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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



Vic High Country - 10 years ago

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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 for 2025 are \$70 per vehicle/family, plus \$10 joining/late fee making it \$80 for the year.



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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

	2025
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<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		14	14	11	9	13	11	8	12	10	14	12
Committee		5	5	2		4	2		3	1	5	3
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NOTE: NO MEETING IN APRIL**Public Holiday Dates for 2025**

Adelaide Cup Day Monday 10 March; Easter - Good 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:

We will have a meeting after this month's *General Meeting* to discuss Keryn & Brent's Coffin Bay trip.

Remember - There is no *General meeting* in April, 2025. Please adjust your diaries.

Please keep an eye out for your turn to bring in a raffle prize on the "Raffle Roster" in the newsletter. Buy a prize around \$15 to bring and give to Deb or Sandra. The raffle money enables the Club to provide the BBQ meat for our Christmas weekend.

Subs for 2025 are now due - \$70 + \$10 Joining/Late fee. Please deposit via EFT to the Clubs bank account and hand Wayne your completed and signed (front & back) membership form along with proof of insurance ASAP. Subs must be paid by this March meeting.

Our Photo Competition returns this year with our sponsor *Gawler Fishing & Outdoors*, so remember to take lots of photos on Club trips! You could take the winning entry!

Quenton]

Editors Report:

Hello everyone and welcome to the March/April edition of the Newsletter.

Due to the fact that there are no meetings in April, as Quenton mentioned above, this Newsletter covers both months. However, if there is anything important to impart or changes to trips; etc during that time, Quenton will send out an email so please keep your eyes open for anything from the Club.

The reason that the April meeting has been cancelled is due to the fact that most people will be away on a Club trip to Coffin Bay, more details of which will follow the March meeting on Friday. May's meeting will go ahead as usual.

Enjoy this extended summer weather although I'm sure we'd all like to see some rain, especially the farmers. The plants would also say "thank you" to a good soaking.

Till next time, that's it from me.

[Sandra]



COMING EVENTS

**Sat 22 March OR
Sun 23 March**

TLCCSA - Caravan Safety Awareness Course - March 2025

Trip Details:	The Toyota Landcruiser Club has arranged a Caravan Awareness Course to be conducted by the Rotary Club of Barossa District. The course facilitator is a professional driving instructor who has his own Transport Training business. All proceeds go towards Rotary projects.
Where:	Regional Transport Training Services facility, Nuriootpa
Cost:	\$120
Meet:	At training facility
When:	Saturday 22 nd March OR Sunday 23 rd March
Trip Leader:	Peter Harper
More Info	Register via TryBooking: https://www.trybooking.com/CXPUF

**Tuesday 1 April to
Saturday 12 April
2025**

Coffin Bay

Trip Details:	Visit Coffin Bay
Where:	More details to follow after March meeting
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

**Saturday 3 May
2025**

Mystery History Day Trip

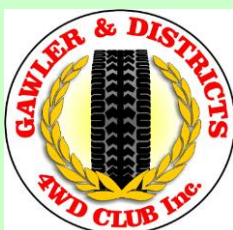
Trip Details:	Mystery Trip inter-club trip with the Barossa 4WD Club
Where:	Barossa/mid North
Cost:	\$TBA
Meet:	\$TBA
When:	Saturday 3 May 2025
Trip Leader:	Quenton Early 0407 604 601 Barossa contact *TBA*
More Info	Touring the Barossa and lower mid North. Historic stops and visits. Prize!! More information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

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 Olarly 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.



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

See Quenton at the General Meeting

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 (Deb Earl or Sandra Harper) any time.

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

March	May	June
Quenton and Deb	Wayne and Sandra	Martin
Peter and Sandra	Gary and Julie	Bob and Cindy

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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 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>March 2025</p>	<p>Coffin Bay Trip Meeting</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)

DRAFT GUURANDA - YORKE PENINSULA COASTAL ACCESS STRATEGY – HAVE YOUR SAY

The draft strategy is currently out for public consultation and closes on **20 March 2025**.

Four Wheel Drive SA has been, and will continue to be, part of the stakeholder process, but we need members to also complete the survey to let their views be known. We need to be constructive but also recognise that our ongoing access to some areas is under threat.

For more information and to find the survey, please follow this link: [Draft Guuranda - Yorke Peninsula Coastal Access Strategy](#).

I have registered our club to receive feedback from the survey results and these will be passed on when received.

Don't forget, your last chance to have a say on the management of Guuranda - Yorke Peninsula Coastal Access is to complete the survey by 20 March.

[Pete, FWDSA Delegate]

WHERE AM I



Answer on Page 16

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 -

Murray Town

Murray Town is located in the Southern Flinders Ranges about midway between Wirrabara and Melrose. It takes its name from pioneer pastoralist Alexander Borthwick Murray, the founder of the Murray Merino breed of sheep, and his family, whose Wirrabara Station covered much of this area including the former Wild Dog Creek Run. After the "Strangways Land Act" of 1869, large pastoral runs in this area were split up into 640 acre blocks for farmers to purchase. The Murrays were accused of "dummying" which basically means putting some 640 acre lots in others names (such as employees etc) to gain extra land. Their name was even mentioned in Parliament in reference to this.

Due to large volumes of traffic turning at the junction of Main North Road and the Booleroo Road, a town was sought at this junction. A B Murray agreed to lay out a town and the town blocks were sold at auction in the Wirrabara Institute on 22nd December, 1885. Streets were named after the Murray family - George, Margaret, Charlotte, Stanley, Adam and John. The main road was named Tinline Road after his wife's maiden name. After the initial sales the rest of the land was slow to sell and the town did not grow to its anticipated size. Henry Neustadt, publican from Wirrabara bought several blocks, intending to build a hotel; however it was not until Evan McKay bought the hotel block and built the Murray Town Hotel which was run by his son-in-law Carl Degenhardt in 1893 that this occurred. Large teamsters yards were built across from the hotel to house bullock teams overnight (pictured in



1900) who hauled wheat to Port Germein. One regular patron of the hotel raised the ire of other customers by monopolizing the fire in the parlour by always sitting in front of it all night. One night, several live cartridges were tossed secretly in the fire. After the dust and commotion settled, he soon learnt his lesson! ("Run North Wild Dog" edited by Heather Sizer. 1985). The hotel ran for many years by a number of publicans, but is closed today (pictured).

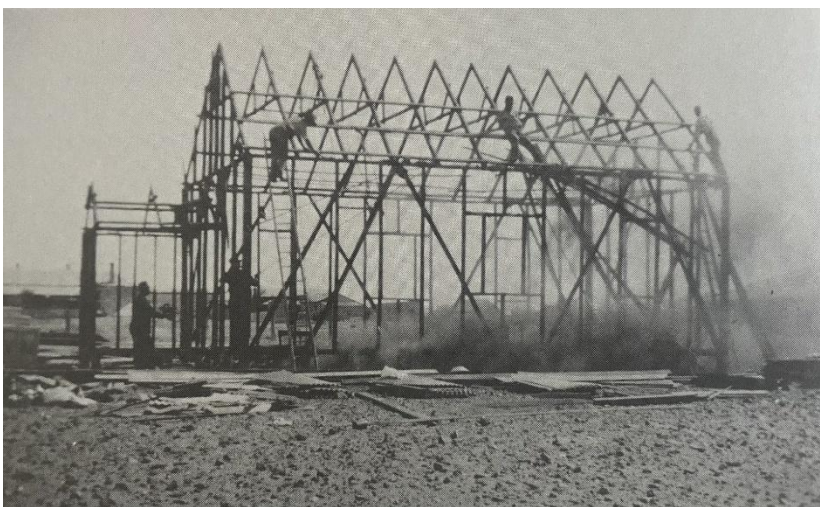
Other businesses soon sprung up in Murray Town. Alick Cameron opened a butcher shop which later also ran a bakery, John Bonham opened a grocery shop and for a short time ran a pawnbroking business. This building was known as "The Pawn Shop" from then on. William Slow opened a blacksmith's shop. John Bonham also operated a chaff and oats store, and for teamsters buying feed from him, could water their teams for free, otherwise were charged a penny per head for water. Johnnie Cameron operated a chaff store and it was this store where soldiers celebrated their return after World War I with a dance. Johnnie also built two stone rooms, one for a consulting doctor and the other as a bank agency. John Fisher from Tarcowie set up a business as a young man in Murray Town where he built "Fisher" ploughs and cultivators. No official Post Office was built and over the years the Post Office shifted into many businesses along Tinline Road.

The Murray Town School opened its doors on 10th July, 1893 with 20 students. Sugar Gums and Pepper Trees were provided from the Woods and Forest Department and were planted around the school border. In 1938 a new Superintendent of Primary Education was appointed and began upgrading country schools. A fine new brick built school (pictured - now a private residence) was opened in the new school year of 1941.



The Bible Christians (later Methodists and Uniting Church) met in the Murray Town School before building their own church in 1896. The earliest reference to St Pauls Anglican Church is in the minutes dated 1896. However

following 7 years of fundraising a new church was built with the foundation stone laid by Mrs G W Cameron, an early settler, on 9th August, 1913 and opened in 1914. This church was



demolished in 1961 with the foundation stone (and trowel which it was laid), marble font and some pews moved to St Margaret's at Wirrabara. A pile of stones remain on the hill. St Brigid's Catholic Church (already 39 years old) was dismantled from Farina (pictured) and transported to Murray Town in 1936 on 3 trucks. This church (pictured) was designed in 1897 by Dr

Norton, Bishop of Port Augusta with 12 pages of detailed plans. It was said it was so well designed and constructed, it withstood many severe Farina storms, where other buildings lost their roof. Although a modest timber and iron church, the interior had a warmth and beauty of its own. Prior to this, services were held in the hotel dining room. In 1994 this church closed and was again dismantled and moved to Goolwa Beach as a B&B. It has again been

renovated in 2023 (pictured) and contains the original timber ceiling and floor. Thank you to local Richard Deer with the information about this interesting "tin" church.

A public meeting was held in 1909 to raise money for the building of an Institute. £57 was raised at this meeting alone. This followed 10 years of fundraising only interrupted by WWI. Stone was quarried 8 km south-west of the town and Gladstone builder Mr F E Delsar won the tender of £781 supervised by retired Murray Town builder Mr A S Haggar. Sir George Murray (son of AB Murray) was invited to lay the foundation



stone. However the stone was laid by Mrs G W Cameron and the stone inscription was hastily changed! The Institute was opened on 25th February, 1920. Three 'Victory' petrol powered lights were installed and a new piano arrived by rail to Wirrabara. In 1921 silent movies were shown. A supper room was designed by Mr Haggar and opened with a Strawberry Fete with 120lb of strawberries and home-made ice-cream. The original baltic floor

was in bad shape, with soft areas worn down and hard knots raised, making dancing difficult, so a new jarrah floor was laid in 1953. Weekly Saturday night dances were very popular and money raised resulted in front rooms being added in 1966.

In 1946 mains electricity was extended to Booleroo Centre, partly because of the need for reliable power for its hospital. As power lines went past Murray Town, 240 volt mains power was connected to the town. (Earlier than other small country towns).

Murray Town was well known for many years running a giant Spring Auction run by the Progress Association. Money raised has gone towards building new amenities at the oval, new roof on the Institute and powered caravan sites in the RV Park.

[Quenton Earl]

TRIP REPORTS

Nothing to report this month.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

MEMBER PROFILE

Full Name: Nissan Patrol GU 2002

Nick Name: "Hummer"

Occupation: Holiday vehicle, Recovery vehicle, Mine vehicle, Towing vehicle

Family: Peter, Karen and Lachlan Cates

Pets: "Rex" WRX Subaru, "Beep Beep" Barina (sniff- now sold), Camper Trailer, Fishing boat, Inflatable boat, Go-Carts, Motor bikes, and my latest pets - Kayaks.

Pet Hates: Large Tandem Trailer

Vehicle Modifications: ARB Sahara Bar, winch, driving lights, snorkel, side windshields, bonnet protector, Chevy V8 Diesel, dual batteries, front diff locker, ARB air compressor – under bonnet, UHF radio, Roof mounted console, Old Man Emu suspension & lift kit, Cargo barrier, Drawer system, Engel fridge, Long range fuel tank, Kaymar bumper & dual spare tyre carriers, full length roof rack, side awning.

Favourite Holiday spot: Robe to Beachport (without that Tandem trailer!)

Brief History: I started life as a new Nissan Patrol 3.00 litre turbo diesel 5 speed manual in metallic grey with options of ABS brakes and passenger airbag. The Cates family bought me as a "holiday vehicle", so I thought I would only have to work the occasional week-end. Oh what an easy life I would have. Pete seemed a nice bloke, Karen was lovely and young Lachie is awesome. Pete arranged the dealer to take me off to ARB. They showed me a "Work Order" and it seemed to have every option box ticked! Carefully they stripped my Japanese factory parts off and fitted me with all sorts of goodies. I even had larger tyres fitted. I was proudly shown off to a nice



bunch of people from the “Light 4WD Club” annual Christmas party. “Light” 4WD Club? Must mean Light 4WDDriving – I *am* in for an easy life!

I soon discovered Pete was a demanding bloke, my weeks spent alone peacefully in the shed didn’t seem to last long, I was expected to tow a huge tandem trailer through sand hills loaded up with Motor bikes, I was going on fast long drives to Roxby Downs getting all yucky in a dirty mine; but generally having a good time taking the family away with the camper trailer or boat. Karen would drive me to the red line (I’m not a WRX!), and even young Lachlan has begun to drive me. (I hope he drives me gentler than his new Go Cart!).

One day I had a nasty cough coming in to Clare. The good people at Barossa Nissan fitted a brand new engine & I felt great!

Not good enough for my demanding boss though! I was busy recovering vehicles from a swollen river in the high country and Pete spotted a vehicle with a very nice V8 roar. MMM Very nice!

I was sent off on a big train to Perth. I didn’t know what I had done wrong. I didn’t complain when Peter dropped a big box on me, or when Lachlan hit me on a verandah post or even when that nice driver Quenton tried to take me down a motorbike track in the night navigation challenge!

Soon I was fitted with a new large 6.5 litre Chevy V8 diesel motor. The same used in the Hummer! I could not wait to get home and prove my worth to the



Cates family. I am so relieved. At one stage I thought I was going to be traded in on a wousy Pajero Exceed – oh the indignity!

Now I am a Japanese Australian with a very sexy Yanky rumble, fitted with chunky new Coopers; ready for more “Light” (yeah right!) adventures.
rumblerrumblerrumblerrumble :-)

Favourite TV show: Top Gear

Favourite Food: Polish – Although very rare. (Come to think of it, so is a wash!)

Favourite Drink: Any good diesel. The more the better.

Ultimate Goal: To serve the Cates family for a few more years and then gracefully retire to a couple of “Grey Hairs” that let me tow their little caravan on bitumen for the rest of my days.

(This vehicle was subsequently bought from the Cates family by Wayne and Sandra Heintze)

[Quenton]

ANSWER TO "WHERE AM I"

Bust at Bordertown of RJL (Bob) Hawke A.C. unveiled by his father Rev A C Hawke on 14th April, 1987.

Robert James Lee Hawke was born in Bordertown on 9th December, 1929. He was the second son of Clem Hawke, a Congregational Minister and Ellie Lee, a former teacher. Bordertown was Hawke's home for 6 years and they lived in what is now known as "Hawke's House" - now a BnB. Their next post was at Maitland, South Australia. He studied at the Perth Modern School, University of Western Australia and won a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford in 1953. Bob suffered a serious accident on his Panther motorbike in his first year of study. His spleen was removed and his family faced losing a second son as he hovered between life and death. His survival was regarded by his parents as proof of Ellie's premonition when pregnant that he was destined for a special life.

A great display of Bob's life is in the Bordertown Visitor Centre including his Panther motorbike.

[Quenton]

GENERAL INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewal fees are due before the end of March. For 2025 these have been set at:

\$70 per vehicle/family plus a \$10 per vehicle/family late joining fee. Details on how to pay are noted below:

PAYING YOUR SUBS BY EFT

Did you know that you can pay your membership subscriptions of \$70 by EFT?

The club bank details are:

Account Name: Gawler & Districts 4WD Club
BSB: 105-109
Acc no 018030740
Ref: Surname + 2025

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

RFDS BUNNINGS BBQ – HELP REQUESTED



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The RFDS Gawler Support Group is holding a Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 26 April. While they have enough volunteers for cooking and serving, they are looking for some assistance with set up and pack up.

If you are free on Sunday 27th, and would be able to spare some time, please contact Peter on 0410 526 317

PHOTO COMPETITION

We have decided to bring it back for 2025, so get clicking and let's see what gems you can come up with for the end of the year competition.

The Committee has decided that there will be no "People's Choice" this year and the photos submitted will be judged solely by the people at Gawler Fishing and Outdoors.

As usual, the winner will be announced at the December meeting.

Over to you to provide some spectacular photos for judging.

Thank you.

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- *Repairs**



MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD



PHOTO COMPETITION

Yes, it's on again. You know the rules but just in case, here they are:

The PHOTO COMPETITION RULES:

- (a) No specific categories apply
- (b) Each member may enter up to four (4) photos
- (c) Photos should be copy (not originals) - Size 15cm x 10cm (6"x4")
- (d) Photos should have been taken on a club trip during the last 12 months
- (e) All photos must be labelled on the back with your name and where the photo was taken
- (f) Entries to be handed to Quenton by close of November General meeting
- (g) Late entries will not be accepted

Entries to be handed to Quenton by close of
NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Late entries will not be accepted.

So get your photos in !!!

DOUBLE CHANCE OF a PRIZE!!



TRIP REPORT COMPETITION

It's on again....

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 another
Amazing Prize
so please keep-on writing!!!

ANNUAL NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK WORKING BEE



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K. I. T.
"KEEPING IN TOUCH"

Number 54
January 2025

NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK

INTERCLUB WORKING BEE 29th & 30th March 2025

WHAT: Each year a group of volunteers from FWDSA affiliated clubs meet at the Ngarkat CP to undertake a number of tasks that have been developed in conjunction with the Senior Ranger, Natural Resources (SA Murray-Darling Basin, DEW) from Lameroo. These tasks assist DEWNR in maintaining, sustaining, and enhancing the Ngarkat CP for all park visitors.

This year the work to be undertaken is again generally on or near the one-way and two-way section of the Ngarkat CP Border Track and includes trail marking & clearing, fencing (repair, replacement or installation), fireplaces & rubbish clean-up, track maintenance, signage, vegetation trimming and painting. DEW will be providing materials and specialist tools needed for the work and the volunteers will need to provide all the basic hand tools and labour.

The one-way section of the Border Track is closed to public traffic until the first weekend of April and therefore will be closed to public traffic during the working bee.

WHEN: Weekend of 29th & 30th March 2024. Work starts at 9am on the Saturday, but you may setup camp on the afternoon or evening of the preceding Friday.

WHERE: Meet at the Ngarkat CP Pine Hut Soak campground (S35° 25' 24.7" E140° 52' 46.2"). See the map overleaf.
Overflow, if necessary, to the nearby Nanam Well and Cox's Windmill campgrounds. Naturally, as this is an official working bee, you do not need to pay for camping nor the park entry fee.

Directions: Heading south from Tailem Bend cross the railway overpass, turn left onto the Mallee Highway; drive through Lameroo, Parilla and past the T-Junction to Bordertown (do not turn), then after ~1.9km turn right on to Rosy Pine Road (Ngarkat Park sign at this point), continue south for ~14.7 km to the Park Entrance (there may be one or two gates near the end of this road). 250m on from the Park Entrance is the visitor information shelter and a further 70m is the turn left to the adjacent Pine Hut Soak campground.



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Murraylands and Riverland
Landscape Board



This project is supported by the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board through funding from the Landscape levies.

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KEEPING IN TOUCH A PRODUCTION OF THE FWDSA EXECUTIVE

WHAT TO BRING:

Camping: Camper trailers and caravans can be accommodated. The Pine Hut Soak campground has one long drop toilet, but you need to bring everything else (water, food, shelter). Please note that the working bee dates will still be in fire danger season so the "campfire" will need to be artificial (a gas stove will be OK for cooking).

Equipment:

Tools Post hole digging tools, pruners, loppers, bow saw, handsaw, shovel, rake, hand tools, battery powered electric drill / angle grinder with a range of drill sizes and spade bits.

UHF In car and handheld UHF radios will be useful; Channel 16 will be used initially.

Personal Working gloves and footwear, drinking water, sun protection (hat, long sleeves, long pants, sunscreen).

Bring high visibility vests or clothing and possibly share them with your fellow workers.

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REGISTRATION:

This year we have introduced registration via TryBooking. It is essential that all attending register via TryBooking as numbers are limited this year. Please use using this link to register:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CYKOD>

Registration is now open.

Don't forget to register with your club trip sheet as well.

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