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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

*We wish you all a very Merry Christmas
and a safe, happy and healthy New Year.
See you in 2024*

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 \$65 per vehicle/family, plus \$10 joining fee.



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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

2023		2024									
<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Dec</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Ju</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>
General	8		9	1	12	10	14	12	9	13	
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NOTE: DEADLINE TIME - All newsletter articles to the Editor before Committee Meeting date

Public Holiday Dates for 2024

Australia Day, Friday 26 January: Good Friday 29 March, Easter Sunday 31 March, Easter Monday 1 April:

ANZAC Day Thursday 25 April: King's Birthday Monday 10 June: Labour Day Monday 7 October: Christmas Day Wednesday 25 December, Boxing Day/Proclamation Day Thursday 26 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:

Our next meeting is our AGM. Please bring a plate of supper to share. We are looking for a new Treasurer to take over from long-time committee member Wayne. Please consider contributing to your Club by nominating for this role. Talk to me, or any committee member about joining the committee - I don't want to wait to the night of the AGM! This role is not onerous, especially with the use of EFT, and you will get plenty of help. Thank you to Wayne for performing the role of Treasurer brilliantly for a number of terms. Ring my mobile on 0407 604 601 or email me at qdld@bigpond.com to discuss taking on this role for 2024/2025.

A big THANK YOU to Jo and Julie for running the Xmas week-end at Port Hughes; with nearly a 100% Club turnout, it was a fun week-end! Also thank you to Jo and Julie for taking on the role again in 2024. We are already talking about the 2024 week-end. So watch this space!

Remember Christmas raffle tickets are available for just \$2 each. To be drawn at the AGM.

There is no meeting in January. Guest Speaker for February will be Kath Leen talking about her interesting hobby of photographing churches around the state and our own Tas will be speaking to us in March.

Deb and I hope you and your families have a great Christmas and New Year holiday period and please be safe on the roads.

[Quenton]

Editors Report:

Hello everyone and welcome to the final edition of the Newsletter for 2023. Don't know about you, but to me 2023 disappeared very quickly.

We have now included the details for the Spear Creek weekend in March - please see "coming Events" for all details.

The December meeting, as Quenton has mentioned above, is the AGM, please bring a plate to share after the meeting.

We would also like to add our thanks to Jo and Julie for the weekend Christmas trip to Port Hughes. It was fantastic and what a great time was had by all. It was a complete success. Thank you ladies.

Pete and I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy New Year. Please take care on the roads if you are travelling as we'd like to see you back in 2024 to join us on some of the proposed trips.

Have a lovely break with your families.

[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

13-17 March 2024 **Spear Creek Holiday Park**

Trip Details:	Staying at Spear Creek Holiday Park. 4WDing and Touring in the area.
Where:	Bouly Road, Woolundunga, SA Approx. 3 hours from Gawler
Cost:	6 powersites reserved at \$24 per night
Meet:	**TBA**
When:	13-17 March 2024
Trip Leader:	Robert Tonkin, 0421 603 767
More Info	Grade of trip - Easy Spear Creek 4WD tracks, Proby's grave and Simmonston, Gordon and Kanyaka Ruins, Hancocks Lookout. Property facilities: Camp kitchen, dining hall, coffee and snack trailer, general store stocking Spear Creek lamb, local wines, Flinders gin and other necessities. Community Dinner and entertainment arranged by us.

Friday 5th April, 2024 **Clare Historic Main Street Walk**

Trip Details:	A walk along the historic main street of Clare, learning about the buildings, visiting the original Institute building and learning about Dr. Bain, a important individual in Clare's history.
Where:	Main Street, Clare. South Australia
Cost:	Your cost for coffee and cake - Olive Bus, Clare Visit Dr Bain's house - \$5/head donation Your cost at Lunch - The Bentleys Hotel, Clare
Meet:	Meet Tarlee 9.00am in parking bay (by toilets)
When:	Friday 5 April 2024, 9am
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl Ph 0407 604 601
More Info	10.00am coffee and cake at The Olive Bus, Clare. 11.00am walk of the Clare main street and learn the history of the many stunning historic buildings and one of Clare's characters, Dr JWD Bain and visit the original Institute building. Lunch at The Bentleys Hotel, Clare.

**Sunday 19th May
2024****Mystery History Day Trip**

Trip Details:	Touring the backroads of the Barossa
Where:	Barossa Valley
Cost:	Morning Tea - Your cost at Café Winery - Tasting - 4 wines \$10/ head (redeemable on purchase 3+ bottles) Lunch - Your cost food and drink.
Meet:	Gawler Visitor Information Centre – TBA
When:	Sunday 19th May, 2024
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	Travelling the backroads of the Barossa Valley learning re history and inspections on the way. Cafe morning tea, Winery visit, Pub style dining for Lunch - opportunity to purchase a coffee in the afternoon

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

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

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 { <i>extra information in the newsletter</i> } 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

	<i>These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:</i>	
	December	AGM
	February 2024	Kathleen – Historic Churches of SA
	March 2024	Tas – "Bedtime story"

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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



◆◆ December ◆◆
Peter C

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)

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.

December	February	March
Pete and Sandra	Martin	Roy and Bronwyn
Wayne and Sandra	Bob and Cindy	Chris and Julie

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 -Saddleworth

Prior to European settlement in the area this area was home to the Ngadjuri people. Right up to 1900 there was still corroborees held in the Belvidere Ranges. As early as 1840, James Masters owned a large area of land from Riverton to Saddleworth to Auburn. He built a homestead just north of Riverton and called it "Saddleworth Lodge" after his home land in Yorkshire. An out-station called Stone Hut was on one of the routes from the Burra mines and here a tavern called the Stone Hut Tavern was built in 1846. The small tavern could not cope with the increase in patronage and in 1847 a new two storey 14 roomed hotel was built and called the "Saddleworth Hotel". It was renamed in 1862 to "Stuarts Hotel" (after explorer John McDouall Stuart) . Now demolished, it was situated just north of the Institute. Masters sold town blocks in 1852 and this was the start of the town Saddleworth. The first street names were taken from harness parts - Saddle, Bridle, Whip, Spur, Stirrup, Nit, Curb, Rein and Girth.

Ernst Siekmann and John Moule built a General Store in 1859 in the north end of town. (the oldest building still standing in Saddleworth, now the Museum). The National Bank also traded in this store. Their business was very successful and both families built beautiful homes in Curb street (Siekmann's home pictured, later to become the Elders branch managers house). They also opened branches in Caltowie and Spalding. Next door was built the Railway Hotel in 1869. It was named this as the railway was expected to come to this side



of town by the new hotel. As it happened, the railway was built to the east of the town with the Railway Station some distance from the hotel! Only in 1976 was the Railway Hotel name changed to the present day Gilbert Valley Hotel. The Exmouth Hotel was opened in the main street in the south end of town, with an extravagant Ball in December, 1869. In 1942 its name was changed to the Saddleworth Hotel and is currently closed. Also in the main street a large two storey shop was built in 1869. Bee and Hill traded in this store for many years and in recent times was a Eudunda Farmers Co-Op store.

The Saddleworth Institute was built in 1873. Renowned Auburn stonemason Joseph Meller was awarded the contract. The imposing facade was added at a later date. (currently the council is debating selling this community building). A Police station and cells were built in 1877 and after 100 years this Police station closed in 1977. After lengthy discussions a new Post Office was built in 1878 located centrally between the northern and southern sections of the town. Huppatz blacksmith shop was converted to a motor garage (as did many blacksmiths when cars were introduced) and became J. Huppatz Motor garage selling Ford

model T cars. The building was renovated in 1926 and went on to sell Chevrolet and Oldsmobile cars and later, Holden cars.



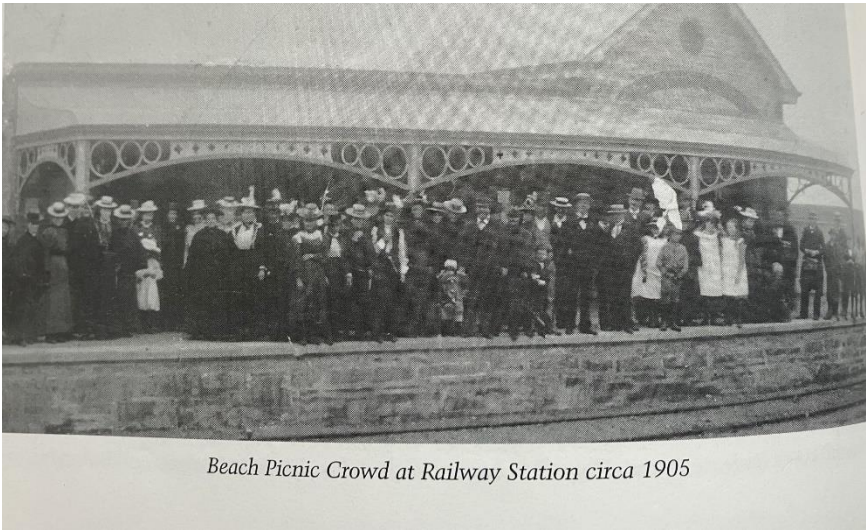
James Masters donated land for a Primitive Methodist Church and the foundation stone was laid in 1861. This new building was also used as a school until 1870. The St Stephen's Catholic Church had its foundation stone laid in 1867. The Baptist Church was opened in 1870. St Aidans Anglican Church was built in 1894 (the congregation formerly met in the Institute) and was designed by honorary architect Mr William K Mallyon, the manager of the National Bank, Port Pirie. Working after hours without training or payment, he planned and specified 26 Anglican Churches. It is said the Saddleworth church (pictured) was his greatest triumph in design.

In 1865-66 Ernst Siekmann built a steam flour mill. Edwin Palmer rented and ran the Mill, buying it off Siekmann for £1020 in 1873. Palmer planted trees alongside the road from the main street to his Mill. Interestingly the Mill has been turned into

two houses including a two storey home on the southern entrance to the town. (pictured).

The contract to build a Railway Station and Goods Shed was let in 1869. This was a timber building. A new stone building with red brick quoins and a corrugated iron verandah over the platform was built in 1898 along with other new stations of identical design between Stockport and Farrell Flat. Most of these stations survive and the Club has visited them on a Sunday "Rail Trail" day trip and more recently to the Mintaro/Merilden Railway station. Beach picnics were held in January and February and trains travelled from up north, through Saddleworth to Semaphore, Glenelg or Henley beach. These trains would carry around 1,000 people! (pictured C1905). Sadly the Saddleworth Railway Station was demolished in 2011.





Beach Picnic Crowd at Railway Station circa 1905

In 1870 the Saddleworth Primary School was built for £400. With the arrival of the railway, Saddleworth soon grew and a larger school was planned for £799 in 1877.

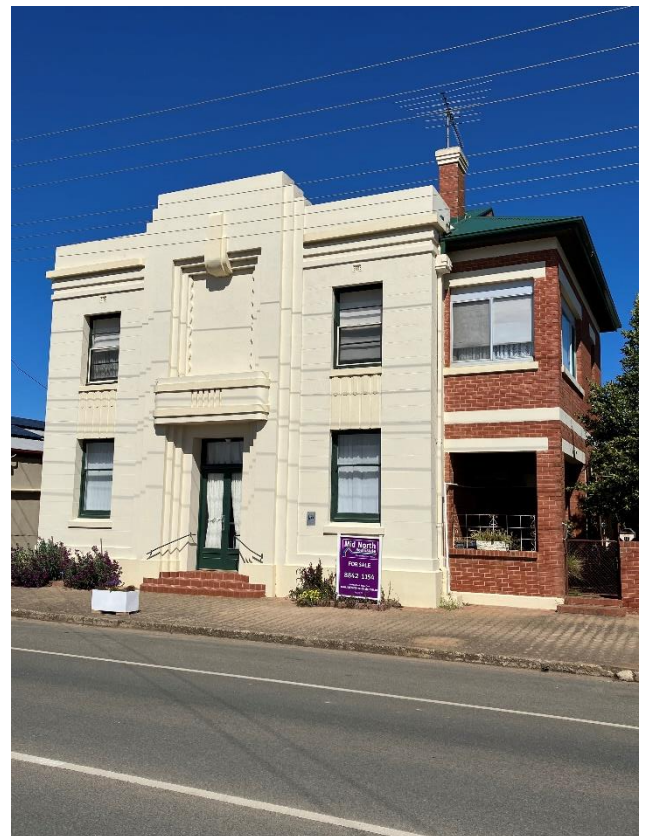
The Bank of Adelaide operated for many years from two rooms in the Eudunda Farmers building. In 1938 the then manager Mr LJ Burton was

instrumental in having the impressive two storey bank and residence built (pictured).

In 2016 the Foodworks supermarket, which also housed the Post Office burnt down and has not been replaced. However a new cafe "Dear Dorothy" with home-baked goodies and good coffee has opened in the 1934 butcher shop of Emil Wurst. (apt name for a Butcher!). And the Saddleworth Country Markets are worth visiting in and around the hall on the first Sunday of the month.

References - Book - "Saddleworth - Hub of the Wheel" by Elinor (Nell) Bellman 1995

"Saddleworth Historical Walk" - brochure - available from the Saddleworth Library.



[Quenton]

WHERE AM I



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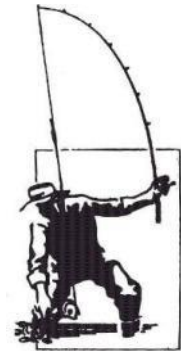
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PHOTO COMPETITION

Unfortunately, due to a very low number of entries, we have had to cancel the competition for this year.

We would like to thank Gawler Fishing and Outdoors for their sponsorship of the photo competition.

Hopefully, the competition will return in 2025



*****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!!!

WANTED

Hi everyone

If any of you have any old wall tiles other than white, broken is fine, could Julie please take them off your hands. She is involved in one of those mosaic couches and they need more stash. Contact Julie on Sieben.julie2@gmail.com or on her mobile 0407 820 480. Thank you.

[Julie]

ANSWER TO "WHERE AM I"

Bob The Railway Dog statue, main street, Peterborough. (by SA sculptor Silvio Apponyi)

As a young pup in the early 1880s, he lived at the Macclesfield Hotel in the Adelaide Hills but much to the hotelier's annoyance he refused to stay home. He used to follow the men building the new railway line to Strathalbyn, but despite being brought home several times, one day he did not return.

Along with a bunch of other strays, in 1883 he found himself in a cattle truck at Terowie northward bound destined to be a rabbit catcher. But he was saved by local railway guard, William Ferry who took the dog to Petersburg (now Peterborough). With his new owner and new name 'Bob', he began travelling the line, jumping on and off trains as the mood took him. It's reported that he not only journeyed interstate, but also took short trips on trams and even on Murray steamers. Bob's fame spread far and wide, both here and overseas being described as the 'best known dog in Australia' in one British newspaper. He was much loved by the railwaymen of SA who organized a special leather collar to be made for him with an engraved brass plate reading 'stop me not, but let me jog, for I am Bob the Driver's Dog'.

His legendary status meant that his death in 1895 was reported and mourned widely.

If you feel a need to 'jog' like Bob, you can follow in his pawmarks around South Australia - he is remembered in Terowie through some interpretive signage; his statue proudly sits in front of the Town Carriage in Peterborough while his collar can be seen at the National Railway Museum, Port Adelaide. His oil painting portrait even hangs in Hindmarsh Folk Museum (recently restored by Artlab). A great children's book "Bob the Railway Dog" is available by author Corinne Fenton, ideal for 5-9 year olds.

The following poem about Bob was published in the "Advertiser" 17th August, 1895.

Home-keeping dogs have homely wits,
 Their notions tame and poor;
 I scorn the dog who humbly sits
 Before the cottage door,
 Or those who weary vigils keep,
 Or follow lowly kine;
 A dreary life midst stupid sheep
 Shall ne'er be lot of mine.

For free from thrall I travel far,
 No fixed abode I own;
 I leap aboard a railway car;
 By everyone I'm known;
 Today I'm here, tomorrow brings
 Me miles and miles away;
 Borne swiftly on steam's rushing wings,
 I see fresh friends each day.

Each driver from the footplate hails

My coming with delight;
I gain from all upon the rails;
A welcome ever bright;
I share the perils of the line
With mates from end to end,
Who would not for a silver mine
Have harm befall their friend

Let other dogs snarl and fight,
And round the city prowl,
Or render hideous the night
With unmelodious howl.
I have a cheery bark for all,
No ties my travels clog;
I hear the whistle, that's the call

For Bob, the driver's dog.

[Quenton]

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GENERAL INFORMATION – HISTORICAL ‘FACTS’ ABOUT CHRISTMAS



Some historical facts about those Christmas traditions we take for granted

Christmas Presents: It is believed the tradition of exchanging gifts at Christmas time began with the story of the Three Magi who offered the Christ child frankincense, gold and myrrh. Since then, giving has worked its way into many stories. St Nicholas and his friends were known for their charity. Gift giving in their honour started in the thirteenth century when provincial French nuns gave presents to poor children on 6 December, St Nicholas’s feast day. In some places in Europe presents are still given at this time. However, in most places, gifts are exchanged on either 24 or 25 December.

Christmas Puddings: According to research by Britain’s largest producer of Christmas puddings, the Christmas pudding originated as a fourteenth century “porridge” called frumentary made by boiling beef and mutton with raisins, currants, prunes, wines and spices. It was often more like soup and was eaten as a fasting dish before the festivities. By 1595 the frumentary was evolving into plum pudding, having been thickened with eggs, breadcrumbs and dried fruit and flavoured with ale and spirits. It became the Christmas dessert but the Puritans in 1664 banned it. However, George I tasted and enjoyed it and re-established it as part of Christmas in 1714, despite objections by Quakers. By Victorian times Christmas puddings had evolved into something similar to the ones enjoyed today.

Many superstitions have surrounded the Christmas pudding. One states that the puddings should be made by the 25th Sunday after Trinity, prepared with 13 ingredients to represent Christ and his Disciples, and that every member of the family must take a turn at stirring the pudding with a wooden spoon from east to west in honour of the Three Kings.

Xmas: The spelling of Christmas as ‘Xmas’ comes from the Greek letter ‘x’ (shi), the first letter of Xristos, meaning Christ. Scribes, who abbreviated words to save time and cut down on the use of parchment, often used this letter ‘X’ for Christ. Eventually, the usage became traditional in many places. Later, some people mistakenly believed that the ‘X’ represented a St Andrew’s cross, while others thought Jesus Christ’s name was too sacred to be written in full.

Santa Claus/Saint Nicholas: The origin of the story of Saint Nicholas goes back as far as a legend in the fourth century which personifies Santa as a holy man named Nicholas. He entered the priesthood as a teenager and later became a Bishop. It is claimed he performed miracles. He was made a saint after his death. The anniversary of his death, 6 December, became a feast day on the church calendar. He became the patron saint of many people and it was claimed he roamed the earth on his feast day every year leaving sweets and trinkets in children’s shoes. Thomas Nast, a cartoonist, depicted the saint in a red suit for Harper’s Weekly in 1863. This concept of Santa has remained unchanged.

Christmas Trees: Of all Christmas traditions, having a tree in the home is probably the most universally accepted. Decorating the tree began in the sixteenth century at the time of Martin Luther. He took a fir tree home and put candles on it to symbolize the starry night in Bethlehem when Christ was born. In 1776

German soldiers taking part in the American War of Independence brought the custom to America. Britain had to wait until 1840 when the German born Prince Albert, who married Queen Victoria, set up a tree for their children at Windsor Castle and popularized the idea. The custom slowly spread.

Reindeer: It is thought by some that Scandinavians may have spread the idea of Christmas reindeer to other parts of the world. Reindeer became famous after Dr Clement Moore's poem of 1823, in which Dancer, Prancer, Donder and the other reindeer were introduced as the animals who pulled Santa's sleigh. Goodies such as apples and carrots etc left out for the reindeer, continuing the old custom of kindness at this time.

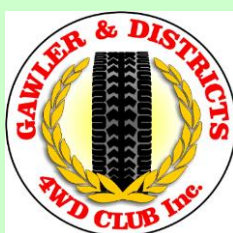
Boxing Day: In many countries, especially Britain and the Commonwealth countries, the day after Christmas is known as Boxing Day. Although similar customs can be traced back as far as ancient Rome, its modern origin comes from the tradition of giving apprentices and other tradesmen a gift in a box in appreciation of their service throughout the year. Boxes were also placed in churches as a symbol of charity and their contents distributed to the needy on the day following Christmas which came to be known as Boxing Day

The Chimney: As children we are charmed by the idea of a very fat Santa making his way down the chimney without getting stuck. All sooty or, worse still, burnt by the fire. The image was popularized by the American scholar Clement Moore in his famous 1822 poem 'A visit from St Nicholas.' The idea of entering a home via the chimney dates from prehistoric times, when people lived underground and their smoke hole doubled as both the entrance and the exit..

Fruit mince: The name mincemeat is now a misnomer and the symbolism of these little pies has been forgotten. However, they are still a favourite Christmas treat. Mincemeat originally described a mixture of dried fruit that was added to leftover meat to make it go further. The mixture was used to make oblong pies, reminiscent of the crib in the stable in Bethlehem. A crust top with a small pastry doll representing the Christ child was placed in a hollow in the top. The pie eventually changed to round, the meat was excluded and more fruit and nuts incorporated.

Christmas Colours: The colours red, green and white have for a long time been associated with Christmas. Red, the most exciting colour of the three, represents charity, blood and fire. Green symbolizes nature, youth and the hope of eternal life. Green holly is said to remind us of Christ's crown of thorns. The sharp pointed leaves represent his wounds and the red berries, his blood. White depicts light, purity, joy and glory. It is seen in the robes of the angels and in decorations and, in many countries, snow.

Christmas Stockings: In 300 AD a young bishop in Asia Minor became famous for his kindness. Later known as Saint Nicholas, the kind bishop often distributed gifts but didn't wait for thanks. According to one of many legends, one night he climbed onto a rooftop and dropped a gift down the chimney. The gift fell into a stocking that had been hung to dry. After this, children began leaving things such as shoes or stockings to be filled with goodies on Christmas Eve.



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

See Quenton at the General Meeting



Taken between Templers and Freeling - someone has a great imagination!! Thanks for the photo Quenton.

MEMORIES OF MALLALA IN THE 60'S AND 70'S

Ford Family

We grew up with Ford cars as a family. In fact the car that rushed Mum to the QE Hospital having me was a Ford V8 Mainline Ute (pictured) as it was faster than the family sedan (which was briefly a Vanguard with a Perkins diesel). My Pop and Nan Earl had a Ford Customline V8 bought new from the Adelaide Show Ford stand. It had a push button radio and holland blinds on the side windows - how flash! His last car was a Ford Fairlane Marquis limited edition with the big 5.8 litre (351ci) V8. We had a Ford Fairlane ZG V8 as a "Sunday" car and bowls only as we had a Ford Falcon as a run-about. Dads last car was a Ford Fairlane Ghia which was lounge chairs on wheels! Mums favourite Ford over the years was a 1963 Falcon XM, red with white roof, their first brand new car. My older brother has only owned Ford Falcons and Fairmonts and Courier/Ranger Utes. Even my younger brother still has a Falcon XR6 Ute . Most of these were traded and bought from the long established Schahinger Motors Ford dealer at Hamley Bridge.



[Quenton]

GENERAL INFORMATION

South Australian beaches to shift gear for slower, safer shores

Release date: 13/10/23

Speed limits on South Australian beaches will be reduced this summer to increase safety for all beachgoers.

From 1 December 2023, the default speed limit on beaches will be 40km/h and 25km/h within 50 metres of a pedestrian, unless otherwise signposted.

Changes to the Road Traffic Act 1961 will come into effect after a six-week education period where demerit points and fines will then apply for speeding on any of the state's drive-on beaches.

Beaches in South Australia are considered 'road related areas' which means where there is no signed speed limit, a default speed limit of 100km/h applies.

As part of the Malinauskas Government's commitment to the Road Safety Action Plan 2023-25, a review of speed limits on beaches was conducted earlier this year and found clear support from South Australians to reduce the default speed limit.

80 per cent of all respondents to a YourSAy survey were in favour of a reduction to the default speed limit, with the most preferred option being a reduction to 40km/h and 25km/h when within 100 metres of a pedestrian.

Following this consultation with the community, councils and expert stakeholders, including South Australia Police, a decision was reached to reduce the default speed limit to 40km/h and 25km/h within 50 metres of a pedestrian.

The Speed Limits on South Australians Beaches Community Engagement Outcomes Report can be viewed at

https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/speed-limits-onbeaches/news_feed/consultation-report.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS****2023 AGM**At meeting: **Friday 8th December 2023**

All positions **except President and Treasurer** are up for re-election including:-
**Vice President, Secretary, Minute Secretary, Social Secretaries, Editor & Publisher,
 Property Officer/Librarian/Trips Co-ordinator, and Welcoming Officers etc**

**Please consider nominating yourself or someone else for a position within the Club.
 We need your continued help and valued input to keep our club active and progressive.**

COMMITTEE MEMBER PORTFOLIOS

Position	Role
President/Public Officer: (Elected) Elected in Even Years - 2024	To Chair Committee & General Meetings. To be involved in the general administration of the club. To speak for and on behalf of the club. To welcome new Members.
Vice-President: (Elected) Elected in Odd Years – 2023	To stand in for the President should the need arise and to keep themselves familiar with the running of club business. To speak for and on behalf of the club
Secretary: (Elected) Elected in Even Years – 2024	To keep a record of incoming mail, answer any correspondence or respond to as required by the committee. Collate a summary of incoming and outgoing correspondence for meetings to be included in minutes from committee and general meetings.
Treasurer: (Elected) Elected in Odd Years – 2023	To keep a true and accurate record of all incoming and outgoing accounts and to pay all accounts approved by the club. To keep a record of all members. The books must be audited each year and a report is tabled and presented at the AGM.
Minutes Secretary: (Elected)	To keep a true and accurate record of all business discussed at Committee and General Meetings, and any other meetings called by the committee. Type up these minutes and email onto editor for insertion into newsletter each month. Email Committee Minutes to Committee Members.
Social Secretary/s: (Elected)	To organise a group of helpers for putting on all social functions. For organising and running all fund raising efforts within the club. To keep true and accurate financial records, to report at Committee and General Meetings on all of the above. Collect items to be raffled each month, have tea, coffee, cold drinks and supper ready for after the meeting. You are the welcoming face of the club as you are the first person the members and visitors see as they register and buy raffle tickets. This position is encouraged to be shared by 2 people.
Editor/Publisher: (Elected)	To collect material suitable for printing in the club newsletter including trip reports and photos and any information relevant to club activities, association business, and any other information to keep members informed on all matters relating to 4WDiving and our club. To organise advertising such as to compensate the production costs of producing the newsletter and upkeep costs of the Website. To organise typing, printing and uploading to Website of the newsletter. You can ask for volunteers help from the membership. Email out club Newsletter to all those on Email List before General Meeting and to other 4WD Clubs around the state.

Position	Role
Trips Co-ordinator: (Elected)	To keep a record of all information relating to any CLUB ORGANISED outing. To post any club trips in newsletter and let the members know at meetings, make sure all trips/ club outings are minuted, organise any trip that they so desire, but is not necessarily responsible for the running of all/any club trips. Help advise trip leaders on what information is required for a trip. Gawler and Districts 4WD Club Incorporated
4WDSA Delegate (Elected)	To represent the club at monthly association meetings and to report back to members all relevant information concerning club members.
Training Co-ordinator - Elected)	To organise training for club members, to keep records of all training activities and progress of all members participating.
Librarian/Property Officer: (Elected)	To maintain Club's Books, Videos, DVD's, Maps, Magazines from other clubs, general info and to retain 1 copy of each of our Club Newsletters for prosperity. Responsible for maintaining and storing all Club Property.
Committee Member/s: (Elected)	To help and undertake responsibilities as decided by the club.
Trip Leader:	Any member of the club can organise and run a Club Trip of their choice providing all aspects of trip and convoy regulations are strictly adhered to. (Refer to Club By-Laws)
Welcoming Officer/s: (Volunteers Appointed)	To make welcome any potential new members which may come to the club meetings as visitors. Answer any of their questions about the club and offer some information about the club.

Want to join the committee and have a say in the running of **your** club? It's simple, just fill out the form below and pass to the President or Secretary.

Gawler and Districts 4WD Club Committee Nomination	
Nominee	
Signature Of Nominee	
Position:	
Nominated By:	

FRIDAY FUNNIES

(thank you to Meridian Line for this contribution.)

'I'm a walking economy, you know'.

'How so?'

'My hairline is in recession, my stomach is always in inflation, and these two together bring me into a deep depression'.

"Sam walks into his boss's office and says 'Sir, I'll be straight with you, I know the economy isn't great, but I have over three companies after me, and I would like to respectfully ask for a raise.'

After a few minutes of haggling the boss finally agrees to a 5% raise, and Sam happily gets up to leave. 'By the way,' asks the boss, 'Which three companies are after you?'

'The electric company, the gas company, and phone company

After a prolonged drought when the rain came, all the animals in the forest were happy except the Kangaroo. When the others asked him what the reason was for such sadness, the Kangaroo revealed that the rain meant that all its kids would now be playing inside.

The story is told of a lady who was rather old-fashioned, always quite delicate and elegant, especially in her language. She and her husband were planning a week's vacation, so she wrote to a particular campground asking for a reservation.

She wanted to make sure the campground was fully equipped but didn't quite know how to ask about the toilet facilities. She just couldn't bring herself to write the word "toilet" in her letter. After much deliberation, she finally came up with the old-fashioned term BATHROOM COMMODE. But when she wrote that down, she still thought she was being too forward. So, she started all over again and rewrote the entire letter referring to the bathroom commode merely as the BC. "Does the campground have its own BC?" is what she actually wrote.

Well, the campground owner wasn't old-fashioned at all, and when he got the letter, he just couldn't figure out what the woman was talking about. That BC business really stumped him. After worrying about it for awhile, he showed the letter to several campers, but they couldn't imagine what the lady meant either. So the campground owner, finally coming to the conclusion that the lady must be asking about the local Baptist Church, sat down and wrote the following reply:

Dear Madam: I regret very much the delay in answering your letter, but I now take pleasure in informing you that a BC is located nine kilometres north of the campground and is capable of seating 250 people at one time. I admit it is quite a distance away, if you are in the habit of going regularly, but no doubt you will be pleased to know that a great number of people take their lunches along and make a day of it. They usually arrive early and stay late. It is such a beautiful facility and the acoustics are marvellous. Even the normal delivery sounds can be heard.

The last time my wife and I went was six years ago, and it was so crowded we had to stand up the whole time we were there. It may interest you to know that right now a supper is planned to raise money to buy more seats. They are going to hold it in the basement of the BC. I would like to say it pains me very much not to be able to go more regularly, but it surely is no lack of desire on my part. As we grow old, it seems to be more of an effort, particularly in cold weather.

If you do decide to come down to our campground, perhaps I could go with you the first time you go, sit with you, and introduce you to all the other folks.

Remember, this is a friendly community.

Sincerely, Campground Owner

And thanks to Pete H: (I just passed it on....)

Helga's Diary on a cruise ship

DEAR DIARY - DAY 1

All packed for the cruise ship -- all my nicest dresses, swimsuits, short sets. Really, really exciting. Our local Red Hat chapter decided on this "all-girls" trip. -----

DEAR DIARY - DAY 2 Entire day at sea, beautiful. Saw whales and dolphins. Met the Captain today -- seems like a very nice man. -----

DEAR DIARY - DAY 3

At the pool today. Did some shuffleboard, hit golf balls off the deck. Captain invited me to join him at his table for dinner. Felt honoured and had a wonderful time. He is very attractive and attentive. -----

DEAR DIARY - DAY 4 Won \$800.00 in the ship's casino. Captain asked me to have dinner with him in his own cabin. Had a scrumptious meal complete with caviar and champagne. He asked me to stay the night, but I declined. Told him I could not be unfaithful to my husband. -----

DEAR DIARY - DAY 5

Pool again today. Got sunburned, and I went inside to drink at piano-bar, stayed there for rest of day.

Captain saw me, bought me several large drinks.

Really is charming. Again asked me to visit his cabin for the night. Again I declined. He told me, if I did not let him have his way with me, he would sink the ship.. I was shocked.. -----

DEAR DIARY - DAY 6

Today I saved 1600 lives.

Twice

FWDSA DELEGATE'S REPORT

Well, we don't have a lot to report from the last FWDSA Delegate's meeting, but here is a summary of the key points:

President's Report:

- Driver Education:
 - The updated manual is 99% ready for release
 - The Overland club are offering an A5 sized booklet as a replacement for the original DTU checklist
 - The Education committee has a lead, David Bateup, but no meeting held yet
- FWDA Affiliation fee will increase by \$1 to cover insurance (expect that to flow to members)
- REDArc Sponsorship: REDARC have provided discounts codes for each club. Only works for on-line purchases direct from REDArc. If members are interested contact the Delegate

NRAU Report

- Looking for volunteers to assist with pepper tree eradication. More info available from your delegate
- PAR Signage project will not be going ahead due to risk issues
- FWDSA is an acknowledged stakeholder with the current PAR management review (at least we have a foot under the table)

Ngarkat Working Bee

- Next Ngarkat working be will be held on 23-24 March 2024. URL for registration being released on Friday.

Remote Area First Aid

- Will be run 16 - 18 February as Belair National Park (long way for us, but....)
- URL being released on Friday. Cost will be \$235 per person

[FWDSA Delegate, Peter H]

TRIP PHOTOS

Some photos from Port Hughes Christmas Party

