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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>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	11	4	8	13	3	8	12	9	14	11	9
Committee	2	30		4	29		3		5	2	
	23			25			31			30	

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

Dates for 2022

Easter Fri 15 April to Monday 18 April; Anzac Day, Mon 25 April; Queen's Birthday Mon 13 June; Labour Day Mon 3 October; Christmas Day, Sun 25 December; Boxing Day Mon 26 December; Proclamation Day Tues 27 December; New Year's Eve Sat 31 December.

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 will be a "Show and Tell". You can tell a story from the past, such as getting the butcher to call on you with horse and cart or bring along an object to talk about to our group. Put your thinking caps on so you can add to the night. Thank you to Sandra Heintze for this suggestion.

Our "Boys Day Out" and "Girls Day Out" are on Saturday 25th June. A rare chance for the boys to visit Michael Steinborner's car collection which is not open to the public and the girls to indulge in a High Tea in beautiful Strathalbyn. It will be a lot of fun, so add your names to the Trip Sheet at this meeting please. We need definite numbers at this meeting for booking the High Tea and the Hotel.

Our Progressive Tea will be held on Saturday 27th August, 2022, so mark that date in your diary. If you are able to supply any wood, please deliver to Pete & Jo beforehand.

This year the Club celebrates 20 years. We have Mugs available to celebrate this milestone for \$15 each and will be ready to purchase at this June meeting. Please bring your cash along.

The Photo Competition will be on again this year. The Open prize is provided by Gawler Fishing and Outdoors. So get clicking!!

[Quenton]

Editors Report:

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

Unexpectedly, our trip to Witchelina and beyond had to be terminated early due to damage to both vehicles. We did get as far as 80kms along the Connie Sue track before deciding to turn back rather than proceed. +We did enjoy a remarkable sunset on the Nullabor Plain on the only night we camped there. After we did decide to turn back, and while we were camped at Rawlinna, the surrounding area was hit by an almighty storm which turned the tracks into very wet and soggy mud baths. Needless to say the trip back to Cocklebiddy which encompassed 40 kms of track along the Dog Fence, turned both vehicles and trailers into a shade of ochre as they were covered in thick mud. I never thought they'd be clean again!! Anyway, a trip to be completed sometime in the future!! Many thanks to Stephen and Lisa for their enjoyable company.

As you can see, a few more trips have been added to the "Coming Events" calendar. Don't forget to add your names to the trip sheets.

And that's it for June. Enjoy the long weekend and celebrate the shortest day on the 21st as the days start to get longer from then, a sure sign summer is on the way back.

[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

Sunday 12 June	PW Mayflower Cruise
Trip Details:	90 minute cruise on the PW Mayflower from Mannum
Where:	Mannum
Cost:	Adult \$25, Concession \$20, Child (Ages 5-14) \$10 Guided Museum tour group price \$5 / head. Your cost at afternoon Cafe.
Meet:	9.00am Gawler Visitor Information Centre
When:	Sunday 12th June, 2022
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	1 1/2 hour cruise on the PW Mayflower (the oldest paddle boat in SA) leaving Mannum 10.30am. Tea and Coffee included, bar facilities available. Final numbers required by May meeting. BYO Picnic lunch down by the river. Afternoon tea at Palm Court Cafe. www.psmarion.com (There is a flyer at the end of the Newsletter with all details)

Saturday 25 June	Girls Day Out
Trip Details:	High Tea at Pastel Tea Cup Café
Where:	Strathalbyn
Cost:	\$47 each or if 10 or more \$42 each
Meet:	Gawler Visitor Information Centre 8.30am
When:	Saturday 25th June, 2022
Trip Leader:	Sandra Heintze 0429 014 313 Keryn Wilkins 0429 699 671
More Info	Morning Tea at 10.30am at Pastel Tea Cup Strathalbyn, including Royal Albert fine china, large choice of teas, coffee and delectable treats. Please have CASH ready at 8.30am meeting point.

Saturday 25 June	Boys Day Out
Trip Details:	Visiting car collections including Michael Steinborner's private car collection.
Where:	Barossa area
Cost:	Your cost at Hotel
Meet:	Gawler Visitor Information Centre 8.30am
When:	Saturday 25th June, 2022
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601 and Wayne Heintze
More Info	Visiting David Petiffors Ford Model T's at Rosedale, Michael Steinborner's private Holden car collection (not normally open to the public), Lunch at Stockwell Hotel, visit Trevor Bellchambers' collection and afternoon coffee at Cafe Nova.

16th, 17th July	Christmas in July – 2022
Trip Details:	Come for the week-end or just the Sunday. Lunch Sunday at Mt. Mary Hotel
Where:	Mt. Mary Hotel
Cost:	Your cost Sunday lunch Camping at front of Hotel - Free. Or Morgan Caravan Park. Landseer Museum \$4 per person.
Meet:	Saturday - make your way to the hotel to set up camp Sunday - 9.30am Gawler Visitor Information Centre
When:	Sat/Sun 16th, 17th July, 2022
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	Saturday set up camp at Hotel. Sunday visiting Kapunda Community Gallery, Eudunda Silo Art, Lunch at Hotel, visit the Morgan Landseer Museum at 2.00pm for a Guided tour.



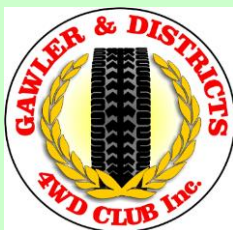
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**Saturday 27
August****Progressive Tea**

Trip Details:	Progressive Tea to 3 members house's
Where:	Willaston, Freeling, Shea-Oak Log
Cost:	Nil
Meet:	Soup venue - Quenton & Deb Earls 5.30pm
When:	Saturday night 27th August, 2022
Trip Leader:	Sandra Heintze 0429 014 313
Bring	Chair, drinks and mug. Any dry wood to Pete and Jo beforehand please.
More Info	First course Soup at the Earl's, Main Course at the Rivett's, Dessert and fire at the Wuttke / Cusick's. Final details and addresses will be sent to all members via email.

**25 September
2022****Anlaby Station**

Trip Details:	House tour of Anlaby Station
Where:	Anlaby Station, Hamilton, S A
Cost:	\$15 per person Anlaby House tour Your cost at hotel.
Meet:	9.00 for 9.15 am leave Gawler Visitor Information Centre
When:	Sunday 25 September 2022
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	Pack morning tea for a Tailgare morning tea, Tour of Anlaby at 10,30 am Lunch at Wheatsheaf Pub, Allendale North, Tour of Tableland Road and St Kitts area.

GAWLER & DISTRICTS 4WD CLUB

Stickers For Sale – Only \$2.00 each
**New design stickers complete with Web
address - \$3.50 each**

See Quenton at the General Meeting

1 - 3 October 2022 Oct long w/end Coonatto Station

Trip Details:	Visiting Coonatto Station near Carrieton
Where:	1874 Wilmington Rd, Hammond SA
Cost:	Camping fee \$10 per person per night Firewood can be supplied - \$10 10 pieces, \$20 20 pieces Tracks - Free with camping Pichi Richi Explorer - Adult \$61.00 Concession \$56.00 Child \$23.00
Meet:	TBA
When:	Sat/Sun/Mon 1st, 2nd, 3rd October, 2022
Trip Leader:	Required
Trip Co-ordinator	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	Camping at Black Oaks Campsite and Branch Creek Campsite with fire ring and Long-drop toilet. Driving 2WD and 4WD station tracks. Visiting Hammond ghost town, the newly renovated Carrieton Hotel and optional Pichi Richi train ride Monday at 10.30am at Quorn. (You will need to book your own train tickets ASAP for the Pichi Richi Explorer at www.pichirichirailway.org.au) Also see - www.coonattostation.com.au

GUEST SPEAKERS

	<i>These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:</i>	
	June 2022	Show & Tell – bring a story from your past to relate to other club members
	July 2022	C T Madigan Simpson Desert 1939 expedition video
	September 2022	Jeremy Browne – Along the old Ghan line
	October 2022	Frank Kotzur – re John McKinlay

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

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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



◆◆ June ◆◆
Joann
<i>Apologies to Bronwyn who we missed last month</i>

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)

TRIP REPORT

Not the Simpson Desert

In February the motorcycle riding group I belong to had a meeting to organize a few rides for the year ahead. One suggestion was to ride the Simpson again having Desert Parks passes from our last year's trip, west to east at the beginning of June. The plan decided on an east to west, using different tracks to the last year's French line in May. A route was plotted possibly going from Angorichina to Arkaroola via the Gammon ranges. Using the Mount Hopeless track we would join the Strezlecki Track cross to Cameron Corner and ride up to Innaminka. From there we would take Walkers Crossing to the Birdsville Track and use Warburton Crossing to get to the Rigg Road. Crossing the Simpson to Dalhousie Springs and Mount Dare, to follow the Oodnadatta Track back south to cars and trailers at Angorichina, taking about 10 days.



Due to La Nina, there seemed to be a lot more rain than normal. As the trip date approached there were roads close throughout the northern parts of the state. Queensland had floods and water was headed south in the Coopers Creek, Diamantina and Eyres Creek. People were stranded in a number of places in their 4X4's. An alternative plan was needed. What about Gawler Ranges? Also while on the Eyre Peninsula there is also Googs Track. One member's work had a depot in Port Augusta that

cars could be left at, so a new route was worked out but then another alteration was made, turned out a cousin of another member and her partner were managing a property next to the Gawler Ranges National Park called Buckleboo Station that we could stay at. Great!

Friday 13 May we all met up at OTR in Port Augusta and drove to Kimba and North to Buckleboo to meet our hosts who were awesome. After setting up our tents we were invited to a BBQ of home grown and killed Dorper lamb behind huge granite rocks with a warming malley stump fire, and a few bottles of wine. A million stars, what a way to start a trip.

The following day (Saturday) we were eager to head out, and rode following the track to Paney Station and the Shearing Shed (there is Telstra mobile signal at the shearing shed so you can get on line permits if you had forgotten). The tracks were in good condition and mostly graded since the rains earlier in the year. Time to hit the 4X4 tracks, head through the hills and down on to the Organ Pipes. After walking to the "dry a fall" and back to the carpark, next stop was Pildappa Rock, and through the back roads to Wudinna for fuel. With the time getting late and one of the bikes headlight not working, we got going toward a shortcut through Pinkawillini Conservation Park. Good fast roads, passing by Mount Wuddina till we got to the gate entry to the park and suddenly deep sand appeared. 40 km and over an hour later the sand got harder, we had just ridden the Buckleboo Stock Route which turned out to be the hardest track of our trip, finishing the next 10km in the semi dark with a full moon to guide us back to camp. Near the end of the stock route, there was a small group of 4X4ers camped and they were going to widen the track to accommodate 4X4 vehicles as it was very overgrown. After a well earned shower, the use of the shearer's kitchen made dinner easy so we could soon sit around the fire by the light of the moon.

Sunday, camp was packed up and everything was packed into the Landcruiser's tray so 5 bikes and 1 4X4 set off toward Perlubie Beach. Trying to stick to dirt roads makes the trip longer, as the shorter roads have been bitumised. One road was on the map but not on the GPS, but not being deterred followed the road ending at a gate. Turning around I asked someone in a paddock working on some machinery (must have been my feminine side), he said there was a road gazetted going through and we could go through the paddock and follow around the trees (was 6-7 km). Made it to Perlubie in good time to set up camp and stand on the beach to watch the sunset.

Monday we zig zagged through some more conservation parks along the coast to Ceduna for lunch. The information centre no longer issues permits for Googs Track so I had to do it on line on the phone (where are the teenagers when you need them). Topped up with fuel and we start heading north to the start of the track.



Tuesday after a good night in a bush campsite we headed north to the Googs Lake turn off, turning towards the lake we came to the Goog's Memorial to Goog and his son who created the track. On to the lake which had water in it, before heading back to the track heading north. Riding the sand dunes gets tiring. In the Simpson the dunes are further apart which gives you a bit of a break, but some of the sections of Googs track are continual dune after dune so I was glad of a break every now and then,

though having a flat tyre on the rear was not really the best way to have one. Changed the tube and back on the bike. When we got to the Mount Finke, there was not much interest in climbing it so we just continued on. At one stop Martin, who was driving the support vehicle, realized that someone off the side of the track had recognized us and called him by name on the CB (channel 18 is used on this track.)**

Once reaching the railway the road took us through Tarcoola past the pub that is opening soon (for the last 10 years) and on to Kingoonya. The pub there reopened a number of years ago and now is run by a previous local, and the caravan park has been taken over and run by a couple who are renovating it. There are donga rooms, powered and unpowered sites (which were \$10 per person). The renovated shower block got a work out after swags or tents were readied for later use, before the very short walk was made to the pub for dinner. The pub had a nice warming fire outside to encourage people to stay on after their meal.



In the morning one of our riders found the phone number of Nonning Station which backs on to Buckleboo Station and asked if we could ride on a PAR going through the station and on to Buckleboo. With permission given, the ride day was organized. We set off south looking for the Scull Camp Road. About 50 km down the road a structure had been built to collect rain water with tanks still holding water but had no water troughs any more. People had camped there recently and left their rubbish behind, not what we do!! Further on, the Scull Camp tanks could be seen at the turn off, getting us on to the Lake Gairdner PAR. A nice track goes out to a camp ground and parking area in front of the lake. The lake had some water in it showing a reflection of the hills behind, nice! Back to the road we passed

the turnoff to where the Speed Week races are held on dry years, not this year. Mt Ive Station charges \$40 to drive the tracks out to there now, and \$80 to drive all of their tracks. Passed the 2 wooden wagons and stopped past Mt Ive's gate at the submarine for pictures, then down to Nonning Station. Because of the wet weather, it was green with grasses and running with sheep, roos and emus. Passing the no entry sign off of the PAR, we rode wonderful countryside zigging and zagging on the farm tracks, with only one turn around, we got to a gate we presume was to Buckleboo Station. A dead straight track followed a fence line to Buckleboo Road ending 80 km of awesome station tracks. Less than a kilometer ended our ride in time to settle down for our last night around the campfire.

[Martin]

*** We passed the bikes and Martin in the ute on Goog's Track and it was Pete who recognised Martin's ute and the voice of the driver (the other Martin) and made contact although I don't think Martin recognised who it was.. ("We" were Pete, Sandra, Stephen and Lisa and we were heading south on Goog's Track to Ceduna.)*

Trip To Witchelina And Beyond –Commenced 8 May 2022 (Mothers' Day)

Sandra, Pete, Stephen and Lisa met at the Gawler Information Centre at 9 am on the Sunday morning and headed off, Pete leading this part of the trip. (Bob and Pauline were driving up on Monday and Sandra and Wayne would meet us at Witchelina.)

We were heading to Terowie as Pete had ordered a Bead Breaker from the Service Station there (the only place he could find where the one he wanted was made.) On arriving at the Service Station we found a note to say that it was shut and would open later due to Mothers' Day! Not a good start as we were expected. A phone call to the proprietor discovered he would be there in 30 minutes so we drove into Terowie hoping to find somewhere for morning tea. We didn't so drove back to the Service Station to find the proprietor had arrived and opened up shop so we decided to have morning tea there instead.

We drove to Orreroo which was to be a lunch stop only to find all cafes shut, same reason, Mothers Day!! Walking back to the car we found the pub was doing lunches so decided to stop there and enjoyed pulled pork and kangaroo burgers, both a big hit!

Onwards to Hawker where we were going to spend two nights before going onto Witchelina. After setting up camp, Pete discovered that his email account had been "hacked" so instead of a pub meal that night, we had a couple of instant meals instead while he tried to sort that out.

Monday we enjoyed a late start and decided to drive to the Jarvis Hill lookout which was supposed to be an "easy" climb.



Clambering over rocks didn't make for an easy climb so the top wasn't reached. We decided to drive back to Hawker via a different track only to discover at the end that there was "no public access." Pity no-one thought to put that at the start of the track too.

When we got back to the caravan park discovered that Bob and Pauline had arrived so they set up camp very close to us as well. That night we did dine at the local pub.

Tuesday we were up early to head to Witchelina where we were met by Sandra & Wayne after checking in. Campsites were located and set up and thanks to Bob, we enjoyed a great campfire with much camaraderie and banter after our evening meal. Sandra & Wayne came down from the Shearer's Quarters to join us.



The next few days were spent driving around this very substantial property which we were told was the size of Kangaroo Island. The tracks lasted a few hours each so did take up most of each day. Sandra and Lisa had their cameras out and were busy photographing the area.

Friday we thought we'd drive to Marree for a pub lunch for a change so before

setting off via Farina, we held a Morning Tea at the Shearer's Quarter's kitchen to raise funds for the Cancer Council as part of their "Big Morning Tea" fundraiser. All the goodies came out and we managed to raise \$90 for the Cancer Council. Not a bad effort for eight of us!!! Then we set off and found the bitumen to Marree passing three horses along the way. Enjoyed lunch and a wander around the railway station where Tom Kruse's old mail truck is displayed. Years and age are having an effect on the old truck and it is hard to believe that Tom drove that around the area for years delivering mail. He was a remarkable man.



Saturday 14 May

We left Witchelina after saying "goodbyes" to Bob and Pauline who were heading home to collect their caravan and then heading to Qld, and also to Wayne and Sandra who were leaving and going elsewhere on the way home. We headed off on the track to Mulgaria. On reaching the homestead, we came to a "road closed" sign. Stephen spoke to the owner to discover the onward track was impassable as he had machinery stuck along it due to the wet conditions. There was nothing for it but to turn around and head back to Witchelina stopping for morning tea along the way. Took the Farina track to the bitumen and headed to Marree where we had lunch. After lunch, we headed out on the Oodnadatta Track until we came to the left hand turn off for Roxby Downs 125 kms away where we booked into the caravan park for the night.

Sunday, left Roxby Downs on bitumen and headed towards Woomera where we had an early lunch. Off again to Glendambo via Pimba and onto Kingoonya, small place in the middle of nowhere. Stayed at the little caravan park and decided to dine at the local pub on pizzas and schnitzel. The pizzas were very good. While sitting around the pub campfire, we met an ex

Gawlerite lady - June - who had lived here with her parents many moons ago. She moved into the outback and had spent 15 years at Kingoonya living with her son.

Monday, packed up and headed towards Tarcoola where we stopped for morning tea. On getting out of their vehicle, Lisa came face to face with a brown snake that slithered down a hole in the ground. We moved the vehicle away to give the snake some peace. Left that strange little town and headed towards Goog's Track. The first part of the track had been badly chewed up so progress was slow going as we rocked from side to side going down the backs of the dunes. We decided to camp at Mount Finke for the night before tackling the remainder of the track on Tuesday.

Tuesday, more of the same along the track but they did get better the further south we went, not quite as chewed up. Stopped to have lunch and afterwards I decided to count the number of sand dunes remaining until the end of the day - turned out to be 157. We decided to camp at the lake for the night.



Wednesday, we stopped at the Denton Memorial to Goog's and Digger, his son, and left some money in the "money tree." 113 sand dunes later, we reached the end of the track and stopped to increase pressure in the tyres before driving into Ceduna. We booked into the Shelly Beach caravan park for a couple of nights to catch up on laundry, showers, etc. Pete purchased a small electric heater to use in the tent as the nights were fairly cool.

Thursday spent most of the day in and around Ceduna restocking on some items and visiting Laura Headland for a drive. Had dinner at a very modern looking pub in the evening.

Friday 20 May

Heading west to WA today. Stopped at Penong (named after the Aboriginal word for "waterhole.") to view the Windmill Museum, "town of 100 windmills!" Off again to Nundoo, Yalata an Aboriginal community, and Nullabor. Stopped at Border Village overnight before crossing into WA the next day. Ate the remainder of our fresh fruit and prepared the remainder of fresh goods by cooking them or removing skins in the case of the onions and peeling and cutting up carrots - all in accordance with WA's quarantine rules.

Saturday - Voting day - fortunately, we'd already cast our votes by mail before leaving SA. Left Border Village and decided to refuel at Eucla as fuel was cheaper there. Visited a defunct jetty on the beach and a telegraph station before heading back to the bitumen, heading west. Stopped at Mundrabilla for coffee only to find that they had a power cut so coffee was off the menu - had instant coffee in the cars instead. It was also amazing to see the change of vegetation along the route from low scrub to trees. We ended up at Cocklebidy for the night only to discover that the toilets and showers were closed due to a plumbing issue. Great! Thankfully, porta potti's came to the rescue. It was quite warm on arrival but then the weather changed dramatically dropping the temperatures along with strong winds and a thunderstorm which turned the dirt into a sticky mud. About two inches were added to the bottom of Pete's shoes!!!

Sunday - after the previous night's storm, there had been a dramatic change in the weather



with the cold blast seemingly coming straight from the Antarctic!! Left the bitumen behind at Cocklebiddy and drove along tracks to Rawlinna where we stopped and looked at the station. Funny little place where the only occupants appeared to be people working on the railway tracks. Off again joining the Connie Sue track where we went approx. 33 kms along the track heading north

before stopped to set up camp for the night. As we pulled off the track, another Prado passed us going in the opposite direction. We experienced the most beautiful sunset out there on the Nullabor Plain and the night sky was a picture to behold with no lights to spoil it. We did see the lights from the Prado camped some distance away from us.

Monday - up early to a beautiful sunrise, packed up and headed off again. We'd only gone about 58 kms along the track when Stephen pulled off the track as he'd heard a noise in his car. Turned out it was a broken weld and to ensure that no more damage was done to the vehicle, the rear passenger shock absorber was removed. What to do now? Go on or turn back? Given that we hadn't gone far along the track and not knowing whether any further damage would occur to the car, a decision to turn back was made so we headed back to Rawlinna where we decided to camp for the night. Unfortunately, the rain started which turned the track to mud and somewhere along the Connie Sue we parted company with the stone guard on the camper trailer which had filled with mud and was subsequently cut to pieces on the track as it hung down so low. One of the bars was also bent and was digging into the track. Not good news.

While setting up camp, one of the workmen came over to us but had no objections to us camping for the night, however, he did say that it would be noisy as they would be working until 2 am! Oh well, maybe it'll be okay. After removing said bar from the trailer, we noted that "something" was hanging down under the Landcruiser. It was now dusk and when Pete had a look, said it wasn't good news. He and Stephen spent some time under the vehicle re-attaching a plate which had come loose and bent. It was part of the KDSS rear sway bar mount!! New car, not good news indeed!!! It also affected the "ride" of the car - it was higher on one side than on the other. Seems turning back was the right decision after all.

Tuesday - During the previous evening, we noticed that there were thunder and lightning storms all around us, wonder how that would affect the tracks back to Cocklebiddy? Firstly



though, we had to pack up in very strong winds, that was fun! Well, we soon found out about the tracks! We had to follow the Dog Fence around 40 kms back to the track to Cocklebiddy.

The track was a muddy mess and we had to deviate from it occasionally to avoid water. Hoping the other track would be better, we were sorely disappointed. It was worse!! Lots of water along this track and we drove and slid our way down it. Seemed like an age until we got to Cocklebidy, but we did and the cars and trailers told the sorry story. We stopped at the roadhouse for a comfort break and discovered that the caravan park was closed due to plumbing issues which were being worked on. Back into the cars and onto Madura where we decided to stay in the roadhouse motel for the night! I don't know about the others, but I had had more than enough mud for one day and didn't want anymore. We had dinner there too.

Wednesday - up and about and had breakfast at the road house before heading off. There were only four of us, but two of the orders were messed up and one had to be re-done. Bought fuel at Yalata and decided to stop at a wayside free camp for the night before pushing onto Ceduna. It was a very cold night, that wind again, but we were able to have a campfire which was very comforting. The wind did die down which meant we had a misty morning to wake up to. The tent and awning were very wet as a result.

Thursday - Had breakfast, packed up and left. We stopped in Penong at a café for morning tea which also offered scones, jam and cream, by four please! We were introduced to Lemmie, a little ginger kitten which amused us for a while. Sated, we headed off for Ceduna with a car wash top of the agenda and there was a truck car wash there so that's where we



headed. Cars and trailers washed, we headed back to the Shelly Beach caravan park for the night. It was good to use the heater overnight which also helped keep the tent dry too although the awning was still packed up wet.

Friday - packed up a bit later than usual as we decided to have morning tea in Ceduna before heading towards Pt Augusta we also needed to refuel. We had a lunch stop at Poochera and discovered Dinosaur ants and Peter's Humpy made out of cans. Kimba

provided an afternoon break and leg stretch and we stopped at the Nutbush Retreat for the night which is a working sheep station. Enjoyed an evening meal in the Shearing shed and can recommend the apple pie, it was scrumptious. Early night with heater going again which was great as Saturday we woke to very heavy fog so without the heater, the tent would have been much wetter.

Saturday 28 May

Up early and on the road at 8 am. We headed towards Port Augusta and then home. We did stop at a roadhouse for morning tea but there was no heat in the building so sitting there was quite chilly. It was a break and comfort stop and then we were on our way again. Parted company with Stephen and Lisa as they went home via Snowtown and we took the Port Wakefield route as we didn't want to traverse dirt roads with no protection between the car and trailer. We arrived home at 12.20 pm.

Thank you to Stephen and Lisa for your great company and friendship along the way as well as the many shared meals. Hope your car is fixable and won't take too long before it's back on

the road again. Thanks also to Bob, Pauline, Wayne and Sandra for your company and the many laughs around the campfire.

[Sandra & Pete]

WHERE AM I



Where is this building and what was it originally?

Answer on Page 27

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We ask if all members could kindly donate an item for a raffle prize each month to approx value of \$15. **Please check below to see if your name is on the roster.** Without these regular contributions, the raffle would be unable to go ahead each month. **To make it fair and equitable to everyone participating in the raffle, please use the \$15 as a guide.**

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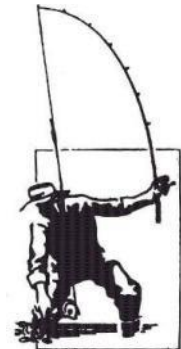
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TOWNS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In this series of "Towns of South Australia" I will explain a brief history of the town and how it got its name. This month we look at Mannum

Mannum

Prior to European settlement, the district was the home of the Nganguruka Aborigines. The Murray provided them with a diet of kangaroos, emus, wombats, goannas, lizards, ducks, snakes, bird eggs and as they were excellent fisherman, fish. It is accepted that the word "Mannum" is the local Aboriginal term meaning "the place of many ducks".

The first European in the area was Captain Charles Sturt who rowed a whale boat from Murrumbidgee, passing Mannum in early February, 1830 on his way to the mouth of the Murray river.

By 1840 land around Mannum had been surveyed and people started to lease and purchase the land. In 1841 the explorer Edward John Eyre took up land near the town.

The PS Mary Ann was launched in Mannum in 1853 by William Randell (known as the founding father of Mannum and who the main street was named). This was the first paddle steamer in Australia and the first paddle steamer to trade on the Murray River. It was named after Randell's mother. Large chains were wrapped around the unusual square boiler to stop it from bowing out of shape due to the pressure of the steam. By the 1860s up to 20,000 bales of wool were being brought down the river each season. Some went to Goolwa and onto Port Elliot. Others were unloaded at Mannum and overlanded to Adelaide by bullock teams.

In 1863 the town's first store opened and was run by Thomas Randell's wife. In 1865 Mannum's first Post Office opened. (The current Post Office was built in 1920 {pictured} hence the "GR" on the facade - built when George Fifth was king. It is made of local River Murray cliff limestone). In 1868 the town was surveyed.

In 1877 David and John Shearer established a blacksmith business in town. They built Australia's first car driven by steam and the company evolved into Horwood Bagshaw a successful engineering company who make farming equipment.

The PS Mayflower was built in Moama in 1884 and is the oldest original paddle steamer in South Australia.

By 1902 the town had kerosene street lighting. The first telephone was installed in 1906. The Mannum Rowing Club was founded in 1910. In 1954 the Mannum - Adelaide pipeline was installed.

Mannum apparently has the distinction of having lost more men per head of population in both World Wars than any other town in South Australia.

Although locals knew the 1956 flood was coming, no one knew how bad it was to be. 100,000 sandbags were used, but the main street was engulfed by floodwaters. Tourists visited the town to witness the floodwaters and the CWA sold afternoon teas and the Mannum Hospital Committee produced souvenirs of the flood.

The Mannum Dock Museum has captured the impacts of the 1956 flood through their interesting pictorial and audio visual display. Join us to view the Museum when we travel on the PS Mayflower on the June long week-end.



[Quenton Earl]

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This year we have a photo competition running which, at the moment, is the regular Open Competition sponsored by Gawler Fishing and Outdoors

The PHOTO COMPETITION RULES:

- (a) Each member may enter up to four (4) photos
- (b) Photos should be a copy (not originals) - Size 15cm x 10cm (6"x4")
- (c) Photos must have been taken on a club trip during the last 12 months (Nov 18 - Nov 19)
- (d) All photos must be labelled on the back with your name, where, and when, the photo was taken
- (e) Entries to be handed to John by close of November General meeting
- (f) Late entries will not be accepted

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

So remember to take photos during the year and get them in to Quinton in plenty of time.



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TRIP REPORT COMPETITION

It's on again...as long as we receive trip reports so please remember to take pencil and paper when out on a trip!

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.

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

Prize

so please keep-on writing!!!

ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL – THE FIRST YEAR’S TRIPS – 2004**Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th February 2004 - Bungaree Station tour**

Met at Tarlee 9.00am. Trip Leader - Quenton Earl

Set up camp at Clare Caravan Park. Tour of Bungaree Station buildings, Travis left a "time capsule" dropping laminated info sheet down crack of Church floorboards. Afternoon tea at the 34 roomed homestead. Sunday visited Magpie Stump Hotel & Martindale Hall at Mintaro.

9th to 14th April (Easter) 2004 - Arkaroola

Met at map the miner, Kapunda 7.00am. Trip Leader - Roy Schwarz.

Burra via Eudunda & missed the traffic, morning tea at Orroroo. Re-fuel at Hawker. Half group took different turnoff after changing a puncture. (Lucky both roads lead to Arkaroola). Camped in Arkaroola amongst trees. Ridgetop tour with Doug Sprigg explaining areas history - a great story teller. An "extra" to the group - Wayne. He was given a handheld UHF (to avoid him hitting Dave & Michele up the backside in the dust!) Radioactive springs, old copper mine, watering holes. Home via Yunta.

24th to 26th April (ANZAC long w/end) 2004 - Bri-Glen

Met at Tarlee 9.00am. Trip Leader - Peter Cates

Stopped at Terowie for smoko & toured the town & learned about its history. Arrived at Bri-Glen for lunch. Sandy collected stumps for fire. Both young & old went touring the property on quads & 2 wheeled motorbikes. Stories around campfire sat night. Sunday morning 4WD loop tour of property. Morning tea at Dig-a-hole Springs, Reg Sprigg lookout, old goldfields, Fred Teague lookout, Bri-Glen Springs. More motorbike riding - some very dirty riders returned. Sunday night campfire with Brian Sambell - lots of stories & 4WD experiences exchanged. Monday morning walking tour of Brian's relics, Bri-Glen lookout, then off to Mt. Bryan for lunch before trip home. All vowed to return again to explore more tracks.

12th to 14th June (Queens Birthday long w/end) 2004 - Dangalli Conservation Park

Met at Truro 8.00am. Trip Leader - Murray Richardson.

Waikerie bakery for morning tea. Re-fuelled at Renmark. First stop Bookmark, like a mini Stonehenge. Lock 6, part of road closed due to wet. Sunday - tour with Ranger Matt Osborne, Woolshed with lots of memorabilia. 4WD tour, Keryn explaining animal tracks, old Wurley, old huts, old yards. Monday home via Morgan through 3 station properties.

3rd & 4th July 2004 - Peake

Met at Taillem Bend 9.00am. Trip Leader - John Sandland

7th to 25th August 2004 - Corner Country

Trip Leader - Murray Richardson.

Left Truro, via Renmark, Lake Victoria, Paddy Melon bowling at Perry sand hills. Tea at Captain Sturt Hotel, Wentworth. Lake Mungo NP - old shearing shed & visitors centre. Kinchega NP - Darling River (very low), Menindee historic railway bridge. Wilcannia - Aboriginal Elder (Lady) funeral procession, interesting building architecture, Black Cockatoos. White Cliffs - Bus tour of town, home made scones & jam, old fashioned dinner at Hotel served by two old fashioned ladies (everyone on best behaviour!), Mutawintji NP - Walk with Aboriginal guide, dusty evening. Radium Hill - ghost town tour, fossick for treasure. Broken Hill - Marie's birthday, Hill Top restaurant, Day Dream Mine tour. Pro Hart gallery, Sculpture lookout Silverton - Art galleries, hotel & café. Umberumberka Reservoir, Theldarpa Station - Dog fence, Wool Scouring plant. Tibooburra - Great Pub, Sturt Peas, Fort Grey. Cameron Corner - Blanchwater ruin, Quorn & home. Thanks to Muzza for a great led trip.

11th & 12th September 2004 - Carinya Escapes

Met at Tarlee 8.00am - Trip Leader - Quenton Earl.

Quick stop at Clare for ATM, toilet stop. Morning tea at Bundaleer Forest. Next stop "Magnetic Hill"- really does feel like your car rolls up hill! Set up camp at Carinya, drove part of the 4WD track. Pooled camp oven cooking tonight. Camp ovens & Bedouries of Lamb, Pork, Chicken, Beef, Apple Crumble - Yum Yum!. Bit of a shower & $\frac{1}{2}$ a dozen hail stones. Sunday a sunny day - tour around Pekina incl Pub. Orroroo for lunch. Toured around 4WD track on property, very pretty, lots of old Yakkas. Left for home via Yatalina Gorge, WC stop at Jamestown.

1st to 4th October (Labour Day long w/end) 2004 - 4WD Weekend Whyalla

Left Tarlee Fri 9.00am. & Sat 5.00am Trip Leader Sat - Dave & Michele

Morning tea & WC stop at Gladstone. Arrived Whyalla Showgrounds 3.30pm. Sat left 8.30am tag-a-long tour rocky hill climb, and great views. After lunch another tag-a-long tour to 8 mile creek. Sat night navigation - Peter & Roy try out new GPS units, back to camp approx 10.00pm. Sun 9.00am Murninnie Beach tour, Fitzgerald Bay, Wild Dog, Mt. Laura in afternoon. Sun night awards presented around campfire - Light 4WD Club won trophy for "Excellence in Participation". Flies, flies & more jolly flies! A great well run week-end. Some got wet just before pack up Mon am as it bucketed down out of nowhere.

Sunday 24th October 2004 - Barrangul River Cruise

Met at Gawler Visitors Centre 9.00am. Trip Leader - Quenton Earl

Met some of the group on the way and at Murray Bridge. Morning tea at Sturt Reserve. Cruise left at 11.00am. Slow cruise down the Murray River, (the music was even slower!!) very relaxing. BBQ lunch on board & returned at 2.00pm. Kids checked out the Bunyip monster & played in the "Rage Cage". Murray left to look for antique shops.

27th & 28th November 2004 - Christmas Party, Cobdogla.

Met at Truro at 8.00am. Trip Leaders - Norma & Bronte Rivett

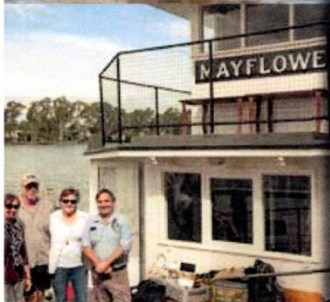
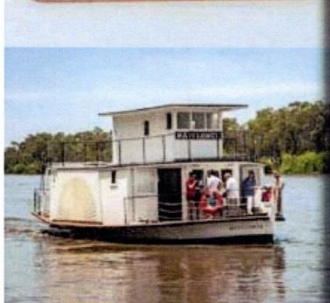
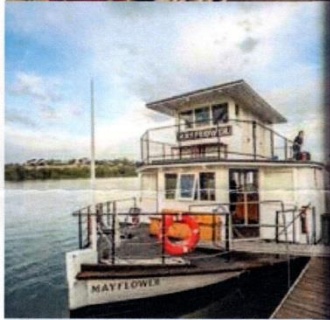
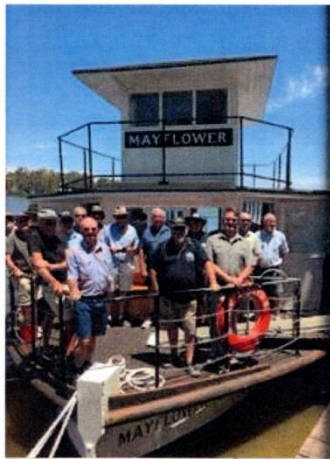
Quiz on the way, Bike decorating competition, Photo comp winner announced, 40+ degrees HOT, used new club BBQ, visited Overland Corner Hotel, Relaxed in shade or pool. Brief visit by Santa with gifts, kids hired paddle boats, water fights, did I mention it was HOT!? Keryn & Nikki shared their Kayaks. Waikerie Bakery on the way home Sunday.

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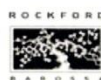
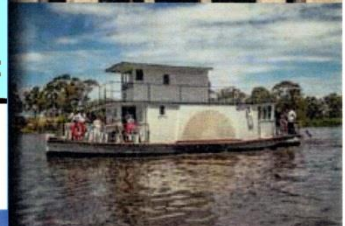
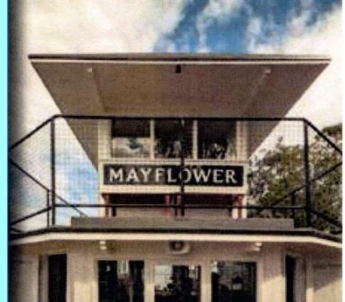
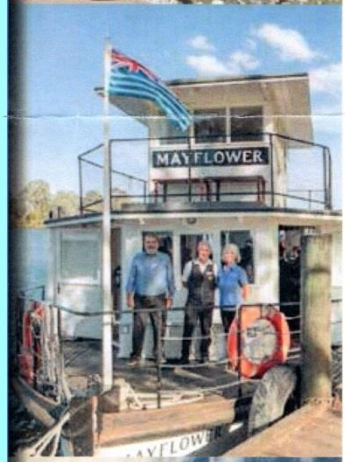
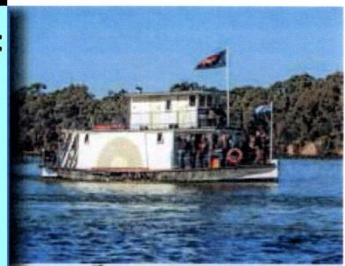
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I don't do jokes; I just watch the government and report the facts.

It's easy being a humourist when you've got the whole government working for you.

Liberty doesn't work as well in practice as it does in speeches.

Live in such a way that you wouldn't be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip.

Make crime pay. Become a lawyer.

People who fly into a rage always make a bad landing.

People's minds are changed through observation and not through argument.

Resolving to surprise her husband, an executive's wife stopped by his office. She found him with his secretary sitting in his lap.

Without hesitating, he dictated, "and in conclusion, gentlemen, shortage or no shortage, I cannot continue to operate this office with just one chair."

A guy walks into a bar, sits down and says to the bartender, "Quick pour me twelve drinks."

So, the bartender pours him twelve shots and the guy starts shooting them back as fast as he could, one after another.

The bartender says to the guy, "Boy you are drinking those drinks really fast.

The guys says, "Well, you would be drinking really fast too if you had what I've got."

The bartender says, "What've you got?"

The guy says, "A dollar."

"Honesty must be the best policy, but it's important to remember that apparently, by elimination, dishonesty is the second-best policy." -George Carlin

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go. Oscar Wilde

I came home one night and my wife was crying.

I said, "What's wrong?"

She said, "I'm home sick."

I said, "This is your home."

And she said, "Yes, and I'm sick of it."

---Tommy Cooper

"One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people. George Carlin

I was waiting on some customers at the shoe store where I work when I was interrupted by a very determined woman.

Pointing to a sneaker made by Reebok, she asked, "Do you have this in a Nike?"

ANSWER TO "WHERE AM I"

Answer - The first branch of Eudunda Farmers opened at Sutherlands in 1896. This was "Branch number 2". (Branch number 1 being Head Office in Adelaide). 70 applicants were received for the position of Store Manager, with Mrs I Lynch, starting on a wage of 7/- a week was appointed. Along with the Mt Mary store (opened in 1899 - Branch number 4), these stores were used as the training grounds for younger managers. The store has a large cellar the same size as the store and a house attached. The Sutherlands store closed in 1958. Recently the verandah was replaced and opened as "Old Aged and New" antique store. Join us on Sunday 17th July for "Christmas in July" when we will visit this store.

SUNSETS AND OTHER PHOTOS FROM THE MAY OUTBACK TRIP



Very different cameras, different place and time

Don't think the representation here tells the whole story. Check out the Web site photos.

