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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



Australia Day 2024

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



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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

	2024											
Meeting	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Ju	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
General		9	1	12	10	14	12	9	13	11	8	13
Committee				3	1	5	3		4	2		4
	31	21					31			30		

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

Public Holiday Dates for 2024

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 Guest Speaker at this March meeting is our own Tas with his interestingly titled talk "Bedtime Story". Sure to be interesting!

See this Newsletter for our trip to Quandong Station. If you haven't already, please book your Burra Caravan Park site **ASAP** as there is a large private event on in Burra that weekend. Ask to be near the "Earl" site near the Camp Kitchen. A great opportunity to see the workings of an outback station.

Our Christmas weekend will be held on Friday 29th November, Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December, 2024. **MARK YOUR DAIRIES.**

Also, in Spring this year we will spend a weekend in Tarcowie. During our Jamestown weekend (September 2023) we saw the old Tarcowie Hotel being restored. Closed for 14 years, this hotel has had a stunning restoration by Mark and Angela and business partner Ladio and should open late Autumn this year. We will be staying at Heggies Hill Bush Camp. Complete with the flashiest flushing toilets I've ever seen, this beautiful well treed property in the ranges has been opened up by local young farming couple Alex and Maggie . More details soon!

Subs are now due. \$65 + \$10 joining fee for new members or late payment fee. Please fill out Application/Renewal form, available to print off from our website under DOWNLOADS (and sign areas on page 1 & 2) ready to hand to Wayne along with your cars copy of insurance. PLEASE pay via Bank Transfer to make Wayne's job a lot easier. **Subs are due BY this March meeting.**

[Quenton]

Editors Report:

Hello everyone and welcome to the March edition of the Newsletter - wow, March already, where has the year gone???

As you can see from the "Coming Events" pages, we have quite a few trips planned - some are short and some are longer. If you are interested in any of them, please add your names to the Trip Sheets so that trip leaders can plan accordingly.

Pete and I enjoyed our extended road trip to Sydney, then we headed south via the east coast to Melbourne and eventually back to Adelaide - took approximately a month all up. I was amazed at how lovely NSW was south of Sydney - it was so beautiful, green and lush - testament to the amount of rain they must have had over recent months. As we headed west, the countryside changed and became much drier.

Now we have to decide which trips we are going to participate in as there are a few planned quite close together. Decisions, decisions!!!

Enjoy this beautiful weather and I'll catch you next month.

[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

13-18 March 2024 **Spear Creek**

Trip Details:	Staying at Spear Creek Holiday Park. 4WDing and Touring in area – details coming....
Where:	Bouilly Road, Woolundunga, SA
Cost:	Powered site 6 powered sites at \$24 per night
Meet:	**TBA**
When:	13=18 March 2024, approx. 3 hours from Gawler
Trip Leader:	Robert Tonkin 0421 603 767
More Info	Grade of trip: Easy Spear Creek 4WD tracks, Proby's Grave, Simmonston, Gordon and Kanyaka ruins, Hancock's Lookout. Property Facilities: Camp kitchen, dining hall, coffee and snack trailer, general store which stocks Spear Creek lamb, local wines, Flinder's Gin and other necessities. Community dinner and entertainment arranged by us.

29 Mar – 1 Apr **Easter – Mallee Tracks**

Trip Details:	Camping (caravan park or free camp) near Lameroo
Where:	Lameroo/Ngarkat and surrounds
Cost:	**TBA**
Meet:	**TBA**
When:	29 March to 1 April 2024
Trip Leader:	Robert, 0421 603 767
More Info	Visiting southern side of Ngarkat Conservation Park and surrounding areas Grade of trip: 2, 4WD knowledge.

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.

22-30 April	Western Wanderer
Trip Details:	Far West coast of WA
Where:	Visiting beaches and places of interest between Streaky Bay and Fowlers Bay
Cost:	Usual Caravan Park fees - 1 night at Streaky Bay Islands, 1 night at Smoky Bay, 1. or 2 nights at Penong. 1 night at Fowlers Bay if participants wish to tow vans that far. Self-cater for all meals. Opportunity for evening meal at Penong pub.
Meet:	To be decided.
When:	22 April. Approximately 5-7 days Itinerary and duration are flexible. Can be tailored to suit those going.
Trip Leader:	Tas, 0458 183 818
More Info	Visiting Perlubie, Haslam, Point Brown, Laura Bay, Ceduna, Denial Bay, Lake McDonnell, Cactus Beach, Point Sinclair, Windmill Display, Fowlers Bay, Point Fowler (if possible), Mystery Site, Old Yalata Station, Coorabie, Wandilla Beach, Mexican Hat former OTC Satellite Earth Station, Pildappa Rock. Trip out to Point Fowler is over sand dunes and will be subject to sand and weather conditions. Bring recovery tracks and tyre pump, if you have them. Suitable for caravans.

**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 June- 2 July
2024****FARINA – please save the date**


Trip Details:	Farina, SA Outback
Where:	The Farina Bakery
Cost:	Your cost at caravan parks or for accommodation and any lunches or dinners factored into the trip otherwise you need to be self sufficient.
Meet:	TBA
When:	21 June to 2 July 2024 (weather dependent) We have tried to avoid school holidays both interstate and SA's
Trip Leader:	Peter Harper 0410 526 317
More Info	The proposed route to Farina is via Wilmington, Port Augusta, Woomera, Roxby Downs with a side trip to the opal town of Andamooka, Maree, Farina, back via Leigh Creek, Hawker, Wilmington and Gawler. The trip will take approx.. 8-10 days depending on where and how long we stop. We are trying to find places that offer accommodation for those people who wish to come but don't have a caravan or camper trailer. More details to follow. If you are thinking of joining us, please add your name to the trip sheet so that we can gauge interest and plan accordingly. Thank you.



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

See Quenton at the General Meeting

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 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



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6 - 8 September 2024	Quandong Station
Trip Details:	Staying at Burra Caravan Park. Visiting Quandong Station - East of Burra
Where:	Burra , South Australia
Cost:	Friday - Sir Hubert Wilkins Talk - Donation Friday night - Burra Film Group - \$15 each membership (entitles 3 x films in 12 months) Saturday - Quandong Station - Talk, Morning Tea, Tour \$30/head. Sunday - Visiting the restored Farrell Flat Railway Station
Meet:	Burra Caravan Park. Friday 6 September, 2024
When:	Friday 6th, Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September, 2024
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	<p>Friday 2.00pm - Burra Town Hall. Kymm will talk to us about his life living along the Barrier Highway (including ex Publican of the Mount Bryan Hotel) and his collection of Sir Hubert Wilkins memorabilia. Friday night - Burra Town Hall - Burra Film Group - showing of classic 1953 movie "Shane". Saturday - Leave 8.00am - drive 1 3/4 hours, cross 23 stock grids to Quandong Station for 10.00am Morning Tea, Talk and Tour. Pack picnic lunch, water, hat, sturdy walking shoes/boots, etc. Suitable for AWD and 4WD. A great opportunity to learn the history and up-to-date running of an Outback Station with owner Mary Lou and Joe. Sunday - 10.00am Visit the restored Farrell Flat Railway Station with owner Dr Paul.</p> <p>www.paxtonsquareprecinct.com.au/burra-caravan-park/</p> <p>Caravan Park - Ph 0488 513 101 - Please book yourself ASAP direct (ask to be near the Earl caravan; near Camp Kitchen) \$30/ night (powered site)</p> <p>https://burramotorinn.com.au/</p> <p>Burra Motor Inn(Just over the creek from Caravan Park) Fri night \$128 Sat night \$145(King Bed, 2 Ad)</p>

15 October 2024	Tasting Campbelltown
Trip Details:	Food tasting – guided tour of Campbelltown food industries
Where:	Campbelltown
Cost:	\$70 pp
Meet:	Adelaide railway station
When:	15 October 2024
Trip Leader:	Pauline, 0422 386 202
More Info	Bus pickup and return to Adelaide railway station

GUEST SPEAKERS

	<i>These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:</i>	
	March 2024	Tas – “Bedtime story”
	April	TBA
	May 2024	Christian - Heritage Stonemason
	June 2024	"Bake-off" - First prize \$25 Cafe voucher
	July	“Surprise” (we have a plan, but can’t confirm until nearer the time....
August	Cameron - Adelaide Hills 4WD Park	

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

◆◆ March ◆◆
Quenton
Sandra JH



RAFFLE ROSTER

We ask if all members could kindly donate an item for a raffle prize each month to approx value of \$15. . Without these the raffles would have to cease. 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.

Please check below to see if your name is on the roster

March	April	May
Roy and Bronwyn	Tas	Keith and Di
Chris and Julie	Robert and Pauline	Brenton and Keryn

THE BIG "BAKE OFF" – JUNE 2024

You are all invited to submit your favourite home-made goodies for our "Bake Off" at our June 2024 meeting:



Can be sweet or savoury, Breads, scones, cakes, biscuits, slices, sausage rolls, pasties, desserts.etc.

After judging by our very experienced judges, all goodies will be shared over a selection of teas and coffee for our supper.

A \$25.00 Cafe voucher as First prize.

The Rules

Must be home-baked - no store bought goods, or packet cakes etc.

Please show your goods off on your best 'fancy' plate.

Criteria will mainly be taste, but presentation is important too.

Judges decision will be final! We don't want fights or tears!

Judges will be Pete (VP) and Q (Pres) - (We have been training our whole life for this!)

[Quenton]

PAYING YOUR SUBS BY EFT

Did you know that you can pay your membership subscriptions of \$65 by EFT?

The club bank details are:

Account Name: Gawler & Districts 4WD Club
BSB: 105-109
Acc no 018030740
Ref: Surname + 2024

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

GAWLER AND DISTRICTS 4WD WEB SITE

Have you checked out our web site lately? www.gawler4wd.com.au

Details of when meetings are to be held, what trips and events are coming up along with useful links to lots of 4WD resources are included. Read about the latest trip report or view our photo library. Of course, you can download one of our newsletters (back to Aug 2009) including our special 10th year anniversary versions.



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TRIP REPORTS

Australia Day Lunch

The Gawler & District 4WD Club Australia Day celebration began with lunch at the Hamley Bridge Hotel with eighteen members welcomed by Publicans Bryon and Kirsty and we all mingled as we all caught up with what has been happening since our December meeting.

The hotel has recently been renovated, which, by looking at the photos we saw was a mammoth task. The Hamley Bridge Hotel was also the lunch destination for two other car clubs, Barossa GM car club and the Barossa Ford car club. There were a few of our members envious of some of the cars in the car park and reminisced about them being part of their childhood.

The meal was great so thankyou Adrian (Chef) who did an amazing job with the Hotel doing 110 meals over the lunch trade.

From the Hotel it was off to the McLeod's Daughters Museum a short walk down the main street. While it had been over 20 years since it has aired on popular TV here in SA apparently international tourists are still watching the series on their local stations and Dal continues to do tours of the local area showing visitors the sites featured on the series. Here Q tried on one of Alex's shirts and hat.



The Hamley Bridge main street has undergone a remodelling and is worth a look when you're out for a drive.

From there the group followed the trip leader through the surrounding countryside and following a trail that took us alongside of the Gilbert River which was rather peaceful and somewhat green even in the middle of summer. Thanks to Matthew and Denika and Hugh for letting us travel through their properties.

Our next stop was the "The Barns" at Freeling a group of unique guest accommodation and function centre that offered amazing views of the surroundings. The heritage buildings that according to the website were used for storing chaff and farm machinery have been stunningly restored to be used as accommodation and an event space. The standout feature however must be the purpose-built silos that are self-contained suites. We also could see the large 'map' of Australia and flag ploughed in their paddock by son Harrison "Harry" Schuster. He said "It was about two hours work out in the field, but a few hours of prep work and experimentation at night" It made the TV news and newspapers Australia-wide.



The club enjoyed the respite of the verandah shade to enjoy afternoon tea and the lamingtons made by Lisa, who also made biscuits for us all in the shape of Australia and decorating with green and gold; an unexpected Australia day present enjoyed by all. Thanks Lisa!

Thanks to our Trip Leader Quenton for an enjoyable day of friendship and the chance to appreciate our wonderful landscape and thankyou to all that joined in to make it a

great day.

[Deb]

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)

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 **Gomersal**

The area was initially settled by German families in 1851-54, with a peak population during the 1860's. Originally called Neu (New) Mecklenburg after the town from where most settlers came, the name was changed to Gomersal (after a Yorkshire village which was the birthplace of South Australian Premier Archibald Peake's father) in 1918 during WWI due to anti German sentiment at the time.

Two local congregations were soon established and the Schoenborn Bethlehem Lutheran Church was built in 1856, a substantial stone building with walls two feet thick, huge timber lintels and a thatched roof on Schmaal Road. Local farmers supplied 40 bundles of hay each

year for the re-thatching of the roof prior to an iron roof being installed in 1896. This building was used as a school during the week and a church on Sundays (pictured). Originally a Lutheran school, it was taken over as a State school in 1917 and only closed in 1951. Teacher living quarters were added in 1907. This building is still in excellent condition and is a private house. The 1850's cemetery alongside the building is still owned and maintained by the congregation. A new replacement church on Gomersal Road



had its foundation stone laid in 1926 and was dedicated on 30th January, 1927 (pictured). The materials used to build this church were provided by the local residents and it is still in



use with services on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. The second church, the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, was built in 1864 on Gomersal Road, replaced with a new church that had its foundation stone laid on the 8th March, 1925, closed in 1970 and demolished due to serious salt damp problems. Only the cemetery remains.

John Dreyer built a general store and post office 1866 - 1930 (Dreyer's Store) on the corner of Gomersal Road and Lyndoch Road (pictured) and supplied the local farmers with a range of goods and had the mail contract to obtain mail thrice weekly on horseback. Dreyer came from Mecklenburg and was a qualified brewer and distiller. Gomersal didn't have an hotel, although it is probable he carried out some form of brewing from the Store as well! Mrs Schmaal was postmistress from 1901 to its closure in 1930.



The Hentschke family moved to the area in 1851. Their first living quarters was an underground dwelling built of pug with a steep thatched roof. The ruins of the second house, now just rubble, consisted of two rooms built of stone and clay. The substantial present



homestead "Woodbridge", fronting Gomersal Road behind a large hedge, was built during the 1880's with walls 20 inches thick, a bakers oven and a cellar. (pictured). A large ironstone barn was also built around this time. The farm totalled around 400 acres. Second generation Carl Friedrich Hentschke married Maria Amalie (nee Schmerl - and Deb Earl's ancestor) and lived in Gomersal all of his working life, serving as a Lay-reader

at the Schoenborn Church for 33 years, Treasurer for 22 years (one of his last duties seeing the erection of the second and present Schoenborn Church) and a member of the Freeling Council, Gomersal Ward for 12 years. Both are buried at the Gomersal cemetery.

A school picnic was held behind the Hentschke homestead each year. It was apparently a grand occasion, people from near and far attending. The school children marched from the school to the grounds, led by the Neu Mecklenburg Band. A tennis court remains behind the homestead today.

Gold was discovered in 1871 and the "Golden Belt" mine produced over 800 ounces of gold.

Christian Schoff purchased Pindarie farm from the Crown in 1854 for £253. Later it was sold to Friedrich Schwarz who was often quoted as saying "sheep have golden feet" and during the 1890's wool boom built the large bluestone homestead. Pindarie Winery has restored the homestead, stables and the grain store into a classy Cellar Door and food area.

Vines were planted in the area as early as 1887 by the Fromm family and a small winery, Gomersal Wines started producing wine, now known for its full-bodied Shiraz. Wheat and sheep were the areas main industry and now grape vines and cereal farming continue.

Local roads are named after early settlers of Gomersal - Fromm, Heinze, Hentschke, Heinrich, Brock, Schmaal, Hoklas, Lindner, etc.

There is little information on-line or in Barossa history books on Gomersal and I thank local, Margaret Nelder for her assistance in researching this history.

Quenton]

WHERE AM I



Answer on Page 19

MAMBRAY CREEK CAMPSITE IMPROVEMENTS

Mambray Creek Campsite in the Mount Remarkable National Park has always been a picturesque spot to camp. The National Parks and Wildlife Service has just completed an upgrade to the facilities to the campground. There are now two fully accessible shower blocks, each with six hot water showers and five toilets. A camp kitchen with food preparation and dishwashing facilities is now available (pictured) as well as new picnic furniture and shelters throughout the site. Campsites are now more spacious which will allow campers extra privacy to enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Including some double sites and drive-through sites, bookings are available online.

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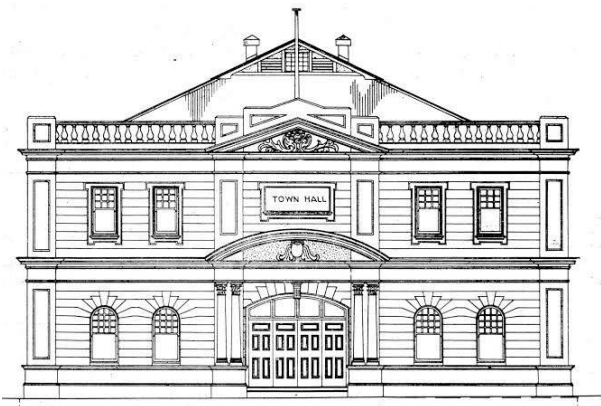


ANSWER TO "WHERE AM I"

Clare Town Hall

This "new" Clare Town Hall was built in 1925 - 1926 in a simplified classical style by Mayor builder Mr A J Bowley for £6,990 and opened by the South Australian Governor Sir Tom Bridges on 21 April, 1926. It was to replace the smaller Town Hall built in 1866 further South on the main street complete with clock tower, but no clock! (currently the building is being restored.) Four offices are at the front of the building, Council Chambers and Mayor Parlour upstairs, and a large stage, dressing rooms, supper room, kitchen, powerful electric lights and a timber floor which was designed for dancing. Moving pictures were popular at this time and renowned Picture Theatre designer Chris Smith won the contract from 24 entries to incorporate a Picture Theatre into the Town Hall. (His next design was the beautiful Peterborough new Town Hall in 1926-1927 and one of his last; The Capri at Goodwood 1941, not bad for a Carpenter!) At the time it was described as one of the best regional Town Halls in Australia. The outside clock once stood above the J.W. Ohlmeyer Clock, Watch and Jewellery shop and can be adjusted from the upstairs rooms. J.W. (Will) Ohlmeyer was twice mayor of Clare.

1931 saw the introduction of "Talkies" to Australia and new Shadowtone Talkie equipment was installed at a cost of £1,200 and the first "Talkie" 'Half Shot at Sunrise' was shown in September 1931. In the 1950's 300 new theatre seats were installed with Dunlopillo cushioning. Alby Mangels showed his "World Safari" film here in 1980. The Clare Valley Film Society was still active in 1994.



The Town Hall has been used for many dances, weddings, parties and even the 1950 release of the Rover 75 motor car (priced at £1,175) in front of 500 people. Famous people like Thomas Edmonds and even Kamahl have performed here. The Town Hall was built on the site of a three storey Flour mill that was destroyed by fire. £5,000 damage was done by the fire but insurance only covered £3,800

and it was never re-built. The mill was demolished in 1924 to make way for the new Town Hall. The new Town Hall (pictured) in 1926 (plan) and 2024. Now in 2024 Council and the Hall committee are debating about renovating the stage. option one is to install a lift to the stage, option two is to lower the stage and option three is to turn the stage into a flat stage. New chairs and new lights were installed in 2023.



Join me on Friday 5th April, 2024 for a guided walk of the Clare historic main street.

[Quenton]

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MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD



*****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 a **Prize** for the lucky participant
so please keep-on writing!!!