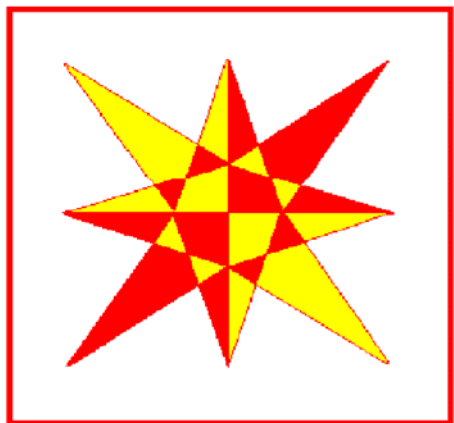


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CLUB INFORMATION & NEWS

INCORPORATION – the Club was formally incorporated on 13 March 1996
POSTAL ADDRESS – PO Box 1047, Mt Barker 5251
EMAIL ADDRESS - ch4wdc@chariot.net.au
TELEPHONE NUMBER – 0408 847 667. Phone is held by Secretary.
WEBPAGE – http://users.chariot.net.au/~ch4wdc/ . Comments or suggestions should be directed to the Club Secretary via email.
GENERAL MEETINGS – are held on the fourth Thursday of each month (except December) at 7.30 pm in the CWA Hall, corner of Mann and MacLaren Streets, Mt Barker. Meetings normally feature a guest speaker (<i>see the Club Program within this newsletter</i>) followed by light refreshments.
COMMITTEE MEETINGS – are usually held on immediately after a General Meeting - any Member may attend a Committee Meeting.
MINUTES OF MEETINGS – detailed Minutes are recorded of all Committee and General Meetings, and are published in this newsletter (except financial and correspondence records).
NEW MEMBERS – receive an Information Kit (a CD) on joining the Club. This is available from the Membership Officer. It covers 38 topics, with a lot of general advice, and includes a copy of the Club's Constitution and By-Laws.
MEMBERSHIP NUMBER – is issued sequentially by the Treasurer when joining the Club. It lapses when the Member leaves the Club, and is only reissued if the same entity rejoins at a later date.
NAME BADGE – Members are requested to wear their name badge at Meetings. See Membership Officer for replacement.
SUBSCRIPTION FEES – annual Club fees are renewable by 30 June each year. Payment may be made at any Meeting prior to 30 June, or can be posted to the Club Treasurer by that date. The current membership fee is \$75, being prorata from January each year, and a one off \$15 joining fee. Members are requested to complete a Renewal Form each year so that Club lists are kept up-to-date. They are available from the Membership Officer or website.
PARTICIPATING IN CLUB ACTIVITIES – to do so, enter relevant details into the appropriate trip folder, and if you need further information, speak to the Trip Leader. If after registering for a trip, you then decide not to participate, please advise the Trip Leader ASAP. Please note – the Club insurance cover extends to only one vehicle per event/trip per membership. Participants are advised that there may be some degree of risk associated with four wheel driving and camping activities.
PHOTOGRAPHS – the Club Librarian is always seeking photos of Club events – please contribute to our albums.
CHANGE OF ADDRESS ETC - notify Secretary, Membership Officer & Newsletter Editor if changing postal address, e-mail address, or telephone number.
RADIO CHANNEL – the Club utilises UHF Channel 20 as its prime channel.
DISPOSAL OF YOUR VEHICLE - please remove all Association and Club stickers from the vehicle, in case the new owner uses it in a manner that may bring discredit to our Club and the 4WD Movement.
SA ASSOCIATION OF FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUBS INC – the Club is a member of the SAAFWD, to which \$16 of annual fees is paid, plus \$8.00 for Public Liability Insurance (includes 50c GST).
FRIEND OF PARKS – the Club is a registered Friend of all SA Parks.
NEWSLETTER - the newsletter is normally distributed by electronic means. The deadline for contributions closes on the Sunday prior to a Club Meeting. Submit articles etc by email, on a 3.5" floppy disk in Word format or on paper (preferably typed). Receipt will be acknowledged of all articles emailed to editor by return email. Contact Editor via e-mail at
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR – a segment will be made available in every newsletter for any Member to have published any letter sent to the Editor.
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GENERAL INFO:

A BIG WELCOME is extended to Malen, our newest member.

GUEST SPEAKER INFO:

In process of being organised – I will advise by email

COVER:

Member of the Year winner, Steve, being presented with his trophy by our President, Carmel, at the Annual Dinner. Photo by Bob (I think).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:


The Club's AGM will be held on 25 June 2009. All committee positions will be declared vacant at that time, and nominations are sought from Club Members who may be interested in filling a position. There is no need to wait for someone to nominate you – **you may volunteer for any position** that might interest you. There is a Nomination Form at the back of this newsletter, and there will be some at the AGM itself.

Most Members may consider that the Club is running well and that there is no need to get involved, let alone attend the AGM. However, unless the majority of Members attending an AGM are representative of the membership as a whole, then distorted decisions may emerge. **Please** consider becoming a Committee member or Club Officer – the job is not onerous and needs skills which you probably already have. Keeping the Club dynamic is important for its future, and **new people add new ideas** to a committee.

It is a requirement of our Constitution that nominations be presented to the Secretary at or before the General Meeting immediately prior to the AGM. We need to elect a **committee of at least four members**.

58		Peter Fiona											
61		George											
79		Barry Bronwen											
10		Ian Kate	X	X	X								
84		Robert Annette											
72		John Dianne	X	X	X								
82		Robert Virginia											
85		Tim											
87		Malen											
86		Terry Julie											
78		Brenton Annette											
36		Steve Heather		X									
25		Robert Katja		X	X								

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Club Diary – April 2009						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
			○ Full moon			
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.
	ALU Meeting		DTU Meeting			
13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.
NRAU Meeting			SAAFWDC Meeting			
20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.
			Club General Meeting			
					● New moon	
27.	28.	29.	30.			

CLUB PROGRAM

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

To follow immediately after next General Meeting

General Meetings – 4th Thursday nights

DATE	PROGRAM / GUEST SPEAKER
23 Mar 09	Speaker to be organised
25 Jun 09	AGM

NB – please tell the Editor if you have any ideas about possible guest speakers

Club Trips & other Events

DATE/S	TRIP/EVENT	DETAILS	LEADER/S
	4WD theory		
27-29 Mar 09	SA 4WD Assoc AGM & camp	Burra	
2 May 09 to ?	WA Coast trip	Trip full	
5-15 Jul 09	Broken Hill, Corner Country		
24 Apr–8 May 10	Northern Flinders	Not yet approved	

ANNUAL DINNER

TRIP REPORT

by ian



Saturday 21 2009

The Club's Annual Dinner was held at the Mt Barker Institute.

31 members and family attended.

Again it was arranged via Carmel, and a delicious meal resulted.

During the evening, the Member of the Year trophy was awarded - very deservedly won by Steve.

Our thanks to the K's for providing the splendid pre-dinner nibbles, and to the D's for our birthday cakes.



club gear for sale



CLUB MUGS

\$7.00 each, blue only

Insulated, with lid

Contact Social Officer



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- **CAR STICKERS** – held in library - two types available - \$4.00 each
 - Pay our Treasurer (Peter) when making any purchase

why not buy two, and help boost your Club's finances.

Club Clothing Information

In 1998, the Club decided that the official colours for Club polo shirts and/or windcheaters would be navy blue or red. We have discussed holding supplies for members to buy, but decided it would be easier for members to purchase their own - available as follows -

Embroidery - Digitised Design is set up and held at 'Pictures in Stitches', Murray Bridge.

Pictures in Stitches – contact Kerry Wilson,
 Address - PO Box 366, Murray Bridge SA 5253.
 Phone: (08) 8531 3302 Mobile: 0401 697 134 Fax: (08) 8531 3245, or
 Email: pins@Im.net.au

Clothing - Available from 'Pictures in Stitches'

Sample of clothing available provided in folder in Club Library, more range is available and full catalogue is available to view or view on website - www.johnnybobbin.com

Prices - Prices of some sample clothing. Prices correct as at June 2006. It is advised to obtain prices on an as needs basis -

- Embroidery Logo: \$5.00 Embroidery Name: \$3.00
- JB Double Contrast Polo Shirt: \$17.25 JB Contrast Jacket \$48.00
- JB Contrast Polar Fleece Windcheater: \$31.00 JB Zip Collar Fleecy Windcheater: \$27.00
- JB Polar Fleece Windcheater: \$31.00 JB Micro fleece Windcheater: \$27.00

It is also possible to buy a club badge to sew on your own garment - \$6.50 each



Wild dogma: what is a pure dingo?

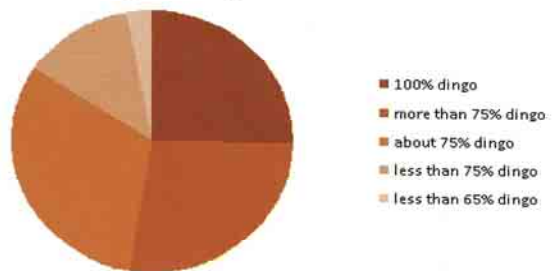
If you really want to know what a dingo is, then here is the answer – we sort of know. Scientists and managers still cannot answer that question for certain because the methods for assessing purity are still being developed. The latest research has shown that if it looks like an obvious hybrid then we can be pretty certain that it is, but just because an animal is sandy coloured with white socks, doesn't mean it's a pure dingo. That is the main reason why all pure dingoes, hybrid dingoes, and wild domestic dogs are often grouped together as "wild dogs" when it comes to managing them. That is also why a lot of agencies (including

SAAL NRM Board) currently manage them according to where they live and what they do, and not necessarily what they are, what they look like, or what we call them.

Keeping in mind that DNA technology is still being developed, below is the most recent DNA results from 63 animals tested from outside the dog fence in SA (all of them looked like pure dingoes). A large, national project being run from WA is testing dingoes from all over Australia to find out the genetic purity of different populations (see www.wilddogdna.animals.uwa.edu.au for more information).

Purity	Number	Proportion
100% dingo	16	25%
more than 75% dingo	17	27%
about 75% dingo	20	32%
less than 75% dingo	8	13%
less than 65% dingo	2	3%

DNA Dingo Purity in South Australia



THE OUTBACK GOES HIGH-TECH

The South Australian cutback will soon be going high-tech with the installation of automated road condition signs. The \$980,000 project is jointly funded by the Australian and South Australian Governments.

The Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI) maintains 10,000 km of unsealed roads within the Unincorporated Area of South Australia. As part of this vast network, the Department is also responsible for the legal temporary closure and restriction of these roads during rain events. This system covers the unsealed road network in the Flinders Ranges, Gawler Ranges, far north and cutback areas of South Australia. It enables DTEI to open, close and restrict roads due to damage caused by wet weather.

The closure of roads is undertaken to protect road users from slippery conditions and areas that may have washed out during a flood event. It also enables DTEI to protect the roads and minimise damage which can be caused by travelling whilst the surface is wet or boggy.

The system works in that informants (including members of the public, SAPOL, Olympic Dam, Outback Road Gangs) advise of any weather changes and the condition of roads. They also advise if there needs to be any closures or restrictions applied, or whether a road can be reopened.

The new automated system will feature 32 solar powered signs strategically located across the network that can be updated remotely through an electronic system located in DTEI's Port Augusta office. They are based on systems that are currently used successfully interstate and will result in a more efficient and accurate road condition information system.

The Road Traffic Authority in New South Wales was awarded the contract for the manufacture and instillation of the automated signs.

Two test signs are expected to be installed at Iron Knob and Wirrulla by the end of March 2009. All remaining signs are expected to be in place by the end of May 2009.

Up to date road condition information can be obtained by phoning the 24 hour hotline on 1300 361 033 or by checking the website www.dtei.sa.gov.au

New DEH Vehicle Access Policy & Procedure

A new DEH Vehicle Access Policy and Procedure were recently produced by the Visitor Management team to guide the planning and management of sustainable vehicle access to parks and reserves across South Australia.

Developed in conjunction with representatives from DEH, Friends of Parks, Four Wheel Drive SA, Conservation Council of SA and the Australian Motorcycle Trails Riders Association, and affecting mainly 4WDs and motor bikes, the Policy and Procedure detail track planning, closures and special access, impact management and community involvement.

Their web site

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Department for Environment and Heritage website. The address bar shows the URL: <http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/visitor/latest.html>. The page header includes the Department logo and navigation tabs: HOME, VISITOR, ACTIVITIES, GET INVOLVED, RESOURCES, and MANAGEMENT. A banner image shows people in a park setting. The main content area features a 'VISITOR INFORMATION' sidebar with links like 'Park Explorer', 'Regions', and 'Park Passes'. The 'Latest News' section is highlighted, featuring the headline 'DEH Vehicle Access (Tracks) Policy and Procedure finalised'. Below the headline, it states: 'The DEH Vehicle Access (Tracks) Policy and Procedure were recently finalised and are now available for viewing or download.' Two links are provided: 'See Policy (150Kb PDF)' and 'See Procedure (150Kb PDF)'. At the bottom, a text block explains: 'The DEH Vehicle Access (Tracks) Policy and Procedure seek to balance maintaining sustainable vehicle access to SA's parks and reserves with the protection of natural and cultural values'. An Adobe Reader logo is visible in the bottom left corner.