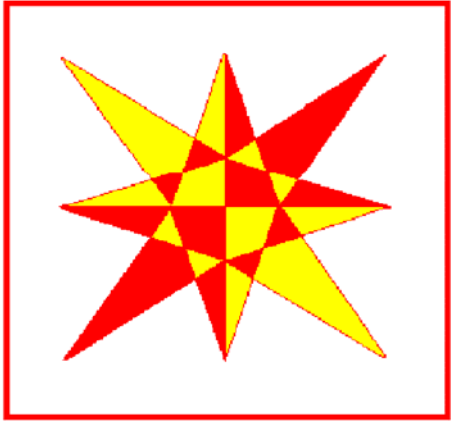


**Central Hills**



**4WD Club**

# Four-Told

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**CENTRAL HILLS 4WD CLUB Inc**

**newsletter**



# CLUB INFORMATION & NEWS

<b>INCORPORATION</b> – the Club was formally incorporated on 13 March 1996
<b>POSTAL ADDRESS</b> – PO Box 1047, Mt Barker 5251
<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b> - <a href="mailto:ch4wdc@chariot.net.au">ch4wdc@chariot.net.au</a>
<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b> – 0408 847 667. Phone is held by Secretary.
<b>WEBPAGE</b> – <a href="http://users.chariot.net.au/~ch4wdc/">http://users.chariot.net.au/~ch4wdc/</a> . Comments or suggestions should be directed to the Club Secretary via email.
<b>GENERAL MEETINGS</b> – 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.
<b>COMMITTEE MEETINGS</b> – are usually held on immediately after a General Meeting - any Member may attend a Committee Meeting.
<b>MINUTES OF MEETINGS</b> – detailed Minutes are recorded of all Committee and General Meetings, and are published in this newsletter (except financial and correspondence records).
<b>NEW MEMBERS</b> – 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.
<b>MEMBERSHIP NUMBER</b> – 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.
<b>NAME BADGE</b> – Members are requested to wear their name badge at Meetings. See Membership Officer for replacement.
<b>SUBSCRIPTION FEES</b> – annual Club fees are renewable by 30 June each year. Payment may be made at any Meeting prior to 30 June, or can be paid by EFT to the Club's bank account 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 <b>complete a Renewal Form each year</b> so that Club lists are kept up-to-date. They are available from the Membership Officer or website.
<b>BANK ACCOUNT</b> – the Club's bank account is in the name of "Central Hills 4 Wheel Drive Club Inc", BSB
<b>PARTICIPATING IN CLUB ACTIVITIES</b> – 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. <b>Please note</b> – 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.
<b>PHOTOGRAPHS</b> – the Club Librarian is always seeking photos of Club events – please contribute to our albums.
<b>CHANGE OF ADDRESS ETC</b> - notify Secretary, Membership Officer & Newsletter Editor if changing postal address, e-mail address, or telephone number.
<b>RADIO CHANNEL</b> – the Club utilises UHF Channel 20 as its prime channel.
<b>DISPOSAL OF YOUR VEHICLE</b> - 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.
<b>SA ASSOCIATION OF FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUBS INC</b> – the Club is a member of the SAAFWDC, to which \$16 of annual fees is paid, plus \$8.00 for Public Liability Insurance (includes 50c GST).
<b>FRIEND OF PARKS</b> – the Club is a registered Friend of all SA Parks.
<b>NEWSLETTER</b> - the newsletter is distributed by electronic means. The deadline for contributions closes on the Sunday prior to a Club Meeting. Submit articles etc by email, on a 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
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### GENERAL INFO:

Please **check your details** on pages 3 and 4, and advise Ian if there are any errors

The Club thanks all retiring office bearers for a job well done, and welcomes the new volunteers.

If you change a club document, and it is one that features as a download on our website, please notify the Webmaster so that he can make the change there too.

Many Members have NOT completed a membership renewal form – could you please do so, so that your contact details can be kept up-to-date by the Membership Officer, Secretary and Editor. There is a form at the back of this newsletter, or one can be downloaded from our website -

<http://users.chariot.net.au/~ch4wdc/Downloads/Membership%20Renewal.pdf>

### GUEST SPEAKER INFO:

At our next (September) meeting, John from Roto Oil will talk about **oils and lubricants** (all female members will find this a slippery topic).

In October, John has organised a visit to **Mt Barker 4x4 (ARB)** – 10% of any sales that night will be given to the Club, and we will donate that sum to the RFDS.

### COVER:

Photograph of Club's display at the recent Caravan and Camping Show, Wayville, taken by John.



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CLUB No	SURNAME	1 <sup>st</sup> NAME	Committee	Officer or Delegate	001 qualified	002 qualified	003 qualified	Advisor	Trainer	Assessor	MOBILE PHONE	HOME PHONE	E.MAIL
33		Geoff Carmel	X		X X	X	X	X X	X X	X X			
77		Rob Helen											
58		Peter Fiona	X	X									
79		Barry Bronwen	X										
10		Ian Kate	X X	X	X								
84		Robert Annette											
72		John Dianne	X X	X	X								
85		Timo											
87		Malen											
86		Terry Julie	X										
78		Brenton Annette	X										
36		Steve Heather	X	X									
25		Robert Katja	X	X	X								

## SNATCH SPRAPS CAN BE LETHAL

Letter of interest to all 4WDers –

*"I forgot to mention in past emails to some of you, that whilst circumnavigation OZ, at Kununurra, we entered the Kununurra Muster 4WD Bash, which was a fund raising event for the Rotary Club.*

*There were about 80 vehicles entered in this Bash, which is a single day event based on the Variety Club style Bash, whereby additional monies are made through bribes, towages etc.*

*The latter part of the bash involved a particularly bad bog, where everybody had to be snatched through. This is where a terrible accident happened, as a direct result of incorrect snatch procedures. Apparently someone, instead of attaching the strap to the proper recovery point on the front of the vehicle, they attached the strap to the bulbar.*

*The result was that whilst snatching, that part of the bulbar that the strap was attached to, broke away, hurtled through the air, and hit a 13 year old girl, who was a spectator. The poor girl apparently got hit in the torso, and had such severe internal injuries, that she died a few hours later. A tragic death that should never have happened, if only correct procedures for snatching had been applied.*

*I sent this to you, in the hope that you could circulate this to enforce the dangers, and need for correct procedures, when snatching."*

# CLUB PROGRAM

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

To follow immediately after next General Meeting

## *General Meetings – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday nights*

DATE	PROGRAM / GUEST SPEAKER
24 Sep 09	John from Roto Oil about <b>oils and lubricants</b>
22 Oct 09	Visit to <b>Mt Barker 4x4 (ARB)</b> – 10% of sales that night to RFDS
26 Nov 09	Christmas breakup
28 Jan 10	
24 Jun 10	2010 AGM

## *Club Trips & other Events*

DATE/S	TRIP/EVENT	DETAILS	LEADER/S
13 Sep 09	St Kilda outing		
2-5 Oct 09	Langkoop		
22-25 Oct 09	Blanchetown Music Festival		
29 Nov 09	Christmas picnic	At T's home, Nairne	
20 Feb 10	Annual Dinner		
24 Apr-8 May 10	Northern Flinders		
	Cape York	No details yet	
3-24 Jul 10	Simpson Desert		
2011	Northern Australia	No details yet	

## Club Diary - October 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1.	2.	3.	4.
						○ Full moon
5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
Public Holiday (Labour Day)	Annette birthday <b>ALU Meeting</b>		<b>DTU Meeting</b>			
12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.
<b>NRAU Meeting</b>			<b>SAAFWDC Meeting</b>			● New moon
19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.
			<b>Club General Meeting</b>			
26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	31.	
		Josh birthday				

## another GREAT coming event

### OCTOBER LONGWEEKEND AT LANGKOOP

We will be leaving at 8am sharp from the old council chambers building Mann St Mt Barker on Saturday 3rd October. Everyone must arrive ready to leave with a full tank of fuel & we travelling as a group to Victoria.

You will need all your own food and water etc. for the entire weekend.

We may also have members of the Nissan Club with us.

I will be contacting the owners this week end to find out about fires etc and we may all need to take fire wood but will let you know ASAP.

After a weekend on the property we will be travelling back on Monday via as many back roads as possible.

Please ensure you name is on the trip folder ASAP so we can give you any final details as we get them.

Thanks, John (Trip Leader)

## 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](http://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 J8 Micro fleece Windcheater: \$27.00

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



### CLUB MUGS

\$7.00 each, blue only

Insulated, with lid

Contact Social Officer



29-30 August 2009

## TRIP REPORT

by Carmel

**CAROONA CONSERVATION PARK**

Fog, rain, showers, sun, mud, dirt, bitumen, rocks, wind and more wind, gates, gates and even more gates .. we had it all on our weekend adventure to Caroona Conservation Reserve, but none of the elements or terrain (or the number of gates that needed opening and shutting) dampened our spirits. It was just great to be away and camping.

We left Lobethal at 0830 hrs, amid light fog and drizzle. It didn't take too long before we drove into more fog and some rain as we wound our way via Mt Crawford Forest, along many back blocks to Angaston, and then along the Stock Route to Burra. Arriving there, we had met up with Robert and Helen and there were six vehicles on the trip. We enjoyed our lunch break at Burra. Continuing on via Mt Bryan, again through bush tracks, past Mokota Conservation Park we arrived at the camp area in Caroona Conservation Park. We were fortunate to have a huge shed at the campsite and an environmental toilet – such luxuries – especially for Brenton and Beda, who camped in the shed, out of the elements. No wet swags for them to pack up! We had an unofficial happy hour and then got into the real business of preparing tea, having a drink or two, having a chat and “spinning a few yarns”; all in between light showers of rain.



*John loves his camel – goes on all trips with them*



*Rainbow seen on trip*

We experienced heavy showers of rain on and off during the night, but the wind just gusted until the early hours of Sunday morning. Sunday morning was beautiful with a little sun shining through the clouds, but then the showers arrived again, along with the wind .. again.

While dining on our breakfast, we participated in the Saturday Quiz from the Advertiser (and scored at least 30). After packing up at a very leisurely pace, we headed home via Caroona station, Newikee Creek and Mongolata, passing the Mongolata gold mine battery (opened in 1933) and down to Redbanks Camping Ground for a “look and see”. It is a great camp area and one that should be considered at another time. We travelled then to Burra Creek Gorge where we enjoyed our lunch under the huge gums trees.

It was time for the inevitable and head for home! We travelled home from the Gorge via Eudunda, Truro, Moculta, Angaston and Birdwood. It was not long after this that we went in different directions, to our destinations. A total of approximately 500 kms were travelled for the weekend.

One thing for sure, though, there were 6 very dirty and mud clad vehicles that would need a “spit and polish” as a result of the trip!

It was a really great weekend ... thank you very much, John and Di, for arranging it and making it available for club members.

Queensl and Trip  
July/August 2009

TRIP REPORT

By Steve

FINAL CHAPTER - We caught the ferry across to Fraser Island with great anticipation of overdosing on



fish while there - unfortunately the fish from Yeppoon must have gotten word to the fish on Fraser that we were coming. By the time we left the island, the score was fish:3, t's:0. The entire island is sand, so it's good 4WD'ing.



You either travel along the inland tracks which were soft & rough in places, or along the beach (and



watch out for planes as they use it too). There's a number of lakes on the island, which contain the most incredible fresh water. Lake McKenzie is the most popular (and photographed) - the first time we had it to ourselves, the second time we had to share it with about 150 others. There's some pretty cool sand dunes too for the kids to exhaust themselves on.

We mostly camped in the centre of the island, which is in a rainforest (great surroundings but cool), but there's campgrounds all the way up the coast. 90% of the people we saw were either there for a fishing holiday, or backpackers. There were heaps of troop carriers and each held 11 noisy Backpackers,

with no idea how to drive in sand. We saw 5 wild dingoes whilst there (from the safety of the car), but apparently there was a toddler attacked by a dingo a couple of days ago. It's pup season so mothers are particularly protective of their young, and aggressive towards humans.

After leaving Fraser, we high tailed it across 3 states to make it home yesterday. Most of the drive through Queensland was ordinary countryside, and very dry, and the number of backpackers had dwindled to zero (yay). We had morning tea at a pub in Noccundra (population 4), which would have been a great place to stay for a night if we had more time (mental note for when Heather & I do the nomad thing later on).



Our last night was in Broken Hill, where we got Heather crawling around an old underground silver mine, and toured the Royal Flying Doctor Service base. The town got about a dozen sculptors together 16 years ago, and each created a sculpture out of large sandstone boulders. They're on a hilltop just out of town and they're quite spectacular.

We're now home after 6 weeks and 10,756 km, mostly in Queensland. The weather was superb averaging mid 20's during the day with only about 4 hours of rain. The kids will be at school tomorrow, I've got work, and Heather has to sort out the bombsite that is now our house after unpacking (lucky Heather).

Cheers,  
Steve, Heather, Reece & Georgia

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## POSITIONS HELD BY CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS OVER THE YEARS

SURNAME	1 <sup>st</sup> NAME	JOINED CLUB	HELD OFFICE	FROM - TO
	Ian	15.3.96	Education Officer Vice President Newsletter Editor Constitution & By-Laws Sub-Committee Member of the Year NRAU Newsletter Editor National Volunteer Award Sub-Committee Trip Leaders' Guide Sub-Committee NRAU Delegate	18.7.96 to 17.7.97 15.8.96 to 17.10.96 17.7.97 to 26.2.99 to 22.7.99 2000 14.10.02 to 22.6.06 5.8.03 to 2.12.03 5.8.03 to 1.6.04 24.6.04 to 22.6.06
	Kate	2.8.1997	Membership Officer	23.6.05 to
	Robert	18.7.96	Education Officer Secretary Member of the Year National Volunteer Award Sub-Committee Environment Officer Vice President Trips Coordinator	18.6.98 to 22.7.99 22.7.99 to 24.6.04 2003 5.8.03 to 2.12.03 23.6.05 to 22.6.06 to 28.6.07 28.6.07 to
	Carmel	17.7.97	Trips Coordinator SAAFWDC Delegate Secretary Treasurer President	18.6.98 to 28.6.01 27.6.02 to 26.6.03 24.6.04 to 21.8.04 23.6.05 to 26.6.08 26.6.08 to
	Geoff	"	Driver Trainer Driver Training Unit Delegate Committee Member Committee Member Driver Training Unit Delegate	27.7.00 to 27.6.02 27.7.00 to 27.6.02 26.6.03 to 26.8.04 23.6.05 to 26.6.08 23.6.05 to 28.6.07
	John	2.8.97	Social & Welcoming Officer President Driver Training Unit Delegate Driver Trainer Vice President Driver Trainer Driver Training Unit Delegate SAAFWDC DTU Driver Training Officer Social & Welcoming Officer	18.6.98 to 22.7.99 22.7.99 to 28.6.01 28.6.01 to 27.1.05 27.6.02 to 27.1.05 24.6.04 to 27.1.05 23.6.05 to 28.6.07 to 8.5.08 to 27.8.09 to
	Karen	"	Librarian Education & Environment Officer Assistant Secretary Member of the Year	27.7.00 to 26.6.03 28.6.01 to 27.6.02 22.6.06 to 27.8.09 2007
	Steve	21.8.97	Webmaster Property Officer Committee Member	2.12.03 to 26.6.08 to 26.6.08 to 27.8.09
	Paul	16.4.98	Committee Member President Vice President	24.6.04 to 23.6.05 23.6.05 to 26.6.08 26.6.08 to 27.8.09
	Fiona	27.7.00	ALU Delegate	26.6.08 to
	Peter	"	Treasurer	26.6.08 to
	Di	22.5.03	Librarian	28.8.03 to
	John	"	Committee Member Trips Leaders' Guide Sub-Committee Trips Coordinator SAAFWDC Delegate Secretary Member of the Year SAAFWDC Treasurer	26.6.03 to 24.6.04 5.8.03 to 1.6.04 24.6.04 to 22.6.06 29.9.04 to 22.6.06 to 2006 19.4.08 to
	Helen	7.1.05	Social & Welcoming Officer	28.6.07 to 27.8.09
	Brenton	25.8.05	Trips Coordinator Vice President	22.6.06 to 28.6.07 27.8.09 to
	Barry	27.10.05	Committee Member	28.6.07 to
	Terry	24.2.08	Committee Member	27.8.09 to

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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

The Committee request that Members complete this form when renewing membership so that Club records can be updated where necessary

NB – Annual fees may be paid by EFT (electronic funds transfer) – see newsletter or Treasurer for bank details

**APPLICANT**

NAME/S	SURNAME		GIVEN NAMES	
	SURNAME		GIVEN NAMES	
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	STREET			
	TOWN		STATE	
			POSTCODE	
POSTAL ADDRESS	STREET			
	TOWN		STATE	
			POSTCODE	
PHONE	Business (optional)		Home	
E-MAIL	@		Mobile (optional)	
CLUB NUMBER				

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Renewal Fee Paid	\$		Treasurer	
			Date	/ /

If address or contact changes have occurred, these have been noted –

Secretary		Membership Officer	
	Newsletter Editor		