

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



Clean-Up Monitoring Vehicle at Maralinga

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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

		2025										
<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Dec</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>
General	13		14	14	11	9	13	11	8	12	10	14
Committee	4		5	5	2		4	2		3	1	5
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Public Holiday Dates for 2025

New Year's Day Wednesday 1 January; Australia Day Monday 27 January; Adelaide Cup Day Monday 10 March; Easter - Good Friday Friday 18 April to Easter Monday 21 April; ANZAC Day Friday 25 April; King's Birthday Monday 9 June; Labour Day Monday 6 October; Christmas Eve Wednesday 24 December; Christmas Day Thursday 25 December; Proclamation Day and Boxing Day Friday 26 December. New Year's Eve Wednesday 31 December.

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

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 is our AGM. Please bring a plate of supper to share. A majority of the 2024 Committee is continuing next year, and I have received a couple of nominations for 2025, so it should be a quick AGM and we can enjoy a social supper afterwards.

We have a few trips/events organised for 2025, so please add your names to the Trip Sheets if you are able to attend. This really helps out the organisers with a early indication of possible numbers.

With the probable increase in Public Liability Insurance costs and rising costs, the Committee has recommended a \$5 increase in subs for next year. This will be discussed at our AGM.

Deb and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and please be safe on the roads.

[Quenton]

Editors Report:

Hello everyone and welcome to the last edition of the Newsletter for 2024. I can't believe just how fast this year disappeared.

There will be some minor changes to the Newsletter next year and one of them will be the removal of "Birthdays." However, if you think there is something that should be added please put the suggestion forward for consideration.

We have a few more trips arranged for next year. There are some details noted under "Coming Events" in the Newsletter with more details to follow when they are available.

We are happy to host an Australia Day Barbecue lunch on Monday 27 January as Pete will be tied up at Wasleys on Sunday 26th with Rotary. The Club has kindly offered to provide meat for the barbecue so just bring a salad or dessert to share and yourselves and put your names on the trip sheet so that we have some idea of numbers. Thank you. We do have some chairs but probably not enough for everyone so maybe bring some along just in case. Details are in the Newsletter and we look forward to seeing you there.

All that is left for me to do on behalf of both Pete and myself is to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please keep safe on the roads and we will catch you in 2025..

[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

Monday 27 January 2025

Australia Day Barbecue lunch at the Harpers

Trip Details:	Australia Day celebration Barbecue
Where:	18 Hill Street, Gawler South
Cost:	TBA if there is any.
Meet:	Above address
When:	Monday 27 January 2025 from 11 am onwards
Trip Leader:	Peter and Sandra 0410 526 317 (P) or 0401 300 269 (S)
More Info	The Club will provide the meat Please bring a salad or dessert to share but please advise Sandra which one so that we don't have all salads or all desserts. Thank you. Tea and coffee provided. BYO chairs, drinks, plates etc.

Tuesday 1 April to Saturday 12 April 2025

Coffin Bay

Trip Details:	Visit Coffin Bay
Where:	More details to follow in February
Cost:	TBA
Meet:	TBA
When:	1-12 April 2025
Trip Leader:	Keryn and Brent Wilkins
More Info	Accommodation available at holiday let, possibly caravan parking at holiday let, only 1 or 2 site available. Other option at Coffin Bay Caravan Park across the road. The caravan park is a Discovery Park and the cost for a drive through powered site will be \$455 or \$409.50 for members if you stay for the full time and for a powered site \$432 or \$388.80 for members.. Cabins are also available. Phone number for caravan park is: (08) 8647 5770 and address: 91 Esplanade, Coffin Bay.

Friday 18 April to Monday 21 April 2025		Easter Weekend Mallee Track trip	
Trip Details:	Travel 4WD Border track north and south		
Where:	Border Track		
Cost:	Your cost at the Pinnaroo Caravan Park Mallee Highway, Pinnaroo, SA 5304 Phone: 0484 908 986 – Costs TBA		
Meet:	TBA		
When:	18 to 21 April 2025		
Trip Leader:	Rob Tonkin 0421 603 767		
More Info	To be advised		

Sunday 3 May 2025		Mystery History Day Trip	
Trip Details:	Mystery Trip inter-club trip with the Barossa 4WD Club		
Where:	Barossa/mid North		
Cost:	\$TBA		
Meet:	\$TBA		
When:	Saturday 3 May 2025		
Trip Leader:	Quenton Early 0407 604 601 Barossa contact *TBA*		
More Info	Touring the Barossa and lower mid North. Historic stops and visits. Prize!! More information closer to the date. Please MARK YOUR DIARIES		



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

See Quenton at the General Meeting

18-21 July 2025 Christmas in July

Trip Details:	Christmas in July
Where:	Stony Creek Caravan Park, Wilmington
Cost:	Your cost at caravan park and hotel
Meet:	Make your own way there
When:	Friday 18 Jul 2025 to Monday 21 Jul 2025 Probably Friday to Sunday/Monday
Trip Leader:	Peter Harper & Sandra Harper – 0410 526 317
More Info	Cooking Christmas dinner over the campfire Friday night can be pizza night at the caravan park where the hosts cook pizzas to order. Saturday night – Christmas dinner & Kris Kringle Sunday night – meal at the local hotel Please save the date in your diaries

16-31 August 2025 Tarlee to Tibooburra

Trip Details:	Historic “Pub Crawl” from Tarlee to Tibooburra
Where:	Corner Country NSW
Cost:	Your cost at caravan parks and hotels along the way, etc
Meet:	Tarlee – Saturday 16 August 2025 at 9.00 am
When:	16-31 August 2025
Trip Leader:	Quenton Earl – 047 604 601 – Option 1: via Silver City Highway Peter Harper – 0410 526 317 –Option 2: via Unsealed route from Broken Hill to Tibooburra
More Info	Travelling Tarlee to Tibooburra visiting Commercial Hotel , Burra Olary Hotel, Mannahill Hotel/Museum, Cockburn Hotel (on SA/NSW border, Silvertown Hotel, BHP (Broken Hill Hotel,) Milparinka Hotel (and Milparinka tourist facilities including Courthouse, etc) and Tibooburra Hotel. Suitable for all caravans, off road vans/campers, tents, swags. Option 1 suitable for AWD. More information closer to the date.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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



◆◆ December ◆◆
Peter C

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

December	February	March
Robert and Pauline	Joann and Peter C	Quenton and Deb
Brenton and Keryn	Stephen and Lisa	Peter and Sandra

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Advertising Rates (12 months)	
Quarter Page	\$50
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

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



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

GUEST SPEAKERS

	<p><i>These guest speakers have kindly agreed to talk with us at the following general meetings:</i></p>	
	<p>December 2024</p>	<p>AGM – BYO Supper to share</p>
	<p>February 2025</p>	<p>Ethan White - "The Leyland Brothers"</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)



**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

WHERE AM I



Answer on Page 20

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 -

Maitland

Prior to European settlement, the district was the home of the Narangga Aborigines that called the area "Madu Waltu" which meant "white flint". In 1872 the town was named Maitland after Lady Jean Maitland. She was the wife of the first Lord of Kilkerran, the great-great grandmother of the governor of South Australia at that time, Sir James Fergusson. Maitland is planned similar to Adelaide with a neat grid of streets surrounded by parklands (now the Golf course). Many of the streets were named after the Rogers family - the first family in the district who settled here in 1851 and built Ynoo homestead. (A replica model of Ynoo homestead is at the front of the museum). The town was proclaimed and the area opened up for agricultural selection in 1872.

According to Yorke Peninsula Past and Present - "Farmers generally in the Maitland district are prosperous, more so perhaps, than in any other district in South Australia. The ease with which barley and wheat can be grown no doubt accounts to a great extent for the wealth in the locality, and also for the particularly fine homesteads noticeable everywhere. Many of these homes possess electric light and power plants, and wireless sets, these being regarded by the more prosperous farmers as a necessity. Farmers own one, two or three motor cars."

From the early 1900's there were two motor garages in town. Gilberts Garage sold Buick, Ford and Fiat motor cars and later became Maitland Motors and sold GM and from 1948 to 2017 Holden cars; Rex Toop was the long time Dealer/Principal and was regarded as "THE man about town" and always drove the latest Chevrolet. In 1927, what was to become Gunnings took over selling Ford cars. The Ford dealer brought in experienced help from Adelaide to help new car owners. At the rear of their garage was a power house to provide electricity to the town. In October 1909 a rally of Argyle motor cars was organised for owners from Maitland and surrounds; 33 cars took part. In 1912 Maitland had the highest number of motor cars per population in South Australia and in 1922 had the first petrol bowser installed in country South Australia.

The Maitland school opened in 1878. The first section built at a cost of £938 housed 80 children. Further stone rooms were added in 1919 and 1939. The school became a higher school in 1922 and an area school in 1943. Bob Hawke attended the school between 1935 and 1938 while his father was a minister at the local Congregational church. A new area school was built in 1966 in Junction Road and this school still caters for the large surrounding area. A new Lutheran school was established in 1966 and students come as far as Edithburgh, Yorketown, Minlaton, Curramulka, Ardrossan and Moonta to attend. The original Maitland school is now the towns museum.

The original Council Chambers were built in 1908 for the District Council of Yorke Peninsula at a cost of £276. A verandah was added in 1928. This building is now a



cute Bed and Breakfast run by the towns Progress Association (pictured).

The Maitland Institute's foundation stone was laid on 16 January, 1882, and opened on 16 January, 1884. The hall had seating for 450 people. A new stage and supper room were added



in 1910. Extensive alterations in 1957-58 including a foyer, ballroom, corporation offices, new library and staggered seating in the theatre, complete with a "modern" facade.(pictured)

The first Post Office was in a private home, being transferred to Tiddy and Kitto's store in 1874. A new Post Office and residence was built in 1878 and a new larger Post Office built in 1913-14 for £1200. This busy Licensed Post Office is still run today.

The Maitland Hotel was built in 1874. This hotel was used as the local meeting hall before the Institute was built. The second storey was later added with a large billiard hall on the ground floor. The Yorke Valley Hotel was built in 1877 and described as "... containing 20 rooms, including private sitting rooms, parlours, excellently ventilated bedrooms and that luxury, rare in country districts, a bathroom". The facade has changed very little (pictured).

The Savings Bank established itself in Maitland in 1879 and a large imposing two storey bank was built in 1928, by the aptly named local builder Peter Brickman, later being the BankSA building. BankSA now operates across the road. The National Bank of Australasia opened a branch here in 1884. A new bank and residence was built, altered in 1939 and again in 1971 to become the ugly building it is today, now a Bed and Breakfast.



A local "Railway Committee" was formed and met in 1913, 1914, 1915, and after the War in 1919 a railway to Paskeville was proposed to get the wheat to the port of Wallaroo, but after much lobbying by the local farmers and businessmen, stating that Maitland was contributing much wealth to the state from wheat and barley production, the railway was never built. Grain silos were built in Ardrossan in 1952 and local farmers carted their grain by road there, mainly on their own farm trucks as the farmers changed from bagged grain to "bulk".

An excellent town walk "Maitland Historic Walk" has a detailed brochure available from the Council Office next to the Institute.

[Quenton]

TRIP REPORTS

Maralinga 2024 Trip

Trip participants

- Tas (Leader)
- Peter and Sandra
- Steve and Lisa

Wednesday 23rd of October

We all met up at Mallala. From there we headed to Snowtown where we had a quick break. Then onto Port Augusta to refuel and have some lunch. We also paid our park fees for the Gawler Ranges NP.

At Iron Knob we turned off and headed to Mt Ive station where we all decided to stay 2 nights.

A nice evening sat under the gazebo.

Thursday 24th of October

After letting some air out of our tyres, we all headed off at 8:30 am. The road was in pretty good condition, we had morning tea at Scrubby Peak. Onto Yandina Falls which was a pleasant walk. Saw some Peninsula Dragon lizards basking in the sun then it was onto the organ pipes where we had lunch after our walk.

Next stop Stone Dam then Old Paney where we had a quick stop at the old Shearing Shed before making our way back to camp. A great day's sightseeing! Went over for happy hour at the Spinifex bar and then had a bbq for tea.



Friday 25th of October



Got off early this morning then stopped at Pondana ruins before taking the Skull Tank track. We called into the Waltumba campground and had morning tea. We had a good view of Lake Gairdner. Stopped at Skull Tank and headed off to find a lunch spot. The road was very corrugated and we stopped for lunch in an old quarry. Got to Hiltaba and had a look at an old Shearing Shed and a cart that had been restored by some Victorians, along with an old wool baler. The bar was pretty cool it had old shearing implements in it

and was covered in resin.

Camped at Pretty Point campground and later on Ned from the homestead came to check on us. He said it was okay to put our fees in an envelope together with the drive fee. He wasn't sure what the cost was going to be but gave us the code for the padlock. We did some star gazing and satellite searching before going to bed.

Saturday 26th of October.

We started the drive for Mount St Mungo from camp as that where the locked gate was. We already had the trip notes and Steve and I were leaders for the day. The trip notes were very good and gave us a description of the various flora along the way. Our drive also took us through Mallee woodlands and Blue Bush plains.

Our first stop was at the Peeweena yards that was an old drafting race used to separate the lambs from the sheep. It was made out of Myall posts and built in the early 20th century. The track took us out to the top of the saddle where we had a great panoramic view of the south.



We had lunch at Mt St Mungo. The walk to the top was 30 to 45 minutes each way with no defined track so we decided against it. Next stop was St Mungo Well. It was constructed pre 1900. A jackaroo recalled that a firm from Jamestown said that if they didn't strike water they would only charge for the materials and the bore casing!! Other points of interest on the way were an old track grader near Peter Pan dam and the dam excavator that was used to sink the well and would have needed 2 to 3 horses to haul

it before tractors came along. We had lunch at the Shepherds hut which was nestled between some Black Oak trees.

On the way back to camp we diverted to the lookout. There was a rocky climb to view the clay pans with Wahroonga Bluff and other mountains in the distance. Before going back to camp, we went back to the Shearer's quarters to return the trip notes and find out how much the track was. Had no luck so put some extra money into an envelope which was deposited into a box.



Back at camp we relaxed before having tea and some more star gazing, not that we got to do too much as it was a little cloudy.

Sunday 27th of October

Up early and enjoyed the usual bacon and egg breakfast before packing up. A quick stop in Wirrula before stopping in Ceduna to refuel the car and do a bit of shopping and have a late morning tea. Then it was onto Penong to book into the caravan park and enjoy a restful afternoon. Sandra did some washing and later on we went out to the local pub for tea. It was pizza night - great pizzas! Peter and Sandra both had "fiery Penongs" and they lived up to their name.

Monday 28th of October

Packed up and headed off. Stopped at Nundroo for a fuel top up, it was very busy there and then onto Maralinga. We turned off on to the Iluka road which was bitumen to the mine and once we crossed the railway it was gravel. We found a roadside stop and had some lunch. We had the Nullarbor Reserve to the west and Yellabinna Regional Reserve to the east. There were slower sections and some corrugation but overall the road was not too bad. The last section was some old bitumen which was probably laid by the British 70 years ago when Maralinga was used for the testing and, although only a narrow road, was still in reasonably good condition given its age. We got to Maralinga at 2.00pm and waited for the gate to be opened. What looked like an old sentry box stood outside the gate and was called the "Tardis." We could choose anywhere to set up camp and settled in quite nicely and had a restful afternoon. The caretaker and tour guide of the village called Robin came and spoke to us to let us know what time to be ready in the morning and to have a packed lunch and plenty of water as it was going to be a hot day. He mentioned that it was also going to get quite busy over the next few days as there were a lot of vehicles arriving for the world speed record trials and tune up runs.

Tuesday 29th of October

Up early and got prepared for the day. Cold pizza for lunch, a few snacks and plenty of water as it was going to be a warm day. Robin had to pick up the men who arrived by plane, they flew in themselves.

There were 14 passengers in total. We discovered that there are 137 cement slabs in the ground where buildings used to stand and the swimming pool, near the campsite, had been filled in.

Our first stop was Lough Mackew, which is a dam where they drew their water supply from and kept it in tanks to reduce evaporation (it is still operational today and provides water for the village.) Len Beadell helped design the channels to collect the water which comes from the large parking area of the airport. From there we went into the terminal. There was an old vehicle in there which was modified and strengthened to use for radioactivity testing in the area when the cleanup was done. The parking area bitumen was three inches deep, and the airstrip is 6 inches deep. At the start (touch down pads) and end there is a five metre base of concrete under the surface of the bitumen.





The scientists and British Army personnel were housed at Maralinga village while the Air Force and Navy men were housed in tents outside the village but they all drank together in the village. The roadside village housed 200 police to help protect from unwanted visitors and spies.

At Teitkens Well there were some baby falcons nestled right at the bottom of the well. Robin showed us a metal bunker which he had unearthed and which men sat in for hours during testing. We stopped at Len

Beadell's trig point and had lunch at Taranaki, one of the trial sites. On a bit further Robin showed us a model of a Russian tank that had been made out of lead - it was too heavy to lift. There was also a big lead lined camera that he found. We stopped at one site and showed us some T



Trinitite which is fused glass (melted sand) from the blasts. Back to camp for a rest and then went and had a look at an old hospital building and bought a book. The weather is starting to change and it's coming in cloudy.

Wednesday 30th of October

We left about 7:40am and Robin was waiting at the gate to let us out. We passed some traffic arriving for the trials. We stopped and had a look at a blowhole before going on 1km further to look for the rock hole. We wandered around for a bit. Peter had his phone with the map on and found the location but it was covered in sand. Had morning tea where we stopped for lunch previously.

Once we got back to the bitumen we stopped and pumped up the tyres. From there it was back to Nundroo for some lunch and a leg stretch and where we said "goodbye" to Tas as he was wanted to get further than Ceduna for the night. We stopped a little further up the road as Peter had a slow leak from the passenger side rear tyre, changed that and proceeded on. At the quarantine station all we had to do was show the passes that we had picked up on our way through and they waved us on.

When we got to Ceduna we stopped at a hardware store to pick up a brush to wash caravan as we hadn't seen one at home so got this one. On to Shelly Beach Caravan Park where they gave us drive through sites. Spent a restful afternoon. Sent Tas message to see where he got to for the night - he made it to Wudinna .

Thursday 31st of October

On our way out we refuelled. Peter had a leak coming from his tank but it was okay to head off and by the time we stopped for morning tea it had stopped. We stopped at Kimba for lunch and then went onto Nutbush Retreat for the night and ordered our meals for tea. Once again it was a great meal.

Friday 1st of November

Packed up and headed off, we had no need to stop in Port Augusta so went straight through. We stopped at Harry's Shed for some morning tea and to say "goodbye" to Peter and Sandra as we were turning off at Port Pirie and heading to Bute to catch up with my cousin.

We would like to say a big thank you to Tas for organising and leading the trip, so glad we did it and thanks to Tas, Peter and Sandra for their companionship

[Lisa}

Christmas at 'Adare' by Keryn.

On our arrival at 'Adare' Victor Harbor, Chris and Julie were already set up and very soon Di and Keith, Bob and Cindy, Jo, Peter, Skyla and Nana, Roy and Bron, Q and Deb and Sandra & Pete arrived.

The grounds were immaculate with very green maintained lawns. We had the park to ourselves for the weekend. Everyone settled in, inspected Q and Debs new van and sat around for happy hour.

Dinner was enjoyed at 'Whalers Seaside restaurant', overlooking Encounter Bay on a beautiful calm evening. Just magic!!

Q was our tour guide early Saturday morning, walking Victor's main precinct, pointing out early history of the area including businesses and dwellings which were all part of the development of a very busy and successful town. It was a great time of day to enjoy a stroll without the hustle and bustle of tourist's experienced later in the day.

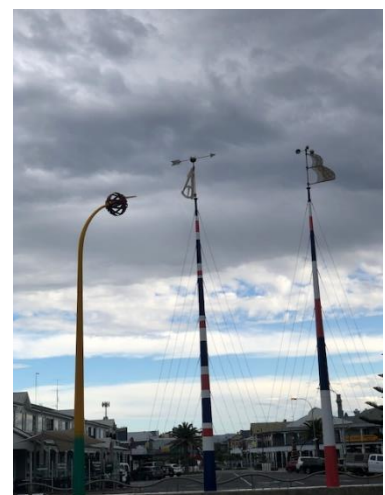
Victor Harbor Walk Saturday 30th November 8.30am

Encounter Bay - named after Matthew Flinders (Investigator) met Nicolas Baudin (Le Geographe) on 8 April 1802.

On 26 April 1837, Captain Richard Crozier anchored his ship, HMS Victor, in the Lee of Granite Island and named the sheltered waters Victor Harbour.

Victor Harbour was declared a legal port during the time of Governor John Hindmarsh. For a time early newspapers referred to it as Victor Harbour in honour of Queen Victoria who became Queen of the British Empire on 20 July 1837.

- Victoria Pier 1864
- Causeway to Granite Island 1875 carried freight until 1920s.
- Granite Island Little Penguins (Fairy Penguins) 2001 - 1,548 2023 - 28
- Destroyed by seals.
- Ramindjeri people - Yilki
- 1803 - 1860s Whaling Station at the Bluff area. First Nation people given whale meat, Rum and whalers used their women.
- 3 Post Sculptures - Encounter Poles - Flinders - British /



Baudin - French / 1st Nation people. Placed in 2002 to celebrate 200 years of encounter.

- Irish Women 1848-1850 memorial in park. Barnaby Joyce and Kevin Rudd can trace their ancestry to those women.
- Ridgeway William Newland - Clergyman South of England led first settlers to Encounter Bay in 1839 on the "Lord Hobart".
- 1850 Fountain Inn at Yilki (still there)
- 1846 first Congregation Church "Taberade" Church
- 1869 Congregational Church opened
- 1927 New Church opened - Newland Memorial Church. Cost approximately £10,000. This followed a bequest of £500 by Simpson Newland in 1925 that a new church should be built. Constructed on land donated by Sir Henry Newland, the foundation stone was laid on 23 April 1927 by Sir Henry in memory of his father and grandfather. Son - Simpson. Pastoralist, Rundle St trader, - mansion at Burnside "Undelcarra" designed by Gawler architect - Daniel Garlick. His son Sir Henry Simpson Newland - famed SA Surgeon.



- 1863 Hotel Victor. First bank 1865 - Bank of SA (Changed to ANZ)
- General store 1866. Telegraph Station 1866
- First Railway Station 1867 Rail to Adelaide via Mt Barker 1883. Stone goods shed 1864
- Current brick Railway Station 1926
- Boats carried Wheat and wool down River Murray to Goolwa, Train (1864 horse drawn) to Victor Harbor.
- Railways stopped river trade in 1890's
- 1890's Victor Harbor really boomed as a tourist destination.
- Railway Terrace - Victor's first shopping precinct.
- Boot maker - Shoe Shop built in 1867. Midwife.
- The Henderson's Bakery and Granite Tearooms - popular with holiday makers
- Nearby buildings are the Harbour Masters house, Goods shed, Post and Telegraph Station, wool stores and Railway Station.
- Anchorage - 1905 early Guest House - 1 of 65! Built by James Holliday as Warringa Guest house.
- Mansion in distance - Mt Breckan House. Built by Alexander Hay in 1881.

- Pastoralist and Rundle Street Trader. 3 years to build. 60 rooms. £25,000. Hay died 1898. Fire 1909. Under insured by Hay, re-built 38 rooms. Training RAAF WWII, Bible College 1962-1978.
- Castlemaine House 1927
- Summer residence for Sir William Sowdon, the former editor of the register (the Advertiser) and president of the board of governors of the public library and Art museum. He owned a library of 15,000 volumes.
- Adare House, built by Daniel H Cudmore 1891. Wealthy Pastoralist from Wentworth used it as a summer retreat. The property was purchased in 1954 by the Methodist church as a campsite and is now a conference centre. Presently being renovated.
- First Bank - Now residence called Granite House.
- Grosvenor Hotel 1896 boasted 60-70 rooms. Opened for Summer season of 1897. Governor Lord Tennyson stayed in 1902 (100 yrs of Flinders encounter.)
- THE place to stay! The first gas lit building in Victor. In 1918 first electric light in Victor. Boasted Hot and Cold running water, Private bathing boxes, Septic tank. Owner Arthur Humberstone had the first car in 1905 (registered in 1906 - rego 71) Rides to Inman Bridge on opening of Town Hall - people queued for joy rides.
- Bank SA - 1928 Savings Bank of SA. £4,900.
- Granite base quarried on West Island originally for another building! Sold in 2020.
- Institute
- Town Hall.

Brent showed us accommodation where his family stayed during school holidays, as a child. They travelled from Adelaide to Victor Harbor by train.

The highlight of the tour was a visit to the Newland Memorial Uniting Church where we listened to a hymn played on the pipe organ. Interesting features of the church were the stain glassed windows as memorials to the pioneers & those enlisted in WWII, the unorthodox design of the church, wall hangings, the wall sculptural frieze representing 7 days of Creation and the view from the gallery. Q has brochures with more information if anyone is interested.



At 10 am, was Coffee and cake time at Ninos Cafe before boarding the train to Goolwa. Skyla was very excited as we travelled the old rattler red hen via Port Elliot and Middleton. After checking out the op shop, Goolwa Wharf precinct and having a picnic lunch we headed back to Victor.

Brent and I then explored the Peninsula and visited Myponga beach before taking hilly back tracks back to camp and happy hour. The countryside was gorgeous.

The camp kitchen was then set up for our 4WD Christmas party with decorations and Disney figurines singing Christmas carols and table top dancing. Now in the Christmas spirit, the BBQ was on, the men cooked the meats and salads were shared.

Santa visited, much to the delight of Skyla and all enjoyed the excitement as she helped Santa hand out chocolates to everyone from his big sack.

We casually packed Sunday morning, went for a walk along Hindmarsh river where the school groups kayak and took photos of the Historic buildings, Mt Brekan House, Castlemaine House and Adare, all standing tall on distant hills.

At 10am we travelled the beautiful Hindmarsh Valley for Coffee and scones at Softfoot Cafe, nestled away amongst the hills. Maybe next visit we will see the alpacas and animals at the farm.

Thank you so much Q for such a wonderful weekend and all the helpers that made the weekend one to remember.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe happy new year. Looking forward to 2025 Club trips and outings.

Keryn and Brent 🎄🎄

ANSWER TO "WHERE AM I"

Victoria Hotel 1870's, Willaston. Now known as the Willaston Hotel.

Robert Barnfield was the Publican when this picture was taken, 1869 - 1882; when he died, his wife took over until 1886. Note the large lamp out the front - as part of hotels licensing conditions, a lamp had to be lit each night out the front to guide patrons and travellers . Jack Bennett was the Publican in 1958 when the name was changed to the Willaston Hotel. A balcony was added in the 1920's and a car knocked down four verandah posts in 1981 collapsing the balcony. A drive-in bottle shop was added in 1977 and a new one built in 1995. Pokies were added in 1994 - 5c and 10c machines.

Not to be confused with the original Willaston Hotel 1849 - 1920 which is now a private residence near the bridge next to The Injury Hub.

[Quenton]

*We wish you all a Very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year.*



CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS

*Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Christmas Hamper/s at the December meeting - they are only \$2 each.
Good luck everyone.*

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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.

The McClelland royal commission showed that the British were cavalier about the weather conditions during the bomb tests and that fallout was carried much further than the 100-mile radius agreed to, reaching Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and AdelaideSo 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!!!

MARALINGA (SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION THANKS TO WIKIPEDIA)

Maralinga is a desert area around 3,300 square kilometres (1,300 sq mi) large located in the west of South Australia, within the Great Victoria Desert. The area is best known for being the location of several British nuclear tests in the 1950s.

In January 1985, in recognition of their native title, freehold title was granted to the Maralinga Tjarutja, a southern Pitjantjatjara Aboriginal Australian people, over some land. Around the same time, the McClelland Royal Commission identified significant residual nuclear contamination at some sites. Under an agreement between the governments of the United Kingdom and Australia, efforts were made to clean up the site before the Maralinga people resettled on the land in 1995. The main community, which includes a school, is Oak Valley. There are still concerns that some of the ground is still contaminated, despite two attempts at cleanup.

Maralinga was the scene of UK nuclear testing and was contaminated with radioactive waste in the 1950s and early 1960s. Maralinga was surveyed by Len Beadell in the early 1950s. It followed the survey of Emu Field, which was further north and where Operation Totem with two nuclear tests was conducted.

On 27 September 1956, Operation Buffalo commenced at Maralinga, as Emu Field was found to be excessively remote. The operation consisted of the testing of four fission bombs. Two were set atop towers, one at ground level, and one released by a Royal Air Force Vickers Valiant bomber from a height of 9,100 m (30,000 ft). This was the first launching of a British atomic weapon from an aircraft.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS****2024 AGM**At meeting: **Friday 13th December 2024**

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

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER PORTFOLIOS

Position	Role
President/Public Officer: (Elected) Elected in Even Years - 2024	To Chair Committee & General Meetings. To be involved in the general administration of the club. To speak for and on behalf of the club. To welcome new Members.
Vice-President: (Elected) Elected in Odd Years – 2025	To stand in for the President should the need arise and to keep themselves familiar with the running of club business. To speak for and on behalf of the club
Secretary: (Elected) Elected in Even Years – 2024	To keep a record of incoming mail, answer any correspondence or respond to as required by the committee. Collate a summary of incoming and outgoing correspondence for meetings to be included in minutes from committee and general meetings.
Treasurer: (Elected) Elected in Odd Years – 2025	To keep a true and accurate record of all incoming and outgoing accounts and to pay all accounts approved by the club. To keep a record of all members. The books must be audited each year and a report is tabled and presented at the AGM.
Minutes Secretary: (Elected)	To keep a true and accurate record of all business discussed at Committee and General Meetings, and any other meetings called by the committee. Type up these minutes and email onto editor for insertion into newsletter each month. Email Committee Minutes to Committee Members.
Social Secretary/s: (Elected)	To organise a group of helpers for putting on all social functions. For organising and running all fund raising efforts within the club. To keep true and accurate financial records, to report at Committee and General Meetings on all of the above. Collect items to be raffled each month, have tea, coffee, cold drinks and supper ready for after the meeting. You are the welcoming face of the club as you are the first person the members and visitors see as they register and buy raffle tickets. This position is encouraged to be shared by 2 people.
Editor/Publisher: (Elected)	To collect material suitable for printing in the club newsletter including trip reports and photos and any information relevant to club activities, association business, and any other information to keep members informed on all matters relating to 4WDiving and our club. To organise advertising such as to compensate the production costs of producing the newsletter and upkeep costs of the Website. To organise typing, printing and uploading to Website of the newsletter. You can ask for volunteers help from the membership. Email out club Newsletter to all those on Email List before General Meeting and to other 4WD Clubs around the state.

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

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

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