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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

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 video of the CT Madigan 1939 expedition of the Simpson Desert. It is a great historical film and at just over 30 minutes will be an interesting watch. Our regular suppers have returned and will be enjoyed after the film.

Final numbers for our "Christmas in July" will be needed at this meeting please.

Our Progressive Tea date has changed to Saturday 3rd September, 2022, so mark that date in your diary please. If you are able to supply any dry 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 July 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 July edition of the Newsletter.

First up, as mentioned by Quenton, please note the date change for the Progressive Tea. It is highlighted under "Coming Events." Please also remember to add your name to the trip sheet for the "Xmas in July" weekend or for the Sunday only if you don't wish to spend the whole weekend there, final numbers needed today.

It looks like the day trips organised were a complete success if the reports and photographs are anything to go by although not quite sure what happened to the girls on the "Girls Day Out" as they seemed to have missed the rendezvous with the boys at Café Nova!! That's something we have yet to discover!!

We have a busy Newsletter this month so thank you to all who contributed.

Following on from our shortened WA trip, Pete and I planned to head to New Zealand about ten days later to celebrate my brother and sister-in-law's Golden Wedding Anniversary. We were due to leave on the 6 am flight to Melbourne on Wednesday 8 June, but at 6 pm on the 7th, Qantas informed us that our flight was cancelled, no reason given and without any chance of rebooking other than by paying huge dollars extra. We'd already paid for Business Class seats so regrettably that trip was cancelled. After calming down a bit, we re-booked to go two days later on 10 June paying extra for fares as the refund from the cancelled trip would take over 8 weeks to reimburse. Unbelievable!! We did get there in time for the celebrations and enjoyed our couple of weeks in New Zealand although it was a bit colder than SA.

That's it from me, enjoy the month and I'll see you in August.

[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

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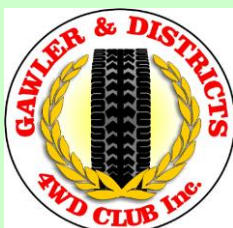
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**Saturday 27
August****Progressive Tea**

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 3 September 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 Tailgate 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>	
	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
	February 2023	Don Lofflar – History of Holden Cars

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.



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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:

◆◆ July ◆◆
Roger
Pauline



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

Witchelina And Beyond – 8-28 May 2022

Sunday May 8th

Up early and last-minute check to see if we had everything. We got to the Gawler Information Centre just before 8.30. Matthew arrived with the kids to catch up for Mother's Day as we would be away for a while. Peter and Sandra arrived just before 9 and we were off. Peter was the trip leader. We followed him to Terowie where he had to pick up some parts for his bead breaker from the service station, we had some morning tea there before stopping at Orroroo for lunch.

We arrived at Hawker just after 3, set up camp and relaxed. Went for a walk before tea and went and sat with Peter and Sandra at their camper. It was getting cold so we headed off to bed at about 8.30. Got the extra blanket out during the night.

Monday May 9th

Up early and off for our walk did 3.1 kms this morning. On our return to camp, we saw Peter heading off on his walk. After breakfast and getting a few things sorted out we went for a drive to Jarvis Hill lookout. We parked at the car park and headed off for the walk. Sandra stayed back as it was a very rocky steep climb and not good for the knees. It was a 260-metre walk with a 65-metre height. Well worth the exertion as the panoramic view was magnificent. It was also part of the Heysen trail. We decided to keep going on the road we were on and head back to camp. The road we were on took us to the Yarambulla Caves. The road took us through some farm paddocks. When we got to the cave turn off the road was closed. We decided to head back to Hawker for lunch. We were set on a kangaroo pie but to our dismay the Flinders Food Co was closed on Mondays. So back to camp for a toasted sandwich. While we were cooking lunch Bob and Pauline arrived. The people that were camped next to us had left so they were able to set up next to us.

A quiet afternoon. We booked into the hotel for tea. We decided to brave the cold and walk to the hotel with Bob and Pauline while Pete and Sandra were the clever ones and drove.

The meals were good and we even didn't have to wait long. It was lovely and warm and didn't want to leave. When we got back to camp, we put the diesel heater on so it was warm when we went to bed. We all went over to Pete and Sandra's for coffee before going to bed.

Tuesday May 10th.

Not as cold last night. Got back from our walk had breakfast and packed up. We went to the Flinders Co cafe for morning tea. Very disappointed that they didn't have any kangaroo pies but still found something delicious to eat. Stopped at Lyndhurst for fuel and something to eat.

Got to Witchelina about 2.30 pm. Witchelina is a 4,200 square kilometres property, it showcases a great variety of desert, range and mountain landscapes plus a range of geological sites which were amazing. Spoke to Fred one of the care takers and caught up with Wayne and Sandra who were staying in the cook's room. Set up camp down by the creek, very rocky and lots of prickles around. Got the fire going around 4 pm. Sandra and Wayne came over to join us. I had gone to the car for something and noticed that the fridge was playing up. Had to pull it out and, with help from Peter, Bob, and Wayne and together with some spare parts

from Peter, a couple of hours later it was working again. Fired up the Weber cooked dinner and ate around the campfire.

Wednesday May 11th.

Up for our walk, a beautiful morning. After breakfast we got ready for our drive and met up at Wayne and Sandra's room. Peter went and got the key for the gate. It was a good day's driving. We stopped for morning tea at the dam and had lunch after the walk to Great Wall. The scenery was fantastic with a great variety, quartz plains and rocky outcrops. Some of the tracks were vegetated. Plenty of washaways to contend with. Another great night around the fire

Thursday May the 12th

Another beautiful morning for our walk. Went for a shower before breakfast. Back up to Wayne and Sandra's for 9 o'clock and decided on what the plan for today was. It was decided we would do the ridge top nature drive. We were trip leaders for the day and Wayne and Sandra tail end Charlie.

Headed off down the Mulgaria road for 23 kms before turning onto the start of the ridge top nature drive. Our first stop of interest was East Mount dam. There was plenty of water in it. The dam was completed in early 1927 and cost £1027 which was a considerable amount of money. From there we stopped at the stripes formations and had morning tea. They were horizontal layers of sediment containing magnesium rich carbonate sand and mud which compressed and formed the strata layers of limestone and siltstone. This took tens or hundreds of thousands of years.

There was plenty to see from rocks and stones to ancient sea beds and to ridges along fault lines, from native apricot trees to finches, kangaroos and the occasional lizard, we were very spoilt.

Stopped at Good dam as well which it is believed may have been excavated by Good Mahoney the cameleer, then we climbed to the top of the ridge, stopping at the cairn and taking in the breathtaking view.

Lunch was at the Utah shed which was used as an exploration camp by the US mining giant Utah Development Corporation. They were mainly looking for copper.

Next stop was Mira weir. Just a short walk took us to the weir to find plenty of water in it. Onto Kingston ruins which was an old 2 bedroom out station on the former Mt Norwest pastoral lease. Over the creek were the remnants of a stone tank with a deep well together with an old windmill and a 40-metre sheep trough. From there we slowly made our way back to camp.

Made a couple of calls back home up by the plough and wool press. Happy hour around the campfire. After tea we all decided on what we would be doing tomorrow. Some star gazing and satellite searching before going to bed.

Friday May the 13th

Slept in this morning, must have been the port. Went for our walk and took a different direction this morning. Went past the bird hide and saw a few ducks in the water also saw a rabbit. Back for breakfast.

After breakfast we went up to the camp kitchen and we had a morning tea to raise money for the Cancer Council. We all supplied a plate of cake or biscuits and Sandra Heintze had all the stuff to make cups of tea and coffee. Between the 8 of us we raised \$90

We then headed off to Marree for lunch at the hotel with Bob and Pauline being the trip leaders. We had a look around before heading back. Stopped for a photo at the stone man. At Farina we went and had a look, at the historical cemetery. Back to camp and stopped to take a photo at Goyder's baseline. We went for our walk past the junk yard which was full of old cars, fridges, tyres etc. Another beautiful evening sitting around the fire.

Saturday May the 14th

After our walk had a shower, breakfast and packed up. Bob and Pauline came over and said goodbye as they were heading home. Once packed we went and said goodbye to Wayne and Sandra, they were heading for Arkaroola. Then we were off with Peter and Sandra. As we had prior permission, we headed towards Mulgaria station to head to Roxby downs. We had an emu run out in front of us but thankfully we had plenty of warning. When we got to Mulgaria station the road was closed so had to head back to Witchelina. From there we headed to Marree where we had lunch and onto Roxby Downs via the Oodnadatta track and the Borefield track. Set up camp and did some washing before having tea. It sounded like there was motor racing going on. We had a few little light showers before going to bed.

Sunday May the 15th

Went for our walk then back for the usual Sunday morning breakfast. Packed up, and went to Woolies for some supplies and then we refuelled. There was nothing open for a coffee so we headed to Woomera. Had an early lunch there. Stopped at Glendambo for fuel before making our way to Kingoonya.

Set up camp, did some washing and relaxed. The horses that we saw last time came around about 4 o'clock. Went to the pub for tea it was pizza and schnitzel night for \$20. Steve had a schnitzel with Kilpatrick topping, Sandra and Peter had supreme pizzas, Peter had jalapeños on his, and I had a BBQ chicken pizza. Everyone enjoyed their dinner. We had a talk to some of the locals and one lady who had come from Gawler was a real character. Back to camp to enjoy the fire and a chat with our fellow campers when they got back from the pub. Peter saw a shooting star and we managed to spot a couple of satellites.

Monday May the 16th

When we got up, it looked overcast. It ended up being foggy. We walked out of town towards Tarcoola and checked out the free camp which is just on the edge of town. By 8.30am the fog had lifted. We headed off around 9 stopping at Tarcoola for morning tea. I was walking back to the car to make the coffee when Steve saw a brown snake by the car and it went down a hole. It was then on to Googs track. We let our tyres down at the start. Found a spot for lunch and off again. Plenty of sand dunes and corrugation to contend with. We made camp at Mt Finke. To our surprise there was no one else there. Went for a short drive to the base of Mt Finke then after dinner we sat around the fire. Took some pictures of the full moon.

Tuesday May the 17th.

No fog this morning. Left camp around 9am. On our way out we saw there were some people camped at the other camping area. A big day driving with morning tea and lunch on the side of the road. We pulled over for some traffic heading north, 5 motor bikes and 1 vehicle. The

vehicle ended up being Martin's from the Gawler club with his mate driving as he was on one of the bikes, a small world!! On to camp at Googs lake. Once set up Peter and I went for a walk down to the lake, there was water in it. We walked around the island and back. It was very slippery in some spots. Steve set up the fire pit while we were off. There was a nice reflection of the moon on the lake just like a "stairway to heaven." Sandra spotted a shooting star,

Wednesday May the 18th

Went for our walk down to the lake and then back up to main track. Plenty of kangaroo activity around. A slow pack up, but we still got away just after 9. We stopped at Googs Monument before stopping for morning tea at the granite water holes, about 2km off the main track, some of them contained water. We decided to have morning tea there. Track pretty good today not as much rocking and rolling.

When we got to the gate at the park entrance and dog fence, I discovered the gate was electrified and I got a small shock from it. Very carefully I closed the gate and noticed some exposed copper wire so will inform National Parks when we get to Ceduna.

When we got to Ceduna had some lunch before setting up camp at Shelly Beach caravan park. Once we set up we went into town to see if we could get the car looked at as the light was on for the ESP. Luckily enough, they will have a sensor tomorrow morning and, as it's only a quick job, they are able to do it. Tried contacting Parks and Wildlife but had no success so ended up calling the Port Lincoln office and got them to pass on information about the electrified gate. Back to camp to do some washing and relax. Put the heater on before going to bed.

Thursday May the 19th.

A bit overcast this morning and a little chilly. The motor home beside us decided to make lots of noise leaving at 5 this morning. Very thoughtful of them!! Took the car into get fixed and went to Auto Pro and got a couple of things. Had some morning tea at the Blue Dolphin, lovely sausage rolls.

Waited for the car to be finished, they changed the ABS rear wiring harness for total of \$317 and did some grocery shopping. After lunch got clothes off the line then went for a drive to Laura Bay. Beautiful bay! Found some coral then back to Ceduna to Thevernard. Back to camp. Oysters Kilpatrick for happy hour. We all went to the Foreshore Hotel for tea. It was all very nice but the coffee afterwards not so much. Put the heater on again to warm tent up.

Friday May the 20th

Walked along the beach. Packed up, then after breakfast had a shower, filled up car and 2 jerry cans and we were off. Traffic not that bad. Had a couple of transportable homes in front of us but going faster than we were. Stopped at Penong to look at the windmills and a comfort break and had lunch at a road side stop. Got to Border Village at about 4.20 and set up camp. Peter had to fix some wiring to the camper for his light. Found key I thought I'd lost. Had whiting for tea and then went to hotel for dessert.

Saturday May the 21st

Went for walk along the Highway then packed up after breakfast and headed off. Quarantine checkpoints all good. Stopped at Mundrabilla for morning tea but no power so had to make our own coffee. Lunch at Madura hot chip sandwich.

Early camp at Cocklebidy. The toilets and showers not working so christened the Porta Potti. There were dark clouds rolling in. They have two wedge tail eagles in an aviary, Samantha and Bruce. Not sure why they are kept in cage, could have been rescued and are unable to be released. (That was in fact the case. Ed)

Cooked dinner in the Weber, lasagna and chips. There was thunder and lightning so closed hatches on camper. The rain started so Sandra and Peter put up some extra awning to stop the rain coming in on their camper. Decided to eat in the camper and have an early night as the rain was sporadic.

Sunday May the 22nd

Up early we decided to have breakfast at the restaurant. I'm sure there was a whole can of baked beans on my plate. Packed up, refuelled and we were off. Took the road to Rawlinna. Lots of kangaroos. The track not too bad with some muddy sections. When we got to the dog fence gate, discovered we had to go along it and take the longer way as you had to have permission to go through the gate. We came across the owner who had a chat to us. Track very rocky. When we got to Rawlinna took some photos and headed back to the Connie Sue Road. That was rocky too. We made camp about 35kms along the track. Very windy but with a great sunset, we could see lightning to the south. Turned all the lights off and did some stargazing. Plenty of shooting stars.

Monday May 23rd.

Went for our walk back towards a tank. Saw one kangaroo. Had breakfast, packed up and headed off. About 50 kms along the track we heard a noise. Investigated and found a broken right rear shocker mount. After about one and a half to two hours, with help from Peter, it was off. Had lunch before deciding to head back south. Lots of lightning and rain. We were very surprised at the number of kangaroos that are around. Saw at least 20 in one mob.

Why does it start raining heavily when you get out to open the gate? Got soaked opening and shutting gates. We made camp at Rawlinna. One of the workers came over and said they would be working until 2 am. A couple more vehicles came in so went over to say hello. When I told them about the workers working, they moved further up the road.

Peter also discovered a breakage under the vehicle, his sway bar mounting bracket bolts broke so another big fix. Somewhere along the Connie Sue he lost his stone stomper which ended up full of mud and broke off. A pleasant night although we could see lightning in the distance. Must admit did not hear the workers after going to bed.

Tuesday May 24th

Up and went for our walk. There was a horse where the others were camping. A little de-muddying after breakfast. Some had fallen off during the night! Headed back to Cocklebidy. On the dog fence track, we came cross water on the track. For the first 46kms there was a vehicle ahead of us. We followed its tracks around some of the water. The surface under the water was generally hard. Plenty of water around the gates which was a challenge opening them. Had to take shoes off for one of them

Once back at Cocklebidy we cleaned mirrors and windows. Cocklebidy caravan park was closed due to plumbing issues. We all decided on a hotel room for the night so on the way to Madura I rang and booked which ended up being a wise decision as not many rooms left when we got there. Great to have a hot shower after the last couple of days. Went out for tea, the meals were huge.

Wednesday May 25th

When we got up the "light fairy" had cleaned our lights. Pumped up the tyres and had breakfast at the restaurant. Headed off and stopped a couple of times to look at the cliffs and had morning tea and lunch at both spots. Sandra spotted a baby brown snake at one of them. Made camp at West Yalata camping area, a nice spot. Saved the location for future reference. We went back a bit towards the old quarry. Had a lovely fire. Had some cloud but had cleared by the time we went to bed.

Thursday May 26th

Foggy this morning so packed up wet. Headed off hoping for a little rain to wash some of the mud off. Stopped at Nundroo for fuel and had a little rain before Penong. We had morning tea there at the cafe. Scones were lovely and so was the playful kitten which I am sure they were hoping one of us would take home with us. Had some more rain before Ceduna. Stopped at the quarantine, station nothing to declare. Went to truck and car wash and gave the car and camper a good wash off, \$25 later it looked a lot better. Stopped in town for lunch before going to caravan park to set up. We were given the same two sites as last time but had swapped places.

Friday May 27th

We packed up refuelled and stopped at the bakery for morning tea before heading off. We stopped at Poochera for lunch. There was a sculpture of a dinosaur ant and Peter's humpy made from old gasoline tins. Got to Nutbush Retreat by about 4o'clock. Set up and went and ordered dinner. Meal was really good as were the desserts of homemade apple pie and sticky date pudding. Back to camper for an early night.

Saturday may 28thn

Foggy this morning and we got off to an early start. Morning tea at Redhill and stopped in parking bay before Snowtown to say goodbye to Peter and Sandra as we were turning off to go a different way. Plenty of rain on way home. Got home around 12.30. A big thank you to Peter and Sandra for joining us from Witchelina. We thoroughly enjoyed their companionship and help during this time.

[Lisa]

Boys Day Out - Saturday 25th June, 2022

We all met at the Gawler Visitor Centre at 8.30am. The girls went off to their High Tea at Strathalbyn and us boys drove to our first stop at Rosedale to meet David Pettifor and his Ford Model "T"'s. At 90 years old, he is nearly as old as his model T's. First, he showed us his 1920 Cab Truck and explained its history and he has owned it since 1973. David also explained how to drive it with the 3 pedals (including how to change from first to second gear and handbrake change) and hand throttle and restart controls. Next, we looked at his 1923 Model T Runabout which he restored from just a chassis. We gave him a hand to turn this car around in his shed as he wants to work on the motor as it has two sticking valves. An invite was extended to us to see his model trains set up in his house another time.



Next, we met Michael Steinborner at the planned time of 10.00am to view his private Holden collection. His first shed was beautifully set up with pristine cars and memorabilia hanging on the walls. Michael explained the history of each car and why he has collected them - many are cars he previously sold new and were traded back. We all seemed to pick our favourites and I would take his 1967 HK GTS in Silver Mink, or maybe his HK Monaro 186 "survivor".

Next, we saw his second shed about to get the floor finished and his third new shed packed



with more special cars. He aims to collect all models of the Commodore SS, with only a suitable VN model to go. It was very interesting and soon it was time to go to lunch.

We had lunch at the excellent Stockwell Hotel and we certainly didn't leave hungry.

At the planned 2.00pm we arrived at Trevor Bellchambers house



to find him and a mate madly washing cars for our visit. He explained each car including a beautiful E Type Jag in British Racing Green which he swapped the oldest Jaguar in Australia for. The E Type is now valued at \$300,000, so was a good swap. We saw many cars in various states of restore including a Chev Blitz 4x4 truck. Trevor showed us his extensive collection of number plates - about 4,000 of them! He also invited us

back to see his gun and pistol collection another day.



It was now 3.00pm and we were booked in to Cafe Nova for coffee and to meet the girls, BUT they were still travelling the countryside on this cold but fine day. It was a good day and I hope was enjoyed by all.

[Quenton]

PW Mayflower Cruise

We all assembled early at the Gawler Visitor Information Centre and left five minutes early as "The Truck and Ute Show" is on in Mannum today and parking will possibly be a little tricky. Easy drive to Mannum via Mount Pleasant and, although the Mannum main street was closed off, we found our way around and parked just upstream from the ferry. We met Chris and Julie here who are making a week-end of it in a B&B and met Roy and Bronwyn on the boat just before departure at 10.30am. Seventeen of us in all, so we nearly had the Paddlewheeler to ourselves with only two other visitors. With the Captain and two other volunteer crew we set off downstream.



The PS Mayflower was built in Moama on the Murray River in NSW in 1884 opposite Echuca by Wilson & Burkett for Daniel Alexander and is the oldest original paddle wheeler in South Australia. She was purchased by the Mannum Dock Museum in 2014 through a generous donation (\$100,000) made by Pam O'Donnell and Robert O'Callaghan. After two and half years of restoration by the Mannum Dock Museum's dedicated volunteers along with another donation by Pam and Robert (a further \$100,000), the Mayflower was re-commissioned at the "All Steamed Up" event in Mannum on the 19th November 2016 by His Excellency, The Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia. She has been restored to its 1913 configuration with the upper cabin.



Travelling upstream we cruised into the new Mannum Waters and the home to many houseboats. Further along we viewed the stunning cliffs with the sun shining on them on a fairly cold and cloudy day. We were all rugged up against the cold and one member, who will remain nameless, wore a "heated battery-operated jacket". I am sure Sandra was quite warm! Bob and Cindy did

their best interpretation of Jack and Rose on the Titanic; lucky for us there are no icebergs and the skipper avoided any snags. Four people were allowed upstairs at a time (so the vessel

didn't lean over) and it was great to see the craftsmanship in its restoration - the Mayflower looks as good as new! We were served tea, coffee or hot chocolate and biscuits and cake were also available. We saw a lot of campers along the Murray and it seemed every available spot was taken for the long week-end. Our cruise was just over an hour and a half and it seemed in no time we turned around and headed upstream towards Mannum. The crew did an excellent job and we were back at noon to the sound of truck horns in the main street.

Part of our package included discounted tickets to the Museum. The Blacksmiths were working and a volunteer showed us the Beam Engine and various steam stationary motors which he was very passionate about. Inside the Museum was an



excellent interactive display of paddle steamers and the 1956 flood. We had a go steering a paddle steamer which was trickier than first thought - I think a sand bar was hit more than once!

Lunch was mostly hot soup and we walked down to the main street to "Picklemee Grandma Cafe" for coffee and scones. This quaint old building has an array of antiques available for sale and they seemed at realistic prices. From here we made our way home. Brent & Keryn went for a ride on the new Gawler Electric train as today was the first operating day. Thank you to everyone who came along, I really enjoyed today.

[Quenton]

RAFFLE ROSTER

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

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July 2022	August 2022	September
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WHERE AM I

Where would you find this building?



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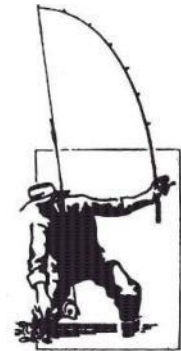
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TOWNS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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 Robertstown.

Robertstown

The Robertstown area was originally a part of the Ngadjuri Aboriginal Tribal area. It was known as "Emu Flat" by the early settlers. The region was firstly part of Anlaby and Koonoona pastoral stations.

In 1868, the government divided Emu Flat into settler blocks. English and German settlers arrived to take up the new land, one of these was John Roberts, a storekeeper who built a shop on the crossroads in 1871. In 1874 he opened a Post Office and stamped letters "Roberts-Town", and so the town, which was never gazetted, became Robertstown. The Roberts family built a new Post Office in 1888 and, alongside, a new store in 1912 (pictured) and a young Merv Lehmann started working in the store in March 1949. In 1976 Merv and his wife bought the General Store and their daughter, Cheryl, started working in 1988. Both Merv and Cheryl still run the store and Merv (pictured inside the store) will be 90 this year. The old-fashioned General Store has become somewhat of a tourist attraction and Merv has a visitors book with entries from all over the world. Well worth a look if you are in the area.



The railway came to the town as a branch line off the Adelaide to Morgan line in 1914.

It was mainly used as a goods train service with its terminus at Robertstown. The last passenger train was a special rail enthusiast steam train in 1986 (an Rx class 207). The last grain train ran in 1990. The track has since been pulled up. Only the Robertstown name board and goods crane survive.

The Robertstown area had a couple of asbestos mines. The S.A Asbestos & Mining Co. Ltd operated a mine 13km northeast of the town from 1894. The Blue Hole Mine was operated as an open-cut quarry from 1940 to 1951, 5km northwest of the town.

In the 1950's the main street was bustling with a railway, hotel, post office, general store, bank, butcher, deli, two garages, saddlery, school, bakery and even a blacksmith. Now nearly all gone. The railway and only town bank closed down and the population has since declined to 223 (2021 census) in the town.

The June long weekend often sees the 2-day Reliability Trail with motorbikes competing with the headquarters set up at the Robertstown oval.



[Quenton]

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PHOTO COMPETITIONS

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

ENTRIES TO BE HANDED TO QUINTON BY CLOSE OF NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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.



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 – 2005

Wednesday 26th January 2005 – St Kilda Trams / Boardwalk.

Met at Gawler Visitors Information Centre 9.00am.

Mangrove Trail board walk & Interpretive centre. Very hot, but quite interesting. Club BBQ under shelter in park. Tramway museum including ride on the "Toaster rack" tram. Tram hit a car which added a bit more excitement! Looked around Museum & enjoyed icecreams. Drove around St Kilda & then home.

19th – 28th March 2005 – Coffin Bay

Trip Leaders - Brent & Keryn Wilkins.

Met at Tarlee 6.00am.

Travelled to Pt. Lincoln stopping at Whyalla, Cowell, Port Neil, Tumby Bay & Cummins.

Sea Horse farm, Koppio Museum, Stenross Maritime Museum, Winters Hill lookout, new Marina.

Onto Coffin Bay, Oyster Farm, Coffin Bay National Park, camped at The Pools.

Three bogged on Seven Mile Beach, fishing off beach, cruise on Oyster boat.

Sand boarding, more fishing, Easter Bunny arrived.

Some of group left & remainder travelled on to the Gawler Ranges.

Easter Sunday 27th March 2005 – Loxton Historical Village.

Met at Gawler Visitors Information Centre 8.30am. Trip Leader - Quenton Earl.

Smallest trip in the clubs history - only my son David & myself! But we had a good day.

"Alive Day" at the Loxton Historical Village. Morning tea by the river at Swan Reach. Lots of demos at historical village including a Blundstone motor, a Lanz Bulldog tractor & a 100 yo old stationary motor purchased from Harris Scarfes.

Great home made cooking. Old manual phone demo, Rail trolley rides. Old cars & motorbikes.

23rd to 25th April (ANZAC long w/end) 2005 – Oratunga Track

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

Morning tea stop at Old Belalie Homestead just north of Jamestown - yummy scones. Lunch stop at playground at Hawker & refuel. Arrived at Angorichina station & set up camp by pretty creek setting. Hot shower & flush toilet only short walk away near old woolshed. Sunday morning split in 2 groups. One group climbed Patawarta Hill, the second group enjoyed a more leisurely stroll through Nildottie Gap. Continued on windy rocky track, lunch stop at Artimore Station ruins. Track weaved its way through creek beds & along ridge tops. Great view from look-out. Monday morning, stopped at Wilpena Pound for icecreams. Self guided tour of Old Wilpena Station. Hawker for lunch, stop at Jamestown at civic park & playground & WC stop. Then home.

Saturday 30th April & 1st May 2005 - Morgan Training weekend

Joining the Barossa club for 4WD training

14th to 16th May (May long w/end) 2005 - Ngarkat Conservation Park - Working Bee

Martin & friend Marie joined other 7 other clubs (42 people) & 2 Park Rangers to work in the Ngarkat Conservation Park, particularly the Border Track.

Monday 16th May 2005 - Mystery Day Trip

Met at The old train - Nuriootpa 8.30am. Trip Leader - Quenton Earl - then Progressive Leaders.

Coming events stated "This is a Mystery Trip, so expect more twists than Big Brother!"

Raffle to start the day - Winners prize - write the trip report!

All drivers on trip to take it in turns being trip leaders following a set of written instructions.

Through Angaston, Keyneton, historic dry stone walls, Sedan Hill, Marne Valley, Black Rocks area, John got bogged - (not even a 4WD trip!). Onto Black Hill, Shell Hill, Marne River mouth, HUGE scones for morning tea, Walkers Flat, ride on the Ferry, Younghusband, Bowhill, Lunch stop, Mannum, Mannum Waterfalls, Talbot's Reserve, then zig zag through to Tungkillo, final destination - the Giant Rocking Horse.

Prize for best trip leaders - dead heat between Rob & Jenny and Wendy & Darren.

11th, 12th, 13th June (June long w/end) - Robertstown Burra Gorge.

Joint trip with Holden 4WD Club

Met at Map the Miner, Kapunda 9.00am. Trip Leader - Murray Richardson.

Walk along creek, visited old ruins, drive around property, Snatch strap Demo (so smooth, didn't even spill Murray's wine sitting on Q's bullbar!) Roast on the campfire, A new "Spirit" camper trailer added to club - tally now 6?

Sunday 3rd July 2005 - Kuinto Mud training.

Training in mud driving with DTU & Barossa club. Good training, some very muddy conditions & lots of fun.

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th July 2005 - Bri-Glen Park

Met at Tarlee 8.00am. Trip Leader - Quenton Earl

Stopped at Hallet General Store for key to Sir Hubert Wilkins cottage, Dare's Hill circuit tourist drive, then into Bri-Glen, set up camp & lunch. Drove around the property. Water up to 3m in depth in some creeks, so Brian had sent bulldozer around tracks recently.

Official opening of new toilets - Club presented Brian with a golden toilet brush plaque.

Bronte drove around Harrison's motorbike track. Drove around Back Mountain track (no dozer work - so quite interesting) Cobb & Co track. On the way home we saw lots of kangaroos & Emus between Bri-Glen & Terowie.

31st July to 13th August 2005 - Googs Track

Met at Tarlee 7.00am. Trip Leaders - Marie, Bronwyn & Roy.

Exploring Mount Finke, Googs Lake, Tarcoola, Coober Pedy, The Breakaways, Kingoonya, Gawler Ranges, Iron Knob, Pt. Augusta.

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st August 2005 - Peake Training w/end.

Met at Taillem Bend 9.00am. Trip Leader - Trevor Chapman.

Len trained us in snatch strap, sand driving, hill starts, & we all learnt a lot from his experience.

Saturday 17 & Sunday 18th September 2005 - Horseshoe Rim

Met at Tarlee 7.00am. Trip Leader - Quenton Earl.

Morning tea at Orroroo Lions picnic area. Met Ben & Susan at property at 10.00am, he hit 'roo on way to meet us. Met Adrian, Helen, Brent & French exchange student Jessica. Set up camp, then left for drive around 4WD track. Very long & steep climb to top of Mt. Stokes - great views. Campsite is flat & alongside a tree studded creek - nice setting. Craddock Pub for dinner. Saltbush sausages, Goat Curry & melt in the mouth Fillet Steak. Sunday, Adrian headed to Quorn for steam train trip, we headed home via Hammond. Looked around old cemetery. Through Wilmington (Show day) up to Hancock's Lookout; great views over Spencer Gulf. Stopped at Stone Hut Bakery for lunch. Stopped at Melrose for fuel. Next stop Laura for plate of 5 flavours of Golden North icecream.

1st, 2nd, 3rd October (October long w/end) 2005 - Innes National Park

Met at Tarlee 7.00am. Trip Leader - Peter Cates.

Morning tea stop at Ardrossan overlooking the jetty. Fuel stop at Minlaton & stopped at Warooka, Marion Bay & Stenhouse Bay. Queue was out the door & down the road to pay fees & buy shower tokens. Wayne directed the club to reserved camping spots. West Cape lighthouse. Watched the Cutloose Rip Curl Yorke's Surfing Classic at Chinamans beach. Visited Inneston historic township - a mix of ruins, & 5 renovated cottages available for rent. Stenhouse Bay jetty, Thomson-Pfizer Trail walking trail, Browns beach, "Ethel" shipwreck. Campfire cooking with Brian's beer damper & Sandy's chocolate cake. On the way to Corny Point visited Daly Head, Formby Bay, Gleasons Landing, Swincer Rocks. Returned home via Warooka & Pt. Wakefield.

1st, 2nd, 3rd October (October long w/end) 2005 - 4WD Weekend in Whyalla

Met at the Whyalla Showgrounds. Trip Leader - Trevor Chapman.

Presented by the Whyalla 4WD Club. Tag a long tours, Night GPS navigation, Product displays, prizes.

Camping at the Whyalla Showgrounds - Powered sites, toilets & showers provided. Food available by Whyalla Service Clubs.

Sunday 30th October 2005 - Training/Social Day

Held at Bronte & Norma's house at Freeling 10.00am. Training / Assessing by John Sandland (Light 4WD Club), Under bonnet, emergency tyre changing etc. Training in a safe & clean (after we swept Bronte's shed!) environment, good company, BBQ, pooled salads.

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th November 2005 - Christmas Party - Berri

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

Stopped at Monash for morning tea, some played on playground, others visited chocolate factory. Received a warm welcome at Berri Riverside Caravan Park & we set up our camp. Kids were soon on bikes, bathers on & off. River walk after lunch. BBQ tea, lots of salads, fruit salad & ice-cream, fairy floss. Santa visited with presents. Keryn & Nikki had all in stitches with the games they put on. Tour of Loxton lights. Sunday - boat & Jet Ski launched, wind cold but sunny. Next stop Banrock Station, walking, wine tasting. All 45 people that attended enjoyed the w/end.

ANSWER TO "WHERE AM I"

Answer -.Kapunda

This stone building on the outskirts of Kapunda was built in 1854 as a grocery store. Along with freshly painted "Yalumba" sign on the sides, the fading sign on the front of the building advertises "Lion Coffee." The Lion brand was started by David Fowler in 1854 and other groceries included flour, coffee, confectionery and tinned fruit. We will pass this building on the way to "Xmas in July."

FRIDAY FUNNIES

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers.

The engineer fumed, "What's with those guys? We've been waiting for fifteen minutes!

The doctor chimed in, "I don't think I've ever seen such inept golf!

The priest said, "Here comes the green-keeper. Let's have a word with him." He said, "Hello George, What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?"

The green-keeper replied, "Oh, yes. That's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime!

The group fell silent for a moment.

The priest said, "That's so sad. I'll say a special prayer for them tonight.

The doctor said, "Good idea. I'll contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there's anything she can do for them.

The engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"

The graduate with a science degree asks, "Why does it work?"

The graduate with an Engineering degree asks, "How does it work?"

The graduate with a Commerce degree asks, "How much will it cost?"

The graduate with an arts degree asks, "Do you want fries with that?"

Two engineering students were riding bicycles across a university campus when one said, "Where did you get the great bike?"

The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take what you want."

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