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12th September @ 7.30pm	General Meeting
26th September @ 7.30pm	Committee Meeting
29th November – 2nd December	Kelly's Hut Working Bee
24th – 28th January	Kelly's Hut Working Bee
Friday 14th September	Pie Night
Saturday 15th September	Day Trip Anglesea
Saturday 13th October	Presentation Night
20th & 21st October	Driver Training
Saturday 24th November	Christmas Party
Easter 2019	Beachport Trip
	Tasmania Trip

If you have any trips or events you want to include please send an email to either the Trip Co-ordinator or Editor two weeks before the next General Meeting.

Please: If you have any trip reports (past or present) send them through for inclusion in the magazine.

For further info about upcoming Club Trips check the website: www.geelong4wdclub.org.au

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Cape Bedford FNQ
by Shez Tedford
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Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month,
7.30pm at the Clubrooms - 70 Edgerton Rd Lovely Banks

Visitors and new members welcome.

Next General Meeting: Wednesday 12th September 2018, Meeting Starts @ 7.30pm

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday 26th September 2018, 7:30pm at Clubrooms

For more information email: info@geelong4wdclub.org.au

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THE PRES SAYS



G'day All,

It's hard this time of year with this cold winter weather to get out and about. I can't wait for the weather to start warming up a bit and in turn get back out on some tracks and do some camping.

If anyone would like to consider running a trip or 2 in the coming months please talk to Dave Hamann or any of the committee and we can help make it happen. If you have never run a trip before and would like to, there are plenty of members available to help you out, all you need to do is ask.

See you soon

Cheers, Byron

President Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Clubrooms, Abe Wood Reserve on Wednesday 8th August 2018

- Opened by:** Byron Willey @ 7:37pm
- Minuted by:** Danny Sparks-Cousins
- Apologies:** Warren Tedford, Shez Tedford, Allie Hamann, Dave Hamann, Mark Mensch, Geoff Davey, Don Bird, Keith Murdoch, Beth Rogers, Kris Korb, Dave Purdie, Laureena Purdie, Adam Cameron
- Visitors:** Ralph, Alison, Greg, Bruce, Trevor
- New Members:** Nil
- Previous Minutes:** Previous minutes are correct.
- Business arising:** No business arising from the minutes.
- Correspondence in:** 1 member application.
- Correspondence out:** August Driveline.
- Business arising:** No Business arising from the correspondence.
- Treasurer's report:** As read by Juanita Mountjoy. (P) David Dixon (S) Ada Spitty
- Editor:** August funny caption award entries to carry over to September. Thanks to Tim Neville for his trip report.
- Public Relations:** No Report.
- Regional Rep:** Track clearing will be the week before Melbourne Cup. 2 day trip (Saturday/Sunday) Details TBA.
- Social Co-ordinator:** No Report.
- Trip Co-ordinator:** Past events: Snow trip.
Upcoming events: Fraser Island, Tasmania, Beachport.
- Web Master:** General website updates. Any member with suggestions for changes / updates / info to add to the website appreciated.
- General business:**
1. Outstanding membership fees are now overdue. Please check your email for reminder invoices if you haven't paid. Please make sure that names are put into the description, so the treasurer has an accurate account of who has paid.
 2. Driver training course @ Ballarat. We need to confirm numbers. Byron will issue a reminder via email & Facebook.
- Meeting closed:** 7:53pm
- Next meeting:** 12th September 2108

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AGM MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE AGM 2018

Held at the Clubrooms, Abe Wood Reserve on Wednesday 8th August 2018

Opened by: Byron Willey @ 7:54pm
Minuted by: Danny Sparks-Cousins
Chaired by: Tim Neville
Apologies: As per the general meeting

Previous Minutes: Previous minutes are correct.
Business arising: No business arising from the minutes.

Treasurer's report: As read by Juanita Mountjoy at the general meeting. (P) David Dixon (S) Ada Spitty

General business: 1. Committee voted on life membership nominations for Dave & Laureena Purdie.
Nomination was carried.

Committee Positions as nominated & voted

All committee positions except assistant secretary had nominations. Treasurer had two (2) nominations – Juanita Mountjoy & Renee Willey. Juanita Mountjoy was voted as treasurer by show of hands 15 votes to 13.

President:	Byron Willey.	(N) Danny Miller, Leah Taylor
Vice President:	Mark Mensch.	(N) Byron Willey, Damien Miller
Secretary:	Shez Tedford.	(N) Byron Willey, Leah Taylor
Assistant Secretary:	No nominations	
Treasurer:	Juanita Mountjoy.	(N) Matthew Mountjoy, Byron Willey
Assistant Treasurer:	Graeme Jeffrey.	(N) Byron Willey, Don Bird
Editor:	Warren Tedford.	(N) Mark Mensch, Allie Hamann
Trip Coordinator:	Dave Hamann.	(N) Danny Miller, Leah Taylor
PRO:	Tim Neville.	(N) Juanita Mountjoy, Byron Willey
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Social Coordinator:	Allie Hamann.	(N) Byron Willey, Warren Tedford
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Ordinary Member 2:	Adam Cameron.	(N) Geoff Davey, Byron Willey
Ordinary Member 3:	Kelvin Rogers.	(N) Mark Mensch, Byron Willey

Meeting closed: 8:11pm

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

DAY TRIP

Saturday 15th September	Anglesea Area
Trip Leader	Tim Neville
Tail End Charlie	
Trip Classification	Easy Medium
Vehicle Limit	
Meeting Place	Bunnings Car Park Waurin Ponds
Meeting Time	9am
Essentials	Std recovery gear

TRAINING

20th & 21st October	Driver Training
Trip Leader	Byron Willey
Tail End Charlie	
Trip Classification	
Vehicle Limit	
Meeting Place	TBA
Meeting Time	TBA
Essentials	This will be held at Ballarat 4wd Club Driver training ground. At this Stage cost will be \$150 per person as long as we are able to get 10 people to attend further information at Sept meeting or phone Byron on 0417123193

SOCIAL

Presentation Night

Saturday 13th October

Starting 7pm at The Club Rooms

Members of the club who have helped out greatly throughout the year with events, trips and social functions will be rewarded.

Come along for a great social night at our club rooms and enjoy a great family atmosphere.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

SOCIAL

Saturday 24th November Essentials

Christmas Party

At our Club Rooms starting at 11am BBQ meat will be supplied,
We ask Members to bring a Salad or sweat to share.

Will be a visit from Santa in the afternoon.

TRIP

29th Nov – 2nd Dec

Kellys Hut Working Bee

Trip Leader

Warren & Shez Tedford

Tail End Charlie

TBA

Trip Classification

Easy

Vehicle Limit

10

Meeting Place

TBA

Meeting Time

TBA

Essentials

The first working bee will be from Thursday the 29th November til Sunday 2nd December. We have to include weekdays, so the Parks Rangers can be on site. We will look at taking 10 cars.

We have been offered accommodation that the Parks Rangers have nearby to Kellys Lane (it's not well known). The huts sleep 40 and there is a fully functional kitchen. The plan is that on each working party all meals will be supplied so those who are working hard will not have to worry about cooking. With that in mind some of our crew will need to be cooks.

If you are available, please contact Shez on 0400 154 424 for catering.

TRIP

24th – 28th January 2019

Kellys Hut Working Bee (Australia Day Weekend)

Trip Leader

Warren & Shez Tedford

Tail End Charlie

TBA

Trip Classification

Easy

Vehicle Limit

10

Meeting Place

TBA

Meeting Time

TBA

Essentials

The second working bee will be over the Australia Day long weekend. This trip we will camp at Thomastown Campground which is on Kellys Lane and only a very short distance from the hut.

We will again provide all the food for the weekend. If you cannot make it for the weekdays but you can for the weekend, that is still appreciated. We do need some skilled labourers along with others who can help with cleanups around the hut, managing tools etc. There will be plenty of work and jobs for all.

If you are available, please contact Shez on 0400 154 424 for catering.

TRIP

Easter 2019

Trip Leader

Tail End Charlie

Trip Classification

Vehicle Limit

Meeting Place

Meeting Time

Essentials

Beachport Trip

Matthew & Juanita Mountjoy

TBA

TBA

TBA

TBA

TBA

Coorong 9th to 11th April 2019 Trip Leader: Matthew & Juanita Mountjoy Trip classification: Medium Vehicle limit: 7, one per camp site Meeting Place: Beachport SA Meeting Time: 9am There will be two parts to the Beachport trip for 2019. The first will be driving the Coorong, leaving from Beachport. We will be camping in the dunes of the Coorong for two nights base camping. The idea is to have a look around and drive to the mouth of the Murray. There a small day drive on the Wednesday and time to relax fish etc. We can also have a fire on the beach each night. There will be opportunities to go through the wineries in the Kingston area and have your photo taken with the big lobster on the way back. Tents and swags - No camper trailers or caravans in this part of the trip. Cost will be \$15 a night per vehicle Requirements - Sand flag, good all terrain tyres, 2" lift for clearance. Recovery gear including snatch strap, long handled shove etc . Traction aids if you have them. Beachport 12th to 15th April 2019 (Easter Weekend) Trip Leader: Matthew & Juanita Mountjoy Trip classification: Medium Vehicle limit: 7, one per camp site Meeting Place: Beachport SA Meeting Time: 9am There will be two parts to the Beachport trip for 2019. The second part will be Beachport and Beyond 2019. Camping at the Southern Ocean tourist park you will able to have caravans and campers. We will be running three days of trips from here. Beachport to Robe, Beachport to Carpenters rocks and Beachport to Southend and surrounds. Cost - TBA Requirements - Sand flag, good all terrain tyres, 2" lift for clearance. Recovery gear including snatch strap, long handled shove etc . Traction aids if you have them. Camping will be at the caravan park. We will be bringing the mess tent again for everyone to use on the weekend. The trip will be ran as two parts with the option of doing both parts together. If you are only wanting to do Beachport, people that put their name down for the Coorong will have the first option of Beachport part of the trip.

TRIP

September 2019

Trip Leader

Tail End Charlie

Trip Classification

Vehicle Limit

Meeting Place

Meeting Time

Essentials

Tasmania Trip (Expressions of Interest)

Matthew & Juanita Mountjoy

TBA

TBA

TBA

TBA

TBA

CONVOY PROCEDURES

At the commencement of the trip, the Trip Leader shall arrange the convoy order and nominate a vehicle to be last in the convoy (Tail End Charlie). All vehicle shall stay in the convoy order unless directed otherwise by the Trip Leader.

COMMUNICATIONS

Convoy communication shall be by the designated CB Radio or UHF Radio channel selected. The nationally recognized 4WD convoy channel is Channel 10 on both AM and UHF frequencies.

Our club uses channel 12 UHF.

If you are unable to make radio contact, flash your headlights onto the vehicle ahead. This is a signal for the rest of the convoy to stop.

Keep unnecessary chatter on the radio to a minimum when navigating difficult areas.

If in doubt of the best / safest way to proceed through hazards / obstacles, ask the Trip Leader or more experienced driver for advice. Remember you probably won't be the only one experiencing difficulty.

Acknowledge all radio calls from the Trip Leader.

TRAVELLING

Keep the vehicle behind you in view at all times and at any decision point (corner, deviation, and obstacle):

- Wait for the following vehicle.
- Indicate where to go (use indicators if appropriate).
- When acknowledgment is received, then proceed.

Drive at your COMFORTABLE and SAFE speed. Generally, keep 4-6 vehicle lengths distance between vehicles and keep the convoy moving.

On steep inclines / obstacles:

- Proceed one vehicle at a time.

On very steep or difficult terrain:

- Call the next vehicle through when you are clear.

All gates are to be left as they were found. The Trip Leader is responsible to ensure that the last vehicle knows to leave the gate open or closed.

Vehicles should not leave the convoy other than in exceptional circumstances and before doing so must obtain approval from the Trip Leader.

REMEMBER YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VEHICLE BEHIND YOU!



Pie Night

Friday September 14th

@ 6.30pm - Clubrooms

Pies, Sausage Rolls, Pasties,
(vegetarian options available)

Hot Jam Donuts

Orders must be placed by
September meeting

Contact Allie 0427997796 or Facebook event

FWDV INFORMATION

FWDV MEETING DATES

Please note the following FWDV meeting dates. ALL Club members are welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. Agendas and further information will be advised closer to the dates.

Saturday 15.09.18 – General Meeting at Tatura

Monday 12.11.18 – Annual General Meeting



Hello all,

We have been made aware recently that there is still a need for volunteers to help with rebuilding fences in the Cobden region of Victoria who were affected by the fires earlier this year.

Ian Lucas from the Otway's 4x4 club has been working 6 days a week since Easter and has advised us that the job will run until November at the present rate.

He is asking whether there are any other willing helpers to assist in bringing this effort to a shorter end by offering some time with the crews already there.

Please contact Chris Male from BLAZE AID on 0418 745994 or Ian Lucas on 0431712565



MONTHLY MEMBER AWARDS

Come along to a general meeting at the Clubrooms and you are in with a chance to win the monthly member door prize. Each Month all financial members names will go into the draw. If the member is in attendance they will receive a Club Voucher to the value of \$10.

'Fines' are issued for members not wearing their name badges to meetings. Other fines may also consist of breakdowns or breakages on club trips. You could even be fined for silly things you may do on trips as well. The fines are tallied up and the person with the most fines at a general meeting is the recipient of the 'Piston Broke' award. All fine monies are collected and tallied up and at the AGM each year and we donate it to the RFDS from the club.



Door Prize
Steve Fagan



Pyst n Broke
Cam Hamann



AGM Door Prize
Rob White



AGM Door Prize
Ron Bastin



AGM Door Prize
Daniel Murdoch

Geelong 4WD Christmas Party



Special visit
from Santa.

Saturday 24th
November

11.00am onwards

Come along for a great day out.

4WD Club Rooms, Abe Wood Reserve,
Edgerton Rd Lovely Banks

Meat provided! Drinks From the Bar

Please fill in the attached form to indicate whether you
will be

bringing a salad or a sweet to share.

\$10 per Child will need to be included to go towards a
gift from Santa

2018 Christmas Party

Please complete the form below and return it with money (\$10 per child) to a Committee Member by the **November General Meeting** so that Santa's helpers can organise the gifts.

If you wish to pay via Direct Debit, the club account is -

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Account number: 160294

Account name: Driveline Geelong Inc: T/as Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club

Please make sure you put your **Family Name** in the reference section otherwise we won't know who is paying for gifts. & email details to social@geelong4wdclub.org.au.



Please return this
form ASAP

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Name: _____ No. of Adults: _____

We will be attending the Christmas Party: ☐ Yes ☐ No

We will bring along: ☐ Salad ☐ Sweet

Please Print

SURNAME	CHILD'S NAME	M/F	DATE OF BIRTH

If you can possibly help out either on the day or in preparation please let Allie or Committee know, the more that help the easier it is for everyone involved.

FUNNY CAPTION CONTEST

Come up with the funniest caption for the photo below and you could win a Club Voucher for use at the bar. Please send your funny caption entry to the Editor at editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au



POSITIONS VACANT

With fabulous support from our club members, we have an almost complete Committee for 2018-2019, however the following positions are still vacant. If you have ever thought of helping the club by volunteering for a committee position, now is your chance. If you would like to fill one of these roles please chat with club president, Byron Willey, or any of the committee team.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

The Assistant Secretary role is to:

- Assist the Secretary with his/her duties.
- Coordinate Guest Speakers, displays or other forms of interest items at General/Special Meetings.
- Keep the notice boards, photo boards and other visual displays updated in the Clubrooms.

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

The Association Representative role is to:

- Attend meetings of the Victoria Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs (Inc) representing the Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club.
- Provide written and verbal reports to the Club on VAFWDC meetings.
- Advise the Committee on sensitive issues facing the four wheel drive fraternity.

CLUB NOTICES

MEMBER CONTENT

Members are invited to please send through photos, trip reports and new for our Driveline magazine and website. It doesn't take long to write a few paragraphs after attending a trip – and most of us snap a few photos throughout the trips. Send them through so all members to enjoy.

Send Magazine Content to: editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au

Send Website Content to: webmaster@geelong4wdclub.org.au

Be sure to regularly check the club website for news, upcoming trips, trip reports, photos and club forms.

www.geelong4wdclub.org.au

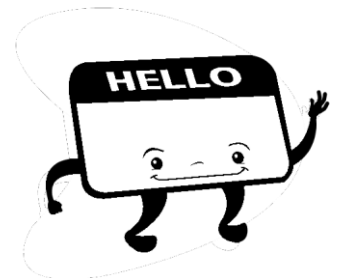
MOVED HOUSE OR CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

If you have moved and / or changed your telephone numbers or email address, please advise the club so that all our correspondence will reach you. With all the great trips and functions going on you need to stay in touch. The club magazine Driveline is now emailed to those who have a current email address. Please let a committee member know if you have changed any details.

editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au

DON'T FORGET YOUR BADGE

Wearing your badge to all meetings, events and community activities makes it easier for everyone to become more personal and build friendships. It doesn't matter if you are a new or old member, please wear your badge.



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HOWS THAT HUT

Pretty Valley Hut. (Bogong High Plains)



Pretty Valley hut was reportedly built around the 1930s and was used as a refuge hut. It is located high above falls Creek in the Bogong High Plains.
The hut is opposite the Pretty Valley Pondage and nearby horse yards.
There is camping allowed here as well.



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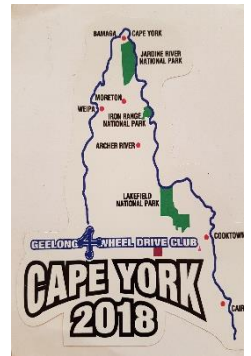
TRIP REPORT

Cape York 2018

Our Great Es-cape (25th July-14th August)

Part 1

Cairns to Frenchman's Track



Our Club trip began in Cairns where our group all met up. After 12 months of planning and researching, excitement was building as the morning of our departure arrived.

Day 1. The Creb Track.

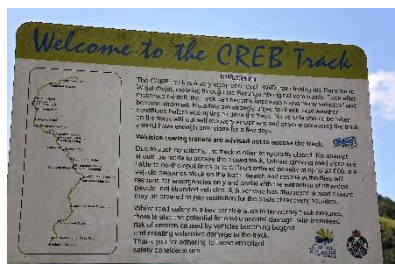
We left Cairns early and had a brief stop at the very picturesque Mossman Gorge. It was a nice walk through the cool canopy of the rain forested gorge.



The enormous boulders in the river Bed were quite a sight.



We continued through the quaint little Daintree Village and arrived at our first river crossing, The Daintree. The river was flowing well but not too high and we crossed it with ease. We were now about to begin our first Iconic track, The Creb which was open whoohoo..This area gets a lot of rainfall and the Creb can close at any time, so it pays to check before heading out, as rainfall plays a huge part in the accessibility of the track.



Crocodiles are found in these waters too, so swimming or standing too close to the river is not wise.



The Creb track is 64ks long with varying degrees of difficulty, steepness and greasiness as it winds up over an ancient rainforest range. The track does command respect. It took us 3 hours **to** complete without any hold ups and the track was predominately dry. Depending on conditions it could take much longer. It is a slow track and is quite technical in places. It is also a whole lot of fun, but you definitely have to have your wits about you. The Creb comes out near the top end of the Bloomfield track and then it is not far to the Iconic Lion's Den Hotel, which was our first overnight camp. This is a great place to camp after tackling the Creb. There is a great camp ground at the pub with shady and grassy camping areas, 15.00 Per night for unpowered, there are showers and toilet facilities and meals are available at the hotel. We did have a meal at the hotel, relaxed and reflecting over our first day



Day 2 &3

We were packed up early and ready to head off by 7.30am. Unfortunately, our vehicle refused to start. Initially we thought it was as simple as a flat battery, and after changing batteries over and using another of our convoys vehicles to try and jump start, it was clear we had a bit more serious problem. At that point Warren was almost certain that the starter motor was the problem and we would need to be towed to a mechanics place. We contacted our RACV who in turn contacted RACQ in Cooktown and luckily, we were only about half an hour from Cooktown and within an hour we had a tow truck out to tow us back into town to the designated RACQ yard. We were very impressed with the service and quickness to get to us, it could have been hours.

The relay switch was taken out and it was determined that the starter motor was beyond repair. The yard arranged for a new starter motor to be flown in from Townsville, which would arrive the next afternoon. The mechanics yard was very helpful and allowed Warren to stay and remove the old starter (not an easy job) and be there the next day to put the new one in.

RACV were amazing and covered our accommodation for the two nights and covered the cost of the tow. We booked into the Cooktown Holiday park. A beautiful park nestled in 8 acres of tropical trees, shady sites and a pool. We had a cabin which was nice.

On Friday while we waited for the part to arrive we spent the morning wandering through the quaint and pretty township of Cooktown, home to approximately 2,000 locals. We wandered the foreshore area with stunning views over the surrounding rainforest and Endeavour river mouth.

Cooktown is the east coast of Australia's northernmost town and is situated on the mouth of the Endeavour River on the Cape York Peninsula. This tiny town shot into history when Captain James Cook beached the Endeavour on its shores in 1770 for repairs - hence the name. It's a wonderful place to visit as it truly is the last town before you hit the wilderness of the Cape York Peninsula.

The new starter motor arrived on time and Warren spent Thursday afternoon putting our 4by back together.

Day 4. Lakefield national park

We set off from Cooktown and headed into the Lakefield National park. Here we visited the old Laura Homestead which is well worth the visit. We continued through the park stopping at some pretty lilyponds, both white and red. The road through although dusty is in good condition. We stopped at Musgrave Station for fuel and then headed out to the east coast to Port Stewart. There is a huge camping area here with undercover area and toilets. You do need to contact the Lama Lama ranger to camp here. Unfortunately, the coast is not visible as it is hidden by huge mangroves, but it was pleasant, and quiet.



Day 5

Today we left the coast and after a stop at Archer river roadhouse we continued along the PDR (Peninsula Development Road) to Weipa. The PDR is dusty and corrugated,

very corrugated in places so it is important to let tyre pressures down and have headlights on. The dust is so thick it is almost impossible to see oncoming traffic or the vehicles in front.



We were booked into the caravan park at Weipa. A nice park situated on the edge of Albatross bay. Our camp sites were right at the edge giving us nice views and a breeze out over the water. After a much-needed refreshing swim we relaxed for the remainder of the afternoon/evening. The sunset was spectacular as well. Crocs do frequent the beach here, but we didn't see any.

Day 6. Chilli Beach

We left Weipa and as we were heading out on the PDR we sustained a large stone to our windscreen causing it to crack. The Windscreen soon resembled a road map, but it stayed intact for the entire trip. We headed back down the PDR, turning onto Batavia Downs Road and across to the Bamaga road. We followed this south for a short distance before turning off to head east out to Chilli beach.

Chilli beach has a reputation for being very windy and it was. It is a good idea to get a camp site away from the beach in behind the palm trees.

This camping area like all QLD parks camping areas, is permitted and must be booked either on line or through the QLD parks website

Chilli beach is pristine with coconut palms lining the edge of the beach. (rainforest meets the coast). If the timing is right coconuts can be found and they are delicious. The drive out is easy, winding through tropical rainforest and heath. Apart from the wind it is a beautiful place to camp and well worth the effort to get out there and the sunrise is pretty amazing as well.



Day 7. Frenchman's Track

Today we tackled the 2nd of the iconic cape tracks. We left Chilli beach and turned off this road onto Frenchman's track.

Frenchman's track although not a law as such, it's advisable to tackle this track from East to West. The river crossings are easier to navigate from this direction and passing opportunities are few. A track not for the novice, it is challenging in places and slow. There are two major river crossings on Frenchman's, the Pascoe and the Wenlock. The track is full of deep bull dust, ruts, wash outs and steep sections. It is an awesome track, so much fun, but needs care. The track took us 4 hours, without mishap, and our convoy was small. It could potentially take a lot longer. The Pascoe needs care in crossing, The entry in is steep

and rocky, and care must be taken when attempting this crossing.

The crossing can be very deep, we crossed with water only up to the wheel arch. The exit is also rutted and rocky but manageable. Lot of fun.

The Wenlock was when we crossed, but this could change with weather conditions.





We arrived at Bramwell Station for our planned camp here. Great camping, with full facilities. \$20.00 per person.

Bramwell have music every night with a full dinner which needs to be pre-booked. It is 35.00

per head for the smorgasbord dinner and its delicious.

The camping area is huge with plenty of shady sites and grass.

We spent a very pleasant and relaxing evening here.



Part two in the next issue of driveline.
Shez Tedford

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