

# Gawler & Districts

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# 4WD Club Newsletter

## May 2024



Founded in 2002



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



May is History Month - See Story of Clare History Walk Inside

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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. 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.



Gawler & Districts 4WD Club Inc.

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<b>WELCOMING OFFICERS</b>	Sandra Heintze

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

	<b>2024</b>											
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Ju</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>
<b>General</b>		9	1	12	10	14	12	9	13	11	8	13
<b>Committee</b>				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

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.



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## NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

### Presidents Report:

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Our Guest Speaker at this month's meeting during 'History Month' is Christian Kenzel, a Heritage Stonemason. Christian has kindly agreed to talk to us about his restoration work including on some of Adelaide's iconic historic buildings. Not 4WD related, but I am sure you will find this young man very interesting!

Great to see so many trip reports, photos and articles again in this month's newsletter. Thanks to all who contributed.

An "Outback Morning Tea" as a social gathering and RFDS fundraiser has been arranged for Saturday morning 6th July, 2024 as a interclub activity with the Barossa 4WD Club. We will enjoy BYO tea, coffee and yummy morning tea to share (home baked preferred!) at the historic 1898 Old Cromer School (near Mt Pleasant) with its restored facilities and warming open fire. Please let me know if you would like to include a 'light' lunch at the Eden Valley Hotel afterwards.

Our Christmas week-end will be held on Friday 29th November, Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December, 2024 at Victor Harbor. We are staying at Adare Camp and Caravan Park. **Please bank transfer your deposit to secure your site ASAP.** See details in this Newsletter. Thank you.

[Quenton]

### Editors Report:

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Hello everyone and welcome to the May edition of the Newsletter.

Firstly, more sad news. On behalf of the Club members, may we extend our deepest condolences to Roy and Bronwyn on the recent passing of Bronwyn's beloved mother. We hope that the memories you hold dear will help and sustain you through this sad time and the months ahead.

As usual we are always looking for ideas for trips whether long or short. If you have somewhere that you would like to visit or have an idea to put forward, please contact Quenton or any committee member and we will do our best to accommodate your ideas.

Thank you to the contributors for this Newsletter. It always makes my job easier if I don't have to go looking for content to fill the Newsletter. I hope you find the reports and photos interesting.

Pete and I will be absent from the general meeting as we have tickets to go and see "Tina" at the Festival Theatre. Everyone who has seen it has said it's very good so we are looking forward to it.

Lastly, Happy Mother's Day to all mums and grandmothers on Sunday - hope you have an enjoyable, fun filled day.

That's it for the month, see you next month.

[Sandra]



## COMING EVENTS

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### Mystery History Day Trip

<b>Trip Details:</b>	Touring the backroads of the Barossa
<b>Where:</b>	Barossa Valley
<b>Cost:</b>	Morning Tea - Your cost at Café Winery - Tasting - 4 wines \$10/ head (redeemable on purchase 3+ bottles) Lunch - Your cost food and drink.
<b>Meet:</b>	Gawler Visitor Information Centre – 8.30 am for 8.45 am SHARP leave
<b>When:</b>	Sunday 19th May, 2024
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
<b>More Info</b>	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

### Fridays during May 2024 History month

### For your information: Explore the Hidden Treasures of the Gawler Main Street

<b>Trip Details:</b>	The Gawler Visitor Information Centre is hosting guided walks along the Gawler Main Street on most Fridays during the History Month – May 2024
<b>Where:</b>	Gawler
<b>Cost:</b>	\$20 per person, Concession \$16 – this includes morning tea at Café@126
<b>Meet:</b>	10.00am to 11.30am as per the following link:  <a href="https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/events/gawler-explore-the-hidden-treasures-of-the-main-street/">https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/events/gawler-explore-the-hidden-treasures-of-the-main-street/</a>
<b>When:</b>	As per online details above
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
<b>More Info</b>	Phone the Gawler Visitor Information to book and pay.

**17 June- 27 June  
2024****\*\*\*\*FARINA – please note change of date\*\*\*\***

<b>Trip Details:</b>	Farina, SA Outback
<b>Where:</b>	The Farina Bakery
<b>Cost:</b>	Your cost at caravan parks or for accommodation and any lunches or dinners factored into the trip otherwise you need to be self sufficient.
<b>Meet:</b>	TBA
<b>When:</b>	17 June to 27 June 2024 (weather dependent) We have tried to avoid school holidays both interstate and SA's
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Peter Harper 0410 526 317
<b>More Info</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>The trip will take approx. 8-10 days depending on where and how long we stop.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>If you are thinking of joining us, please add your name to the trip sheet so that we can gauge interest and plan accordingly.</p> <p>We would like to have a pre-trip meeting to discuss places of interest etc before we go.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

**FOR SALE****FREE MEMBER'S "FOR SALE" ADVERTISING**

Members can submit requests for a "FOR SALE" ad, free of charge, but there are some guidelines:

- (a) Maximum of 6 lines per ad (similar to a typical local newspaper ad)
- (b) Adverts can only appear for a maximum of 3 consecutive months
- (c) Must supply contact details (either a phone or email)

(d) Editor reserves rights to reject and/or tailor any submitted adverts.

Please send full details to our editor [editor@gawler4wd.com.au](mailto:editor@gawler4wd.com.au) for inclusion in our next newsletter providing it arrives BEFORE the newsletter deadline! (See page 3)

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 <a href="http://www.stonycreekbushcamp.com">www.stonycreekbushcamp.com</a>
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

## MORE NOTES ON THE PROPOSED "CHRISTMAS IN JULY" WEEKEND AT WILMINGTON 2024

This is just a broad outline of what to expect from the weekend.

Stoney Creek Caravan Park is a bush style caravan park with large trees just outside Wilmington. It does have bush styled showers and flushing toilets. It also has cabins to rent and full details re costs are listed in the Newsletter and if you need any more information, please use the email address as shown.

**Extra costs will include:** pizzas on Friday night should you wish to partake, some costs associated with the Christmas dinner for meats which we will purchase and take with us, dinner at the Wilmington pub on Sunday night should you wish to stay, oh and Kris Kringle cost around \$10 or, of course, you can re-gift something you might already have. It's a fun thing not serious.

It is intended to cook the meal on the camp fire and wood can be purchased from the Caravan Park or you can bring your own. **We will need some extra camp ovens to cook the meal so if you have one, please bring it along. It's better to have too many than not enough.** "Bring your own veggies" are cooked in foil parcels in the campfire. There will be dessert too but more details will be available closer to the date. Please advise if you are gluten free or if you have any other dietary requirements.

You will also need to bring tables and chairs and Christmas decorations - as many or as few as you like - to make it look "Christmassy!!" There are some tables there but they are made of metal and have bench seats attached - I can tell you in July they are a bit cold to sit on but, hey, it's up to you. Maybe a cushion or two will make them more comfortable.

There is a large enclosed camp kitchen which does have a wood heater and it's usually lit so you don't have to sit outside in the cold. They also have some games which can be used or you can bring your own.

As mentioned, more details will follow closer to the date. 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



**Don't forget to**  
**CHECK OUT OUR SPONSORS and ADVERTS**  
Maybe you have something at home you would like to sell.  
**Contact us for details**

## 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](mailto:treasurer@gawler4wd.com.au), so he can update the club records.



# OUTBACK MORNING TEA

**YOU'RE INVITED TO HELP  
SAVE HUNDREDS AND  
THOUSANDS OF LIVES.**

By raising vital funds for the Flying Doctor  
we can bring safety to regional, rural and  
remote communities.

Host Gawler & Districts 4WD Club Inc.

Time & Date 9.30am Saturday 6th July, 2024

Location Old Cromer School

715 Cromer Rd, Cromer SA 5235

Details BYO Tea & Coffee and morning tea

to share (home baked preferred!) BYO chair

RSVP Friday 28th June, 2024 to Quenton Earl

qdld@bigpond.com or 0407 604 601

#outbackmorningtea  
outbackmorningtea.com.au



Royal Flying Doctor Service

**6 - 8 September  
2024****Quandong Station**

<b>Trip Details:</b>	Staying at Burra Caravan Park. Visiting Quandong Station - East of Burra
<b>Where:</b>	Burra , South Australia
<b>Cost:</b>	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
<b>Meet:</b>	Burra Caravan Park. Friday 6 September, 2024
<b>When:</b>	Friday 6th, Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September, 2024
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
<b>More Info</b>	<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><a href="http://www.paxtonsquareprecinct.com.au/burra-caravan-park/">www.paxtonsquareprecinct.com.au/burra-caravan-park/</a></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><a href="https://burramotorinn.com.au/">https://burramotorinn.com.au/</a></p> <p>Burra Motor Inn(Just over the creek from Caravan Park) Fri night \$128 Sat night \$145(King Bed, 2 Ad)</p>

<b>4-7 October 2024 October long w/e</b>	<b>Mallee Tracks</b>
<b>Trip Details:</b>	Exploring the Ngarkat Conservation Park tracks
<b>Where:</b>	Ngarkat
<b>Cost:</b>	Pinnaroo Caravan Park, Lot 532 Mallee Highway, Pinnaroo, SA 5304 Phone: 0484 908 986
<b>Meet:</b>	**TBA**
<b>When:</b>	4-7 October 2024 – October long weekend.
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Bob Tonkin 0421 603 767
<b>More Info</b>	Ngarkat Conservation Park centre track – Red Bluff, Border track north to Peebinga – Rock holes Murray Sunset National Park – Panitya North road Please contact Bob for further information.

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

**29/30 November  
& 1 December  
2024**

**Christmas Party – Victor Harbor**

<b>Trip Details:</b>	Staying at Adare Camp and Caravan Park – 2 nights
<b>Where:</b>	20 Wattle Drive, Victor Harbor
<b>Cost:</b>	<p>Powered site \$50/night for 2 people + \$15 /each extra over 5 y/o</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Friday night dinner – your cost food and drink</li> <li>- Walking tour – Victor Harbor, \$5/head</li> <li>- Cockle Train – return Adult \$38/head, Seniors \$34/head, Child \$19/head</li> <li>- Goolwa Museum - \$3.50 Adult, \$1.00 Child</li> <li>- Sat &amp; Sun Café – your cost (prices correct as at 4.4.24)</li> </ul>
<b>Meet:</b>	At Adar Camp and Caravan Park from 3.00 pm Friday 29 November 2024
<b>When:</b>	Friday 29, Saturday 30 November & Sunday 1 December 2024
<b>Trip Leaders:</b>	Jo and Julie
<b>More Info</b>	<p>Arrive anytime after 3,00pm Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Friday 6.30pm Whalers Seaside Dining, 121 Franklin Parade, Encounter Bay</li> <li>- Saturday 8.30am Guided Walk – Meet at start of Causeway (near horse tram office)</li> <li>- Saturday 10.00am Coffee at Ninos, Victor Harbor</li> <li>- Saturday 11.00am Cockle Train leaves Victor Harbor Station, Pack picnic lunch</li> <li>- Free time for lunch and discovering Goolwa, Visiting Goolwa Museum</li> <li>- Saturday 2.45pm Leave Goolwa, arriving Victor Harbor Station 3.15pm</li> <li>- Saturday Happy Hour &amp; BBQ dinner at Adare Camp Kitchen</li> <li>- Meat and dessert supplied by Club. Please bring a salad to share.</li> <li>- BYO drinks, chair, plates, cutlery etc</li> <li>- Sunday 10.00am Swagman Country Dining – morning tea, coffee and wattle seed scones, cakes, sundaes.</li> <li>- Softfoot Farm, 594 Sawpit Road, Hindmarsh Valley, leave Adare by lunch time.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Note: to book your caravan/camping site, you must pay \$50,00 deposit ASAP via EFT (balance before 30 September 2024)</u></b></p> <p><b>Pay Gawler 4WD Club, BSB 105 109, Account 018 030 740</b> Reference – Dep/your name</p>

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

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



<b>◆◆ May ◆◆</b>
Martin
Roy
Phillip

**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

May	June	July
Keith and Di	Pete and Jo	Quenton and Deb
Brenton and Keryn	Stephen and Lisa	Pete and Sandra

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- Event Advertisers
- Classified Adverts
- "For Sale" items



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Half Page	\$100
Full Page	\$200
One off Advert : \$10	

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## GAWLER AND DISTRICTS 4WD WEB SITE

Have you checked out our web site lately? [www.gawler4wd.com.au](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary versions.



Check our FAC

EBOOK link as well. [www.facebook.com/GawlerandDistricts4WDClub](https://www.facebook.com/GawlerandDistricts4WDClub)

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## 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]

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

### My embarrassing Mum!

For a Sunday School concert, Mum made me a suit on her trusty sewing machine consisting of grey shorts and matching jacket complete with green paisley lining. OMG I hated that outfit and wore it just the once! She hand knitted my school jumper complete with school colours (black & white) around collar and sleeves; I am sure it was toasty warm, but I just wanted a bought one like everybody else. One bitterly cold winter day Mum delivered a hot Milo drink to me in the playground at recess in front of all my friends; how embarrassing!! (But it was yummy and warming!). And during a hot summer I was complaining of being hot & sweaty in my nether regions in our un air-conditioned classroom. Mum suggested I go without wearing underpants if it's that bad - all went well until the class were sitting on the carpet cross-legged in the TV room and I looked down and my balls were hanging out my short pants leg hole! Ha Ha! I have never been 'commando' ever again.

I still remind her of that grey shorty suit. But secretly, I wish I still had it! It was made with love.

Happy Mother's Day to all Mums!

[Quenton]

## GUEST SPEAKERS

	<i>These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:</i>	
	<b>May 2024</b>	Christian Kenzel - Heritage Stonemason
	<b>June 2024</b>	"Bake-off" - First prize \$25 Cafe voucher
	<b>July</b>	"Surprise" (we have a plan, but can't confirm until nearer the time....)
	<b>August</b>	Cameron - Adelaide Hills 4WD Park
	<b>September</b>	Kap Industries – Custom Fire Ext vehicle brackets

## WHERE AM I



Answer on Page 29

## TOWNS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Due to other content in this month's Newsletter, Quenton has been given a month off.



## TRIP REPORTS

### Clare historic main street walk

5<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Clare established in 1842 by Edward Burton Gleeson  
named after his ancestral home of County Clare in Ireland**

Meeting at Tarlee at 9am, there was Tas, Di & Keith, Sandra & Peter, Sandra & Wayne with our very own wandering history buff Quenton.

Our first stop was the Velvet & Willow café at Auburn, what a beautiful place to sit in the Henry Wylie heritage garden. The sun shining through the many established trees and colour from old flowering plants that had been planted back in 1855. The only unusual thing was NO SCONES as banana bread or berry muffins seemed to be the order of the day. Had a look underneath the veranda roof on our way out and you can still see the wooden shingles of the original roof that has been covered with tin.



After a scenic drive through the Clare Valley, we arrived in Clare and parked in the Bentley Hotel carpark to come back later for lunch. Here we learnt about Dr John William Devereux Bain (1838-1903). He came out from England as a 27year old GP, never married but did have one child. His love of Clare and its people is very evident in the many buildings and things he achieved in the town. He donated land for the Institute to be built in 1872, this building has been well preserved and is now the Clare library. He had a timber building built with a public skating ring inside and once that was pulled down to make way for the National bank, he had a stone building built with a swimming pool and in winter wood was put over the top for a skating ring. He was a wealthy man investing in BHP and vineyards. Later in life he did lose his wealth with the downturn in mining and sold his practice in Clare and started another in Port Germein. He died in Adelaide and was bought back to Clare and is buried in the Clare cemetery. His home still stands in Agnes St, Clare and has been lovingly restored. As a tribute to him and for his love of music, a rotunda was built and opened in April 1904, it was restored in 2016 and is in a garden behind the football oval.

#### Main street walk

Over the bridge heading out of Clare towards Adelaide and next to the OTR service station, is the Clare Rural Supplies building which is built over the top of the swimming pool that Dr Bain had built. We were able to have a look at it and it is amazing to think that this pool was built back in 1881 and is still in really good condition today.



Walking north along the main street our next building is the Saving Bank SA - Bank SA. Built in 1930 during the depression, this building was a great boost for local builders and employed local people. Mr AJ Bowley was the Mayor who opened the building and he was also the contractor, his daughter Mary opened the first bank account at the bank. Quenton's father, in 1982, encouraged him to get a loan for a

credit rating for a home loan, Quenton had other ideas and got the loan for a classic Morris Minor ute! Pretty sure that is not what your father had in mind Quenton!!!!

WSB Distributors, a family owned third generation business, started by AJ 'Johnny' Walker in 1938 (Walker, Stanway & Beckman) sold Morris cars in 1948 then, in the 1980's, sold Subaru's. Today there were lots of very shiny blue motor bikes in the window of all different sizes.

At the next building we were asked what we thought the letters stood for in some very unusual writing on the foundation stone. With very blank looks on our faces, Tas the bright spark that he is, came up with "Quenton bloody knows everything." After the laughter died down, we were told it stood for Mother & Babies Association, not even close but funny (haha.) Lady Constance Jean Bonython opened the building in 1958 but joined the Association in 1925. She and was appointed an OBE in 1954 and had a long history with them. Her husband was Sir John Lavington Bonython Mayor of Adelaide 1930's - 1950's. The building is now the Clare War Memorial Community Centre and dedicated to those who served in WW11.

Clewers is an electrical, furniture & bedding store started 70 years ago and has remained the same but is now owned by locals Kym & Stephanie.

Next a group of shops that was originally built as an hotel in the 1800's. A bit of drama occurred in 1870 when a Russian guest, Joseph Anthonieff, severely hacked up his room-mate John Luckhurst. He was marched up the main street which had been newly laid with an unrolled metal surface, barefoot - OUCH!!!! Luckhurst survived and went on to become the District Clerk.

In this group of shops Quenton worked as an 18 year old senior salesperson who was in charge. Paterson's home furnishers sold furniture, but its main trade was floor covering. In 1982 Quenton made a large sale for wool carpet for the upstairs rooms in Bungaree Station. He was here when the Ash Wednesday fires were blazing in the area and then 2 weeks later Clare was flooded. He helped cart sandbags to protect shops down the main street.

Miller Andersons had a shop in the main street and was Adelaide's oldest department store for 148 years, but then sadly went into receivership in 1988. After this it continued as "Millers," a ladies clothes store.

Clare Hotel or middle pub has had the same name since it was built in 1871. The hotel was known for its music with brass bands on the balcony (the balcony not present now) and a 12-barrel organ. Each barrel had 11 tunes like a pianola. The only one known to exist now is at St Thomas Anglican church in Pt Macquarie.

Eudunda Farmers was in the next shop and opened in 1936. They own Foodland stores in SA and employ 500 people.



The next impressive building is the National Bank. It was built for 2,000 pounds in 1881 and has served Clare since 1865. It had banking chambers, offices, a manager's residence and servants' quarters, the latest seaweed insulation, a well and underground tank.

Where the shopping arcade stood was another hotel, Shamrock & Thistle then Fords Hotel.

Walking around the corner to the former Fords Billiard Saloon. This building was constructed in 1877 by William Ford and it had 2 Alcock number 3 tables on a special stabilising foundation and each table was lit by 4 lamps. It had cedar seating with horsehair cushions and it was very popular for billiard demonstrations and competitions. Over time it has been Clare RSL and now belongs to the Clare hospital committee.



There was a long building next to the billiard saloon and this was Quenton's first share accommodation, now demolished. It had one bedroom, lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom all in a row and everyone had to walk through all rooms to get to the bathroom. Oh, the things you do when you are young! The Seed Café and roof top bar is now where the Commonwealth Bank stood and the Shoex shoe shop has always been a shoe shop.

Taminga Hotel - this was Clare's second hotel and opened in 1848. It has had a few name changes but this name has remained since 1958 meaning "white gums" in Aboriginal. It started with two rooms and a lean-to and in 1854, as it held stock markets regularly, they added on stables and stock yards. In 1858 horse drawn coaches ran between Clare & Gawler and in 1859 Explorer John McDouall Stuart stayed here on his trip south to north which led to the Overland Telegraph line. It has been extensively renovated over time to add guest rooms, bathrooms, a living area and a second storey.

Up the road further is the old chaff mill (1860). It was saved from demolition in 1987 and was once Elders offices but now is a very good Italian restaurant.

Crossing the road, we came to the butcher's shop which is not that old but specializes in award winning sausages.

Auto Pro was a Datsun dealer, and the son broke the record for the shortest time from Clare to Gawler in a 1983 1.5lt turbo Datsun EXA demo vehicle. Before this the record was held by Gail Pearce, in a 1981 Sigma 2.6lt 5 speed.

Another shop was the Heinrich family-owned newsagency, florist, and funeral director. They had the death industry sewn up no problems.

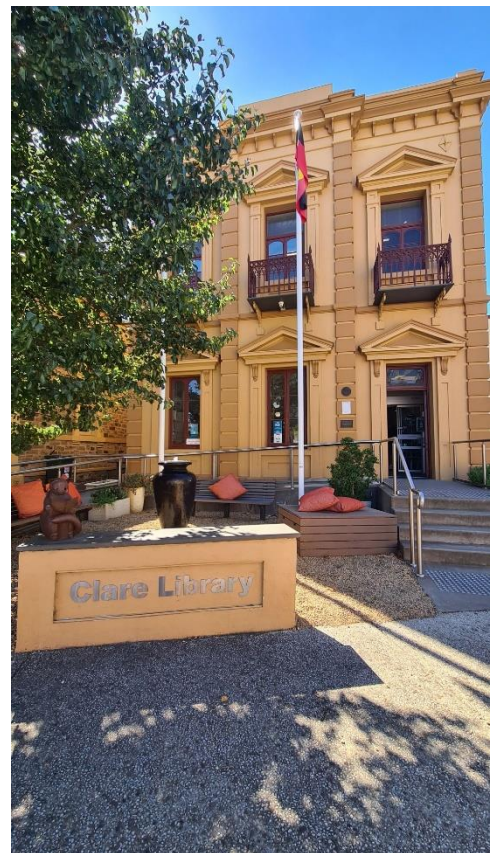
Getting back to the more elaborate buildings was the Northern Argus Office, the newspaper started in 1869 after importing some printing machinery in 1867 and secretly storing it until the building became available. Brothers- in-law Henry Tilbrook & Alfred Clode started the business and this office was occupied by them from 1871-2005. The Tilbrook family premises were burnt down three years later and as they were under insured, the new mill was never rebuilt, and the old mill closed in 1895.



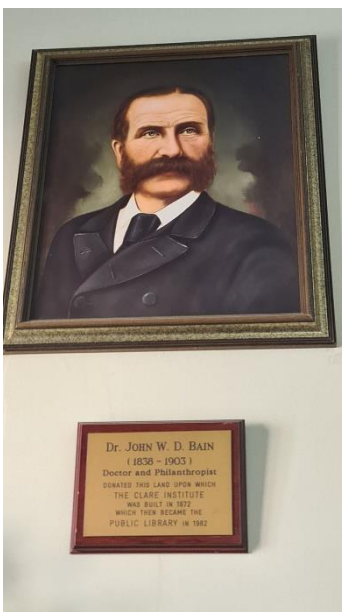
Over the next street is the Court House, Police House and cells. This courthouse is the second one built (first one is now the Clare Museum) and was finished in 1878. It has been in continuous use since 1880. In the 1920's a new Police Sergeant's house was built together with cells next door that had cobblestone floors.

Next to the courthouse is the Clare Institute, now the public library. Built in 1872 as the Mechanics Institute, it was used for leisure and educational activities. Dr Bain bought the land for 25 pounds, the government contributed 250 pounds and with Dr Bain being the President he made sure it was built. It is two storey with a beautiful staircase leading to the second floor. A stunning chandelier hangs in the main room catching rainbows of light through it and a portrait of Dr Bain also hangs in this room. In 1982 the building was extended and renovated. Catherine, one of the librarians, gave us a talk about Dr Bain and the library and also showed us some 100 year old books which are stored at the library. We also got to meet Val, the 90 year old lady who has been filling Quenton in on the history of Clare.

The new Town Hall was built after the mill burned down and the land was purchased for 2,000 pounds and this made up the short fall in the insurance money. Chris Smith, a carpenter, won a competition for his design from 24 other submissions, he also designed the Capri Theatre in Goodwood. The town hall was built in 1925-26 by the Mayor



AJ Bowley's company for 6,900 pounds and the clock was donated by JW Ohlmeyer's daughter after she inherited the business. The 1931 movie equipment was upgraded to show talkie movies and was greatly appreciated during the depression. The old Town Hall was constructed by a private company in 1866. At the time it was valued at 100 pounds but was never fitted with a clock in the clock tower and was sold to the Corporation of the Town of Clare for 800 pounds in 1875. It was the first public building to be illuminated by using storage batteries charged by a Delco generator. It was again sold in 1926 to private investors.



Dr. JOHN W. D. BAIN  
(1838 - 1903)  
Doctor and Philanthropist  
DONATED THE LAND UPON WHICH  
THE CLARE INSTITUTE  
WAS BUILT IN 1872  
WHICH THEN BECAME THE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY IN 1982



The Northern Hotel from 1861 to 1938 then changed to the Bentley Hotel from 1938 to present day. Jack Spratt built the hotel in 1861 and it was very large for a double storey building. Henry Bentley took over the hotel in 1869 and the Bentley family ran it for 69 years. It has had a lot of large upgrade renovations done over the years to modernize it, also the front façade was sand blasted to bring it back to its original appearance. The rear of the hotel where we had lunch was demolished rebuilt and modernised. Great meals for lunch and I won the raffle of a bottle of Dr JWD Bain Shiraz - it is wasted on me as I don't drink red wine, but I am sure Wayne will make up for it!!



After lunch we visited Dr Bain's home in Agnes St, Clare and met Trevor & Jillian who have a lovely restored home. They showed us around the garden and had photo albums of the huge renovations. I was even lucky enough to score a plant. They have a 100-year-old cedar tree and a marigold tree that has dinner size plate flowers that come out at Christmas time, these are from the original garden.

Thank you Quenton for another interesting trip you are such a wonder when it comes to the history of places.

[Sandra Heintze]

## Tas's trip to Fowler Bay – Sunday 21 to Saturday 27 April 2024

Participants: Leader Tas; Gary and Julie; Brent and Keryn; Sandra and Pete

### Sunday 21

We left home at the appointed hour of 8.15 am with Tas and headed to Malalla where we were meeting Gary and Julie at 9.00 am. Keryn and Brent will join us in Streaky Bay. The weather really turned it on and was sunny with clear blue skies. Once we were altogether, we headed off to Kimba via the backroads to avoid traffic.

Arrived in Port Augusta around lunch time at the Shell service station which was also a comfort stop and we purchased some lunch there before proceeding to the other side of Port Augusta where Tas knew of a roadside stop where we could pull off for lunch. He said an old hermit used to live in that region for many years - he didn't have a house or anything but just lived off the land. After lunch, we headed to Kimba and stopped at a free camping spot at the Kimba Pioneer Memorial Reserve. It has toilets and showers plus a camp kitchen with an oval for dogs to run. It is a very large area and most of the popular spots near the amenity blocks were already taken, so we found a quieter spot and set up camp, however, the vehicles and caravans just kept coming. It was lovely and warm so we sat around chatting during happy hour but once the sun went down, it started to get cool very quickly. Tas retired to his tent; Julie and Gary had a roof top tent but sat in their vehicle and Pete and I retired to the camper trailer. The free camping spot must have a detrimental effect on the Kimba caravan park as, when we passed it, the caravan park didn't look very busy at all.



### Monday 22

Everyone was up early for a 9 am start but as we were all ready, set off earlier for Streaky Bay. Stopped at Wudinna bakery for coffee, pies and cake then off again. We hadn't booked



anywhere in Streaky Bay - a bit silly really given it was school holiday time - so we tried to decide where we could stay for the night. Tried the Foreshore Caravan Park but it looked crowded, so we decided to give the Island Caravan Park a go, but "no room at the inn" there. Back into Streaky Bay we went, and I had noticed signs to an RV park so we drove there. It would have been fine for Pete and I as we were totally self-sufficient but was no good for tents of any description as there was no amenity block or camp kitchen. Okay, now what? As we were out of choices, decided to go back to the Foreshore Caravan Park and managed to get some of the last camping spots there which were on the beach next to the children's playground, however, there were toilets there! Not ideal, but beggars can't be choosers. Tas contacted Keryn and Brent to let them

know where we were, and they managed to secure a park next to other caravans when they arrived later in the day.

Gary took Julie to the local hospital to see whether they could give Julie any relief from her swollen ankle. Unfortunately, Julie twisted it before the trip and it was giving her a lot of pain. Quite frankly I didn't know how she was getting up and down to the rooftop tent on their Landcruiser. When they came back, Julie had her foot well strapped up and said it felt a bit better and more supported.

The temperature was 27C so Pete put up the awning and a side for some shade on our trailer as it was quite warm especially on the sand and we were facing the setting sun. We sat and chatted while waiting for Keryn and Brent to arrive. It was amusing watching some of the "comings and goings" of other vehicles while we passed the time of day. Once Keryn and Brent had set up their caravan, they came and joined us for happy hour. After our evening meal, we sat and chatted well into the evening then went to bed.

### **Tuesday 23**

Off to Penong today and this time we booked ahead for a couple of nights, however, before leaving Streaky Bay Keryn and Brent wanted to visit the local museum housed in the old Streaky Bay school as it contained replicas of fishing boats that Brent's dad and granddad had built, together with albums full of photos. It turned out that a couple of hours would not have been enough to do the museum justice so, after a fleeting look, they decided to return at a future date and spend a couple of days there.

We left there and took the road to Ceduna driving through Eba Anchorage which overlooks the sea and two islands, Eba and Pigface and appears to be a new housing estate with a multitude of designs. From there we turned left at Perlubie Landing where another group of houses overlooked the beach. We drove a short way onto the beach where beach shelters had been erected many moons ago of timber frames and brush roofing.



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Next was the Haslam community area - lots of caravanners camped in the caravan park near the beach. Drove down there and most people did a walk along the jetty to stretch their legs. Back on the road again and took a left turn down a really rough road so about halfway we stopped to let some air out of the tyres. It was worth

the rough ride as we ended up at the very picturesque Edward Bay with beautiful views. It has a curving 850m long south facing beach. Took a small track towards Point Collision and stopped as the track deteriorated so decided not to go on.

Stopped at Smoky Bay for lunch near the jetty and what a change in the weather - from reasonably calm conditions with a touch of wind to grey skies and, as the wind got up., the temperature dropped significantly. A walk along the jetty wasn't beckoning and the sea which was blue previously, had turned a steely grey/green with white caps. Hmm, thought this change wasn't due until tomorrow. Where is the forecast 25C????

Stopped briefly in Ceduna for Tas to refuel and for a couple of others to purchase bread, rolls and any other necessities then proceeded onto Penong. The caravan park is only small



but everywhere is clean with plenty of bins provided for each site. We set up camp but the weather wasn't conducive to sitting outside tonight or to putting up the awning. There is a big camp kitchen at the caravan park but, unfortunately, one side is completely open and that's the side the wind was blowing from. Gary and Julie availed themselves of the luxury of a cabin for a couple of nights so that Julie could rest her swollen ankle.

### Wednesday 24

Woke to a grey overcast morning threatening rain and quite chilly. Showered, had breakfast and got ready for the day. Before we left, we made the decision to stay on another day at Penong rather than move to Fowlers Bay and arranged that with the office.

Headed off to Point Sinclair at 8.30 am on a very well kept dirt road. We passed the 100 year old Lake Macdonnell Gypsum mine that is still being used today and provides jobs for about 40 people. Three trains a day deliver gypsum to Thevenard 363 days of the year and thence onto ships. We also passed a couple of lakes one of which is usually pink when the sun shines, but not today. Arrived at Port Le Hunte jetty where there was also a covered picnic area. Some of us walked the length of the jetty but the conditions at the end of the jetty were described as "antarctic" as it was so cold.

We read the report of the young 12 year old boy Wade Shipard who was taken by a shark off this beach and had his right leg severed. Apparently he was swimming out to a fishing boat, as he had done before, to get a crayfish when the shark struck. He died from his injuries. (It seems that both Tas and Brent are related to this young boy and this shark attack was the subject of Tas's "bedtime story" at our March meeting.) This is a beautiful spot and a



shark net has been erected to protect swimmers from a similar fate. There also lays the remains of the trading vessel "Cecelia" which used to get loaded with gypsum. It was blown



by a gale onto the beach on 4 October 1946 while anchored but the gale caused the two anchors to drag and caused the vessel to run aground. Fortunately the crew survived.

We drove the short distance to Cactus Beach which was located on the other side of the dunes and was subjected to the oncoming winds so looked much wilder with breaking surf. A local surfer told me that Cactus Beach is a very popular surfing beach and that was borne out by the number of people

who were camped behind the dunes. He also said that the conditions while we were there were not conducive to surfing but they'd improve later in the day and certainly over the coming couple of days. He left and said he'd be back later.



Another track through the Conservation Park brought us to sand dune territory. Not sure that anyone was prepared to do any sand dune surfing today! This track brought us further up the same beach but was a bit closer to the breaking waves and while we sat watching them, I was convinced the waves were getting bigger. Such a beautiful, rugged coast. After this we headed back to camp for lunch.

In the afternoon we visited the Penong cemetery. It was sad to

see so many children's graves including the grave of Wade Shipard taken by "White death" as written on his tombstone. There were many graves with the names Shipard and Oats and it seems that both these names are related to Tas and Brent. Such a small world!!

This was followed by a visit to a very large underground water tank with a tin roof situated on the side of the road, one of apparently 98 throughout the Eyre Peninsula. The underground water tanks were developed throughout the Eyre Peninsula prior to the construction of a reticulated water supply system in order to catch runoff from shed roofs and where possible, the supply was augmented through a network of drains and channels from surrounding lands. Water storage below ground meant less evaporation and also allowed the construction of larger capacity tanks which required minimal maintenance. Finally, on the way back to camp, a visit to the windmill museum to round off the day.,



### **Thursday 25**

Anzac Day -Pete's birthday. Happy Birthday Pete! Pete and I started the day by listening to the Anzac Day service from Adelaide. This was followed by a call from our daughter Sarah in Sydney and grandson Will to wish Pop a happy birthday. It's going to be a full day today so we were ready to leave at 8.30 am and it was a lovely sunny day with a cool wind.



First stop was Fowlers Bay. This forms part of the Fowlers Bay Conservation Park. Fowlers Bay used to be known as Yalata until a 1940 name change and was a bustling port which included a whaling station, however, now from June to October Southern Right whales can be spotted in the waters which form their nursery grounds and tours can be arranged to see these magnificent creatures. We made our way to the jetty which apparently might be past it's "use by" date and requires some maintenance. The area is surrounded by massive sand dunes which appear to be creeping ever closer to the town.



From there we headed down a track for Tas's "mystery tour." On the side of the track at intervals were what can only be described as, small ramps. Nothing to indicate what they were used for, obviously nothing to do with wildlife. After passing the last one we turned back and found a wood and dirt structure, Pete and Brent had their heads together and said it must be an old rifle range - that made sense as the structure was made in such a way that someone could stand

beneath it and hold up or change targets and the ramps were for the shooters to lie on and aim at the targets. Mystery solved (we think) so it was decided to have morning tea which included Anzac biscuits before going on.

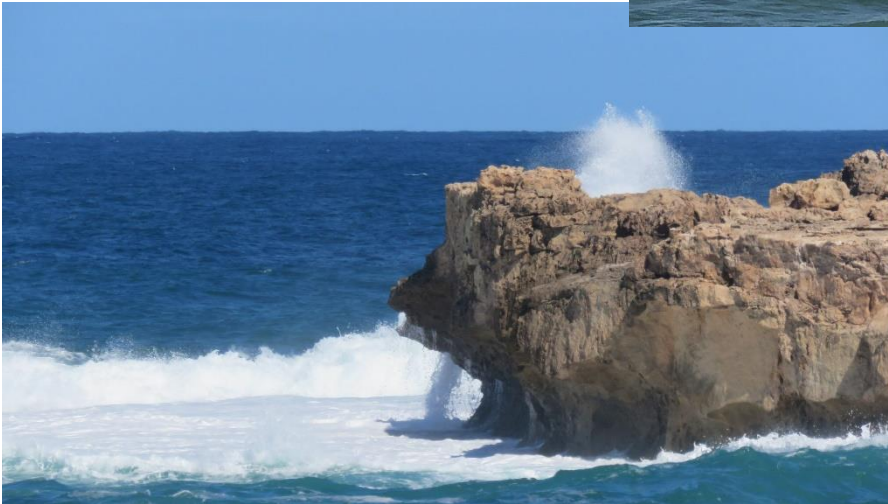
Next stop was the Yalata cemetery located at the remains of the old Yalata homestead which must have been a substantial homestead in its time as there were water tanks, sheds, at least two homes, one of which was the large homestead itself. The cemetery contained about a dozen graves including that of Richard Thelwall Maurice an Australian explorer who died at Fowlers Bay and wanted to be buried in the





country he loved so much. Some of the other graves were in disrepair as it doesn't appear that they are looked after. When you look around at the dry surroundings you wonder what promise these pioneers saw in the land.

Another track, another destination. Turned right at a closed gate and proceeded to Wandilla Bay. Arrived at the beach with large breaking surf then stopped at Mexican Hat campground with a large rock in the bay resembling a Mexican hat. Had lunch here and used the facilities which were very clean and non-smelling. This campsite is suitable for 4WD only with a maximum of six vehicles. It's suitable for camper trailers and tents and has a few shrubs and no shade.



Onto Scotts Beach campground, this site has camping for twenty vehicles on a flat sandy beach. Access for 4WD's only and suitable for camper trailers and tents with a long drop toilet. Here again is minimal shade protection. This track turned into a very loose sandy track so we all

stopped to let down our tyres. Followed this track across the tops of the cliffs overlooking the sea to the bitumen where we pumped up the tyres again.

Headed to Nundroo but there is very little there. The local ladies used to run a craft shop in one of the buildings but not now and apart from Davis Motors, cabins and a roadhouse that's all there is at Nundroo.

We arrived back at the campsite after refuelling late in the afternoon.

### **Friday 26**

Pack up day today and we left the Penong caravan park around 8.15 am to start the journey home via Ceduna and Kimba. On the way out, Keryn and Brent got a pass from the Quarantine Station which allowed us to re-enter Ceduna without having to toss out our fruit and vegetables.



Before getting to the QS, we turned right to Denial Bay - there's a jetty and oyster farm there with some new houses but on driving through the little town, we didn't see any commercial shops or deli's.



Back to the main road and stopped at the QS with no problems then proceeded to Cape Thevenard to look around. This is a port town with silos and handles bulk grain and gypsum amongst other things. The jetty has two berths capable of handling ships 650 ft long. If you ignore the loading area, it's quite a pretty little place with some picnic facilities. There is also a painted lighthouse memorial commemorating those lost at sea.

Onto Ceduna where we parted company with Keryn and Brent as they head back to Cummins while the rest of us proceed to Kimba. Took a detour through Wirrula where part of the old Streaky Bay jetty stands with a boat made of iron pipes alongside it. Onto Minnipa the "home of the concrete crappa" - we stopped and used the facilities which were very clean and complete with soap and paper towels. Tas mentioned that the current owner of the Gawler Arms and Southern used to own the Minnipa Pub. Pildappa Rock was next.



Pildappa Rock - what a change from the last visit. Instead of leaving it alone in its environment it is now the subject of building work - green posts all over the place breaking up areas and some trees ripped up, the picnic table has gone and so has the toilet. It is supposedly being upgraded for tourists and also to protect the environment and according to



blurb on the internet they are replacing the picnic table and toilet. Will it be for the better? Who knows. Had lunch and then continued on our way to Kimba. Tas spotted some snottygobbles hanging from some of the roadside trees. This is a native parasitic plant that looks like green string and is covered in goo. (An ABC report indicates

that research by the University of Adelaide has found this native vine (*Cassytha pubescens*) has the potential to kill European gorse, blackberry and Scotch broom while not damaging native shrubs.) We arrived at the free camping area around 3.15 pm and found our spot vacant again so camped there. Enjoyed happy hour together but it was very chilly and made

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more so once the sun had disappeared. After dinner, we retired to the camper trailer, Tas to his tent and Gary and July to their vehicle.

### **Saturday 27**

We arranged to depart around 8.30 am for the trek back to Gawler but were ready by 7.50 am so set off. Again, a beautiful sunny cool morning greeted us with a temperature around 9C. Stopped in Pt Augusta to top up with fuel (and a coffee for me) then headed for Snowtown where we were going to stop for a break and stretch our legs. Snowtown was where we parted company with Gary and Julie as they headed to Two Wells on a different route. We continued on our way through Balaklava and Malalla to Gawler where we said our "goodbyes" to Tas and headed home arriving around 1.30 pm.

I wasn't sure what to expect from the trip but we thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you to Tas for organising it and to Keryn, Brent, Gary and Julie for your company and the many laughs we shared along the way.

(Tas is a font of information, stories and anecdotes and you don't need Wikipedia when Tasipedia is around.)

[Sandra & Pete]

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## **ANSWER TO "WHERE AM I"**

### **Former Temperance Hotel, Keyneton, Barossa Valley.**

Sarah Lindsay Evans of "Evandale Estate" 13/11/1816 - 6/6/1898 (daughter of George Fife Angas), purpose built this Temperance Hotel in 1883 on the crossroads of Sedan Road and Eden Valley Road, at Keyneton as an inn providing overnight accommodation and stabling for travellers by horse or coach on their way to the Riverland (pictured). The hotel served meals and non-alcoholic beverages. She made sure no other alcohol selling hotel would be set up in town! Mrs Evans was a devout Christian and served as a long standing Vice President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. The temperance movement saw the abolition of alcohol as a cure of society's ills. Temperance Hotels or Coffee Palaces were fairly common throughout South Australia with three long standing examples at Terowie - "Coffee Palace" (corner building still standing and little changed) and the three storey "Graysons Coffee Palace" in North Terrace opposite the Adelaide Railway Station and the Temperance Hotel at Mitcham (which has recently had a \$1m renovation as a private house). The community owned Renmark Hotel opened a new dining area called "Temperance" in September, 2023 paying homage to the alcohol prohibition movement of the late 19th century in Renmark.

The Temperance Hotel, Keyneton closed in 1948 and Harold (Joe) Doddridge converted the stables to a motor mechanic workshop and was the Barossa Valleys BSA. motorcycle dealer (and founder of the Keyneton Motorcycle Club Inc. in 1950). Since 1965 the hotel has served as a country retreat for a former Anglican Dean of Adelaide, has been a cafe/restaurant, and is now a private residence.

[Quenton]

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