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<b>10<sup>th</sup> October @ 6.30pm</b> <b>Ironman Melbourne Rd</b>	General Meeting
<b>24<sup>th</sup> October @ 7.30pm</b>	Committee Meeting
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Presentation Night
<b>20<sup>th</sup> &amp; 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Driver Training
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 6.00pm</b>	Potato Night
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Christmas Party
<b>29<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Kelly's Hut Working Bee
<b>24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Kelly's Hut Working Bee
<b>Easter 2019</b>	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](http://www.geelong4wdclub.org.au)

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Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month,  
6.30pm at the Clubrooms -With a BBQ During daylight saving Months  
70 Edgerton Rd Lovely Banks

Visitors and new members welcome.

Next General Meeting: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018, Meeting Starts @ 6.30pm at  
Ironman Melbourne Rd, North Geelong

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 7:30pm at Clubrooms

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## THE PRES SAYS



G'Day All

We have a couple of events coming up. Starting off with our general meeting which is being held at Ironman this month. There will be a BBQ before the meeting so come along and have a feed and a drink and a browse around the store.

Speaking of BBQ's we will commence them prior to general meetings again in October once day light savings starts.

The Presentation night is coming up next month also. Come along and have a good night and plenty of socialising.

Oh and don't forget the baked potato night as well. Please let Allie know your details if you intend on coming.

See you all soon  
Byron

President Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

## Minutes of the General Meeting

Held at the Clubrooms, Abe Wood Reserve on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Opened by :** Byron Willey @7.33pm

**Minuted by:** Shez Tedford

**Apologies :** Ross Barry, Rick Neville, Rob Gunn, Bill and Helga Taft, Martin Brayshaw, Renee Willey, Matthew Taylor, Leah Taylor, Beth Rogers

**Visitors:** Cass, Aaron, Mark, Paul, Theo, ubestie, Ralph, Jai, Charlie.

**New Members:** Bruce and Denise Whitten

**Previous Minutes:** Previous minutes are correct

**Business arising:** No business arising from the minutes

**Correspondence in:**

Tax invoice from COG  
Rates notice from COG

**Correspondence out:** September Drive line

**Business arising:** No Business arising from the correspondence

**Association**

**Correspondence**

- Notification for the next member update day which will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> Sept at 297 Craven Rd, Tatura
- Email has been sent out to all clubs asking for help with the rebuild of fences in the Cobden region which were affected by fires earlier this year. The work will run until November and is being organised by the relief group Blaze Aid
- Notification the community service grants are now open for applications

**Treasurer's report:** Tabled until next meeting

**Editor:** Warren has thanked everyone who has contributed to the magazine  
Stephen Fagan won the caption .

**Public Relations:** No report

**Regional Rep:** No report

**Social Co-ordinator:** Pie night this Friday night from 6.30pm.  
Presentation night on 13<sup>th</sup> October. Those attending to please bring a plate of Food to share.

**Trip Co-ordinator:** Past events: Cape York Trip

**Web Master:** Upcoming events: Kelly's hut working bees in Nov/Dec and Australia Day weekend 2019, Beach port and Tasmania trips  
Website is up to date. If anyone has photos or trip reports, please send to web master

**General business:**

- 1.Next general meeting to be held at Iron man. BBQ starting at 6.30pm
- 2.Track clearing weekend before Melbourne Cup weekend. Details to follow
- 3.Discussion had to see what our club can do to help the farmers in drought Stricken NSW/QLD  
Ken Mellross moved a motion that the Geelong 4WDClub donate the sum of \$1,000 to go to a charity to be determined, to help the farmers.  
Seconded by Geoff Davey.  
The motion was carried

- 4 .Driving training 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October. 120.00 per vehicle. We need 10 Vehicles or the cost may go up. Those interested please contact Bryon.
- 5.Cruiser Kan weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October.

**Meeting closed:** @8.15pm

**Next meeting:** 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 @Iron Man. BBQ from 6.30 pm, meeting to begin at 7.30pm

## 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

Regards,

Wayne Hevey  
Chief Executive Officer

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# UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

## TRAINING

**20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> October**

Trip Leader

Tail End Charlie

Trip Classification

Vehicle Limit

Meeting Place

Meeting Time

Essentials

**Driver Training**

Byron Willey

TBA

TBA

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> November**

**Christmas Party**

Essentials

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

### 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> November til Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 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

### 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!**



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## 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](mailto:editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au)







Baked Potato Night  
Friday November 16th  
@ 6.00pm Clubrooms  
\$10 each  
Orders must be placed by  
Sunday 11th November  
Contact Allie 0427997796 or  
via Facebook event

# 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 Byron Willey



Pyst n Broke  
Shez and Warren Tedford



# 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 -**

**BSB:** 033226

**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](mailto:social@geelong4wdclub.org.au).



Please return this  
form ASAP

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.**

## 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.

### **ASSISTANT TREASURER**

- Assist the Treasurer with his/her duties



# 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](mailto:editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au)

Send Website Content to: [webmaster@geelong4wdclub.org.au](mailto:webmaster@geelong4wdclub.org.au)

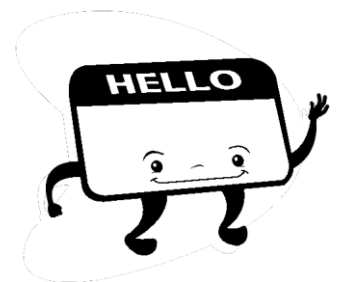
Be sure to regularly check the club website for news, upcoming trips, trip reports, photos and club forms.

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## **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](mailto: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

## Kennedys Hut



Kennedys Hut was built in 1966 by Pat-Bourke Kennedy and Ken Faithful soon after Pat Bourke took up a grazing Licence In 1965. Both families used this hut During cattle musters. Kennedys hut is situated beside the beautiful Mitta Mitta river. This is also a great place to camp with beautiful trees for shade and peace and quiet. There are also camping spots back down the track towards the crossing. Crossing the Mitta Mitta river is easy, but it does pay to check the crossing first as the river can be deep and does flow fast.

Shez Tedford



# TRIP REPORT

## Cape York Trip Our Great Es-Cape. Part 2

Trip Leaders: Warren and Shez Tedford  
Members: Geoff Davey and mark Mensch  
The Old Telegraph Track (OTT)-To the Tip

### Day 9 The Old Telegraph Track

The Old Tele track begins at Bramwell Junction road house.

It is best to do this track South to North.

We were all keen to get started as this was one of iconic tracks on the cape. We were very excited to begin this part of our journey.

We had only gone approx. 2ks and we came to our first creek crossing, the notorious Palm Creek. The entry and both exits are very steep and boggy. A couple were bogged in the bottom of the creek and were not going to get out without help. We went a bit further up the track and crossed palm creek in a different place and then back tracked to where the couple were. After a double line winch, we successfully got them out and on their way.



We came to the Infamous GUNSHOT, and decided we would take an easier option as we didn't need to break vehicles this early into the trip. We still had to be careful with the crossing, it was quite a steep entry into the creek and technical exit. Again, so much fun.







The OTT is not a hard track, but it is a technical track and slow. It takes 2 days min to do both sections of the track. It was such a fantastic experience and so much fun. There was always someone else on the track. We stopped at fruit Bat falls for a refreshing swim. It is only a short walk down to the falls and we were rewarded with beautiful cascading waterfalls and swimming hole. This is a day area only, there is no camping here. Just what we needed to wash away the days dust and grit.



We free camped just down the track a bit further at Canal creek. This is a beautiful creek with crystal clear, warm water, great for a swim.

There are plenty of free camping areas on the OTT (no facilities however). Eliot falls is a National parks camp which must be prebooked, either on line or through a parks office. There are toilet facilities here, in fact all the National parks camping areas do have facilities.

We set up our camps and relaxed after the first big day.

#### Day 10

Today saw us drive the northern section of the OTT. There were many river crossings, including the infamous Nolans Brook and a very narrow bridge which required us to have a guide at the front to get us across safely.

The track is dusty and very corrugated. It is wise to have lights on, so others can see you and have lower tyre pressures to help ease the effect of the ruts.

All of the river crossings command respect. The levels can vary from week to week. We checked each crossing to determine the best line for us to take. Most of the crossing have at least two entry points. Nolans Brook was deep, but we crossed without incident. Taking it easy and using common sense and the crossings are quite easily navigated.

Eventually we arrived at the Jardine ferry river crossing. The cost is 99.00 to cross(both ways)

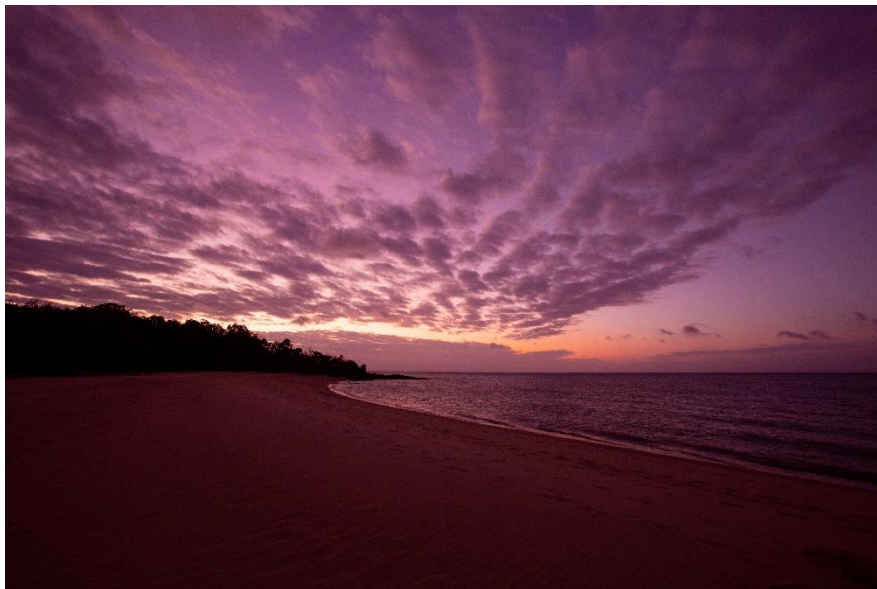
We got into Bamaga and got some fuel and we had to get a new battery.

With that put in we made our way to Punsand bay. We hadn't gone very far before we had smoke coming g out of our 4by. Apparently, the wiring shorted out from the battery back to the fridge.



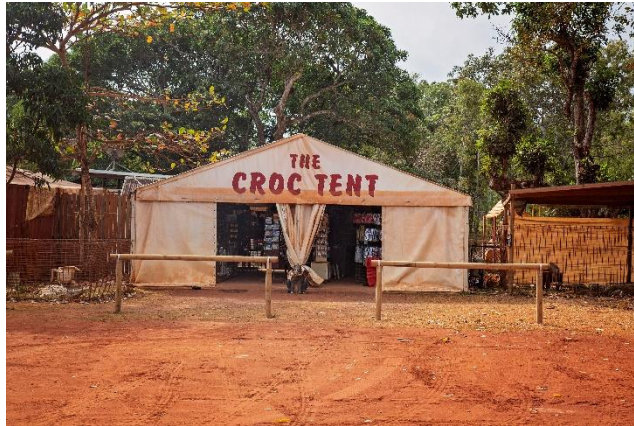


Punsand Bay Sunset





With that problem solved we continued on our way. We soon came to the Iconic Croc Tent. The tent houses all things Cape York. Whatever souvenir you need I am sure you will find it in here. The Unofficial place to buy Cape York Stuff.



We finally arrived at Punsand Bay camping ground. Where we would be camping for the next 5 days.

Punsand Bay is the most Northern camp ground on mainland Australia.

All the facilities are here including a bar and meals and a pool. Beautiful big shady trees to relax under while enjoying a coldie.

There is a beautiful beach here to walk along, no crocs, just beautiful sand. Not wise to swim in the ocean as there is at least one resident croc in this area. Fishing is supposed to be good, although we didn't catch any fish.

We set up our camps and relaxed for the evening.

#### Day 11. The Tip

Today we were all just a bit excited as we were heading for the tip. And after a good brekky of Bacon and eggs we headed off for the short drive to the Tip or Parjinka as it is culturally known.

The tide was well out so we walked along the beach and up over some rocks to reach the most northern point of Mainland Australia. Whoohoo, we made it. It felt so surreal to be at the very top of Australia. We took all the obligatory photos, marvelled at the view and then walked back to our vehicles up over the top of the rocky outcrop. The views from on top were simply breath taking and photos cannot do this scenery justice, you just have to be there.







Shez Tedford



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