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Kevin's group at Carpenters Rocks, Beachport Club Trip, January 2014.



Club Contact Details

Club Meeting Details - Next Meeting Wednesday 5th March 2014

Club meetings are held at 7:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month (except January) at the Holden Hill Community Centre (Cnr Valiant Road and Bentley Drive, Holden Hill, SA).

Membership enquires to the membership officer, members@4wdadventurers.org.

Committee Positions

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| President | Ray Collyer | |
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| Events Officer | Allen Bing | |
| Newsletter Editor | Darryl McManus | |
| Training Co-ordinator | Carl Ramsden | |
| Association Delegate | Greg Chase | |
| General Committee Position | Steve Lock | |
| General Committee Position | Simon Ketley | |
| Public Officer & Membership Officer | John Henderson | |

Appointed Positions

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Property Officer | Ray Collyer | |
| Welcoming Representative | Simon Ketley | |
| Supper Organiser | Deb Lock | |
| Fundraising | Dale Candida | |
| Social Coordinator/Environment | Club Committee | |
| Club Librarian | Deirdre Collyer | |

Club trainers: - Werner Pompeuse, Colin Schubert.

Club Web Address

The club website is www.4wdadventurers.org (email webmaster@4wdadventurers.org).

Club Mailing Address

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General correspondence should be sent to "The Secretary" at the above address.

Club Newsletter

Email items in electronic (soft copy) format to newslettereditor@4wdadventurers.org.

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**Club & Association News
From the Presidents Desk**

Welcome to a new year. 2014 has started with a great time had by all at Beachport on the Australia Day long weekend.

I hope you have all enjoyed the Christmas and New Year break and look forward to a great year. The trip calendar has a large array of trips starting in late February and continuing through March and April. Our club has never looked stronger with rising membership, social activities and club members looking to lead trips to many places this year. So enjoy all these benefits our club offers !

Ray Collyer, Club President.



Editor's Notes (newslettereditor@4wdadventurers.org)

There are 5 FWDSA KIT'S that have built up over the Christmas and New Year break and I have included the details as well as the FWDSA AGM notification. There are also notes on formal training via the FWDSA DTU and the (minimum) recovery equipment you are expected to bring along to all club events where off-road driving is to be undertaken.

Club Sand Flags Available - \$5

Contact the club treasurer, club trip co-ordinator or club president for purchases.

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* From the *Uneek* website <http://www.uneek4x4.com.au/>

To promote their products to the club *Uneek* have offered a "Made in Australia" fridge slide - <http://www.uneek4x4.com.au/fridge-slide-50-lt-and-below/>.

- This unit caters for most 50 litre and below fridges on the market.
- 125kg Steel rollers.
- Locks in open and closed position.
- 700mm length extend.
- Made from 2mm steel for light weight yet strong operation.
- Stainless steel hardware supplied.
- Powder coated texture black for a great looking and long lasting finish
- Suits fridges with a base smaller than 700mm x 400mm
- Mounts to floor or base at 6 points



The *Uneek* fridge slide will be offered to club members via a *Silent Auction* organised by club member Dale. The reserve price is \$200.00. Club members can place their auction bid by text message to 0412727843, or by email to spog1964@yahoo.com including their full name and dollar bid. Dale will reply to confirm the bid and will let all current bidders know when a new highest bid has occurred until 3:30pm on Tuesday 4th March. After that time a final bid can be submitted until 4:00pm on Tuesday 4th March. The highest bidder at that time will be the winner of the silent auction.



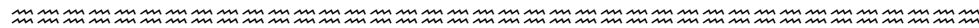
FWDSA DTU Training Manual and Assessment Books

The FWDSA DTU (Driver Training Unit) training manual and assessment books are available at a cost of \$60. Purchase of manual and assessment books allows a club member access to the 2 day basic 4WD theory course (which is usually held at Cavan).

To participate in the DTU organised training listed below club members must have purchased the DTU training manual and assessment books and have them present during the training.

The DTU training manual and assessment books can be ordered through the club DTU trainers (Colin or Werner) or through the club training coordinator (Carl).

Carl Ramsden



FWDSA DTU Training List

The following list shows the upcoming FWSSA DTU organised training. As noted above you need to be a club member and have a DTU (Driver Training Unit) training manual and assessment book to participate.

This year (2014) the DTU will be providing training to clubs during the year. The DTU have already organised a remote first aid course, details of which have been sent to the clubs previously. This course was held on the 1st and 2nd February 2014.

1st - 2nd March Mud and Water Training

Two days of training and assessing of mud driving and water crossing.

This is being held at Black Cockatoo Bush Camp near Naracoorte, about 330km from Adelaide. Training will be provided to those that need it and assessing for those who believe that are already competent.

Cost is \$110 which covers trainer cost and property access. Trainers must pay their own camping fees. *Payment needs to be made by the 14th February!*

13th April Basic Practical

One days training and assessing at Callington. It will cover all available competencies, mud excluded.

Cost is \$20 plus property access

3rd - 4th May Basic Theory

Two day session covering the theory of basic 4WD driving and recovery at FWDSA rooms at Cavan.

Cost is \$20

17th - 18th May Basic Practical

Two days of training and assessing at Morgan. It will cover all available competencies. During this weekend we will also be running an advisor course. See details below.

Costs Training \$25

Advisor \$50

14th September OH&S, Risk and emergency response course

An internal course covering aspects of OH&S, risk management and emergency response relating to 4WD activities and training

Cost is \$20

To become a DTU Trainer or Assessor

To become a trainer and / or assessor, club members need to complete some of the modules from the Cert IV training certificate. These are:

- Trainer TAEDEL301 Provide work skill instruction
- Assessor TAEASS401 Plan assessment activities and processes
- TAEASS402 Assess competence
- TAEASS403 Participate in assessment validation

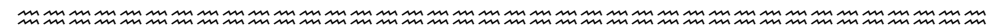
These can be done via TAFE or any other training organisation that can provide this training. It is up to the club member to find the most convenient training provider.

In addition, they need to attend an advisor course. During this course the DTU will assess whether their driving skills are sufficient to become a DTU trainer. When attending the course the trainee is expected to know the training and assessment logbook, i.e. the sequence of tasks of each assessment component.

The reason we recommend that this is done before attempting the Cert IV modules is that we do not want someone to spend significant effort in completing these to find out we do not find their driving skills to be sufficient. We do expect that our trainers and assessors have above average driving skills.

The next advisor course is at Morgan on 17th - 18th May. Cost is \$50.

FWDSA DTU

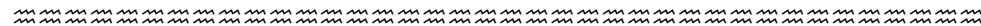




For Sale - Camping Items - Contact Mike 08-82644865

- Waeco CF50 Fridge + Cover. As new - \$600
- Mr Swagman Double Swag. As new, little use - \$300
- Coleman Overlander 4CV tent. Still unopened in box - \$150
- 2x Pro-quip diesel jerry cans (plastic) - \$15 each

Phone Mike 08-82644865, if no answer leave a message, name and phone number.



FWDSA Club Delegate Report - February 2014

FWDSA has been busy publishing items over the last couple of months. Many of these items are published elsewhere in the newsletter as a K.I.T. 's (Keeping In Touch), they are also available on the FWD SA web site <http://www.4wdsa.asn.au> so I will just summarise them here.

K.I.T. 13 (see Greg for further details) is about becoming a campground host, looks like an interesting idea if you want to live in a national park for a while.

K.I.T. 14 (see page 6) is a request for nominations to 3 FWDSA Committee positions. Please consider. They are seeking Treasurer, Secretary and Minute Secretary. See Greg for nomination forms if interested.

K.I.T. 15 (see page 7) details size & height of sand flags now required when crossing the Simpson Desert.

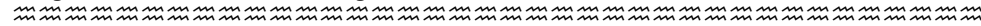
K.I.T. 16 (see page 14) is about the Ngarkat working bee; Darryl will have more info.

K.I.T. 17 (see page 7) is a request for support at the Caravan & Camping show later in February; if you can spare a morning or afternoon see the K.I.T.

K.I.T. 18 (see page 8) is about free/discounted passes for 14+ hours of qualifying volunteer work (e.g. Ngarkat and Coorong cleanup). The passes are issued by DEWNR and I will coordinate this on behalf of the club. As we have to supply some personal details to DEWNR and not everyone will want the freebees I will wait until a member approaches me and asks for the process to be done on their behalf.

The FWD SA Driver training unit has also issued a program of driver training activities; these activities are extra to any training that the club may directly provide. See our training co-coordinator, Carl Ramsden, for more information (details are also in the newsletter on page 4). The DTU has also issued an instruction detailing the process to be followed to become a trainer/assessor.

Greg Chase, FWDSA Club Delegate



Road Traffic Act Update - LED Light Bars

This is from the 19 Dec 2013 South Australian Government Gazette.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1961

Pursuant to Section 163AA of the Road Traffic Act 1961

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FITTING AND USE OF ADDITIONAL HEADLIGHTS INCLUDING LIGHT EMITTING DIODE LIGHT BARS ON MOTOR VEHICLES

1. EXEMPTION

In accordance with the powers delegated to me by the Minister for Transport, under Section 163AA of the *Road Traffic Act 1961*, I hereby exempt motor vehicles with four or more wheels from the following provisions of the *Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Rules 1999*.

- Rule 80—How additional headlights are to be fitted.
- Rule 20—Compliance with third edition ADRs—but only insofar as it relates to Clause 7.3.2.1 of ADR 13/00.

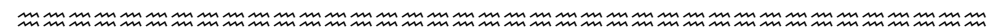
2. CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS APPLYING TO THIS NOTICE

This exemption is subject to the conditions and limitations specified in this Notice.

When operating under this Notice you must comply with the following conditions:

1. The lamps should, as far as is possible, be installed symmetrically in pairs to the front of the vehicle.
2. If lamps are not fitted as pairs (e.g. one), they must be fitted to the front of the vehicle, symmetrically at the centre.
3. The lamp/s must be installed in a way that the light produced does not cause the driver of the vehicle discomfort either directly or by reflection.
4. The lamp/s must only come on when the main-beam (high beam) headlamps are used, and must automatically turn off when the main-beam headlamps are turned off.

DON HOGBEN, Director, Road Policy and Planning
Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure
Delegate for the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure






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FWDSA AGM Notification - Thursday 20th March 2014

FWDSA KIT 14 - FWDSA AGM - Positions to be Filled



FOUR WHEEL DRIVE SOUTH AUSTRALIA
www.fwdsa.asn.au
 PO Box 178
 Enfield Plaza
 SA 5085

Date: - Tuesday, 21 January 2014

To all Club Secretaries,

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Four Wheel Drive South Australia will be held at Four Wheel Drive South Australia, Unit 2 / 9 Cardiff Court, CAVAN.

THURSDAY 20th MARCH 2014

I bring to your attention the following from the FWDSA Constitution.

7. MEETINGS.

Annual General Meeting.

7.1.1 That Four Wheel Drive South Australia shall hold an Annual General Meeting every calendar year within three months after the close of the financial year.

7.1.2 The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- (1) To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
- (2) To receive reports of the President, Honorary Treasurer, Auditor and Unit Chairpersons for the preceding financial year.
- (3) To approve the financial budget for the current financial year.
- (4) To set membership subscriptions for the current financial year.
- (5) To elect or re-elect the Officers of the Association.
- (6) To appoint the Honorary Auditor of the Association.
- (7) To conduct any other business placed on the agenda in accordance with clause 7.2.2 of the Constitution.

7.1.3 By consent of no less than 75% of those present and eligible to vote, business other than that on the agenda circulated may be included in the business of the annual general meeting.

7.2 Notice of Annual General Meetings.

7.2.1 Not less than 60 days notice in writing of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to every Member. The notice of the Annual General Meeting shall include a request for agenda items, notices of motion, notification of requirements for election to the Executive, a proposed budget and also the proposed membership fees for the coming year.

7.2.2 Agenda items and notices of motion shall be in writing, addressed to the Secretary and received at the Association's Postal address not less than 30 days prior to that meeting.

7.2.3 The agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to each Member not less than 21 days prior to that meeting.

Kind regards,
Ken Paget
 Tuesday, January 21, 2014
 Secretary
 Four Wheel Drive South Australia

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K. I. T. - "KEEPING IN TOUCH"

The Annual General Meeting of FWDSA will be held at Cavan on Thursday the 20th March 2014 at 7:30 pm

There are three positions that need to be filled as the current position holders have advised the Executive and Delegates that they are NOT continuing on in their respective roles.

FWDSA therefore needs the following three (3) positions filled if FWDSA is to exist.

(1) FWDSA Secretary (replacement for Ken Paget)

(2) FWDSA Treasurer (replacement for John Newman)

(3) FWDSA Assistant Secretary (replacement for Kai Heinsen)

Please feel free to contact either Ken, John or the President Lee Smith to discuss these positions.

<http://www.4wdsa.asn.au>



FWDSA KIT 15 - Sand Flags in the Simpson Desert

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K. I. T. - "KEEPING IN TOUCH"

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF FOUR WHEEL DRIVE SOUTH AUSTRALIA
IMPORTANT AND COMPULSORY NEWS FROM DEWNR**

A discussion at the Annual Meeting between FWDSA and DEWNR was the requirement for mandatory Simpson Desert vehicle flags. This will commence with the opening of the Simpson Desert on March 16 2014. The Director of National Parks and Wildlife John Schutz has already given approval in principle and this is the information going into the new Desert Parks Pass. It is an initial requirement, and we will monitor how this works and decide if we need to alter it at all.

SAFETY FLAG REQUIREMENT

All vehicles must be fitted with a Safety flag as detailed below when travelling in the Simpson Desert Conservation Park, or Simpson Desert Regional Reserve.

Flag:

- Minimum 300mm wide by 290mm high.
- Made of Fluorescent materials, Red-Orange or Lime-Yellow in colour.

Motorbikes:

- Rear mounted flag pole, with top of the flag a minimum 3.5 metres from the ground.

All Other Vehicles:

- With Front Bullbar - Flag pole attached to the bullbar, with top of the flag a minimum 3.5 metres from the ground.
- Without Front Bullbar - Flag pole attached via bracket at the front of the vehicle, with top of the flag a minimum 3.5 metres from the ground;
- Alternatively, Flag pole attached to the front of the roof rack, with top of the flag a minimum 2 metres from the roof of vehicle.

Tony Magor

District Manager Outback

Natural Resources SA Arid Lands

DEWNR, South Australian Government

Don Ransom OAM

Chairperson

Natural Resources Advisory Unit

Four Wheel Drive South Australia

<http://www.4wdsa.asn.au>

FWDSA KIT 17 - Caravan & Camping Show Assistance

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K. I. T. - "KEEPING IN TOUCH"

A big thank you to those that have put their name down to help "man" our stand at the caravan and camping show on the 19th - 23rd February 2014
but
we still need a couple of people for the following days

2 people for Friday PM,
1 person for Saturday AM,
1 person for Saturday PM
2 people for Sunday PM

If you are available and can assist to "man" our stand to promote the clubs of FWDSA can you please contact John Cullen so he can add you to the roster

John's email address is johncullen@cullenre.com.au

As always your assistance is very grateful



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FWDSA KIT 18 - RECOGNITION OF FWDSA VOLUNTEER WORK FOR DEWNR

KEEPING IN TOUCH A PRODUCTION OF THE FWDSA EXECUTIVE

Number 18

24/01/2014

K. I. T. - "KEEPING IN TOUCH"

RECOGNITION OF FWDSA VOLUNTEER WORK FOR DEWNR

At the Annual Dept of Environment Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) - Four Wheel Drive SA (4WDSA) Forum last month DEWNR announced a significant concession . . . agreeing to extend its existing **Friends of Parks Volunteer National Park Pass Benefit Scheme** to now include active member volunteers of 4WDSA Affiliated Clubs who have completed **14 hours work** on any project / working bee at any area covered by DEWNR (i.e. NRM areas as well as Parks & Reserves)

Note : This "work test" has been Backdated to include qualifying volunteer work carried out during 2013.

Entitlements through the scheme for such "active members" are :

- **Multi Park Pass + Camping** : Full Waiver (annual expiry 30 June) - One Pass to be issued per volunteer and to be linked with one vehicle registration number
- ***Desert Parks Pass** : 25% Discount (valid for 12 months from date of purchase)
- ***Additional Multi Park Pass + Camping** : 50% Discount (valid for 12 months from date of purchase) for purchase and use by the same volunteer
 - * Pass holders will be registered in the DEWNR database and validation of registration is required to enable access to these benefits.

Clubs are asked to appoint a *Committee Member / Member* to coordinate and administer the scheme on behalf of their Club. Alan Pettigrew from the Mitsubishi 4WD Club SA has offered to take on the role of issuing the passes and will provide details to DEWNR etc.

Requests for the issue of passes should be forwarded "electronically" to Alan at aphome@adam.com.au by the coordinating Club representative and include :

Full details of volunteer : Name, Address, Phone, Email

- Vehicle Registration
- Start Date

- Scanned copies of relevant ****OHS Volunteer Management Framework (VMF)** "Form 3" establishing eligibility under the abovementioned 14 Hour Work Test

**** Note** : perhaps particularly in the case of 2013 events, where not already held by the relevant Club event Trip Leader(s), reference to your local DEWNR contact may be required. For future events it is suggested that a copy of this form be either obtained at the time of the event where possible, or subsequently sought from the authorising DEWNR officer involved and forwarded to the Club Coordinator for retention / future reference.

Issued passes will be posted to the Club Coordinator, who is asked to maintain a record for their Club, to facilitate ongoing scheme administration / Pass renewals etc.

<http://www.4wdsa.asn.au>

Club Trip Equipment Requirements

Club members are expected to bring on all club trips (as a minimum) a basic recovery kit. This is noted on the club membership form as follows.

Equipment Requirements:

It is a requirement of membership that on club trips you carry a snatch strap and two load rated shackles, shovel, fire extinguisher, first aid kit and UHF radio.

The two load rated shackles should be at least 3.25t although larger 4.7t and 6t shackles may be better suited to use with tree protectors and winch/snatch blocks.



Bow shackles are preferred to D shackles as they have a larger enclosed area and can therefore better accommodate more than 1 attached item (such as both ends of a tree protector that has been wrapped around a tree as an anchorage point).



GME Land Mobile Fixed Mount UHF Radio ScanSuite Release

Recent Trip Reports (Pre-February 2014)

Peake - 28th December 2013

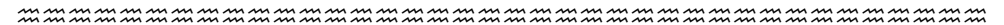
Eight vehicles met at the Tailern Bend Roadhouse at 7:30am and travelled in convoy to the property which is just outside Peake. Two more vehicles arrived later in the morning making a trip total of 10.

Once at the property we aired down (reduced tyre pressures) and spent the day driving the sand dunes and tracks. The sand was extremely soft and this made for challenging sand dune ascents.

Werner and Colin were present and a few club members undertook training and assessment in sand driving and snatch strap recoveries with a good degree of success resulting in assessments bring signed off in the training logs.

What was proposed as a weekend end trip ended up being a day trip as all in attendance only stayed the Saturday. It was however an enjoyable and at times challenging day of sand driving.

Carl.



Beachport - 25th to 27th January 2014 - Team Kevin

Kris and I left for Beachport mid Friday morning with our camper trailer in tow. Beachport is a comfortable five-hour drive from Adelaide. Our first stop was for some lunch at Tailern Bend, where we discovered that there is actually a main street that runs parallel to the main highway, a much better choice for lunch than the petrol station on the main road.

When we got to Beachport we quickly discovered that it was a real 4WD weekend. There were deflated tyres and sand flags everywhere; our caravan park had at least four 4WD clubs present, perhaps more. Our club stayed at the Southern Ocean Tourist Park, which is sheltered from the wind, green and clean, very acceptable.

As about half of the Adventurers club made it to Beachport, we were divided up into four groups. The idea was that two groups would do the northern Beachport to Robe trip and the other two the southern trip to Carpenter rocks, swapping around on day two. Our group was assigned the Robe to Beachport trip. So on Saturday we began with a leisurely drive up the bitumen to Robe where we fitted our sand flags and went off to find the entrance to the sandy area.

At the entrance to the park we aired down to 15 PSI, which proved to be fine for this trip. I found this to be quite an interesting trip. Sandy inland tracks and some time on



MEDIA RELEASE - LAND MOBILE

19 December, 2013

Australian designed and manufactured. New ScanSuite™ and 5 year warranty - Australian made fixed mount UHF CB radios Available now from all GME land mobile dealers.

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TurboScan - At more than 40 channels per second, TurboScan enables the radio to scan all 80 channels in under 2 seconds.

Network Scan - Network Scan allows radios to have uninterrupted communication by dynamically switching to unused channels. Network Scan scans for other radios that share the same CTCSS or DCS tone. Once identified, the radios communicate on a channel until radios in the group detect the wrong code or no code at which point the radios will automatically select another unused channel to continue transmitting and receiving. This allows for Network Scan enabled radios to continually communicate without interruption.



AutoSkip - When scanning in open or group scan the radio may continuously stop on nuisance channels. These channels may be temporarily skipped or easily removed from the scan cycle without deleting from scan memory.

The ScanSuite™ feature can be used by any type of radio group looking for greater privacy and seamless uninterrupted communications. For example, a 4WD group can enable ScanSuite™ and communicate with any of the group users, without having to know what channel to start on. In an organisational environment, and when programmed using the dealer software, ScanSuite™ can create a virtually private network of radios, without having to pay commercial license fees or set up expensive infrastructure. The unique scan memory lock out mode, and the ability to define the channels within the network scan memory, ensures optimal response time and removes the potential for day users from changing the scan settings.

And of course, this new range of UHF CB radios retain all of the features and manufacturing quality people have come to expect from a GME radio.

Table with 8 columns: Product Code, RRP (inc GST), and images of various GME radio models.

Media Enquiries

Additional information, images or product for review or photography can be obtained from Christina Stagg, Marketing Co-ordinator. P: (02) 8867 6011 E: marketing@gme.net.au W: www.gme.net.au

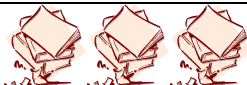
Further details are available from the GME website

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the beach as well. I found a couple of the entrances to the beaches a bit challenging, not sure how I would have got on using them to exit the beach. We found a nice sand hill or two; I chickened out going up the biggest one although I did come down it.



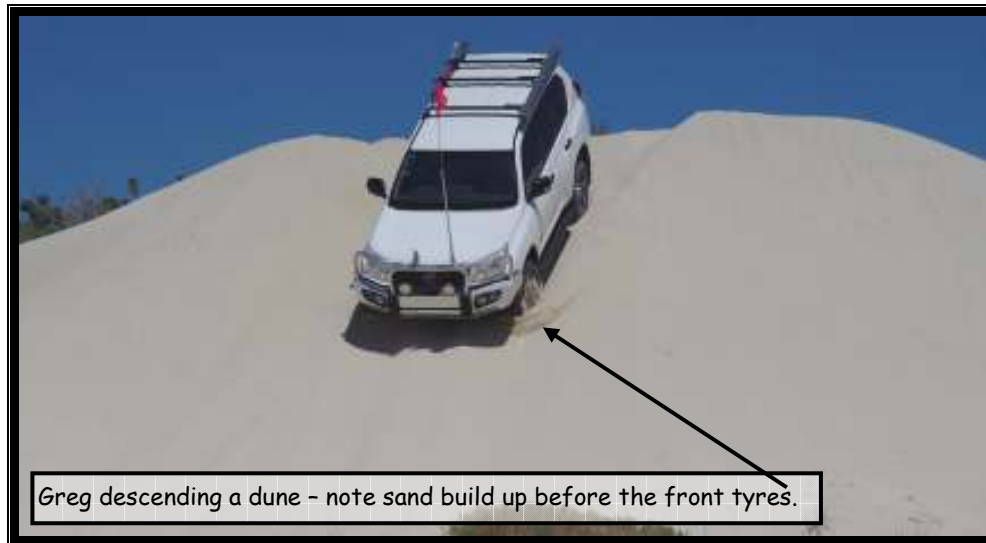
There was a dryer path to take but it was fun!

On the way we stopped to help two different travellers that were stuck on the beach.

Day 2 began a little earlier as the Carpenters rock trip is a bit longer and those that did it the day before said that it was quite difficult in places. Again we choose the bitumen first, airing down and stooping for an ice cream at Carpenters Rocks. Our leader kindly listened to our concerns about digging all day and chose to start the journey on the inland track thus avoiding the first couple of really soft beaches.

There was some concern that the inland track would just be a very boring dirt road, but it turned out to be an interesting trip. Just when you were really sick of going over endless of small bumps, it would change into twisty sections with nicely banked sunken corners to play around on. The track was easy but you couldn't nod off, there were reasonable climbs and twisty descents that needed care and attention. At one stage the narrow track had sunk into the ground so much that your roof was level with the surroundings; quiet strange to drive through.

After travelling inland for a while Kevin decided to try the beach, the first one was very soft and Kevin just got off at the first available exit, which was rather fortunately just a little way up the beach. Lunchtime was upon us so we found our way to the next beach. We had lunch on the beach and collectively decided that we would give it a go. Kevin suggested that we dropped our tyre pressures another 5 PSI, I went down to 11 PSI, and then we tackled that beach at a brisk pace. This seemed to work quite well, even though it required a good deal of concentration as the washouts and bumps were upon you in a hurry. One section was quite narrow with a steep drop off where the tide had washed part of the beach away. We all hoped that our cars would not choose this section to start side slipping, a recovery here would have been rather challenging.

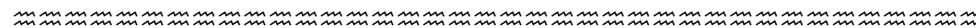


Greg descending a dune - note sand build up before the front tyres.

Our final section of beach was a quite a contrast, it was smooth flat and very firm, better than some bitumen roads. It was quite interesting to experience how different the sand was on the various beaches. We were back in plenty of time for dinner at the pub on Sunday night.

I learned a lot more about my car and we all had a good time Thanks to Kevin and Jenny for leading us astray.

Report by Greg, photos by Kris.





narrowly avoiding a plunge off a precarious precipice into the catastrophic clench of the wild waves. Yes, bending all known laws of physics, Marco successfully pulled off the most spectacular self-recovery of the trip!

The team met with other club members at a local pub for grub on Sunday night, where an Order of Beachport Medal was awarded to the cool, calm and collected Rudy for outstanding performance in the role of Trip Leader. He was simply unflappable. No matter what the dilemma, from vehicles getting stuck in deep sand to drivers heading off on divergent paths to naked foreigners frolicking on the beaches, Rudy remained the picture of dignity and control. He allowed everyone a turn at being Trip Leader, worked harmoniously with first-year apprentice, Tail-end Millie, and took every opportunity to share his vast knowledge of effective 4WDing. Rudy, your team mates thank you for a great team experience!!

Postscript: Milly assumed the role of trip leader for the Field family on the way back to Adelaide. She directed the obedient driver to the Granites, where the Jeep climbed the main rock and Milly and Laurie waded in the cool, soothing water. The Jeep then recovered a Camry and a near-new Falcon that each got bogged at the entrance to the beach. Milly accepted a small donation on behalf of the club and the family continued their journey safely home.

Laurie.



Reversing down a dune - note sand build up at the back tyres.

Upcoming Trip Details (From February 2014)
KESAB CLEANUP - Saturday 8th February 2014

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Location | Main North Rd Pooraka |
| Dates | Saturday 8 th February 2014, Saturday 10 th May 2014 and Saturday 9 th August 2014. 9.30 am to 1.00pm |
| Trip Leader(s) | Ray Collyer () John Henderson (). |
| Trip Starting Point | Meet South Terrace Pooraka - Westside of roundabout just past Alfred St |
| Trip Route | Main North Rd - Gepps Cross to Montague Rd |
| Trip Requirements | - 4 vehicles with trailers or utes (inform leaders if can supply) - good walking shoes, hat, sunblock, handheld UHF radio - drinks - gloves & safety vest (better if you use your own - but if you haven't got any we can supply) - litter bags and tongs provided by KESAB |
| Fuel Requirements | None |
| Trip Accommodation | none |
| Trip Costs | None |
| Trip Description | Roadside cleanup of Main North Rd. |
| Trip Conditions & Comments | BBQ lunch supplied Children above 10yrs (under supervision) Good covered shoes essential |





Cancelled Training Day - Colin's Workshop - 1st February 2014

The training day (for club members only) at Colin Schubert's workshop (16 Famechon Crescent Modbury) which was scheduled on Saturday 1st February 2014 was cancelled due to the very hot weather. A new date will be set for this activity.

The training will incorporate mechanical and under-body vehicle care and will commence at 8.30 am. A *Gold Coin* contribution is required for the BBQ lunch.

The Trip Leader is Colin Schubert (mb. 0416132434).

SAPOL Road Safety Centre Visit - Saturday 22nd March 2014

The club has arranged with Senior Constable First Class Paul Bryant for a visit to the SAPOL Road Safety Centre (RSC), Thebarton on Saturday 22 March 2014. The event will start with a BBQ Lunch at 12 pm, followed by a talk about vehicle safety and regulations, including modifications to 4WDs, from a police perspective. The event will finish around 2:30 pm, depending on the number of questions and discussion after the talk.

BBQ facilities are available at the Centre and access will be available from 11:30 am

for the club to prepare the BBQ lunch. The SA Police 'Road Safety Centre' (RSC) is situated at the Thebarton Barracks, Port Road, Thebarton, on the south west boundary with Bonython Park. Parking is available after hours along Gaol Road and in the Bonython Park car park area nearest to the Thebarton Barracks. Entry to this car park area is from Port Road opposite Coca Cola, but check with Police first for car park closing times. Entry to the Road Safety Centre (RSC) itself is via the main entry point to Thebarton Barracks. (Internet users can find the map at



http://www.4wdsa.asn.au/files/fwdmatters/KIT_Number_5_RSS_EOI_4wd_clubs_with_map_attached.doc).

Gleesons Landing (Corny Point) - 6th to 10th March 2014

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| Location | Gleesons Landing (South of Corny Point, Yorke Peninsula). |
| Dates | Thursday 6 th to Monday 10 th March 2014 (Long Weekend) |
| Trip Leader | Ray Collyer () |
| Trip Starting Point | Gleesons Landing (South of Corny Point, Yorke Peninsula). Driving time is approximately 4:30 hours from Adelaide. |
| Trip Route | "Short" day trips in and around Gleesons Landing. |
| Trip Requirements | Beach recovery gear necessary (shackles & snatch strap). Air compressor, Sand Flag & UHF radio essential. |
| Fuel Requirements | "Short" day trips only. Easy access to fuel on Yorke Peninsula. |
| Trip Accommodation | Fully self sufficient bush camping with long drop toilets. <i>* Gleesons Landing is quite a large area and there are several campsites that will accommodate larger groups. Camper trailers and caravans should also be able to find somewhere here, although things may be a bit tight if trying to back a caravan. The sites are sandy dirt, sometimes with a bit of grass in the winter!! Tent pegs are easily placed.</i> <i>* See http://www.campingsouthaustralia.com/gleesons-landing.php for further details of Gleesons Landing.</i> |
| Trip Costs | TBD. |
| Trip Description | Fishing and 4WD'ing extra long weekend (Adelaide Cup). Boat fishing, beach fishing, 4WDing local beaches, also Innes National Park Be prepared for hot to very hot conditions. |
| Conditions | Caravans and camper trailers are welcome. Also boats have access to a beach launching behind the reef. |



Spalding (incl. Ladies Day) - 29th to 30th March 2014

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| Location | Spalding, North of Clare (approx. 2 hours drive from Adelaide) |
| Dates | Saturday 29 th March to Sunday 30 th March 2014. |
| Trip Leader | Ray Collyer |
| Trip Starting Point | Spalding Main Street. Meet at 9.30 am the Saturday in the Spalding town centre public car park near the town hall (adjacent to park, playground and public toilets). |
| Trip Route | Station tracks on private property near Spalding. |
| Trip Requirements | Grade of driving 2 to 4 (moderate to difficult with recovery). Vehicles must have low range and adequate clearance. Standard 4WD vehicles are acceptable. |
| Fuel Requirements | Adelaide - Spalding - Adelaide is less than 400 km. |
| Accommodation | Bush Camping - no facilities available. Must be fully self-sufficient. Camper trailers with good clearance can access the property. |
| Trip Costs | \$20 per vehicle per day (\$40 for the weekend). |
| Trip Description | This is a private property near Spalding. Driving challenges include creekbeds (wet & dry), gullies, steep hills with good views of the surrounding area, a dam and water crossings. <i>Sunday will be a Ladies Day with a focus on the ladies of the club having an opportunity to exercise their driving skills.</i> |
| Conditions & Comments | All trip participants to travel as a group from Spalding town centre to the property. Campfire possible Saturday night - <i>please bring firewood.</i> Visitors welcome. No animals please. Trip will be re-scheduled if the trip leader deems that the weather is too wet or too hot. |

FWDSA KIT 16 - NGARKAT WORKING BEE - 29th to 30th March 2014

KEEPING IN TOUCH A PRODUCTION OF THE FWDSA EXECUTIVE

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**NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK
INTERCLUB WORKING BEE
29th & 30th March 2014**

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, DEWNR) 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 generally on or near the one way section of the Ngarkat CP Border Track and includes fencing (repair, replacement or installation), fireplace & rubbish cleanup, signage, vegetation trimming, painting and rubble placement. DEWNR will be providing materials, equipment and specialist tools needed for the work.

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 2014. Work starts at 9am on Saturday 29th March, but you may setup camp on the afternoon or evening of Friday 28th March.

WHERE: Meet at the Ngarkat CP Pine Hut Soak campsite (S35° 25' 20" E140° 52' 46").

Directions: Heading south from Tailern 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 at the T-Junction), 5km west of Pinnaroo turn right on to Rosy Pine Lane (Ngarkat Park sign at this point, see RAA map 'Upper South East ref:J2), continue south for



approximately 17 km. The Pine Hut Soak campsite is located just inside the Park entrance.

WHAT TO BRING:

Camping: Camper trailers and caravans can be accommodated. The site has one very good long drop toilet but you need to bring everything else (water, food, shelter). Please note that the 29th and 30th March will still be in fire danger season so the "camp fire" will need to be artificial (a gas stove will be OK unless a Total Fire Ban is in place).

Equipment:

Tools Post hole digging tools, pruners, loppers, bow saw, handsaw, shovel, rake, hand tools.

A wheelbarrow will be useful for two of the tasks.

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

Personal Working gloves and footwear, drinking water, sun protection (hat, long sleeves, long pants, sun screen). Bring high visibility vests or clothing and possibly share them with your fellow workers.

CONTACT:

Darryl McManus - e-mail ddaajmcm@bigpond.net.au,

Satellite phone: 0424 212 534 for Emergency incoming & outgoing calls during the working bee.

Important Note - let us know in advance:

- When you plan to arrive.
- The number of people and vehicles in your party.
- If you are bringing a trailer that could be used to transport materials from the campsite.
- If you can bring a wheelbarrow.

<http://www.4wdsa.asn.au>

Bendleby Ranges (Orroroo) - 12th to 14th April 2014

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| Location | Bendleby Ranges private property 50 km NE of Orroroo |
| Dates | Arrive Saturday 12 April, stay 2 nights, depart Monday 14 April (alternatively, stay one night, depart Sunday ~5pm) |
| Trip Leader | Lloyd Kohlhagen |
| Trip Starting Point | Orroroo main street for 10 am departure to Bendleby or, The Springs Homestead, Bendleby Ranges no later than 12 pm Saturday |
| Trip Route | Make your way from Adelaide to Orroroo: 250 km from Modbury. Turn right onto Hawker Rd, then turn right after creek into Johnburg Rd, travel for ~40 km to signposted turn on the right at Crotta Rd to Bendleby Ranges, follow signs to The Springs. Sign in at the office. Fees to be paid on departure. |
| Trip Requirements | Convoy limit - 12 vehicles Challenging climbs and descents, spectacular scenery, Camp in comfort with camp kitchen, showers and toilets available. Camp ground accessible for camper trailers and caravans (un-powered). Rocky hills and tracks, moderate to hard, good clearance and low range required. |
| Fuel Requirements | Fuel available at Orroroo Saturday am and Monday. 100 km to and from Bendleby, plus ~50 km driving on property, 60-70% in low range. Total trip, ~650 km. |
| Accommodation | Bush camping with a self catering camp kitchen overlooking the main campground, provides a cooking and dining area. Enjoy meals on the decked area or inside, where it is heated or cooled for your comfort. Four showers and toilets next to camp kitchen. Checkout website for full details at: www.bendlebyranges.com.au |
| Trip Costs | Adults, \$18.50 per night; School age children, \$5 per night (Pre-school children, no charge) DRIVING COSTS: \$65 per vehicle for the whole weekend |



Trip Calendar Legend
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1 Easy Maybe 4WD.
 2 Mild 4WD High range.
 3 Moderate Low range, high clearance, experienced.
 4 Difficult Probably recoveries.
 5 Extreme Modified vehicles, possible damage.

Trip Calendar
 From
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Club Trip Calendar (From February 2014)

| Month | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | Dates | Location | Trip Leader | Contact Ph. | Type (Grade) | Notes |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|--|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|--|
| | | | | | | | | 05/02 | Club Rooms | Ray Collyer | | Social | BBQ at 6:30 pm prior to general meeting. |
| February | 3 | 4 | 5 ☺ | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | => 08/02 | Main Nth Rd | Ray Collyer | | KESAB Club Cleanup. | See newsletter page 12 for details. |
| 2014 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | /=> 22/02-23/02 | Geranium | TBD | | Sand & Tracks (2-4) | Est. \$30 per day (Dorado Downs) |
| | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | /=> 01/03-02/03 | Naracoorte | FWDSA DTU | | Mud Training | Contact Club Training Co-ordinator. |
| March | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 1 | 2 | /=> 06/03-10/03 | Yorke Peninsula | Ray Collyer | | Sand & Beach (2-4) | See newsletter page 13 for details. |
| 2014 | 3 | 4 | 5 ☺ | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | /=> 15/03-16/03 | Hopes Gully | TBD | | Tracks & Hills (2-4) | Est. \$30 weekend. |
| | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | /=> 22/03 | Visit SAPOL Road Safety Centre Thebarton, Vehicle safety regulations | | | | |
| | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | /=> 29/03-30/03 | Spalding | Ray Collyer | | Tracks & Hills (2-4) | See newsletter page 14 for details. |
| | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | => 29/03-30/03 | Ngarkat | Darryl McManus | | Sand & Tracks (2-4) | See newsletter page 14 for details. |
| April | 31 | 1 | 2☺ | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | => 05/04-06/04 | Geranium | TBD | | Sand & Tracks (2-4) | Est. \$30 per day (Puppy Springs). |
| 2014 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | => 12/04-13/04 | Coorong Cleanup | Ray Collyer | | Sand & Beach (2-4) | Contact trip leader. |
| | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | \=> 12/04-14/04 | Bendleby Ranges | Lloyd Kohlhagen | | Tracks & Hills (2-4) | See newsletter page 15 for details. |
| | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | \=> 18/04-21/04 | Googs Track | Kevin Campbell | | Sand & Tracks (2-4) | (Easter) Contact trip leader. |
| May | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | => 03/05-04/05 | Cavan, FWDSA | FWDSA DTU | | Theory Training | Contact Club Training Co-ordinator. |
| 2014 | 5 | 6 | 7☺ | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | => 10/05 | Main Nth Rd | Ray Collyer | | KESAB Club Cleanup. | *Mothers Day on the Sunday |
| | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | => 17/05-18/05 | Loveday | Kevin Campbell | | Tracks & Hills (2-4) | Contact trip leader. |
| | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | => 24/05-25/05 | Peake | TBD | | Sand & Hills (2-4) | Annual Club Trip to Peake. |
| June | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | | | | | | |
| 2013 | 2 | 3 | 4☺ | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | Queens Birthday Long Weekend |
| | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | => 14/06-15/06 | Geranium | TBD | | Sand & Tracks (2-4) | Est. \$30 per day (Dorado Downs). |
| | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | | | | | | |
| | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | | | | | | |
| July | 30 | 1 | 2☺ | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | | | | | | |
| 2013 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | | | | | | |
| | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | | | | | | |
| | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | | | | | | |
| August | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 02/08-03/08 | Hopes Gully | TBD | | Tracks & Hills (2-4) | Est. \$30 weekend. |
| 2014 | 4 | 5 | 6☺ | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 09/08 | Main Nth Rd | Ray Collyer | | KESAB Club Cleanup. | See newsletter page 12 for details. |