

# 4WD Club Newsletter

## September 2024



Founded in 2002



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



Photos from the Archive - Who can name this location? (hint, taken Mar 2009)

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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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<b>WELCOMING OFFICERS</b>	Sandra Heintze

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

	<b>2024</b>											
<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>
<b>General</b>		9	1	12	10	14	12	9	13	11	8	13
<b>Committee</b>				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.



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## NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

### Presidents Report:

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Guest speakers always make our meetings interesting. The next two are our own long term members Martin and Keryn. Martin will be talking to us about his outback motorbike trip he undertook with his sons at our September meeting. Our October meeting Keryn will talk to us and show some photos from her Uluru Photography trip including the rare chance to see rain on the 'rock'. I hope you can join us - sure to be very entertaining!

Our weekend Quondong Station trip was excellent! Owners Joe and MaryLou and Manager Andrew and his partner, Sam, the Overseer went above and beyond to host us. The morning tea spread was HUGE and delicious and all home-made. Once we got Andrew talking, he was very interesting and knew his stuff about modern sheep farming practice in the Outback. See next month's Newsletter for the Trip Report.

Our November meeting will be our usual yearly 'excursion meeting' somewhere held at a venue to be advised. We will enjoy pizza and indoor carpet bowls - Please mark your diaries; past November meetings have been a lot of fun!

Our "Towns of South Australia" article this month is about Willowie; an interesting little town we visited on our "Xmas in July" weekend with our host, author and long time local Di Barrie. I hope you learn a little about its history.

[Quenton]

### Editors Report:

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

Thank you to the contributors for sending their articles in early so that I could get most of the Newsletter complete before Pete heads off.

As you can see under "Coming Events," Bob's trip to the "Mallee Tracks" has been postponed to a later date.

We found the speaker at the last meeting, Cameron, to be most interesting and I'm sure we could have listened to him for another couple of hours easily. He did speak at length about his background and the wide range of professional motoring activities he has been involved in as well as his philosophy for transforming the old Jakem Farm into something attractive for the 4WD community. It was getting close to 9.00 pm by the time he finished and we still had to have a meeting, which must have been a record around 10-15 minutes, before supper and then having to exit the premises on time. Perhaps he can be asked to return at some time in the future.

So far we have no trips lined up for next year so please put your thinking caps on and see if you can come up with somewhere you'd like to go that could become a Club trip - a day, weekend, week or much longer, it is up to you how long you would like it to be. Any ideas can be passed onto a committee member at any time. Over to you!

That's about it from me for this month. Have a great month and I'll see you in October.

[Sandra]



**COMING EVENTS**

<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 From \$25.00 per night. (Suggest you contact them direct for prices as I can only find the barest minimum information online. Ed)	
<b>Meet:</b>	**TBA**	
<b>When:</b>	4-7 October 2024 weekend.	
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Bob Tonkin 0421 600 000	
<b>More Info</b>	Ngarkat Conservation Park centre track – Red Bluff, Borlinda to Peebinga – Rock holes Murray National Park – Panitya North road Please contact Bob for further information.	

**CANCELLED**

<b>October 2024</b>		<b>Maralinga</b>
<b>Trip Details:</b>	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	
<b>Where:</b>	Gawler to Gawler Ranges to Maralinga to Gawler (flexible with route home). Stop at Hiltaba or Mt Ives	
<b>Cost:</b>	Maralinga - \$265 Per Person	
<b>Meet:</b>	Dead Man’s Pass ready to depart at 0830	
<b>When:</b>	Depart Gawler 23 October. Arrive Maralinga 28 October. Tour on 29 <sup>th</sup> . Depart on 30 <sup>th</sup> Flexible trip home	
<b>Trip Leader:</b>	Tas 0458 183 818	
<b>More Info</b>	Drive in tour at Maralinga includes two nights camping. Strictly no alcohol to be consumed / visible at Maralinga	

<p><b>Sunday 3 November 2024</b></p>		<p><b>Holden Heroes Day Trip</b></p>	
<p><b>Trip Details:</b></p>	<p>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.</p>		
<p><b>Where:</b></p>	<p>Holden Manufacturing Heritage Centre, Lionsgate Business Park, Philip Highway, Elizabeth South. National Motor Museum, Shannon Street, Birdwood.</p>		
<p><b>Cost:</b></p>	<p>Holden Manufacturing Heritage Centre \$15 per head, <b>Note: This needs to be pre-paid by October general meeting.</b>                  National Motor Museum - \$22.50, Concession \$17,00, Child (over 5 yo) \$9,00  <b>NOTE: Museum is cashless</b>  <b>The Fold Café – your cost.</b>  <b>10% discount for National Museum ticket holders.</b></p>		
<p><b>Meet:</b></p>	<p>Dead Man's Pass carpark – leave at 9.00 am</p>		
<p><b>When:</b></p>	<p>Sunday 3 November 2024</p>		
<p><b>Trip Leader:</b></p>	<p>Quenton Earl 0407 604 601</p>		
<p><b>More Info</b></p>	<p>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)  <a href="http://www.motor.history.sa.gov.au">www.motor.history.sa.gov.au</a></p>		



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**See Quenton at the General Meeting**



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**Contact us for details**

**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>

**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:



<b>◆◆September◆◆</b>
Stephen
Di

**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

September	October	November
Martin	Roy and Bronwyn	Philip
Bob and Cindy	Chris and Julie	Tas

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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)

## GUEST SPEAKERS

	<i>These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:</i>	
	<b>September 2024</b>	Martin Kisbee – Outback Motorbike Touring
	<b>October 2024</b>	Keryn Wilkins – Uluru Photography
	<b>November 2024</b>	Pizza/Indoor Carpet Bowls – Venue *TBA*
	<b>December 2024</b>	AGM – BYO Supper to share
	<b>February 2025</b>	Ethan White - "The Leyland Brothers"

## 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)

## WHERE AM I



Answer on Page 15

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

### Mallala Racetrack

As kids we loved watching the races out at the Mallala racetrack. It was great to see the Mini Coopers pass the Holdens! Once owner Clem Smith let us local teenagers drive the track in our first cars under the strict instructions to only go 3/4 pace, as he was worried our drum brakes would give out. (Mallala is still considered to be hard on brakes.) I still managed 80 mph on the back straight, not bad considering my 1969 HT Kingswood had only done 84 mph flat out! Soon after, the track was re-surfaced and Clem became quite precious of his track and so us local lads were never allowed to hoon around it again. It was also a great place to earn some pocket money, as there were always jobs going on race days - and you'd see the races for free!

[Quenton]



## 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 -

### Willowie

As early as 1844 men with money established pastoral runs in the area, such as Hugh Proby (Coonatto Station), Price Maurice (Pekina Run) and the owner of Willowie Station, John Howard Angas (all who I have written about in earlier articles). The district was surveyed for farm allotments in 1875 and thus begun the township of Willowie in 1878. The name comes from Aboriginal words "Willa" meaning green trees and "Owie" meaning water.

Amongst the first businesses was the Willowie Hotel built in 1878 and first licensed in 1879 (pictured c1890). It boasted 12 large rooms, bathroom, pantry, capacious cellars, stables and

rainwater tank of 11,000 gallons; which was advertised as "Good supply of fresh water all year round". As well as the usual billiards, 'cock fights' were also held for entertainment. As a requirement of the hotel's licence, the outside lamp had to be lit every night, however Thomas Wood would only climb the ladder to light the lamp if a 'traveller' was expected for the night! A general store, post office, blacksmith, Bible Christian



Church in 1879 (later Methodist, then Uniting), Willowie Bethlehem Lutheran Church 1882 (some miles from Willowie,) saddler and shoe-repair shop, dressmaker, Sunday School and Public School were soon in town. The hotel was used for social events and meetings until the first Hall was built in 1889. This hall was built of tin, and during one dust storm, the patrons at the rear of the hall could hardly see the performers on stage! A "Victory" petrol-gas plant was installed to light the halls four lights, one on stage and two in the supper hall at a cost of £49-19-6 Mr Clarrie Schmidt who operated the system said "... it was a lovely light". As mentioned by Di Barrie, a new hall was built as a memorial to those who served in the wars and was opened in 1953 as the Willowie Memorial Hall. The Willowie and Amyton area saw a huge amount of young men sign up for The Great War and WWII Their honour rolls are proudly hanging in the Hall (as visited by the Club with Di Barrie during our Xmas in July week-end).

Willowie ran Agricultural Shows in the early years and were well attended. In 1892 the show was held on Tuesday 11 October and 1,800 people attended. May Brothers (Gawler) won a prize for their reaper (an improved version of the Ridley Stripper with bag filler and patented by May Brothers).

Some years were very good such as 1889 which saw new businesses built in town, such as Tuckwell's Store. The Hammond Railway Station handled its record number of wheat bags,

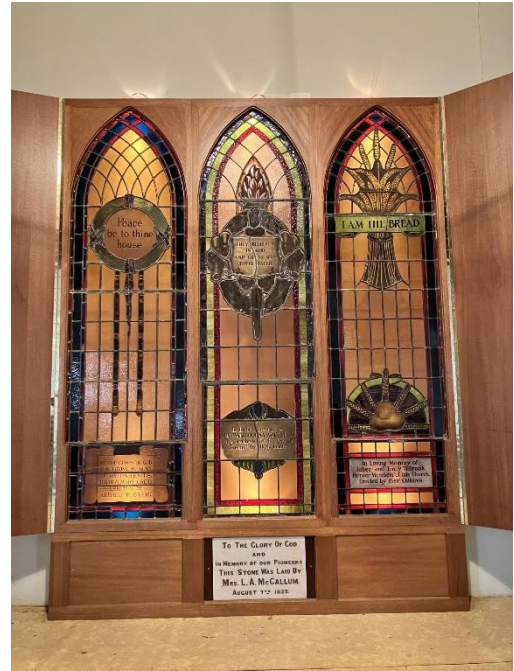
150,000. Farming was, and still is tough, and many farms were sold to neighbours and with the introduction of larger machinery, less workers were required on the surrounding farms.

The Hotel closed and its fine stone was used to build a large house next door in 1933. The general Store, by now known as Willowie Community Co-Op Society Limited, closed in 1974. The Uniting Church was sold in the early 2000's and the beautiful five leadlight memorial windows are now on display in the Memorial Hall (family windows pictured). Buildings like the Sunday School, General store, church and school are now private dwellings.

The Willowie Memorial Hall with new kitchen facilities installed in 2016 is still used for 21st birthday parties, weddings and funerals and is now the 'heart' of the town.

Sources - "Diggers From The Dust - Di Barrie & Andrew Barrie

"Plain of Contrast, A History of Willowie - Amyton - Booleroo Whim" - Edited by Liz Blieschke



[Quenton]

## FWDSA INFORMATION

### 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

### Winter Mystery Day - Sunday 4th August, 2024

12 vehicles arrived at Dead Mans Pass Reserve on a cold and windy Sunday morning anticipating another interesting mystery day drive. The day organised by Pete and Sandra was a carefully crafted series of questions that was to lead us through the picturesque Mid North. Each question took us to the next point on our journey, providing that you read the question correctly and noticed the signposts. Unfortunately, the Earls missed the first major turn out from Sandy Creek and lost a bit of ground, but we got to follow the Wilkins with fingers crossed they knew the way! As we made our way through the countryside north of Gawler, we arrived at Daveyston to see the old Post Office; the smallest Post Office in the southern hemisphere, which is a tiny tin shed, closed in 1974.



From there we headed northish along the Daveyston Road but once again we missed the turn-off question and it wasn't until we reached Kapunda that we realised our mistake. After a discussion in the Earl vehicle we decided to continue onward through Kapunda waving to the seated gentlemen on our way. I think it was that we were so close to morning tea time and the thought of a warm drink after standing in the bitterly cold wind at Kapunda swayed us. Following the black top, we passed Allendale North with a question that had me wishing I had paid more notice when our 8 yo grandson was trying to teach me how to read music notes a couple of weeks earlier but at least we knew we were heading in the right direction.

We finally arrived at the morning tea stop, the infamous rodeo town of Marrabel home to the horse Curio, and while the town no longer has a working pub; the fine stone buildings remain. After a rather interesting discussion about how we all got there we were off to find the other stuff such as feathers, rocks, sticks and pinecones that the directions required us to scavenge for. With our fingers crossed that we would make it to the lunch stop we packed up and proceeded north eastward.

The directions then took us on a well-maintained gravel road to Tothill Belt and Tothill Creek; towns I have never heard of or seen before. Next was Black Springs where there were some very substantial houses built I presume in the late 1800's and as like a lot of these towns a very large cemetery. The area was part of Anlaby Station back before the redistribution of the land to smaller properties. We had been following the wind turbines and realised that's why the roads were up kept, and as we drove past the Goyder South Wind farm site realised that they are continuing to build more on the hills south of Burra which will become South Australia's biggest wind farm.



We arrived thankfully at our destination having driven through the beautiful Mid North countryside and amazed that we were on roads we haven't traversed before. We had a great day driving with only a few disagreements and no one was left behind or opened the destination envelopes. Although during lunch as per Tas, he said there was a bit of tension in his vehicle where he was close to throwing himself out of the car!



Thankyou Pete and Sandra for organising a great day and congratulations to Wayne and Sandra for winning the prize for the most

questions answered correctly (they did backtrack from Kapunda, so thoroughly deserve the win!) and Sandra for a fabulous photo of the winning "ruin photo" of the historic former Royal Oak Hotel, Tothill Creek, first licensed in 1848 and this stone building built in 1850, closing in 1913.

A great day!

[Deb Earl]



Our Winners

## ANSWER TO "WHERE AM I"

**"Scotty's" Grave, Scotty's Grave Road, Allendale North. (Just north of Kapunda)**

**As visited on the Club's Winter Mystery Drive in August, 2024.**

This unusual little grave, set back in a farmer's paddock, with its own access gate cut into the boundary fence, has been a talking point in the local community since 1865 when the first headstone was installed marked "Scotty's Grave 1846, Erected by Subscription".

There is many a legend about "Scotty", who he was, and how he came to be buried in the field, some of the stories, no doubt, have been exaggerated in retelling's in the local watering hole down the road over the past hundred and sixty-five plus years.

One legend tells of Scotty being in his native Scotland and falling madly in love with a girl, but being forced to migrate to Australia. He arrived in the Kapunda region, and could be heard often in the Wheatsheaf Hotel, singing about his lost love. One day, the publican entered the bar after being away for some time. He entered with a new wife, who turned out to be Scotty's long lost love from back in Scotland. Scotty and his love hatched a plan to run away together, and met at the back of the hotel where he had hitched two horses. They rode away together in to the night, but Scotty's horse threw him off, and he died on impact. His long lost love rode back to the hotel, with her new husband, none the wiser, and the following day, when Scotty was discovered, she took it upon herself to oversee his burial.

The truth about "Scotty's Grave" though is this. "Scotty" is actually a man named James Burnett who was a local Sheppard in the Allendale area. While trying to cross the River Light at Baker's Flat, on the 2 August 1846, he slipped from his horse and drowned. The reason he was buried where he is, was stated in The Advertiser in 1903 as being "where Scotty's hut was located when he was alive". His headstone was erected in 1863 via subscription from locals, advertised in the Kapunda Herald. W Flavel, thoughtfully, copied the inscription on the headstone in 1865 for prosperity's sake.

The ornate fence was erected in 1885, cast in Kapunda at Mellors, and over the years there have been numerous restorations and upkeep projects of the grave.

Believe it or not, there are actually two graves at Scotty's Grave Road, lying next to Scotty is a man by the name Carrol, who died two years earlier in 1844 - not much, if anything is really known about this particular gentleman.

From " The Haunts of Adelaide" website. Allen Tiller

[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!!!



## PETER H SUPPORT FOR CHARITY RIDER

I have just had the pleasure of providing support for Duncan in his quest to raise money for a Philippines recycling project by riding a push bike from Leigh Creek to Marla via the Oodnadatta Track.

Leigh Creek to Marree was 'easy' with 120km of good bitumen. However, Duncan was in for a shock once we hit the dirt - he was not expecting the corrugations. For those that came with us on the recent Farina trip you would probably agree that the corrugations were not too bad. Guess that's why we drive our vehicles and not ride "gravel" bikes.

Target was for Duncan to ride 70km per day with a rest day in Oodnadatta. We were able to stop at all the main places along the Track and bush camped between places. Fortunately, most of the winds were from behind and the morning / early afternoon temperatures were comfortable for the most part. He managed to average about 10kmh most of the way. We did have a 100km day towards the end which took pressure of the last day when winds were projected to be westerly and 36 deg in the afternoon.

Pleased to say that he arrived in Marla bang on schedule.

If you would like more info on the project, please visit [www.danaasia.org/cycle-for-recycling/](http://www.danaasia.org/cycle-for-recycling/) or scan the QR code to learn more and donate.



PS: Next time you go to Marree, a visit to Muloorina Springs or, perhaps, the station camp is certainly worthwhile:

[Pete H]



## CREATING A MYSTERY DRIVE

There really is no set format for a "Mystery Drive". Guess there are a couple of options; we could all follow the leader and end up in a mystery location or we can be provided with navigation instructions to arrive at a known, or unknown, destination. No real challenge with preparing the first option, but the second one does require a bit of work.

Creating the plan for the drivers to follow is pretty much straight forward. Here are some initial decisions to make:

1. Where are we going to end up?
2. What stops might there be along the way, eg morning tea?
3. Do we want to provide explicit directions, or could they be cryptic? For example, "Turn right at the Old Kapunda Road", or "Don't go looking for tranquillity, but head towards the big miner". (For those that missed this clue on the last trip, there was a sign pointing left to 'Tranquillity Resort'. The road to the right was Old Kapunda Road".)
4. Last big decision to make is to decide if you want to add interest by asking observation questions, requesting collection of "stuff", or just photos.

Let's take the most recent drive as an example:

Where do we want to go? My plan was to follow the old copper dray route from Burra. A bit of Google searching gave some ideas but didn't really fully answer the route question. No problem, let's pick Burra as the destination and aim to travel on dotted roads only (that means non-sealed surfaces). Didn't really work out so well, but enough to get some dust on some vehicles - even Quenton's!

**Stops?** Morning tea wasn't really planned but we aimed for a spot about halfway between the start and finish.

**Instruction Types?** Simple answer, cryptic is always the most interesting. Now here is the challenge, we all think differently (just have a look at the 100% Club on TV for many examples). You will have to get a second person to help with developing the clue / question and making sure it is not too cryptic.

**Enroute 'Entertainment'.** Creating a list of items to look for helps create confidence for the drivers to ensure they are on the right road. If you miss an instruction and then don't see the answer to an observation question, maybe it is time to turn back.

### Development Process

Ok, so, we have made the big decisions and got a probable route, now time for the real preparation, suggested steps are:

1. Drive the route creating the appropriate cryptic navigation and observation clues along the way, ensuring that each turn is as un-ambiguous as possible. It is a good idea to take photos of each turn and observation.
2. When you get back home, convert the trip notes into the Mystery Drive Instructions.



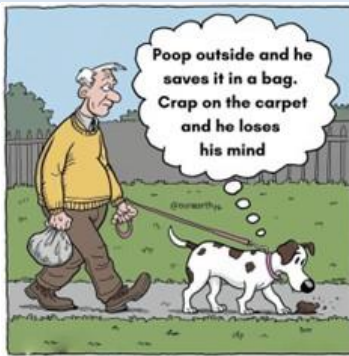
- A few days before the event, re-drive the route making sure that the clues and observation still work.

### Some Dos and Don'ts

- These drives are NOT timed events. Sure, it is OK to have some arbitrary limits (eg if you are not at morning tea by 10am, open the cheat sheet as you are probably lost).
- Allow plenty of time for drivers to get from "A" to "B"
- Make sure you provide emergency instructions (sealed, of course) so as everyone can get to the right location for the finish.

[Peter H]

### FRIDAY FUNNIES



**When people give me directions and say "you can't miss it" — buddy, you have absolutely no idea what I'm capable of.**

And because it is the end of the financial year, a whole bevy of accounting jokes.

Welcome to the accounting department, where everybody counts.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

What do you call an accountant with an opinion? An auditor.

How does Santa's accountant value his sleigh? The Net Present Value.

What do accountants suffer from that ordinary people don't? Depreciation.

They say that two things in life are unavoidable: death and taxes. At least death only happens once!

For every tax problem encountered there is a solution that's straightforward, uncomplicated, and wrong.

How many accountants does it take to screw in a lightbulb? How many did it take last year?

What do you call an accountant without a spreadsheet? Lost!

Children may be tax deductible, but they're still taxing.

What's the difference between tax avoidance and tax evasion? Jail.

An accountant is someone who solves a problem you didn't know you had in a way you don't understand.

What is the definition of a budget? An orderly system of living beyond our means.

An accountant was having difficulty sleeping and went to see his doctor. "Doctor, I just cannot get to sleep at night

"Have you tried counting sheep?"

"That's the problem - I make a mistake and then I spend three hours trying to find it."

*(Thanks to Meridian Mirth for the above funnies.)*

## MARTINDALE HALL SURVEY



**Martindale Hall, Mintaro**

Built in 1880 by pastoralist Edmund Bowman Jr and bought by William Tennant Mortlock in 1882.

The Mortlock family bequeathed the Hall and estate to the University of Adelaide in 1972. In 1986 the Hall and 19 hectares were gifted to South Australia as part of the Jubilee 150 celebrations.

At the moment the Hall is being managed through a short-term caretaker arrangement with a local tourism operator. The government of South Australia has released a Martindale Hall Conservation Park Draft Management Plan 2024. You can access this plan and take a short survey by 5pm 23rd October, 2024.

If you are interested in the future of this fine SA mansion, please take the time to log on and have a read and respond.

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