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4WD Club Newsletter

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Founded in 2002



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



Plenty of Water at Witcheline When We Visited

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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 we will be making a special presentation to John and Jane for their years of service to the Club. Please join us and John and Jane for this special night. Please bring a plate of supper to share and socialise afterwards.

Our Guest Speaker will be Peter and Sandra Harper talking about their trip with Steve and Lisa to Googs Track. Sure to be an interesting talk with slides.

This Saturday (13th August) we will be travelling to the Bute painted silo. Coffee stop, bakery stop and finishing for waffles at Blyth. Please let me know or place your names on the Trip Sheet at Friday night's meeting.

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.

I know I mention this every month, but, our 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 August edition of the Newsletter.

We are getting a bit light on for trips, having completed most of those listed for the year. If you have an idea for a trip, be it long or short please let a committee member know so that it can be turned into a trip. It would be even better if you would be prepared to lead one yourself, help is always at hand.

As I've mentioned on many previous occasions, if you would like to contribute to the Newsletter, please forward your contribution to either Pete or me. We are always looking for articles for the Newsletter.

Very sad news from the music world this week with the passing of both Judith Durham and Olivia Newton John. I think most of us will have spent time over the years listening to and enjoying their music. Two very distinctive voices now at rest.

That's it, short and sweet for this month. Have a good month and I'll catch you in September.

[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

**Saturday 13
August 2022**

Bute Silo Art Day Trip

Trip Details:	Visiting the new Bute Silo Art
Where:	Bute, South Australia
Cost:	Your cost at coffee, Bakery & Waffle Ward
Meet:	8.30am Gawler Visitor Information Centre
When:	Saturday 13th August, 2022
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	Mallala Coffee House for coffee, WC stop at Balaklava, look at Bute Silo, visit "Gunner Bills Heritage Centre", Bute, Lunch at Port Broughton Bakery, visit Snowtown Painted Watertower Art, Afternoon Tea at Waffle Ward, Blyth

**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.

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

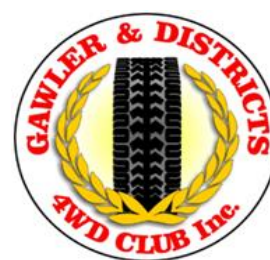
	<p><i>These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:</i></p>	
	<p>August 2022</p>	<p>Goog's Track and Connie Sue</p>
	<p>September 2022</p>	<p>Jeremy Browne – Along the old Ghan line</p>
	<p>October 2022</p>	<p>Frank Kotzur – re John McKinlay</p>
	<p>February 2023</p>	<p>Don Lofflar – History of Holden Cars</p>

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:

<p>◆◆ August ◆◆</p>
<p>Lisa</p>
<p>Russell</p>
<p>Keryn</p>



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.
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See Quenton at the General Meeting



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TRIP REPORT

Witchelina Nature Reserve - 9-18 May 2022

Wayne and I headed off on this grey, cold Monday morning heading for our destination, Witchelina. Lots of fog and frost on the paddocks made it feel colder, but the further north we drove the warmer it got.

I was peeling layers of clothes as we went with Wayne just in shorts, shirt and thongs and we were ready for the adventures that awaited us. Arriving at Witchelina around 3pm it was just beautiful, very green with the red dirt and purple mountains in the distance, it was a sight for sore, tired eyes. Checking in with the Rotational Manager Fred, who showed us around and where our room was. As we had not brought our camper with us we decided to book the shearers' quarters in the double room next to the kitchen. Would not do this again as the room is next to the kitchen and lounge and the noise from early risers or late nighters will keep you awake!! Well equipped kitchen with lots of fridges and a massive stove, so the only thing you need to bring is your food as everything else is there for you to use. There was a large lounge room with a big open fire, wood supplied, and lots of information about the nature reserve and tracks. The reserve has camping areas or house accommodation.



Tuesday 10 May

Tuesday wakened to a beautiful sunrise so I was up early and went for a walk around the dump (my favourite place at Witchelina). What treasures can I find? Checked out the old rain water tank we filled with dirt and Sturt Desert Pea seeds and found a great spread of



leaves and bulbs getting ready to flower. Peter, Sandra, Lisa, Steve, Pauline and Bob were due to arrive later that day. After they set up camp in the camping area across the creek, we had happy hour for a few hours and decided what track to do the following day. By the time we got back to our room, a group of bird watches had arrived to do their annual bird count of the property. They were also staying in the shearers' quarters. I went out in the night to do some photography down in the creek and, after

taking quite a few photos, realised there were people close by camping in a tent. Hot footed it out of the area in case they thought I was a peeping tom!!!!!! Instead I headed up to the dump area as the sky was clear as crystal.

Wednesday 11 May

Going along the Bungarider Nature Drive, 60kms plus 32kms back to the homestead at Witchelina. Wayne and I trip leaders. Through paddocks of quartz chips that are over 750 million years old. Passed stromatolite dolomite which shows up as a creamy coloured streak in wavy rocks. This again was created millions of years ago by cyanobacteria - common name blue-green algae which was one of the few living things back then on earth.

The different areas are clearly marked along the way and throughout the land you can see fault lines, which are named for different areas. Faults are caused during earthquakes with the enormous tectonic forces pushing the sedimentary layers together. They concertina into

large folds and then fold over one another. As a result you have these long lines of rocks sticking out of the ground in straight lines, sometimes for kms.



Chintapanna Dam was full of water which is rare, but because of the rain fall over the past few weeks, we were lucky to experience the dam full and the zebra finches were plentiful. You had to be pretty quick if you were to get a photo of one of the birds. The dam has a very

impressive spillway which is made of stone quarried some distance from the dam.

On the Bungarider Fault line you have the Sleeping Lion, it is a very hard and resistant fault rock called Bungarider Fault Breccia - Breccia meaning broken rock in Italian. It looks like a sleeping lion.

The Hole in the Wall was next and this was a single layer of quartzite rock pushed up and tipped on its end and heavily fractured. In one part it looked like a hound dog.

Next on the track was The Wall, in its time it would have been a great dam with a massive

cliff of heavily fractured sandstone behind it. The Wall must have been built by skilled labourers and there is a query as to whether the Chinese labourers from the Ghan railway workforce were involved. It was an interesting walk to the wall and a flock of mulga parrots kept me busy for a while with my camera. I found many "faces" in the cliff face behind the wall! On the walk back, I found a skeleton



bike rider in the cliff face; I'm sure my imagination leads me everywhere.

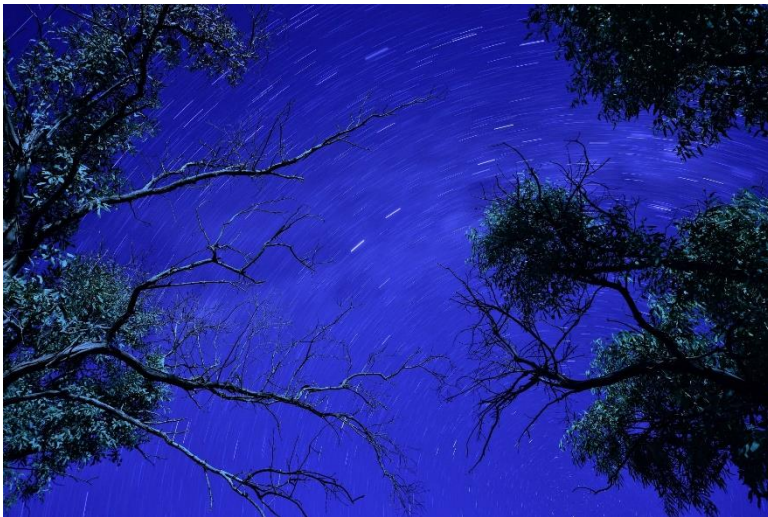
Painted Wall was another area of quartz veining and rippled rocks and East Mount Tank was a watering hole and mustering area. Remains of old boilers, stone troughs and a stone cottage

are still there. The tank is made from solid stone and the trough size indicated a large number of sheep needed to be watered. It was a very beautiful area, green with tall gum trees. Made our way back to camp and after tea headed over to the camp fire for great company and drinks.

Thursday 12th May

Lisa and Steve were trip leaders and we headed along the Ridge Top Drive. The land was very flat at the start, with a few trees and bushes but still very green. East Mount Dam first stop and it was full of water with lots of zebra finches. It was completed in 1927.

We went through the first gate and as Wayne and I were tail-end Charlie, we had to shut and lock the gate. But we couldn't find the key with Wayne blaming me for losing the key!! After a good 20 mins looking all around the car, gate and car again, Wayne found it in his pocket which he told me he had already checked. Moral of the story, don't give Wayne the keys!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Next we visit the Stripes which are magnesium rich carbonate sand and mud (dolomite). It goes down into the ancient seabeds of lakes and rivers, is compressed and forms horizontal strata of dolomite, limestone and siltstone. Everything on the property has taken tens of thousands to millions of years to evolve.

Corrugations formed the next section and we would not like to drive over this as it would just

shred our tyres, it was very hard sharp rock of sandstone.

The Ramparts were formed in warm seas and the dolomite is as hard as concrete and erodes a lot slower than other rocks in the area. They still uplift, tilt, fold and erode which has taken 500 million years, can say they are going to be around for probably forever. Came across a native apricot tree in the middle of nowhere, it looked in good condition but the fruit is very bitter and the Aborigines grind the seed for a medicine.

Gool Dam was dry but I don't think you would have to dig very far to find water. An Afghan Cameleer dug the dam after work dried up for him when the train began running.

All the dams and watering holes are left to return to nature now so that only native animals will survive on the property. The natural flora of the area will gradually take over and get rid of any weeds.

We started to climb to the ridge top and followed the Cairn and Zig Zag folds. Looking down from the ridge top you can see the faults and folds that are unique to the area. Coming down was a steep descent.

The Slate Pencils were very interesting, two very distinct colours of red and yellow and the cleavage goes up and down instead of across although, in more recent times, some have gone across. They form groups of thin slate pencil shapes and you can write with them.

The Utah shed is where the American company Utah Development Corporation set up camp to begin to mine copper, it wasn't profitable for them as there was not enough copper in the area. The shed had been restored by the Mt Lofty 4WD Club in 2014.

Mirra Weir is a natural waterfall on Mirra Creek. It has a massive quartzite ridge that cuts across the creek and has a stunning rock face cliff but sadly the water is highly saline and not fit for stock or humans. Good for group photos though.

Back to camp, tea, campfire and drinks. Once again before going to bed I went out taking some more night photos - that nearly wrecked my camera as it was so cold everything was fogging up or would not work. Then up in the early hours of the morning to take photos of the 3 planets in alignment. I was going to bed when the bird people were getting up.

Friday 13th May

Could have laid in as we are heading to Maree for lunch at the pub and a look around. Was a quick look as nothing changes there. Once again back over to the campfire for lots of nibbles, laughs and stories before all leaving tomorrow.

Saturday 14th May

Bob and Pauline came to say goodbye first as they were heading back to Gawler then later Peter, Sandra, Lisa and Steve came up as they were heading off on their adventures. Wayne and I stayed another night then headed to Arkaroola on Sunday morning after I had a walk around the bird hide dam and finally got a photo of a hawk.

At Arkaroola we could only get a single room with two single beds and had the use of the camp kitchen and amenities block. Linen and towels were supplied. It is amazing what you can come up with when all you have is a microwave to cook with and whatever food you have left over after a week. We stayed for 3 nights. The first night went down to see the rock wallabies that they feed at 5pm. Booked in for the Observatory but were disappointed as you don't get to look through the telescope, you can look at it, but everything is done on a set of screens. Did a track in the morning before our tour, it was just beautiful with lots of green, water and bird life. On our tour we were the only ones which was great as our guide stopped whenever for photos and took us a few places off the track. Found a beautiful spread of Sturt Desert Peas that he knew about.

The track was pretty rough in places so we were quite happy sitting in the back of the truck. At one time we were on 2 wheels and sideways for quite a time. It was really dark by the time we got back but as we had booked in for dinner at the restaurant, we didn't have to open a can of something.

We got a good laugh sitting on the veranda watching people pull up and set up, one woman must have moved her car or tried to park it 10 times before she found a spot with the help of a heap of people.



All things must come to an end and we had to head home which we both thought we didn't want to do. However, we had a good trip home with a beautiful full rainbow as we got closer to Gawler.

[Sandra Heintze]

Ladies Day Out - 25 June 2022

We met at the Information Centre with the men heading off one way and us 4 lovely ladies heading another. We thought that we would meet the boys back at Café Nova if we had plenty of time. REALLY!!!



Jo, Deb, Keryn and me headed off for High Tea at the Pastel Teacup Café Strathalbyn. We all went down in one car and arrived in time for a bit of a walk along the main street.

The café was beautifully decorated with light shades made from cups, saucers and side plates, with a pink and white colour scheme, flowers and gold coloured cutlery. Then it was time to indulge ourselves with food and tea! Oh boy were there some choices! We spent time smelling and deciding what two teas to drink. The tea was bought out in a beautiful china teapot with flowers and cups and saucers to drink from. I was pretty sure at some stage I was going to drop mine!!!!



Food was sandwiches cut into triangles and fingers, small quiches, plain and coconut scones (which I have made since going there), there was a choice of lemon curd, cream and jam. Lots of cakes, macarons, cheesecake and chocolates. After spending about 2 1/2 hrs in the cafe we certainly didn't walk out hungry or thirsty but had very full bladders after the amount of tea we drank! Another walk along the main street as now the shops were open and time to check out the second hand shops.

When we decided to head home, it was too late to meet the boys so we went a different way home taking in a few back dirt roads, saw where Deb use to play tennis and ended up going through Murray Bridge where she grew up. Boys were ringing us to find out where we were and I think at that stage we really didn't know??????

Thank you girls for a great day, hope to do it again soon.

[Sandra Heintze]

Christmas in July, 2022



18 intrepids set off on a cold, wet July morning.

First stop Kapunda to check out the "masterpiece with a modern twist" exhibition. Love the touch of humor of laptops, phones, masks, solar panels and windmills that appeared surreptitiously in the paintings.

Next stop Eudunda for morning tea huddled in the little shelter. Was definitely a day for the gloves and beanies ... except maybe for Wayne.

A stop at the antique store at Sunderlands. Another little place you would normally drive straight past without even noticing. It's a joy to stop and explore. Piggy rescue!! Not exactly an antique but for \$2 I couldn't really leave him there.... and the sun peeps out!



Everything was as green as it ever gets everywhere. You could be forgiven for forgetting that you are driving through desert country where wombats struggle to survive.

On to Mt Mary Hotel. Another place you would drive straight past, in the middle of the dry flat desert, there is nothing about it that would make you want to stop. This really deserves a stopover though. It's as rustic inside as out but the food was awesome. I heard the roadkill was great too. The hosts even took time to talk to us and tell us about their journey.

Full to the eyeballs we moved on to Morgan where we explored the Museum. More surprises. 5 very impressive floor to the very high ceiling textile art wall hangings done by local crafties over the last couple of years was a feature. I normally bypass museums but this one was worth a good look.



Did anyone brush up their first aid and read the **"Instructions to restore the apparently drowned"**

Place patient on the back on a flat surface inclined a little upwards from the feet draw forward the patients tongue and keep it projecting from the lips, an elastic band over the tongue and under the chin or a piece of string or tape remove all tight clothing ... including the braces.

Quickie photo shoot at the remains of the Eba railway station ... then because the food was so good at Mt Mary we returned to have a crack at the coffee and/or to fit in that dessert that we had now had some space for. I think we overlooked the Christmas theme?? One Christmas a year is probably plenty anyways.



It was so cold when we left home that I didn't give it a thought. At that point Q set us all free to find our own way home I googled the quickest route ... how did you get ahead of us!

[Julie Sieben]



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.**

Donations can be given to the Social Committee (Joann Wuttke or Julie Sieben) any time.

August 2022	September	October
Sandra and Pete	Martin	Bob and Cindy
Wayne and Sandra	Max and Lyn	Norma and Bronte

20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY MUGS

\$15 each, available at each meeting until stocks run out.



WHERE AM I



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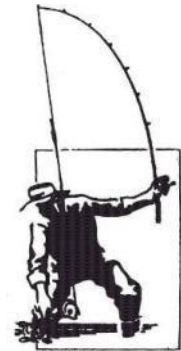
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TOWNS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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 Gawler.

Gawler's rich history begins with the local indigenous population, the Kurna people, who are recognised as the traditional custodians of Adelaide and the Adelaide Plains, an area which takes in the Gawler township. Amongst many traditional, culturally significant sites in Gawler for the Kurna people are the three rivers - the North and South Para Rivers and the Gawler River - which provided many resources. The Parridla Taikondi Park, sited at the junction of the three rivers was also a traditional meeting place

In 1837 Colonel William Light, Surveyor General for the Colony of South Australia camped twice in a local area that became known as 'Dead Man's Pass' on the South Para river as part of his exploration of the Barossa Valley. Light recognised the potential of the location for South Australia's first country township.

Light's plan for Gawler included streets aligned with local topography and broad parklands on the major river floodplains, reflecting his design of Adelaide. His Gawler Special Survey encompassed 4,000 acres of land along the North Para, South Para and Gawler rivers. The Church Hill State Heritage Area, part of the plan devised by Light, Finniss and Co., is one of the best examples of mid-nineteenth century town planning in South Australia. The original landowners adopted the name of South Australia's Governor, George Gawler, (pictured) when European settlers first arrived in February 1839.



Gawler has a long and rich history closely aligned with that of South Australia. Gawler prospered early becoming a regional centre for the surrounding farming communities and playing an important role in supporting the copper mining communities located in Kapunda and Burra.



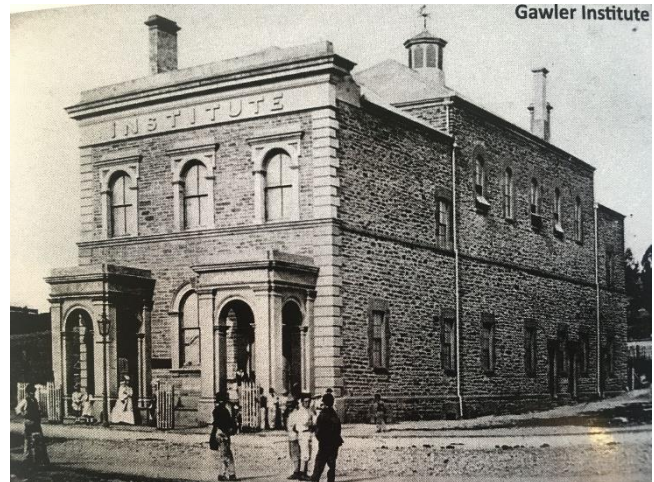
In the second half of the 19th century Gawler boomed with the construction of public infrastructure such as rail and tramways, bridges, public baths, an Institute (pictured in 1872) and a Town Hall. Industries such as flour mills, foundries, brickworks, manufacturing and retail outlets were established and expanded. This boom led to Gawler being considered the most industrialised town in Australia. Many of the buildings constructed during this period

remain standing, providing Gawler with a unique and distinctive character.

Key industries in this late 19th century prosperity were:

- King, Duffield, Harrison, Dawson and Hilfers - 3 major flour mills.
- James Martin & Co - manufacture of agricultural, mining and ore processing machinery; smelters for the mines of Broken Hill and the Western Australian goldfields; manufacture of steam locomotives and rolling stock which were transported on rails down the main street to Gawler Railway station.
- May Brothers - manufacture of mining and agricultural machinery. (pictured at Yudnamutana copper mine, Mt Freeling)

With prosperity came a cultural flowering. One highlight was the competition to compose an anthem for Australia in 1859. The winner of this competition was the Song of Australia, written by Caroline Carleton to music by German Composer Carl Linger. This song was South Australia's song for many years and was a candidate in the 1977 national referendum to choose a new National Anthem for Australia. Advance Australia Fair was the song chosen at this referendum to replace God Save the Queen.



The population of Gawler continues to grow. In 2021 Gawler had a population of 24,718 and this is predicted to grow to over 40,000 in future years. Gawler continues to be a major regional and cultural centre for communities to the north of Adelaide including the nearby agricultural and horticultural communities located in the lower north, mid-north, northern Adelaide Plains and Barossa Valley.

See the excellent website gawlerhistory.com for more details and an excellent collection of photos.

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MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD



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

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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.





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 – 2006

(This was a particularly busy year for the Club so I'll split the trips over two Newsletters - Ed.)

Thursday 26th January (Australia Day) 2006

Met at Gawler Visitors Information Centre 9.00am. Trip Leaders - Brent & Keryn Wilkins.

With Australia flags on vehicle & shirts headed to Port Adelaide. River cruise on the Queen Adelaide. Stories by Brent of his father & grandfather (both local fishermen & boat builders). Several Dolphins put on a display. One lady overwhelmed by heat of the day - met by Ambulance. Maritime Museum, Steam Museum. Semaphore Ice-creamery. 40+ degree day.

February 18th to March 5th 2006 – Victoria High Country

Met at Truro 10.00am. Trip Leader - Martin Kisbee.

9 vehicles. Bottle Bend campsite 1st night. Down Mt. Samaria, Tomahawk hut, Bus Hut, Craigs Hut. Mt Buller, Mt. Howitt, Howitt plains, Binaree Hut, Gatners Hut, Panoramic view from Gantners Hut outhouse! Zeka Spur track (LR 4WD), Wonnangatta track. 4WD adventure with Roy & Pete. Billy Goat Bluff Track towards the Pinnacles. Helipad & Saddle (great photo spots), Ranges lookout station - met park ranger Norm. Wonnangatta River - Martin lifting off back wheels, Roys car does not swim, Pete decides he needs that Chevy V8 he saw. Martin glad he brought chainsaw to clear fallen tree across track. Dargo caravan Park. Marie 2 flat tyres. (Marie does not have luck on her side with tyres!) Crooked river, Talbotville. Good Hope Mine project VERY steep climb back up. Grant township, Dargo Pub. Dogs Grave, Mt. Birregan, Charlotte track, Dorothy's Cutting, Boomerang Spur Track, Haunted Stream, and Dawson City. Bronte's birthday - "Elvis" theme. Day 10 - Lachlan & Harrison counted 54 creek crossings for the day! Battery Crusher at Dog Town, Carroll Spur Track, Mutiny avoided by

showers available at Swifts Creek caravan Park. Alpine Way, Tambo, Timbarra, Buchan. Wellington Steam winch (last used 1961). Moscow Villa - very smart polished timber floor. Royal cave tour, Snowy River road, Seldom Seen Roadhouse, Suggan Buggan. McFarlane Flat track, Cobberas track, Omeo. Kosciusko lookout Victoria falls. Omeo Dumplings - yummy! Sandra paraded down street in Cow PJ's, Mt. Hotham, Bright, and Myrtleford. Hume Hwy bitumen, Echuca. Swapped stories with an Alaskan couple. Home.

11th – 13th March (Adelaide Cup w/end) 2006 – Katarapko – Murray River National Park

Met at Truro 8.00am. Trip Leader - Dave & Michele Riddle

Dave & Michele set up Friday night to secure a camp site. The rest arrived before lunch Sat. Dave already fishing. Looked around sights of Berri. Sunday another hot day; Bronte & Travis swam. Girls went window shopping in Berri (indoors - to avoid the heat). Clouds rolled in, rained from 11.00pm. Michael wanted to leave by 8.00am Mon, but mud put a stop to that. Bronte played in mud & rescued Michael using Patrol Ute.

A bit of wind & sun & all OK by time to leave. Heat, flies & mud - but a good time had by all.

21st – 26th March 2006 – The 6th National 4WD Gathering

Vice President Martin attended. Martin & Corry toured Tasmania.

14th – 17th April (Easter) 2006 – Black Cockatoo Bush Camp

Met at Mt.Pleasant Oval 8.30am. Trip Leader - Roy & Bronwyn Schwarz.

Light rain heading to Tailem Bend. Lunch at Padthaway beneath the Community Sculpture. Turned off just before Naracoorte to camp. Set up in large paddock with billabong amongst lots of colourful tents - plenty of room, flushing toilets, solar powered showers. Swimming lake at Naracoorte for lunch Saturday, Bool Lagoon (bone dry), Rivett Lodge - winery tour, wine tasting. Brian relaxed & painted, David sketched a gum tree in charcoal (from the fire).Cooked on campfire. Sunday, fine 21 degree day. 3km bushwalk by camp. Cave tour - Victoria Fossil Cave; learnt about the Drop Bears & other mega fauna. Visited Yalgiban Wood Gallery, Travis fished in the properties billabong & caught a 35cm fish. More campfire cooking incl Pam & Rob's roast lamb, Deb's chocolate pudding & Brian's Beer Damper. Mon most left for home, the Earls continued along to tour the Great Ocean road.

14th April (Good Friday) to 23rd April (School holidays) 2006 – Victoria High Country

Met at Truro 9.00am. Trip Leaders - Wendy Salter & Trevor Chapman.

Travelling thru the High country family style.

Saturday 6th May 2006 – Stockport Observatory

BBQ at the Salters at Stockport before walking to the Observatory for Autumn Star Party. Starring Jupiter, Saturn & the Moon. BUT the weather was wild & wet, so we stayed at Darren & Wendy's & all had a social night. BBQ on the deck & warm fire inside.

9th – 12th June (Queens Birthday long w/end) 2006 – Warraweena Private Conservation Park

Option 1: Met at Orroroo Friday night. Option 2: Met at Tarlee 7.00am Sat. Trip Leader - Trevor Chapman.

Going thru Clare, temp was zero degrees. Quick pit stop at Jamestown then to Orroroo to meet the rest of the group. Hawker for fuel & coffee. Thru Beltana & Norma danced the 4WD in the mud (had 5mm of rain earlier). Met Stony & Gina & set up camp in Warraweena "Lambing Camp". Gathered firewood along the creek bed. 10 vehicles incl 2 visitors. Bitterly cold night. Sun - Mt. Gill track. Rocky creek beds & up over hills. Stopped at Cockatoo Hut for morning tea. Fantastic view from Mt Gill (914m). Roos, Emus & Eagles soaring above. Challenging track in places, very enjoyable. Showers avail up near the homestead. Camp oven cooking over the fire. Mon - On the way out looked around Sliding Rock town & copper mine ruins. Lunch at Parachilna Pub, & off to Hawker. Quick stop at Orroroo & Jamestown, then home.

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd June 2006 – Peake Sand Driving

Met at Shell Roadhouse Tailem Bend. Trip Leader - Wendy Salter.

Arrived before lunch. Trainer ill, so turned into a fun w/end instead of training. Rained. Boys on their bikes (& 'Boys' in 4WDs) got wet. Soon dried off by the fire. Norma said "Who said you are too old for a sandpit".

July 8th to 15th 2006 – Innamincka

Met at Tarlee 8.00am. Trip Leader - Bruce Cates.

Jamestown for morning tea. Hawker for lunch & fuel. Warm welcome at the Copley Caravan Park for a freezing night. Quandong tarts, pies & pasties from Quandong café. Called into Leigh Creek coal field display, Lyndhurst for fuel & morning tea. Onto Strzelecki track, broke rear window of Pete's Patrol, wild horses & donkeys, lunch stop at Petermorra Creek. Old Strzelecki track, stop at Dana & Yelandi oilfields to view a working Donkey oil pump. Camped at Innamincka, woke to a beautiful view of Cooper Creek. Filled up at the Trading Post \$1.70/l. Drooled over a Hummer, headed to Burkes Grave, Cullyamurra waterhole, Dig Tree, Pub for tea. Fished & caught Callop. Kings marker, Wills grave memorial. Showers & shopping at Trading Post before an afternoon cruise down the Cooper. Headed to Coongie Lakes, stopping at Kudriemitchie outstation for lunch. Big rabbits & mozzies. Hot day, so plenty of swimming. Left Coongie early, 25mm of rain expected. Durante track, saw dingoes, wild horses & caught in dust storm. Onto Bore track to Cameron's Corner. Interesting Pub. Filled up \$1.80/l. Merty Merty Station, Pete's trailer opened depositing camping gear on track. Kids tired so stopped at 9pm at Montecollina Bore. Due to persistent rain, packed up early & decided to leave before track gets too wet. Stopped at Copley caravan Park used their new

pressure cleaner. The rain hadn't stopped all day. With the discovery of wet bedding, decided to travel home. Stopped at Beltana for a look on the way.

Sunday 23rd July 2006 – Surprise Sunday Mystery 4WD trip.

Met at Mt. Pleasant Oval 9.00am. Trip Leader - Trevor Chapman.

Head off to Springton General Store. Here Trevor changed to "progressive Trip Leaders" & he radioed instructions from Tail-end Charlie. Thru beautiful gum tree studded valleys, many great historic dry stone walls, along snaking roads that are over 100 years old. Morning tea at a great spot with views of Marne Valley. Arrived at our "Mystery" location Saunders Gorge Sanctuary. Met Brenton & received trip notes on track. We all engaged low range & stayed in low range for entire track. Explored old Gold & Copper mines. Up the steep slippery Rocky Point climb, stopped at Rocky Point lookout for lunch. Followed track, more stone walls & yards, to White Hill Trig point (421m). Chocolate treats along marker posts (if you were quick enough). Through Saunders Gorge & Creek. Quick toilet stop at restaurant & on towards Palmer & afternoon tea at Mt.Pleasant. A most pleasant day!

ANSWER TO "WHERE AM I"

Answer - Barmera main street (Barwell Ave).

This Clock Tower was built by Basil (Bob) Gilbert of Barmera in 1942 to commemorate the centenary (1944) of Captain Charles Sturt who camped on the shores of Lake Bonney 30 August to 3 September 1844 during his Central Australia Exploring Expedition. James Poole surveyed the lake, Sturt surveyed and named the inlet Hawker Creek (now Chambers Creek). Hawker was a local land owner (brother to the Hawkers of Bungaree) who helped Sturt, but the name was never officially recognised. The clock tower has been recently restored by the Berri Barmera Council and chimes on the hour and half hour and designed to sound like "Big Ben".

RECIPES

The following are two recipes kindly supplied by Sandra Heintze

Cucumber or Zucchini Chips

7 lbs cucumbers or zucchinis sliced (on my slicer I use no 2)
2 large onions (thinly sliced)
5 cups vinegar
4 cups sugar
1 heap teaspoon turmeric
1 heap teaspoon celery salt
1 tablespoon mustard seeds
¾ cup salt

Place cucumbers or zucchini, onion and salt in a bucket cover with crushed ice and leave 3hrs.

Tip fluid off and rinse well with cold water, place in saucepan add sugar, vinegar, turmeric, celery salt and mustard seeds.

Bring to the boil – take off heat, place in clean jars and seal while hot.

Tomato Chutney

6lbs tomatoes (chopped)
2lbs onions (thinly sliced)
2lbs sugar
2tlbs curry powder
2tlbs mustard powder
1 pint vinegar
Small handful of salt
Cornflour (2tlbs cornflour mixture with 3dsp vinegar into a paste to thicken chutney)

Put tomatoes, onions into a bucket with salt and leave overnight.

Drain in the morning and add sugar, curry, mustard and vinegar.

Bring to the boil and cook for 1hr, then thicken with cornflour paste.

Put into clean jars and seal while hot.

FRIDAY FUNNIES

Friday Funnies

Later in life

I used to be able to do cartwheels. Now I tip over putting on my underwear.

I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes... so she hugged me.

My wife says I only have 2 faults. I don't listen and something else....

At my funeral, take the bouquet off my coffin and throw it into the crowd to see who is next.

I thought growing old would take longer.

I came, I saw, I forgot what I was doing Retraced my steps, got lost on the way back. Now I have no idea what's going on.

The officer said, "You drinking?" I said, "You buying?" We just laughed and laughed....I need bail money.

I think the reason we are born with two hands is so we can pet two dogs at once.

Day 12 without chocolate. Lost hearing in my left eye.

Scientists say the universe is made up of protons, neutrons and electrons. They forgot to mention morons.

The adult version of "head, shoulders, knees and toes" is "wallet, glasses, keys and phone."

A dog accepts you as the boss... a cat wants to see your resume.

Oops.... did I roll my eyes out loud?

Life is too short to waste time matching socks.

Wi-fi went down for five minutes, so I had to talk to my family. They seem like nice people.

If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed; we're having a staff meeting.

I won't be impressed with technology until I can download food.

My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffers from mental illness. I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it."

I really don't mind getting old, but my body is having a major fit.

Camping: where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.

Project Manager...because Miracle Worker isn't an official job title.

I told my wife I wanted to be cremated. She made me an appointment for Tuesday.

Measure once, cuss twice..

I don't care who dies in a movie, as long as the dog lives.

The world's best antidepressant has 4 legs, a wagging tail and comes with unconditional love.

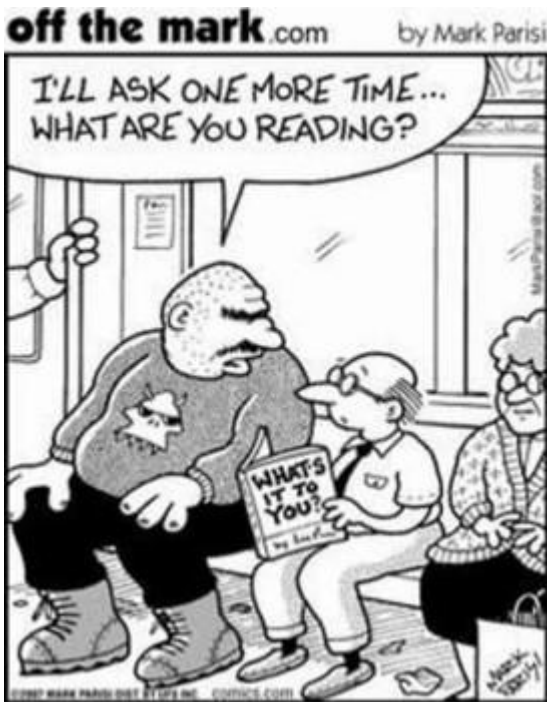
Love is how excited your dog gets when you come home.

I've reached the age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me.

If you're happy and you know it, it's your meds.

Golfer on a business trip to South Africa stops at local club and ask if he could play. The Pro asked him his handicap so he could match him up with someone at similar skill level. He says 14 and proceeds to 1st tee.

He immediately gets nervous when he sees his Caddie with his bag on one shoulder and a rifle in the other. He hooks his 1st tee shot near the woods. As he addresses the ball, he hears a rifle shot, sees a python fall from a tree and his Caddie shouldering his rifle. 2nd hole he pushes shot into high grass. As he hits, another gunshot rings out and a lion falls dead about 5 feet away. Next hole he barely clears a water hazard and right as he is ready to hit, a crocodile grabs him by the leg trying to pull him in. He gets away with a bloodied leg and sees Caddie just standing there. He says "you shot the snake, you shot the lion, why did your let the crock rip my leg to shreds? Caddie says " Sir, this is the 17th handicap hole, you are a 14. You don't get a shot this hole".



{Thanks as always to Westprint for these Funnies}