

4WD Club Newsletter

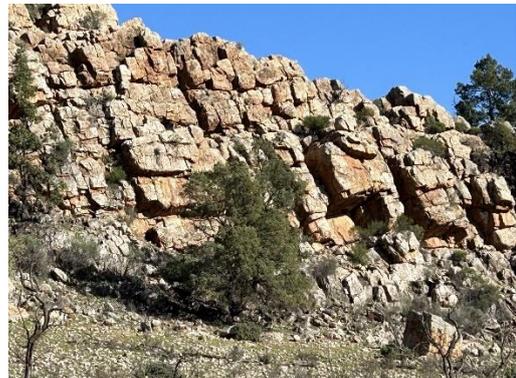
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Founded in 2002



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



Sunday Drive from Wilmington

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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.



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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

	2024											
<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>
General		9	1	12	10	14	12	9	13	11	8	13
Committee				3	1	5	3		4	2		4
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NOTE: DEADLINE TIME - All newsletter articles to the Editor before Committee Meeting date

Public Holiday Dates for 2024

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:

This month's Guest Speaker will be Cameron from Adelaide Hills 4WD Park. Peter H has recently visited the park, and big improvements have been made. Sure to be an interesting talk. Please arrive on time, as Cameron's talk will start promptly at 7.30pm.

This month I have written about 3 Flinders Ranges ghost towns for the "Towns in South Australia" article. I hope you find it as interesting reading as I did researching and visiting these 'towns'. After a bit of rain, the Flinders are looking good at the moment.

Planning for our visit to Quandong Station is in full swing, and Mary Lou thinks the wildflowers will be good this year! See this newsletter for all details.

Thank you to our very capable Vice President Pete C for 'holding the fort' while I have been away. Thanks Pete!

[Quenton]

Editors Report:

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

First of all a big thank you to those people who came to Wilmington with us to celebrate "Christmas in July." Even though we had a few hiccups and the weather wasn't the best, I hope you all enjoyed the weekend as much as we did. Thank you to everyone who helped and for the loan of their camp ovens. Thank you also to those who attended the mystery drive at the weekend.

A couple of new trips have been added under "Coming Events," - Holden Heroes and Maralinga. Please add your names to the trip sheet if interested.

Pete is going to be away for approximately three weeks from the last week in August as he's providing the support vehicle for a Rotarian who is riding his bike from Leigh Creek to Marla via the Oodnadatta track to raise money for charity. With this in mind, I will make a start on September's Newsletter prior to his departure so could I please ask **for all contributions to be sent to me by Friday 23 August so that I can get as much done as possible.** Thank you. Pete will still be able to publish it but his access to the internet will be variable to say the least. My apologies in advance if the Newsletter is delayed in any way.

And that's it from me for this month. Have a great month and I'll catch you in September.

[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

**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 Devonshire tea at Burra Railway Station, \$12/head (money raised go towards station canopy) 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	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. 3.30pm Devonshire tea at Burra Railway Station. 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. www.paxtonsquareprecinct.com.au/burra-caravan-park/ 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) https://burramotorinn.com.au/ Burra Motor Inn(Just over the creek from Caravan Park) Fri night \$128 Sat night \$145(King Bed, 2 Ad)

4-7 October 2024 October long w/e	Mallee Tracks
Trip Details:	Exploring the Ngarkat Conservation Park tracks
Where:	Ngarkat
Cost:	Pinnaroo Caravan Park, Lot 532 Mallee Highway, Pinnaroo, SA 5304 Phone: 0484 908 986 From \$25.00 per night. (Suggest you contact them direct for prices as I can only find the barest minimum information online. Ed)
Meet:	**TBA**
When:	4-7 October 2024 – October long weekend.
Trip Leader:	Bob Tonkin 0421 603 767
More Info	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.

October 2024	Maralinga
Trip Details:	Drive to Maralinga via Gawler Ranges and do 1 day tour of Restricted Area. staying 2 nights and return via Gawler Ranges. Tour booked for 29th October 2024
Where:	Gawler to Gawler Ranges to Maralinga to Gawler (flexible with route home). Stop at Hiltaba or Mt Ives
Cost:	Maralinga - \$265 Per Person
Meet:	Dead Man's Pass ready to depart at 0830
When:	Depart Gawler 23 October. Arrive Maralinga 28 October. Tour on 29 th . Depart on 30 th Flexible trip home
Trip Leader:	Tas 0458 183 818
More Info	Drive in tour at Maralinga includes two nights camping. Strictly no alcohol to be consumed / visible at Maralinga

Sunday # November 2024	Holden Heroes Day Trip
Trip Details:	Drive to Holden Manufacturing Heritage Centre, Philip Highway, Elizabeth South. Inspect displays with volunteer guides. Drive to Birdwood National Motor Museum to see the current "Holden Heroes" display. BYO picnic lunch. Coffee and Cake at The Fold Café.
Where:	Holden Manufacturing Heritage Centre, Lionsgate Business Park, Philip Highway, Elizabeth South. National Motor Museum, Shannon Street, Birdwood.
Cost:	Holden Manufacturing Heritage Centre \$15 per head, Note: This needs to be pre-paid by October general meeting. National Motor Museum - \$22.50, Concession \$17,00, Child (over 5 yo) \$9,00 NOTE: Museum is cashless The Fold Café – your cost. 10% discount for National Museum ticket holders.
Meet:	Dead Man's Pass carpark – leave at 9.00 am
When:	Sunday 3 November 2024
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl 0407 604 601
More Info	Holden Manufacturing Heritage Centre tour – 10.00 am Drive to Birdwood National Motor Museum, BYO Lunch Coffee and Cake at 2.30 pm at The Fold Café, Birdwood (opposite the National Motor Museum, Birdwood) www.motor.history.sa.gov.au



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

See Quenton at the General Meeting



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

Christmas Party – Victor Harbor

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

Note: to book your caravan/camping site, you must pay \$50,00 deposit ASAP via EFT (balance before 30 September 2024)

Pay Gawler 4WD Club, BSB 105 109, Account 018 030 740

Reference – Dep/your name

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

◆◆ August ◆◆
Lisa
Keryn



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

August	September	October
Wayne and Sandra	Martin	Roy and Bronwyn
Gary and Julie	Bob and Cindy	Chris and Julie

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

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[Fees apply and payment has to be made prior to printing]

GAWLER AND DISTRICTS 4WD WEB SITE

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

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



Check our FAC

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

GUEST SPEAKERS

	<p><i>These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:</i></p>	
	<p>August</p>	<p>Cameron - Adelaide Hills 4WD Park</p>

FOR SALE

FREE MEMBER'S "FOR SALE" ADVERTISING



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

- (a) Maximum of 6 lines per ad (similar to a typical local newspaper ad)
- (b) Adverts can only appear for a maximum of 3 consecutive months
- (c) Must supply contact details (either a phone or email)
- (d) Editor reserves rights to reject and/or tailor any submitted adverts.

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

WHERE AM I

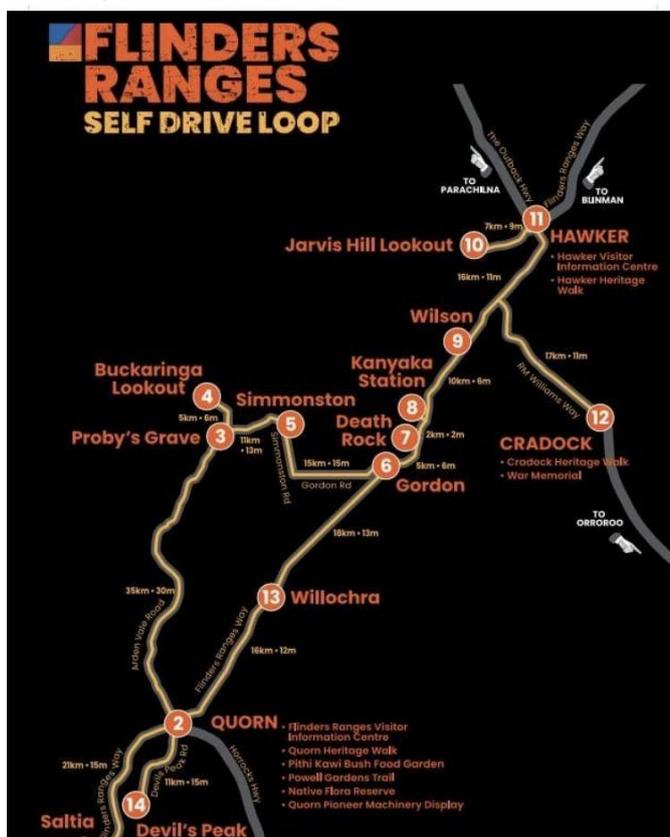


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TOWNS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Kanyaka, Wilson, Gordon.

Kanyaka Station was established in July, 1851 by Hugh Proby, the third son of the Earl of Carysfort. Proby came to the colony with £5,000 to start a pastoral empire. Tragically, at just 24 yo, Proby lost his life while crossing the flooded Willochra Creek while riding after cattle that broke away during a thunderstorm. Proby's grave was one of the first to be dug in the ranges and in 1858 his brothers and sisters had a tablet set above his resting place. (visited by the Club March, 2024.) Kanyaka was the Aboriginal name for a nearby waterhole, although in the 1964 book "The Story of The Flinders Ranges" it quotes J B Austin who claimed Kanyaka was mainly the name given to the large rock beside the waterhole. After Proby's death, John Randall Phillips took over Kanyaka and converted it to a sheep property. It was Phillips that built the impressive stone buildings including a large woolshed (pictured 2024) capable of handling 26 blade shearers and by 1857 Kanyaka resembled a village employing up to seventy families to run one of the largest stations in the area. In 1856 Phillips built an eating house 3 miles beyond his home to alleviate teamsters calling in to the homestead. This eating house proved popular so in 1863 the government surveyed the town of Kanyaka and in 1864 Phillips built a two storey hotel of twenty rooms, with coach-house and stables. It was called the Great Northern Hotel and was "furnished in a style that would not disgrace any hotel in Adelaide." The Post Office was built in 1858 and a general store



opened in the 1860s. A small cemetery was established with the first burial in 1857 of Martha Phillips (John Phillips' mother) and the last burial in 1891 was Margaret Menzies, the 52yo mother of a little 2 yr 10 mth boy who wandered off in 1883 and lies beside his mother.

The grade of the land meant the new railway did not pass through Kanyaka as planned and a railway siding and town was established at Wilson. 1880 was a very dry year with a poor harvest and the Great Northern Hotel closed in 1881. This was the doom year for Kanyaka. 1881 and 1882 were also dry years.

Wilson, originally called Kanyaka Siding, located 9 km south of Hawker (see map pictured), was proclaimed in January, 1881 to service the new Great Northern Railway. By 1882 Wilson had a hotel

(partly built using cut stone from the Great Northern Hotel at Kanyaka), general store, butcher, post office, church and about 14 dwellings. In early 1883 the Commonwealth Bank opened a branch at Wilson and the community sought improved government services including a telegraph office, a proper railway station and sheds, police station, better roads and water supply. In October 1883 the police station was opened from a rented premises, and with no cells, prisoners had to be chained up. The Foot Constable also covered nearby Gordon. A public meeting was held in November, 1884 to demand a proper police station and cells be built; however following a number of years of drought, the police station was closed in November, 1885 and the constable transferred to Port Augusta. Despite drought and tough economic conditions, the township continued, but by the early 1900s, most of the remaining wheat farms had been consolidated into pastoral properties and the population of Wilson declined significantly. By 1933 the Post Office and General Store had closed. By 1954, the last resident left Wilson and the town was abandoned. There are a few ruins left in Wilson, the Station Masters residence (pictured 2024) is one of the best.



Governor Jervois (William Francis Drummond Jervois - pronounced 'Jarvis' - Governor of SA 1877 - 1883) named many towns - Johnburgh, Hammond, Carrieton and Amyton were named after his sons and daughters; Wilson from an old army friend, Charles Wilson, and Gordon he named after his brother.

Gordon, like many towns started with the building of a hotel. Well known outback identity Herman Schmidt, horse breaker, shearer, formally the mailman on the Strzelecki Track, publican of the Innamincka and Lyndhurst hotels, was the long term publican of the Gordon Hotel from 1924 to 1943 (pictured.) Although never connected to 240 volt electricity,



Schmidt kept up with technology. He installed kero refrigeration and flew a banner from the front verandah - "Ice Cold Beer" - the first in the district to offer refrigerated drinks. He also had a large radio

aerial strung along the side of the hotel to receive horse races live on the radio. Since the age of 30, he became involved in racing, buying and training horses. Racehorse 'Valour' won in choice company in Melbourne and in his obituary it is stated "...he filled the depleted wallet that was nevermore to know deflation." 'Zaika' won in Adelaide at huge odds and won the handful of punters in the front bar £500! I am sure a huge party followed that night! Schmidt was one of the best known and liked bush publicans. While at Gordon, he purchased another pub at Wilson, The Gillick Arms, and his wife Evelyn was the licensee and ran the pub from 1931 to 1941.

But with the popularisation of private cars, fewer travellers stopped in for a drink and rarely a guest stayed for the night, now being able to reach Quorn or Hawker. During the second World War, the Schmidt's realised that the trade of the two establishments were finished, closed the doors and demolished the buildings and sold the stone, timber and iron when building material was scarce due to the war. They retired to Quorn in 1943. So it is quite possible a local homestead or outbuilding is built from the Great Northern Hotel giving life to a third building using the original 1864 cut stone!

So now when you drive from Quorn to Hawker and see these town names, you will know a little of their story. There are now excellent historical information signs at each town as part of the "Flinders Ranges Self Drive Loop".

[Quenton]

FWDSA INFORMATION

REMOTE AREA FIRST AID TRAINING

The next Remote Area First Aid course to be facilitated by FWDSA will be held on Wednesday 8 to Thursday 10 October 2024 at Para Wirra Conservation Park.

More information can be found at <https://www.trybooking.com/CUDUQ>.

[Pete H]

NGARKAT EROSION SURVEY

FWDSA has received a small grant to conduct a dune erosion survey in Ngarkat Conservation Park. The survey is used to inform DEW on the status or natural and human induced dune erosion within the park.

The survey normally takes a couple of days to conduct and, if you are interested in taking part in this project, please contact Peter H.

[Pete H]

TRIP REPORTS

Trip Report for Christmas in July

Friday 19 July to Monday 22 July 2024 Stony Creek Caravan Park, Wilmington

(According to Google: The origin of "Christmas in July" in Australia started in 1980 when some Irish tourists in the Blue Mountains started Christmas in July to re-create their winter festivities. Businesses quickly adopted this concept and began hosting themed events with special offers to add more cheer.)

Menu

Pumpkin soup

Roast pork, roast lamb & roast chicken

Veggies & gravy

Christmas Pudding/Sticky date pudding

Brandy custard, ice cream and cream

After a few years of celebrating "Christmas in July" in pubs - some of which did use Christmas decorations but others didn't - and having experienced another Club's "Christmas in July" at Wilmington, thought we would give it a shot. It either would work or it wouldn't. So with this in mind, Pete booked a weekend in July hoping that at least a few people might be interested in going.



I was a bit apprehensive as the date approached and the list of people on the Trip Sheet started to reduce and wondered if it would just be a handful of people who would turn out as it is winter and some people are reluctant to be out in the cold especially as it was an untried event. We were down to eleven participants and I thought, "Okay, nothing ventured nothing gained, we can work with that" so started thinking

about the amount of meat needed, wood for fires, puddings etc. All of a sudden, numbers started to increase and in the end there were 17 of us prepared to attempt the unknown. Wow, the pressure was really on now!!

My plan was to make individual Christmas puddings and sticky date puddings, so I set to experimenting. The Christmas puds turned out okay but I was far from happy with the individual date puddings so decided on another tack - make a big one. I did that for a dinner party at home first and liked the result so decided to go with that for the weekend. Next thing, how much meat to buy - Pete and I decided on 2 x boned lamb legs, 2 x chooks and a boned leg of pork keeping our fingers crossed that it would be enough. In the end it was!!!

Friday 19 July - We packed up the car with the food and everything I could think of that we might need for cooking and serving at the weekend. Off we went. The weather forecast for the day was terrible with rain and wind promised and in the rear view mirror, we glimpsed it behind us all the way. On arriving at Wilmington, found Di and Keith were already there having arrived about an hour before us. We set up camp next to them in the area that had been designated for our Club and thankfully was also very close to the cooking area we would be using for the weekend which had a 6 foot fire pit, tables, lights etc .

Other people started to arrive and in the end, besides the two of us and Di and Keith, were Keryn and Brent, Gary and Julie, Jo and Pete, Tas, Quenton and Deb, Bronwyn and Roy and Wayne and Sandra. Due to the inclement weather, we all decided to move into the camp kitchen which covers quite an extensive area with a large table and a heater that made it very comfortable. Then the weather really hit us - rain and wind lashing the building. Every so often when there was a break in the weather, one of us would pop out for a cuppa or toilet stop.

We had ordered, in advance, a variety of pizzas which are made on site to be served at 6.00 pm and once they started coming out, they were enjoyed by everyone including a small family who had taken shelter in the camp kitchen too. The young lad was a bit put out that his family had to wait for theirs but, as was explained to him, ours had been ordered days before whereas theirs had only been ordered that afternoon.

Eventually, sated and happy we retired to our beds and, in our case, hoped for a better day for the morrow.

Saturday 20 July - Quenton had organised a trip to visit the Willowie Memorial Hall leaving at 9.00 am to be followed by coffee in Wilmington. Although it wasn't raining, the wind was coming direct



from Antarctica as it was bitterly cold. At the appointed hour we all piled into our vehicles and followed Q. On arrival at the hall, we were met by Di Barrie and given an overview of the hall, honour rolls and stained glass windows. This hall replaces the original hall built in 1889 and contains the Willowie World Wars 1 & 2 Honour Boards and the Amyton Honour Roll. At the eastern end of the hall are three memorial windows from the Willowie Methodist Church. Two stained glass WW1 memorial windows are located either side of the dais at the eastern end of the hall, each has an identical pattern comprising at the top an effigy of the AIF hat badge surmounted on a ribbon between crossed flags of Australia and Britain over a ribbon with the dates 1914-1919. The foundation stone was laid by a Mr R A Barrie on 10 January 1953 and the hall was subsequently opened by Sir George Jenkins. The hall is used for community events as and when required and is maintained by the local community.



After leaving the hall, we returned to Wilmington for coffee but as the proprietor was on his own, had asked Quenton if we would mind sitting in two separate groups one following the other. Those of us in the second group were shown around the town by Deb who pointed out places of interest. We were all aware of just how cold it was in that wind and were glad when it was our turn to go into the café for coffee. Then we all made our way back to the Stony

Creek Caravan Park.

Okay, now to start thinking about the meal that was the whole point of the weekend. We decided to eat in the camp kitchen because of the weather and the table was duly decorated in a festive theme. The campfire was lit (thank you to everyone who provided the wood) to get the coals ready to begin cooking, Di and Keith set to and prepared and cooked the pumpkin soup over coals in their Cobb, the two Pete's prepared the meats for cooking on the fire in the camp ovens which Club members had kindly made available - thank you to all. Everyone wrapped their veggies in foil to be cooked at the appropriate time. Christmas puddings and sticky date pudding were put in the oven to heat through and the toffee sauce was heated up in a saucepan

While we were waiting for everything to come together, we gathered around the campfire while KK (Deb) did her stuff and organised the presents. There was a bit of hilarity as people



decided whether to open their chosen gifts, risk them being "stolen" or leave them to the end!!

Then everything seemed ready to go - Keryn prepared the brandy custard whilst Jo saw to the gravy. The deliciously hot pumpkin soup was available ahead of dinner so those who wanted some helped themselves. When the meats were ready they were brought in to be sliced up and kept warm on the solid fuel heater and the veggies were brought in! Oh dear, a lot of them weren't cooked!! (Note for next year: start them earlier.) Different methods were employed to finish off the cooking and eventually the meal was ready to be served.

A few people thought the toffee sauce was gravy but were persuaded otherwise - the only one who managed to end up with sweet chicken was Sandra Heintze!! Not sure what that tasted like!!



Apart from the veggies, everything else ran smoothly and, after the meal, everyone pitched in and helped with clearing things away and recovering items they'd brought into the camp kitchen. Thank you to everyone who provided decorations for the table and to Jo for the bon bons.

Sunday 21 July - Some people had to leave today to go home and, as the weather was reasonable, the rest of us followed Pete H on a tour around Wilmington. We did the eastern drive and passed through Hammond, Carrieton, Johnburg, Orroroo, where we visited the Giant Gum Tree. It is 10.4 metres or 34 feet in circumference and it climbs 6 metres or 20 feet before there is a fork in the trunk. The tree is



estimated to be around 500+ years old. We completed the eastern circuit by driving through Morchard and Willowie back to Wilmington. That evening we were booked into the Wilmington Hotel for dinner. Another enjoyable day complete.

Monday 22 July - Pete and I packed up and left first as I had an appointment to get to early In the afternoon in Gawler. Thank you to everyone for coming along and participating in the weekend with us. We had fun and hope you did too. Thank you also to Keryn, Jo & Di for your assistance in helping with food and Deb for being "KK." Maybe we'll do it again next year after ironing out the veggie problem.

[Sandra & Pete]

OUTBACK MORNING TEA – RAISING MONEY FOR THE RFDS

Haven't opened the tin yet as it still has room for more; will bring along on Friday to give you a chance to rid yourselves of that loose change rattling around in your pockets.

[Pete]



SHANE



**AT THE HISTORIC
BURRA TOWN HALL
FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER FROM 6PM**

QUANDONG FILM NIGHT

ANSWER TO "WHERE AM I"

Sir Thomas Elder statue, North Terrace, Adelaide (In front of Elder Conservatorium), University of Adelaide).

Thomas Elder 5/8/1818 to 6/3/1897. Thomas Elder sailed to South Australia in 1854. He was an enterprising young man with an adventurous spirit. With his future brother-in-law Robert Barr Smith (who sailed from Scotland on the same ship), they formed Elder Smith & Co. The discovery of copper in 1860 saw the rise of fortunes for the company and established a pastoral empire larger than their native Scotland, including Quandong Station that the Club is visiting in September, 2024.

In 1866 Elder imported 120 camels from India with their "Afghan" handlers to convey supplies from Port Augusta north to their many properties. In 1868 he imported 60 more and in 1872 supplied all the camels for the construction of the Overland Telegraph Line.

He matched William Watson Hughes gift of £20,000 to establish the University of Adelaide. He was knighted in 1878.

Elders main residence was the "Birksgate" mansion at Glen Osmond, but he also built a Scottish Baronial style Summer House near Mt Lofty "The Pinnacle" complete with gas lights, showers and bathrooms and inside flushing toilets!

Among the many things he donated to South Australia includes the Elder Rotunda in Elder Park, the Thomas Elder Rotunda at the Adelaide Zoo (largest rotunda in Australia) and interestingly even two palm trees at small country South Australia Railway Stations as seen at Mintaro/Merildin, Manoora etc.

One of the more usual gifts was "Miss Siam", an elephant from Siam (Thailand) for the Adelaide Zoo. She thrilled the public for over 20 years and after she died in 1904, her skeleton was preserved and is now on display in the South Australian Museum.

He never married. His will left many organisations thousands of Pounds; including - The University of Adelaide £65,000, Art gallery of South Australia £25,000 (allowing the Gallery to purchase works until 1957), affordable housing for 'workmen' and 'workwomen' (Adelaide Workers Homes Inc) £25,000 (which now in 2024 has over 300 homes and has housed over 4,000 families), School of Music (Elder Conservatorium of Music) £20,000, £16,000 to hospitals, £10,000 to Presbyterians, £4,000 to help the finishing of St Peter's Cathedral (Anglicans), £4,000 to Prince Alfred College (Methodists), plus many more. A successful businessman, politician and well travelled, Elder was very generous with his wealth. His estate was sworn at £615,573 plus an estimated £200,000 outside of South Australia. Birksgate was left to nephew Tom Elder Barr Smith (demolished in 1972 for a housing estate) and The Pinnacle to his favourite niece Mabel (later sold to the Bonython family and renamed "Carminow", now known as "Carminow Castle").

Lake Elder (near Lake Frome), electoral district of "Elder", Elder Hall and a South Australian gecko *Strophurus elderi* were some of the things named after Sir Thomas Elder.

He is buried in the Mitcham Cemetery.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY FUNNIES

(thanks to Meridian Maps)

Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

I was wondering why the ball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.

I Renamed my iPod The Titanic, so when I plug it in, it says "The Titanic is syncing."

Last night, I dreamed I was swimming in an ocean of orange soda. But it was just a Fanta sea.

I lost my job at the bank on my very first day. A woman asked me to check her balance, so I pushed her over.

Two windmills are standing in a wind farm. One asks, "What's your favourite kind of music?" The other says, "I'm a big metal fan."

I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.

The man who survived pepper spray and mustard gas is now a seasoned veteran.

I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage. I lost my case.

England doesn't have a kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes. She gave me a hug.

Just burned 2,000 calories. That's the last time I leave brownies in the oven while I nap.

Whenever I have to fill out a form that asks, "who to call in case of emergency" I always put "ambulance" because no one in my family is going to answer a call from an unknown number.
