Toyota.

[Peter H]

February 2022 - Andrew Ridge - Sir Hubert Wilkins

April 2022 - Wizbang Magic

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 – CARAVAN OPINIONS SOUGHT

The following was printed in Westprint Friday Five on 26 November. I promise this is the last word on Caravans for the year.

Opinions sought - Caravan Industry

Press Release.

Views sought on the Caravan Industry - Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC)

The Commission has issued the following Media Release (178/21):

<https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/views-sought-on-caravan-industry>

The Survey is very easy to complete... with plain instructions and simple questions. This is an excellent opportunity for all caravan owners to help appreciably improve the professionalism of the industry... and enhance the Compliance, Safety, Quality and after-sales Service of caravans that are marketed in Australia. Caravan Council of Australia.

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

GENERAL INFORMATION - SNAKES

It's that time of year again when snakes are prevalent. The following article is re-produced by kind permission of Westprint Friday Five and it's an opportune time to re-run the article given the wriggles are on the move and the amount of long grass that is around..

LIVING WITH SNAKES

Peter Mirtschin, Managing Director, Ophiobioscience Pty Ltd

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

The benefits of snakes

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

The risks of snakes

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



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PHOTO: PETER MIRTSCHIN

The danger real or imagined.

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

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

Removing snakes

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

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

Snakes and our environment

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

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

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

Information from Department of health.

1. Call an ambulance immediately

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

What to do

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

2. Don't panic and don't move

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

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

What to do

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

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

3. Leave the snake alone

Don't try to identify, catch, injure or kill the snake – you're likely to come off second best. At the hospital, staff have access to a range of tests that can help them determine the likely snake which you have been bitten by, enabling them to give you the most appropriate treatment.

4. Apply a pressure immobilisation bandage and splint

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

What to do

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

Apply a pressure immobilisation bandage by following the steps below:

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

Once the bandage is on, mark the bite site on the bandage with a pen or other substance that will leave a mark – if you've got nothing else on you, putting a little mud or dirt on the bandage will work. Then, splint the limb to keep it still. Any straight object will do – a stick, rolled up newspaper

or even firmly rolled up clothes or tarps can all work. Fix the splint in place by securing it to the limb with bandages or other material.

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

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

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

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

Do not suck or cut the bite area.

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

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.

December 2021

February 2022

March 2022

Lyn Li

Bronte and Norma

Chris and Julie

Bob and Cindy

Roy and Bronwyn

Philip

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

◆◆ December ◆◆

Peter C



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS****2021 AGM**

At meeting: **Friday 10th December 2021**

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

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER PORTFOLIOS

Position	Role
President/Public Officer: (Elected) Elected in Even Years - 2022	To Chair Committee & General Meetings. To be involved in the general administration of the club. To speak for and on behalf of the club. To welcome new Members.
Vice-President: (Elected) Elected in Odd Years – 2021	To stand in for the President should the need arise and to keep themselves familiar with the running of club business. To speak for and on behalf of the club
Secretary: (Elected) Elected in Even Years - 2022	To keep a record of incoming mail, answer any correspondence or respond to as required by the committee. Collate a summary of incoming and outgoing correspondence for meetings to be included in minutes from committee and general meetings.
Treasurer: (Elected) Elected in Odd Years - 2021	To keep a true and accurate record of all incoming and outgoing accounts and to pay all accounts approved by the club. To keep a record of all members. The books must be audited each year and a report is tabled and presented at the AGM.
Minutes Secretary: (Elected)	To keep a true and accurate record of all business discussed at Committee and General Meetings, and any other meetings called by the committee. Type up these minutes and email onto editor for insertion into newsletter each month. Email Committee Minutes to Committee Members.
Social Secretary/s: (Elected)	To organise a group of helpers for putting on all social functions. For organising and running all fund raising efforts within the club. To keep true and accurate financial records, to report at Committee and General Meetings on all of the above. Collect items to be raffled each month, have tea, coffee, cold drinks and supper ready for after the meeting. You are the welcoming face of the club as you are the first person the members and visitors see as they register and buy raffle tickets. This position is encouraged to be shared by 2 people.

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

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

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

SPONSOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

 <p>GAWLER</p> <p>FOR ALL YOUR 4WD AND SUV TYRES OR PASSENGER TYRES AND WHEEL ALIGNMENTS</p> <p>CONTACT MICHAEL OR JASON on 08 85223000</p> <p>WE WILL BEAT ANY COMPETITORS PRICE</p> <p>COOPER, BFG, BRIDGESTONE, KUMHO, TOYO, MAXXIS, GENERAL</p>	<p>Gawler Fishing & Outdoors 48 Murray St Gawler SA 5118 Phone 08 8522 6200 fishnout@bigpond.net.au</p> <p>Club Discount with <u>**club card**</u> applies to all non-special items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">*Fishing Tackle*Fridge / Freezers*Guns & ammo*Binoculars*Knives*Camping gear*GPS systems*Swags*Marine*Repairs 
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">-General Automotive maintenance-Logbook Servicing-Suspension & Brakes<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Performance-Starter motors-Alternators-C.V Joints & Shafts-Radiators-Batteries-Transmission service	<p>The Home Of</p> <p><u>Ironman 4x4 Gawler</u></p> <p>7 First Street Gawler South SA 5118 Work Shop: 08 85 224655 Sales Rep: 0497 924 666</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Bull Bars & Roof Racks-Underbody Protection<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Canopies-4x4 Suspension-Snorkels, Steps, Bars & Rails-Drawer Systems-Rooftop Tents & Awnings-Recovery Equipment-Camping Accessories-Fridges <p>and much more.</p>
 <p>gawlermechanical@gmail.com</p>		

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 19.

TRIP REPORT

Wallaroo Christmas Weekend

After packing up the car and camper trailer, we left for Wallaroo late Friday morning. When we arrived, a few members were already here and soon more arrived. It was quite windy so awnings were packed away and we didn't bother putting up our verandah on the camper trailer. A walk along the beach and then we checked out the caravan park with its new large Camp Kitchen, which will be excellent for Saturday night's dinner. The park was full and we learned a Caravan Club had 70 members staying here.

Friday night we went to the Cornucopia Hotel for dinner. We had two long tables and the hotel was very busy. Bob Mulyk won a carton of beer in the \$2 Pub raffle which he has donated to the Club.

Saturday saw many members head to the Kadina markets and a few bargains, including a garage sale find or two, were had. We walked up to the very busy North Beach Kitchen for a coffee. The rest of the day was spent relaxing or checking out the main street



and around 4.00pm we set up one long table in the Camp Kitchen for Happy Hour and to prepare for our BBQ dinner. This left two large tables for other guests with plenty of room for all. We cooked the locally obtained meat on the electric BBQ's (which there were plenty) and a great array of salads were set out. Due to COVID safety, all food was served by Jo, Julie and Cindy. We all agreed tonight's meal was better than the Pub meal last night. Lisa supplied 27 Sticky Date puddings which, with custard, cream and ice cream, were Yummy! Next we had a visit by Santa and after leaving two dolls, young Lilly said "I love Santa!". We did too, he did a great job. Well done Bob and Cindy for giving Santa a ride. Jo and Julie organised us with the "rules" of this year's Kris Kringle and there was a lot of laughter and "stealing" going on.

Sunday saw some pack up and leave and some stayed a little longer or headed further up the track. We packed up and before leaving had a excellent coffee from "The Smelters" Cafe in the main street.

It was an excellent weekend enjoyed by all. I think in total there was about 23 of us. A big THANK YOU to Jo and Julie for organising and to all that helped out cooking BBQ's and cleaning up.p

We look forward to Barmera? in 2022.

Quenton & Deb Earl

ANSWER TO "WHERE AM I?"

"Day Off Peter" statue in main street of Angaston, built to commemorate the Angaston Agricultural Bureau 100 years in 1988. It is the oldest Ag Bureau in Australia.

Originally constructed of fibreglass, it was re-cast in bronze in 2008. The Clydesdale horse played a major part in the early Agricultural scene in Australia. The single furrow plough was used in the orchards and vineyards of the district.

FRIDAY FUNNIES

SKINNY DIPPING

An elderly man in the Atherton Tablelands had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large dam in the back. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some apple and peach trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the dam, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over.

He grabbed a twenty-litre bucket to bring back some fruit.

As he neared the dam, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his dam.

He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, 'we're not coming out until you leave!'

The old man frowned, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the dam naked.'

Holding the bucket up he said,

'I'm here to feed the crocodile...'

Some old men can still think fast.

An older, tired looking dog wandered into my yard.

I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of.

He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head. He then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep.

An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour.

This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious I pinned a note to his collar: 'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful, sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.' ...!

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar ...

'He lives in a house with six children who never stop. He's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow ...?'

A new supermarket opened near my house. It has an automatic water mister to keep the produce fresh. Just before it goes on, you hear the sound of distant thunder and the smell of fresh rain. When you approach the milk cases, you hear cows mooing and experience the scent of fresh hay. When you approach the egg case, you hear hens cluck and cackle, and the air is filled with the pleasing aroma of bacon and eggs frying. The veggie department features the smell of fresh buttered corn. I don't buy toilet paper there any more.

Be good to your spouse, Remember, right now they could poison you and it would be counted as a covid death.

(Thank you Westprint Friday Five, we can always rely on you)

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

