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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



Waraween Has Re-Opened – We Will Need To Go Back There!

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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

	2023										
<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	10	3	14	12	2	14	11	8	13	10	8
Committee	1 22		5	3 24		5	2 30		4	1 29	

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

Dates for 2023

Monday 13 March Adelaide Cup Day: Friday 7 April to Monday 10 April Easter: Tuesday 25 April Anzac Day:
Monday 12 June King's Birthday: Monday 2 October Labour Day::Monday 25 December Christmas Day:
Tuesday 26 December Proclamation Day: Sunday 31 December New Year's Eve

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:

Our Guest Speaker this month is Ethan White. Ethan is a fascinating young man, so I am sure you will find what Ethan will present very interesting.

Due to many members travelling to the Simpson, our usual May meeting will be replaced with a meal at Murray's BBQ & Bar - Exchange Hotel, Gawler for 6.30pm. So make a note in your dairies please.

We have quite a few Club trips listed at the moment. Please help out the Trip Leaders by adding your name on the Trip Sheet **early**. This really helps with bookings and planning.

A reminder - Subs are due now - \$60 and can be paid preferably via Direct Debit or cash to Wayne with your signed (front and back) renewal form (located under "Downloads" from the website), with your vehicle Insurance copy. Payment is required by this March General meeting to avoid a late fee.

[Quenton]

Editors Report:

Hello everyone and welcome to the March newsletter. We are into autumn already, where do the months go?

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Quenton on being awarded the first Life Membership of the Club. I'm sure you will agree that it is a well-deserved honour given how much time and energy Quenton devotes to the club now and in also in the past. He has been President on numerous occasions, has held other positions within the committee, provides numerous articles, photos and trip reports for the Newsletter and led many trips near and far during the life of the club. Well done Quenton and very well deserved!!

We are looking for speakers for our monthly meetings. If you know of anyone who might like to come and speak to one of our meetings, please let Quenton or a committee member know. Thank you.

Remember the photo competition and trip report competition are on again this year so don't forget to take your trusty camera and pen away with you on a trip to record something spectacular for the competitions. There are many trips listed so you'll have plenty of opportunity to enter both competitions which are drawn at the end of the year.

That's it from me for another month, have a great month.

[Sandra]



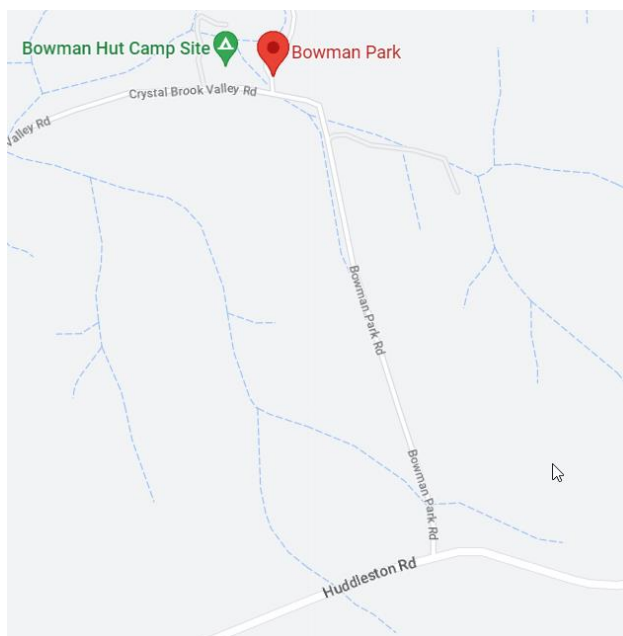
COMING EVENTS

11-13 March 2023 Tasting the Flinders Ranges

Trip Details:	Tasting the best of the Flinders Ranges
Where:	Rawnsley Park Caravan Park, Flinders Ranges
Cost:	Powered sites: \$41 per night for 2 people, Camp Cabins \$120 per night for 2 people Your cost at dining venues. Vehicle Entry Pass required for Ikara - Flinders Ranges National Park for the Sunday \$12.50 per vehicle https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/parks/ikara-flinders-ranges-national-park/booking/67709 Or available at Hawker Motors.
Meet:	Tarlee 8.00 am (carpark in town by toilets)
When:	Saturday 11 March 2023
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	Saturday: morning tea at Maggie's Rendezvous, Orroroo Lunch at Flinders Food Co, Hawker Saturday night at the Woolshed Restaurant, Rawnsley Park Sunday lunch at the Prairie Hotel, Parachilna. Travelling the scenic route between these famous foodie venues. www.rawnsleypark.com.au

**31 March – 2 April
2023****Bowman Park Trip**

Trip Details:	Bush camp near Crystal Brook
Where:	Bowman Park (off Huddleston Road) Bowman Park Road. 5 km East Crystal Brook
Cost:	Donation \$10 per night One meal and Museum entry fee at Port Pirie TBA
Meet:	Tarlee 9 am. (Carpark in town by toilets)
When:	Friday 31 March Sat/Sun 1 & 2 April
Trip Leader:	Keryn and Brent 0429699671
More Info	Historic buildings, ruins and gardens. BBQ, Toilets, Walking Trail, Native garden, nature playground, Oval, fire pit (Bring own wood) (End of day light saving Sunday 1st April) Picnic areas with tables and bench seats. Visiting places of interest and local history around the district of Crystal Brook, Port Germein and Port Pirie No power BYO everything More details to be advised.



Sunday 7th May 2023	Mystery Picnic Drive
Trip Details:	Mystery observation drive with picnic lunch
Where:	Travelling the backroads of the Barossa and beyond
Cost:	Your cost at afternoon drinks/coffee stop
Meet:	9.00am Menglers Hill Look-out
When:	Sunday 7th May, 2023
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	Driving the backroads of the Barossa and beyond. Pack morning tea to share. Pack a picnic lunch for yourself. Chairs. Charged mobile phone with internet. Full tank of fuel before departure. UHF radio. 4WD may be required on one track. Sure to be a fun and interesting day! Prizes on offer

May 2023	Munga-Thirri–Simpson Desert
Trip Details:	Doubling the Munga-Thirri–Simpson Desert (east to west then west to east) Gawler → Birdsville via Farina Birdsville → Mt Dare via French Line Mt Dare → Birdsville via Rig Road, WAA and QAA
Where:	Munga-Thirri–Simpson Desert
Cost:	Desert Parks Pass \$182 (\$117 for renewal if you bought one last year)
Meet:	TBA
When:	Departing Gawler on 12 May
Trip Leader:	Wayne and Sandra, Roy and Bronwyn
More Info	

Sunday 11th June 2023	King's Birthday Weekend	Five Ferries Poker Run
Trip Details:	Meandering the Murray River, crossing ferries at Swan Reach, Walker Flat, Mannum, Tailem Bend, Wellington	
Where:	Along the Murray	
Cost:	Your cost at The Hall Cafe, Wellington East	
Meet:	8.30am Angaston Main Street by Memorial Reserve	
When:	Sunday 11h June, 2023	
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601	
More Info	<p>Crossing 5 ferries, receive a card at each stop. Prize for winning hand! Morning Tea at Swan Reach, bring tea/coffee plus morning tea to share. Pack a picnic lunch for yourself down by the river at Murray Bridge. Afternoon tea stop at The Hall Cafe, Wellington East. UHF radio & FULL tank of fuel before meeting point</p>	

Sunday 23rd July 2023	Christmas in July
Trip Details:	Christmas in July Lunch at Sevenhill Hotel
Where:	Sevenhill
Cost:	<p>\$25/ per head for 2 hour Farmstead tour, tea/coffee and scones with jam & cream.</p> <p>Your cost at Sevenhill Hotel lunch and drinks.</p>
Meet:	9.00am SHARP - Tarlee (in town by toilets)
When:	Sunday 23rd July, 2023
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	<p>9.00am - Leave Tarlee</p> <p>10.00am - Historic Farmstead Tour of Ystalyfera settled in circa 1842. 2 hour tour. View the Jaeschke family collection of vintage tractors and memorabilia at the Heritage Centre. Walk the History Trail and see restored buildings. Includes morning tea of tea/coffee & scones with jam & cream.</p> <p>12.30pm - Sevenhill Hotel Lunch. Awarded Best Country Dining in SA 2022. Celebrating 160 years in 2023.</p> <p>https://www.sevenhillhotel.com.au/menu/</p>

**16-18 September
2023****Jamestown**

Trip Details:	Visiting Jamestown and surrounds
Where:	Jamestown, South Australia
Cost:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Park Caravan Park - Powered site \$30/night (2pp) Cabin \$120/night (2pp). • Penn Glass \$10/head (including afternoon tea) • Your cost at Commercial Hotel Saturday night. • Your cost at Jamestown Bakery • Jamestown Museum \$5.00 Adults, Students \$1.00
Meet:	Tarlee - Saturday 9.00am (in town by the toilets)
When:	Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th September and optional Monday 18th September, 2023
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	<p>Saturday - Visiting Penn Glass collection, Dinner at Commercial Hotel, Sunday - visiting Caltowie, Appila Springs, Tarcowie, Yatina Gorge, Yatina, Yongala, Loudon Brae School. Optional on Monday - Jamestown Bakery morning tea, Jamestown Museum.</p> <p>https://www.theparkjamestown.com</p>

**24 – 26 November
2023****Christmas Party**

Trip Details:	We know where and when, so add to your diaries
Where:	Port Hughes
Cost:	TBA
Meet:	TBA
When:	24 – 26 November 2023
Trip Leader:	Social Committee
More Info	<p>10% discount to Club members for Powered sites and Cabins. Just mention "Gawler 4WD Club" when booking.</p> <p>https://www.big4.com.au/caravan-parks/sa/yorke-peninsula/port-hughes-tourist-park</p> <p>Phone 8825 2106</p>

GUEST SPEAKERS

	<p><i>These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:</i></p>	
	<p>March 2023</p>	<p>Ethan White</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.



Check our FAC

EBOOK link as well. www.facebook.com/GawlerandDistricts4WDClub

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

<p>◆◆ March ◆◆</p>
<p>Quenton</p>
<p>Sandra JH</p>
<p>Lyn</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.

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)

20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY MUGS

Please support your club and purchase one of our 20 year Anniversary Mugs.

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



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.

March	April	May
Keryn and Brenton	Roger	Quenton and Deb
Joann and Pete	Stephen and Lisa	Peter and Sandra



Stickers For Sale – Only \$2.00 each
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See Quenton at the General Meeting



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WHERE AM I



Answer on Page 20

PAYING YOUR SUBS BY EFT

Did you know that you can pay your membership subscriptions of \$60 by EFT?

The club bank details are:

Account Name: Gawler & Districts 4WD Club

BSB: 105-109

Acc no 018030740

Ref: Surname + 2023

If you do pay by EFT, please email a receipt Treasurer Wayne,
treasurer@gawler4wd.com.au, so he can update the club records.

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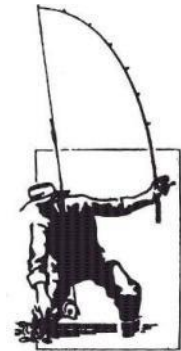
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TOWNS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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:

HAWKER

Prior to the arrival of Europeans, the area was home to the Banggarla and Adnyamathanha Aboriginal people. An important Aboriginal art site is located in the Yourambulla Caves Historic Reserve just South of Hawker. Aboriginal paintings, for which ochre was used can be seen here, although access is limited as it is on private property.

From as early as the 1850's such stations as Arkaba, Holowiliena, Warcowie, Wilpena and Wonoka were established in the area. A small settlement, Hookina was laid out just north of the present site of Hawker and the Hookina Inn opened in 1861.

The town of Hawker was surveyed during March 1880 and was proclaimed on 1 July, 1880 to serve the railway which reached the town in June, 1880. It was named after George Charles Hawker (1818 -1895) who, along with two brothers, established Bungaree Station near Clare in 1841. He was a member of parliament from 1858 until his death (with a brief spell when he returned to England for a period). At the time of his death he was about to be knighted; this was awarded posthumously and his widow was known as Lady Hawker until her death in 1901. A wealthy Pastoralist, he was known as a good employer. Bungaree Station is now home to 4th, 5th and 6th generations of the Hawker family.

A timber Railway Station was built in 1880, burnt down in 1884 and the present stone Railway Station (pictured) was built in 1885 (similar to the Beltana station) along with a stone goods shed and water tank. The railway was active until the line was moved west of the town in 1956 and from then until 1970 was only used for rail traffic of goods and passengers to Quorn. From then it fell into disrepair until



1989 when the station was renovated to open the Old Ghan Restaurant. The old timber floor in the goods shed was used for the table tops in the dining room and still operates as a restaurant today.



Blocks of land near the railway station were highly sought after for businesses to quickly establish themselves. The prime corner block was sold for £246 for the Royal Hotel (now Hawker Hotel - pictured) and opened in 1882. The block selected for the Wonoka Hotel was £147. This hotel closed in the 1950's and was demolished in the 1970's as it was riddled with white ants. The General Store block was sold for £100 and was built mainly from iron and timber and is now The Flinders Food Co cafe

(pictured)(We visit for lunch on the "Tasting the Flinders" week-end). By 1886 the town's population was 350.

Wheat was successfully grown early on in the district and by 1884 two flour mills were operating in the town. Several droughts were experienced in the 1880's although 1889 had 550mm and the farmers experienced bumper crops. The store room of one of the mills was used for social occasions such as dances before the Institute Committee built their own Institute in 1893. Severe dust storms and dry years combined with good wool prices in the 1950's saw most farmers



rely on raising sheep and wool. Now only one farmer attempts to grow wheat in the Hawker area.

The Hawker Post Office and Telegraph Office was built in 1882 at a cost of £841. The Hawker school was built in 1883 designed for 60 students. The Wesleyan Methodist Church was built in 1884, the Church of England was built in 1889 and the Catholic Church in 1892.

Hawker had a licensed maternity home registered as a `Lying-in-Home` from 1897 until 1928, which was run by Mrs Lucy Ward. It was also known as The Gables and nearly 500 babies were born at the home before the Great Northern War Memorial Hospital opened in 1924, now known as the Hawker Memorial Hospital.

Hawker is known as "The Hub of the Flinders Ranges" and a "Heritage Walk" brochure is available from Hawker Motors Tourist Information Office to explore the town on foot.

[Quenton]

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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 Quenton by close of November General meeting
- (f) Late entries will not be accepted

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

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 Quenton 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!!!

CONGRATULATIONS QUINTON

Life Membership has been awarded to Quinton for his significant contribution to the Gawler and Districts 4WD Club. Quinton is a founding member of the club and has served in a number of roles over the 20 year life of the club.



Quinton was presented with his Life Membership Certificate and membership badge by Vice President Pete

GENERAL INFORMATION

RAWNSLEY PARK HISTORY

Rawnsley Park Station, on the southern face of Wilpena Pound, was settled as part of Arkaba Station in 1851. Arkaba, Wilpena and Aroona were the first pastoral leases settled in the Central Flinders Ranges. The initial pastoral leases were granted for a period of 14 years by the Colony of South Australia for what was then known as 'unoccupied waste lands'.

In 1953 Clem Smith purchased the portion of Ulowdna comprising 6253 acres. In 1963, another parcel (Section 9, Hundreds of Warcowie comprising 1200 acres) was purchased to make up the 7453 acres and the land was renamed Rawnsley Park Station. The property is now 29,000 acres, including part of the neighbouring Arkapena and Prelinna Stations, which was added in 2009.

The name Rawnsley comes from Rawnsley Bluff, the southern tip of the pound. This, in turn, was named after HC Rawnsley who arrived from England under false pretences claiming to be a surveyor. Rawnsley spent three months supposedly surveying from Mt. Remarkable to Wilpena before he was recalled by the Colonial Government. We will never know if the prominent landmark or the deception of the man was responsible for the naming of Rawnsley's Bluff.

In 1968 the first cabin was erected and sheep shearing demonstrations began. Originally tourism was developed as a sideline to grazing, however, tourism is now the major enterprise at Rawnsley Park.



[Quenton]

ANSWER TO "WHERE AM I"

The Old Black Rock Station Woolpress, Orroroo main Street

This Woolpress was made in England circa 1840 and shipped to Black Rock Station in the 1850's. Black Rock Station was then owned by John Williams. The property sheared up to 30,000 sheep each year. It is unique in that it is operated by up to four men or boys turning a life-size screw while on a platform high above the press. Early research suggests it may be the only one of its kind in existence. After a two year restoration by volunteers Dean and Brian Keatley with community raised funds, it now sits in a purpose build building in the main street of Orroroo. We will visit this on the March long week-end.

[Quenton]

BACK PAGE FUNNIES

When does a joke become a "Dads joke".

When it becomes apparent.

What do you call a bull asleep?

A Bulldozer.

What do you call a man without a body or nose?

Nobody nose.

The past the present and the future walked into a bar - it was tense.

What does idk stand for?

Everyone I ask says I don't know.

I have two dogs named Rolex and Timex.

They are both watch dogs.

Why don't ants ever get sick?

They have little antibodies.

What do you call a hippies wife?

Mississippi.