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4WD Club Newsletter

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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

	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		5	3		5	2		4	1	
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NOTE: DEADLINE TIME - All newsletter articles to the Editor before Committee Meeting date

Dates for 2023

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 at this meeting is Kath. She will be showing us and talking about photos of historic Churches around the state. A little different to our normal speakers, but I am sure you will find her hobby fascinating.

If you would like to join us on the Nilpena Ediacara trip following on from our Jamestown week-end, please ensure you book your own tickets for the Wednesday tour, 20th September as per instructions under "events" in the newsletter. As a new attraction, tickets book out fast.

Wayne has organised a trip to Alawoona to see Lloyd Griffith's impressive car collection for Sunday 1st October. For those wishing to make a week-end of it, please book Karoonda Caravan Park online **ASAP** as it is a long week-end. If you haven't seen the silo art and night time projection, it is worth staying. See details in this newsletter and on our website. This is a collection not normally open to the public, so even if you decide to come just for the day, I am sure you will enjoy it!

Make sure you put your names down for the "Ladies Trailer/Caravan Reversing Training Day". This training will be subsidised by the Club, and we will have exclusive use of the property so if you can attend it will be well worthwhile. Training will be by a female for females. Of course, you are most welcome to come along for the social side of the week-end and not take part in training. Who doesn't enjoy a camp fire and camp oven cooking! I might even cook up some scones in the camp kitchen!

Don't forget the Photo competition is on again this year. Keep taking photos at each club event you go to, and submit entries at the November General meeting at The Clubhouse, Tanunda. The "People's Choice" category will return this year too! Get clicking!!

[Quenton]

Editors Report:

Hello everyone and welcome to the September issue of the Newsletter.

Wow, the year is disappearing very quickly and before we know it, we'll be heading to Port Hughes to celebrate Christmas then Christmas itself will be just around the corner!! More details will be available in next month's Newsletter.

We are always looking for articles to include in the Newsletter so if you have anything you think might interest everyone, please forward to me or the Publisher for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

Don't forget to add your names to the Trip Sheets for those trips you are interested in and please don't leave it to the last minute. Knowing in advance, helps trip leaders plan their trips and know what to include and what to leave out.

That's it from me for another month. Enjoy the Spring weather and I'll catch you next month.

[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

**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 • \$5 per head donation for Yatina Hotel and Mannanarie Hall inspection.
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, including inspecting inside of the historic Yatina Hotel, Yongala, Loudon Brae School. Optional on Monday - Jamestown Bakery morning tea, Jamestown Museum.</p> <p>https://www.theparkjamestown.com</p>



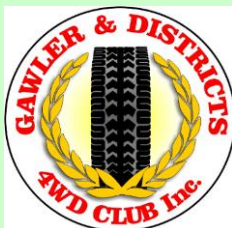
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**18-21 September
2023****Nilpena Ediacara National Park**

Trip Details:	An extension of the Jamestown weekend visiting “A Brush with Art” and the newly opened Nilpena Ediacara National Park.
Where:	Flinders Ranges
Cost:	Camping Three Creeks Station \$20 per vehicle per night (3 nights) Wood \$20 per bag. Shepherds Hut – 3 bedrooms - \$62.50 per person per night (3 nights) Cradock Hotel – Dinner – your cost food and drinks “A Brush with Art” – gold coin donation. Wednesday 20 September – Ediacara Experience Tour - \$80 per person.
Meet:	Jamestown
When:	Monday 18 September 2023
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	Staying at Three Creeks Station, Cradock. Camping – no power, shower or toilet OR share Shepherds Hut – 3 bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, lounge room. Visiting “A Brush with Art” art exhibitions at Old Wilpena Woolshed and Blinman Memorial Hall. Dinner one night at the Cradock Hotel. Nilpena Ediacara Guided Tour Wednesday 9.45 am at Nilpena station. Please book your own Nilpena tickets ASAP on link below: www.flindersrangesthrecreeksstation.com www.parks.sa.gov.au/parks/nilpena-ediacara-national-park/booking/143913 <i>PS: Please see Quenton’s information re Ediacara in the body of the Newsletter, General Information</i>



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New design stickers complete with Web
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See Quenton at the General Meeting

October Long Weekend	Alawoona Griffiths Car Collection
Trip Details:	Visiting the extensive car collection of Lloyd Griffiths on Sunday 1 October. Make it a long weekend and stay at Karoonda on Saturday and Sunday nights. If staying at caravan park recommend you book as soon as possible. Details Later
Where:	1352 Griffen Rd, Alawoona
Cost:	Karoonda Caravan Park: \$20 powered site per night Cabin No 3, "Kelpie" \$145 per night www.karoonda.com/stay/caravan-tourist-parks Your cost at Karoonda Hotel
Meet:	Gawler Visitors Information Centre
When:	Saturday 30 September (Visit car collection on Sunday 1 October)
Trip Leader:	Wayne Heintze 0432 339 213
More Info	Come for the day or option to stay Saturday and Sunday night at the Karoonda Tourist Park. Members need to book the caravan park online. Link is - www.karoonda.com/stay/caravan-tourist-parks Silo Projection night display (bring Aerogard.) Dinner on Saturday evening at Karoonda Hotel.

21/22 October 2023	Ladies Caravan/Trailer Reversing Training
Trip Details:	Caravan/trailer reverse parking training, camp oven Saturday night cooking, Sunday lunch at Allendale Hotel.
Where:	Rylands Farmstay, 330 Rylands Road, Tarlee SA 5411 (it is 8 kms east of Tarlee)
Cost:	Camping \$70 per powered site & \$50 per unpowered site (this covers from 9 am Saturday and Sunday) Training: No charge. Exclusive use of the property for weekend \$100 (paid by the Club.) The Wheatsheaf Pub at your cost.
Meet:	Tarlee – Saturday 21 October 2023 at 8.30 am
When:	Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October 2023
Trip Leader:	Quenton and Deb Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	Reverse training of trailer/caravan in your own vehicle and camper trailer/caravan. Training by a female (Helen) for females starting at 9.00 am Saturday (men will not be present at training.) Camp oven cooking for tea Saturday night. Tariff includes use of facilities in the Shearing Shed including bathroom and camp kitchen, and bonfire wood. There will be a small additional charge for wood used for the combustion stove inside the shed. Sunday lunch at The Wheatsheaf Pub, Allendale North. www.rylandsfarmstay.com.au

Friday 10th November	November General Meeting - Ten Pin Bowling & Dinner
Trip Details:	To replace November General Meeting with a social night of Ten Pin Bowling followed by a dinner
Where:	Tanunda Bowland - 89 Menge Road, Tanunda The Clubhouse - 45 MacDonnell St, Tanunda (Just behind main street)
Cost:	Game of Ten Pin Bowling - \$15.00 per person Dinner and Drinks - Your expense Main Course \$20 - \$45, Desserts \$14
Meet:	Barossa Bowland - 89 Menge Rd, Tanunda - Ready for 5.00pm Start
When:	Friday night 10th November, 2023 (To replace normal General Meeting)
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	One game of Ten Pin Bowling starting at 5.00pm at Barossa Bowland. Dinner booked for 6.30pm at The Clubhouse, Tanunda. http://www.theclubhousebarossa.com.au

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, Jo and Julie

More Info 10% discount to Club members for Powered sites and Cabins. Just mention "Gawler 4WD Club" when booking. Our preferred sites are Poolside sites.

Kris Kringle will be a goer again this year, so please supply a gift to the value of \$20 if you would like to participate. If you are bringing children with you, please supply a gift for each child to the value of \$15.

<https://www.big4.com.au/caravan-parks/sa/yorke-peninsula/port-hughes-tourist-park>

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21-29 June 2024**FARINA – please save the date****Trip Details:** Farina, SA Outback**Where:** The Farina Bakery**Cost:** TBA**Meet:** TBA**When:** 21-29 June 2024 (weather dependent)

We have tried to avoid school holidays both interstate and SA's

Trip Leader: Peter Harper 0410 526 317

More Info To follow – please think about and save the date
May be extended, all depends on weather

19-22 July**Christmas in July – Wilmington – Stoney Creek Caravan Park****Trip Details:**

A couple of nights away in southern Flinders Range to celebrate Christmas in July

Where:

Stoney Creek Caravan Park, 23 Burnett Road, Wilmington

Current Cost:

Powered sites: \$38 per night for 2. Child: extra \$5 per night
Unpowered sites: \$14 per person per night. Child: extra \$5 per night
Ensuite cabins: \$90 per night, Bunk cabins: \$60 per night
www.stoneycreekbushcamp.com

Meet:

Stoney Creek Caravan Park, Wilmington, after lunch on Friday

When:

Friday 19 July 2024 – Monday 22 July 2024
(Of course, you can come early / late or leave early / late)

Trip Leader:

Peter and Sandra {*extra information in the newsletter*}
04105260317 Pete

More Info

Friday night we will have pizzas, your cost, in the camp kitchen cooked by our wonderful hosts Kellie and Wayne.
Might be preceded by a 'sun-downer' overlooking the gulf.
Saturday, "Christmas evening" we will have a communal roast dinner cooked in the camp fire.
Kris Kringle? Yep! Chance to re-gift or start a new trend.
For those hanging around, a Bridle Track trip would work well for Sunday including lunch in Port Germain

GUEST SPEAKERS

These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:

September

Kath Leen – historic photos of Churches of SA

October

Andrew – On site Weighbridge

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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



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)

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

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 **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.

September	October	November
Philip	Brenton and Keryn	Stephen and Lisa
Robert and Pauline	Joann and Peter	Quenton and Deb

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.



TRIP REPORTS

No trip reports for this month.

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 **Karoonda**

Named for the Ngarkat Aboriginal word meaning "winter camp", Karoonda was first surveyed with the sinking of a bore in 1911. Construction of the railways between 1911 and 1914 opened up the Mallee region, and rail brought opportunity and prosperity to Karoonda and was a lifeline for transport and trade in its early years. The first train reached the town in May, 1912. Karoonda was to become an important junction with the Waikerie line heading to the North and the Peebinga line to the East. Both these branches closed in 1990, but trains continued through Karoonda until 2015. Historic railway carriages that passed through Karoonda are now on display at Pioneer Park, that the Club visited in September, 2020.

Early 20th Century farmer settlers created a thriving wheat industry and diversified into raising Merino sheep renowned for the high quality of their fleece. To celebrate this, a giant 2m tall Ram (pictured) stands proud in the main street of the town since 1997, and the Karoonda Farm Fair and Show attracts 7,000 visitors and 250 exhibitors for its annual two-day event. (I attended the inaugural 1985 event when I was managing Patersons, Murray Bridge; we demonstrated microwave ovens!)



In 1914 The Progress Association accepted the tender of the building of the Institute by Mr. W Dick. School children had their first lessons in the Institute in 1915 with just 13 pupils. In 1940 the Karoonda Area School was established - the first of its kind in South Australia. Ten years later there were 230 students.

The Karoonda Hotel opened in 1915 (pictured on opening day). It was extended in 1927, 1930 and

again in 1961. The Club will enjoy a meal at the Hotel over the October week-end.

With the arrival of the railways, a new Post Office was planned and an elaborate Post Office and Postmasters residence was built at the cost of £4,000 and opened in 1925 (pictured). It was later stated by the Deputy Postmaster General that such an elaborate building would not now have been approved for such a small town. In 1925 there were just 11 phone subscribers in the town. Interestingly, Karoonda was the last town in the state (1988) to go to an automatic telephone exchange. The manual exchange is on display in Pioneer Park.

Karoonda briefly shot to international fame in 1930 when the "Karoonda Meteorite" fell just east of the town. Adelaide residents reported a "huge ball of fire with a flaming tail" shooting across the eastern sky. Now housed in the South Australian Museum, in 2023 the Museum created a replica which is on display in the Council/ Visitor Information Office. There is an obelisk to commemorate the meteorite in the RSL Park on Railway Terrace.



The Karoonda and Districts Soldiers' Memorial Hospital was established In 1947 and opened by Sir Lyell McEwin, upgraded in 1973 and continues to provide health services today.

The towns 1964 silos were painted by street and mural artist Heesco in winter 2019. The artwork is to show local Mallee life. Animals are also a feature of the mural - which stars locals Diamond the sheep and Whiskey the kelpie as representatives of well know local icons - the sheep and trusted working dog. These award winning silos not only shows painted mural by day, but a projection show by night. The nightly projection changes each month. 1-30 September will show the art of the Karoonda Area School and 1-31 October will showcase artist Sam Songailo.

Join us when the Club stays at the delightful and well equipped Karoonda Caravan Park over the October long week-end when Wayne takes us to see the incredible car collection of Lloyd Griffiths of Alawoona and the silo art at Copeville and Galga.

One review of the Caravan Park from Tripadvisor -

This park is a hidden gem.

Beautiful green spaces for spreading out, modern camp kitchen, good range of accommodation options and a really lovely little town. The light show was excellent but we enjoyed our stay so much we were happy to stay in camp and make our own fun.

[Quenton]

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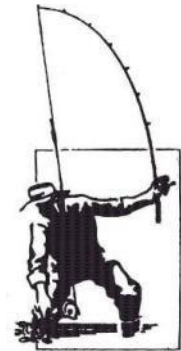
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*****PHOTO COMPETITIONS*****

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 Quenton 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 Quenton in plenty of time.



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*****TRIP REPORT COMPETITION*****

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

The committee has once again, decided to continue with the Trip Report competition this year to reward those who submit a Trip Report throughout the year!

It does not matter whether the report is long or short, serious or funny, whether you have written one or more, your name will go in the "hat" for each report that is written.

Winner will be drawn out of the collection of names at the end of the year either at the Christmas Show BBQ or at the AGM.

**So the more reports you write
the better your chances of winning!**

There will be another

Prize

so please keep-on writing!!!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Memories of Mallala in the 60's and 70's

Ford Prefect Traytop Ute

At my grandfather's shack at Port Parham it was decided a vehicle was needed to replace the old Chev Vintage car used to tow out the boats. In my grandfather's Cavan workshop, a 1948 Ford Prefect sedan was cut down into a traytop ute. A professional job was done and painted in a dark blue. As it had no doors, nanny Earl insisted on a bar being welded on the passenger side to stop us kids falling out! We had great delight in starting it as it was a two handed job - one hand holding out the choke and the other pulling out the starter knob. It had a clock in the dash and a wind-out windscreen which we thought was great! Although not registered, it used to cart all us cousins up to the kiosk for ice creams. It served us well for many years launching the boats and carting the small boat on the back for crabbing etc. It was to see the end of its days on a farm at Jarman's out from Mallala. Sadly we have no photos of this interesting "Pop Earl made" vehicle.

[Quenton]

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Mount Pleasant Caravan Park

On Saturday 12th August, 2023 I attended the official opening of the \$2.4m re-vamp of the Mount Pleasant Caravan Park now to be known as Talunga Park. This is part of the Barossa Councils "The Big Project" and made possible with a \$816,000 grant from the State Government. New roadways and kerbing and well defined generous powered and un-powered sites are now available with all new lawn areas planted. The shower and toilet block is new and well designed as is the camp kitchen. A coin operated laundry is also available. Two locally built premium cabins are available, one being fully accessible and have a nice outlook to the River Torrens. Four standard cabins have been re-located from the Nuriootpa Caravan Park and have been painted and new flooring laid and generally tidied up.

Overnight rates for 2 adults are as follows -

- Unpowered sites are \$25 per night,
- Powered sites \$40 per night, Standard Cabins, sleeping up to 4 are from \$120 per night while the Premium Cabins, sleeping up to 5 are from \$184 per night.

www.talungapark.com.au

[Quenton]



ANSWER TO "WHERE AM I"

Elder Park Rotunda

The idea of a Rotunda to sit by the newly formed Lake Torrens was suggested by the Adelaide City Council in the early 1880's. Wealthy businessman, pastoralist, parliamentarian and philanthropist Sir Thomas Elder (5 August, 1818 - 6 March, 1897. Knighted in 1878) heard of these plans while holidaying in the United Kingdom. Elder decided to donate one, so ordered one from Walter MacFarlane & Co foundry in Glasgow (bandstand Design No 225 from their catalogue) and was shipped from London in February, 1882. Elder contributed £100 to the site construction. It is constructed of decorative wrought iron with a zinc roof. The granite steps around the base came from Granite Island at Victor Harbor. The Elder Rotunda was officially opened at 8pm on 28 November, 1882 in what was called "Rotunda Park"; the name of the park was changed in 1907 to honour Sir Thomas Elder. The Elder Park Rotunda was completely restored in 2015. The large rotunda at the Adelaide Zoo was also presented as a gift to the city in 1884 by Sir Thomas Elder and was called the "Thomas Elder Rotunda". The rotunda at the zoo (believed to be the largest in Australia) was made locally by G E Fulton and is one of the oldest structures at the zoo.

[Quenton]



FRIDAY FUNNIES

Meridian Mirth

What would the newsletter be without a dose of humour?

It is claimed that there are many benefits from having a good laugh. Hopefully, you will enjoy these.

Bill is working away from home one winter's morning and the weather's very, very cold outside. Suddenly he receives a text message from his wife, Jane.

The message reads, "Windows frozen; won't open."

Naturally, Bill wants to ensure his wife doesn't experience any major problems whilst he's away, so he sends an immediate response. His message reads, "Carefully pour some warm water over it and then gently tap the edges with a hammer."

Thinking he's done all he needs to do to resolve Jane's problem, Bill gets on with his busy schedule.

However, within minutes, he gets another message from Jane, which reads, "The computers really messed up now!"

An elderly man had owned his large farm in Louisiana for many years.

Right at the back of the farm, there was a large pond that was ideal for swimming. The old farmer had fixed it up real nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts and some apple and peach trees.

One evening the farmer decides to go down to the pond, to look it over, as he hadn't been down there for a while.

Before setting off, he grabs a five-gallon bucket as he decides he'll bring back some fruit.

As he nears the pond, he can hear voices shouting and laughing with glee. Clearly, someone is having a good time.

As the farmer gets closer, he can see a bunch of young women who are clearly skinny-dipping in his pond.

He makes the women aware of his presence and immediately they all swim over to the far end.

One of the women then shouts, "We're not coming out until you leave mister!"

The farmer replies, "Ladies, I didn't come down here to watch you swim naked or make you get out of the pond. You carry on."

The wily old-timer then holds up his bucket and says, "I just came down here to feed the alligators!"

A man visited his doctor, and the doctor checked him over before saying "You obviously get a lot of exercise."

The man replied, "Oh yeah, in fact, just the other day I walked 5 kilometres over rugged terrain as I climbed over rocks and trees. I also waded along the edges of a lake, pushing my way through tall thistles and sliding down sandy slopes whilst getting sand in my eyes."

The doctor was quite impressed, "Well you are certainly a dedicated outdoor enthusiast."

The man replied, "Not really doctor, I'm just a really bad golfer."

A taxi passenger tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question.

The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the footpath, and stopped inches from a shop window.

For a second, everything was quiet in the cab. Then the driver said, "Look, mate, don't ever do that again. You scared the living daylights out of me!"

The passenger apologized and said, "I didn't realize that a little tap would scare you so much."

The driver replied, "Sorry, it's not really your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver — I've been driving a funeral van for the last 25 years."

PUBLIC ACCESS ROUTES

Public Access Routes (PARs) provide public access over pastoral leasehold land, from public roads or tracks to points of public interest, which in some cases include parks and reserves, without the need for travellers to seek permission to travel along these routes. PARs are not part of the formal road network; they are unsealed and unformed dirt tracks intended to provide four-wheel drive access in dry conditions only.

The Minister for the Pastoral Act manages 14 PARs in the desert parks area:

- Curdimurka
- Strangways Springs
- Lake Cadibarrawirracanna
- Tallaringa
- Lake Eyre/Kati Thanda - Halligan Bay Point
- Lake Eyre/Kati Thanda – Level Post Bay
- Old Peake
- Pedirka
- Arckaringa Hills
- K1 Warburton Crossing Track
- Walkers Crossing
- Algebuckina Bridge
- Beresford Bore
- Mungerannie Bore

Camping on PARs

Camping is permitted (temporarily) on PARs. Camping is not allowed on pastoral leasehold land without the permission of the lessee. If the lessee grants permission to camp on the lease, you must not camp within one kilometre of homesteads or other buildings and not within 500 metres of stock watering points.'

Travelling on PARs

PARs are unsealed, unformed, dirt tracks designed for 4WD use in good weather only and should therefore be treated with caution. The following tips will help you to travel safely:

- • Use a high clearance 4WD
- • Caravans and trailers are not recommended
- • Beware of washouts, corrugations and other road hazards
- • Beware of wandering stock – these routes are not fenced and are usually part of the network of tracks used by lessees to manage their pastoral properties
- • Drive to road conditions
- • Leave gates as you find them
- • In case of emergency ensure you have adequate food and water, and appropriate communication devices, and in the event of a breakdown stay with your vehicle.
- • Tracks may temporarily close as required (i.e., due to rain), so ensure you check prior to leaving at www.dit.sa.gov.au/OutbackRoads.

Please avoid travel during or immediately after rain - this can cause significant damage to the track and put others that follow at risk. It can also cost many thousands of dollars to make basic road/ track repairs.

Travelling through pastoral land

In the South Australian outback, most land not in the Department for Environment and Water's parks and reserve system is pastoral leasehold land. If you wish to travel through pastoral property on tracks that are not PARs or main public roads or tracks, then prior approval from the pastoral lessee of the respective pastoral lease must be obtained.

Before heading out to a PAR, please check the Desert Parks Bulletin website for closures or alerts associate with the PAR <https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/know-before-you-go/desert-parks-bulletin> and the [Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure's special notices page](#).

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