

A photograph of a 4WD vehicle driving on a dirt road through a forest of dead trees. The road is dusty and the trees are mostly bare, with some green foliage visible in the foreground and background. The vehicle is a silver 4WD with a roof rack, driving away from the viewer. The background shows a dense forest of dead trees and a distant mountain range under a clear blue sky.

# Driveline

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11 <sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30pm	General Meeting
25 <sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30pm	Committee Meeting
20 <sup>th</sup> April 6.00pm	Takeaway Night
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Paddy's Swamp Night Run
4 <sup>th</sup> May - 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Wyperfeld NP/ Big Desert
TBA	Avoca Area Recci Runs
18 <sup>th</sup> May - 20 <sup>th</sup> May	McMicheals Hut Restoration
9 <sup>th</sup> June - 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Moonambel Muster
24 <sup>th</sup> July - 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Cape York 2018

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,  
Have a look on the web: [www.geelong4wdclub.org.au](http://www.geelong4wdclub.org.au)

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Monthly meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm

*Visitors and new members welcome.*

**Members BBQ :** Free BBQ returning in Daylight Saving Months later in year

**Next General Meeting:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018,

Meeting Starts @ 7.30pm

**Next Committee Meeting:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 7:30pm at Clubrooms

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# Minutes of the General Meeting

## Minutes of the General Meeting

Held at the Clubrooms, Abe Wood Reserve on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Opened:** by Byron Willey at 7.32pm

**Minuted by** Shez Tedford

**Apologies:** Adam Cameron, Juanita Mountjoy, Martin Brayshaw, Beth Rogers, Renee Hill, Leah and Mat Taylor, Justin Rogers, Sally Vallance.

Visitors. Sam Murphy, Travers Jennar, Geoff Hamilton

**New Members:** . we welcome new members; Daniel and Tania Jensen. Peter Wu and Kimberly Wisnewski and Lachie Hill.

**Minutes** Minutes from the Previous meeting as per magazine confirmed correct

(P)Tim Neville

(S)Cam Hamann

**Business arising from the Minutes:** .No business ,so there is no need for (P) &(S)

**Correspondence in:** .

1.statement from COG

4wdriver magazine

Invoice from AUst Post

**Correspondence out:** .

Previous minutes

Feb Drive Line

Invites have been sent to our members and other 4x4 clubs for Moonambel

**Assoc.**

Clean up the bush weekend Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> April at Smythesdale. Camping at the Smythesdale Gardens camping ground.

Correspondence confirming FWDV is holding their March General meeting at our club rooms on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Starting at 10 am finishing at approx. 2pm.Everyone is welcome

FWDV is asking clubs for their input into how much 4WDDrivers/Clubs are using the land in the Wellsford, Wombat, Macedon Ranges, Cobaw, Mt Cole and Pyrenees forests so that our past time is reperesented in a more definite manner. This comes from( VEAC. Victorian Enviromental Council)

**Business arising from the correspondence:** None

**Treasurer's report:** As read out by Shez Tedford (P)Dave Dixon (S) Mick Riley

**Editor:** Kelvin won the funny caption. Please send in photos for the mag if you have good high res photos.

**Public Relations Officer:** No report

**Regional Rep:** this is the link Matthew mentioned at the meeting. This will give you the information on anglesea's futures draft land use plan. Engage.vic.gov.au

**Social Co-ordinator:** Barefoot bowling on Friday night 16<sup>th</sup> feb . BBQ tea provided before .

**Trip Co-ordinator:** **Past events:** .



**Upcoming events:** as per Magazine

**Web Master:** No report. Web site photo has been changed. .

**General business:**

1.byron is looking at another driving training course for anyone who is interested. TBA.

**Meeting closed:** 8.02pm

**Next meeting:** 11 April 2018

## FWDV Information



### FOUR WHEEL DRIVE VICTORIA (Victoria Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc)

#### Notes from Update Meeting

Saturday 2nd September, 2017  
Tarrawingee Sports Club via Wangaratta

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#### 1. WELCOME (President – Garry Doyle)

The meeting was held at the North East Car Club Rooms in Tarrawingee. This is also the meeting place for the Wangaratta 4wd Club.

This was the 3rd FWDV meeting for the year. The aim is to schedule 2 meetings in Melbourne metro areas and 2 in regional locations annually.

#### 2. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Refer to attached sheets

#### 3. SPECIAL NOTE:

Due to insufficient member Clubs in attendance there was not enough members to form a quorum for a formal meeting. It was agreed to continue with an exchange of information led by Garry Doyle (President) and Wayne Hevey (CEO)

#### 4. PRESIDENTS REPORT



Garry Spoke about the following items:

- ☐ Board has shifted their focus and now concentrate on strategic matters, the Ministerial Advisory Committee (comprising Parks Victoria, FWDV and DELWP). FWDV will operate over the next 3 years – converting plans into real outcomes trying to deliver benefits to members of 4wd clubs and the wider Victorian community of four wheel drivers. This in turn allows Wayne and the office staff to manage operational and training programs etc.
- ☐ Some changes to the Board – Michael Coldham has resigned due to difficulties in attending regular board meetings from his home in Yarrawonga. Former board member David Craine has rejoined the board filling the casual vacancy. Simultaneously, Chris Whiteside has stepped down from Secretary due to work pressures but remains on the board as an Ordinary member. Since David Craine was a professional secretary in his work life, he has now been appointed as FWDV Secretary. Several Board positions will change at the next Annual General Meeting in November.
- ☐ Ten interstate clubs have now switched over to Affinity Insurance for their Club needs. More are anticipated. FWDV is waiting for Affinity to come back with an improved alternative offering to the RACV Total Care package.

## 6. CEO's REPORT

Wayne spoke about the following items:

- ☐ DELWP is looking to work more closely with FWDV in the same manner that Parks Vic works with FWDV and an example of this is the possibility of undertaking track maintenance works in the Nunniong Plains anchoring old tyres filled with dirt to stabilise sections of the track.
- ☐ Track Classification courses are intended to be run soon.

## 8. DISCUSSION / QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Geoff Kenafacke asked for an update on Four Wheel Drive Australia and what it was doing for FWDV and its member clubs. Garry Doyle responded that 'not much' was being achieved. Garry advised that the next meeting of FWDA would be held in Sydney in October and he plans to raise certain issues with them. It was noted that they have a sizeable bank balance and do not operate an office such as FWDV. FWDV is the only state based Association with a full time office.

Special thanks to the Wangaratta 4wd Club members who provided a bbq lunch for all in attendance after the meeting closed.

## FWDV MEETING DATES

Please note the following FWDV meeting dates on your Club calendars. ALL Club members are welcome to attend these meetings and we trust you will encourage them to do so. Agendas and further information will be advised closer to the dates.

Saturday 24.03.18 – General Meeting at Geelong  
Saturday 16.06.18 – General Meeting at Tendebeck Hall, Doncaster  
Saturday 15.09.18 – General Meeting at Tatura  
Monday 12.11.18 – Annual General Meeting



# The Pres says



Hi all,

I hope everybody had a great Easter and I certainly hope that everyone had way too much chocolate. It looks like those that went out on the couple of trips over the break had an absolute ball. There was some awesome photos etc coming in to the Facebook page that's for sure.

There is quite a few events coming up over the next couple of months so I hope to see you all out there at some of them

Cheers

Byron

President Geelong Four Wheel Drive Club

## Funny Caption please This Month's photo needs a funny caption

Please send through your answers to the Editor for your chance to win a Club Voucher for use at the bar  
Email to [editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au](mailto:editor@geelong4wdclub.org.au)



Last Months Caption Winner Kelvin Rogers

# Up Coming Trips

## TRIP

<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Paddy Swamp Night Run</b>
Trip Leader	Dave Hamann
Tail End Charlie	TBA
Trip Classification	Medium
Vehicle Limit	10
Meeting Place	Waurm Ponds Truck Bay on the Colac Hwy
Meeting Time	7.30 pm
Essentials	UHF radio, good tyres, Air Compressor, usual recovery gear

## TRIP

<b>4<sup>th</sup> May - 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Wyperfeld Nat Park / Big Desert</b>
Trip Leader	Geoff Davey
Tail End Charlie	TBA
Trip Classification	Medium
Vehicle Limit	10
Meeting Place	Club Rooms At 7.00am 4 <sup>th</sup> May
Meeting Time	7.00am
Essentials	UHF radio, good tyres, Air Compressor, Recovery gear & Sand Flag

## TRIP

<b>In the New Year</b>	<b>Avoca Reccie Runs</b>
Trip Leader	Dave Hamann
Tail End Charlie	TBA
Trip Classification	Medium
Vehicle Limit	10
Meeting Place	TBA
Meeting Time	Tba
Essentials	UHF radio, good tyres, Air Compressor,



**TRIP**

<b>18<sup>th</sup> May - 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>McMicheals Hut Restoration</b>
Trip Leader	Warren Tedford
Tail End Charlie	TBA
Trip Classification	Easy
Vehicle Limit	TBA
Meeting Place	TBA
Meeting Time	TBA
Essentials	UHF radio, good sand tyres, Air Compressor, ,
Trip Notes	

**TRIP**

<b>8<sup>th</sup> June - 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>	<b>Moonambel Muster</b>
Trip Leader	Dave Hamann
Tail End Charlie	TBA
Trip Classification	Medium
Vehicle Limit	10
Meeting Place	TBA
Meeting Time	TBA
Essentials	UHF radio, Good all terrians
Trip Notes	

**TRIP**

<b>24<sup>th</sup> July - 15<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Cape York 2018</b>
Trip Leader	Warren & Shez Tedford
Tail End Charlie	TBA
Trip Classification	Medium
Vehicle Limit	5(trip is full)
Meeting Place	TBA
Meeting Time	TBA
Essentials	UHF radio, Good all terrians, Vehicle Spares, Snorkel, Winch & Recovery Gear
Trip Notes	See Warren & Shez for details regarding must take equipment and meetings for this long trip. Vehicle servicing and repairs a must before attending this trip

# Campfire tasties

## Who doesn't love Nachos?

And cooking it when you are outdoors is very simple, and low fuss.

Of course, you can make it as elaborate as you want, but our campfire Nachos is perfect for your next camping trip.

What you need:

- Corn Chips
- Grated Cheese
- Jar of Salsa
- Toppings (all optional) Bolognese Sauce, olives, diced tomatoes, refried beans, diced onion, sour cream, guacamole
- Disposable aluminium tray (the sort you might get takeaway in).
- Al-foil

How to cook it:

- Your campfire should have been going for a while so that you have some good coals (but not too hot). A grate placed over the coals will elevate the pan, and stop burning on the bottom. The grate is not essential, though.
- In the disposable tray, add your chips, salsa, toppings (like sauce, olives, beans) and spread grated cheese all over the top. Some prefer to put the cheese on the chips and THEN the toppings....it all comes down to your personal preference.
- Place aluminium foil over the top of your tray to protect the contents. You might want to make the cover "peaked" so the cheese doesn't stick to the foil.
- Put the now prepared tray on the coals, and wait for the cheese to melt, around 10 minutes.
- You can eat out of the tray or empty onto plates, and add remainder of toppings like sour cream, etc.

**Enjoy, and don't think about the calories.**





## Campfire chicken and vegetable stew



Making stew might sound like a great winter camping meal, but really it's perfect anytime of the year. Plus, with a bit of chopping and a little wine, this easy camping recipe will quickly become a favourite on your camping holidays.

### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil or vegetable oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 300 g pumpkin (squash), diced
- 1 large fennel bulb, sliced (optional, but definitely worth adding)
- 800 g skinless, boneless chicken thigh or breast fillets, cut into large pieces
- 200 ml (a small wine glass) white wine
- About 12 waxy potatoes, quartered

### Method

1. Heat the oil in a large camp stove on a grill rack. Add the onion and garlic and cook for 10 minutes, stirring regularly until they start to turn golden and caramelise – ensure the pot isn't too hot, or they will burn.
2. Add the carrot, pumpkin and fennel and cook for about 5 minutes, stirring every now and then. Add the chicken, stir well to combine and cook for 2–3 minutes, or until the chicken is starting to brown. Add the wine and bring to the boil for about 1 minute to cook off the alcohol.
3. Add about 400 ml water (just over 1 ½ cups), then add the potato and season well with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Cover and bring to the boil, then sit the camp oven in amongst the coals (rearranging them as needed and topping up as needed) and cook for about 30–40 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through and the potato is very tender. Check the seasoning and adjust if necessary, then serve in bowls.

**Family Social Night 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 6pm**

**To be held at our Club rooms.**



Pick up your favourite take away meal and join us at the club rooms for a relaxed evening meal .Bar will be open as usual.



## Barefoot Bowling

We had a fantastic turn up to our Barefoot Bowling night, with all ages joining in the fun. We started the night with a BBQ, then when everyone's bellies were full it was time to learn how to bowl. That's where Rob Priddle stepped in and showed us all a few tips (as this is the bowling club he is a member of). Everyone then got into the swing of it and there was lots of laughter and quite a few bowls drifting across into other people's games but no one seemed to mind. Even the little ones had a go with special foam bowls. I would like to thank Shez for organizing all the food, Warren and Byron for cooking the BBQ, Rob Priddle for giving up his night to show us how it's done and the Bareena Bowling Club for having us....and we were entertaining the bowls members with our skills as well.

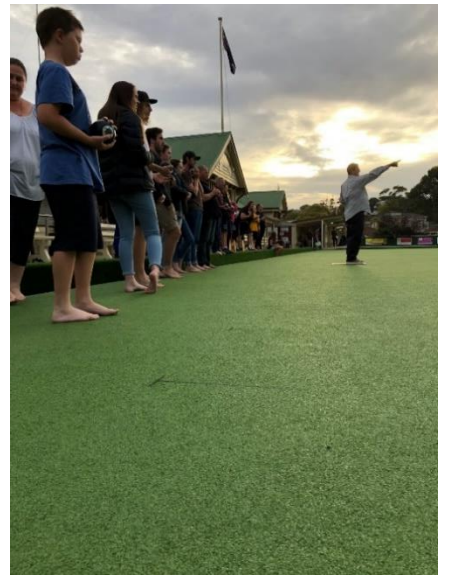
A huge thank you to all that came along to make the night a fantastic one. It is so good to see more and more members each event we hold.

Some upcoming events will be a possible mini golf night and a BYO Takeaway as well.

Allie Hamann

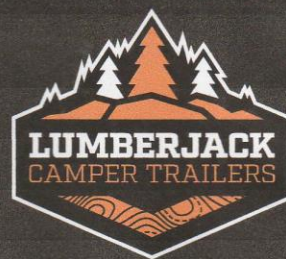








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# Happy Birthday wishes





## Davies Plain Hut

Davies Plain Hut was built as a cattleman's hut in 1939 by the Gibson family who first took up the lease on the land in 1892. The last cattle were grazed here in 1956 although the 29,000-acre run has been held by the Gibson family for several generations for around 100 years. In 1995 Davies Plain Hut had major restoration work done as the hut had deteriorated. The hut has been fortunate to escape any damage from all the bushfires that have swept through this area.

There is plenty of space around the historic hut for camping. Beautiful old and gnarled snow gums grace the landscape. If you're lucky you may even sight brumbies.

This is one of the iconic 4x4 drives and destinations in Victoria with some of the most challenging tracks you will find anywhere... The track is only open a few months each year due to the extreme conditions that can occur. The track is closed from May /November each year.

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Shez



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# Club Notices

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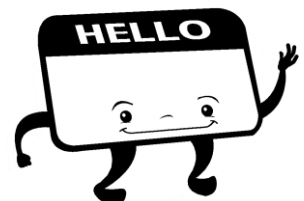
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## DON'T FORGET YOUR BADGE

**BADGES** - It is great to wear your badge at all monthly meetings, events and community activities.





## **Ballarat Try 4WDDriving weekend. Smythesdale. 23<sup>rd</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Trip Leaders. Warren and Shez Tedford

Participants.

Lachie Hill, Keith and Daniel Murdoch, Rob Gunn

This weekend was opened to anyone who wished to test their skills, gain confidence and learn how to drive their 4x4 correctly in a controlled environment.

We arrived at the Ballarat 4x4 clubs training ground on Friday evening and set up our camp.

On Saturday morning a Sausage sizzle was put on by the club. The registration tent opened at 9 for everyone who was driving the track and going on a bush drive later.

The heavens opened and dumped a huge amount of water on us and the track preventing any driving until the track dried out. The club did not want to risk their track being churned up in the wet conditions. They decided to do their bush drives first. Our group headed out for an easy trip through the pine plantation with a Ballarat club member.

Once back we were able to get out on the training track.

Lachie, Daniel, Keith and myself drove a few laps of the track. It was a lot of fun and a good way to test your skills and gain some confidence.

We went out on another short bush trip later in the afternoon with a trip leader from their club.

Ballarat club had other demonstrations on site and ARB had a tent set up as well. There was something for everyone and their facility is well set up.

Sunday was a repeat of Saturday for those who wanted to do some driving.

Ballarat 4x4 club run training weekends later in the year. If anyone is keen to do this, please go and have a go. It is heaps of fun, you will learn so much and gain confidence in your vehicle and driving ability.

Shez Tedford








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## Murray Sunset National Park Border Track. Easter 2018



Trip Leaders Warren and Shez Tedford

Participants. Richard(woody) and Kez Brown, Peter and Allison Searle, Geoff Davey and Kaye and Mark Mensch

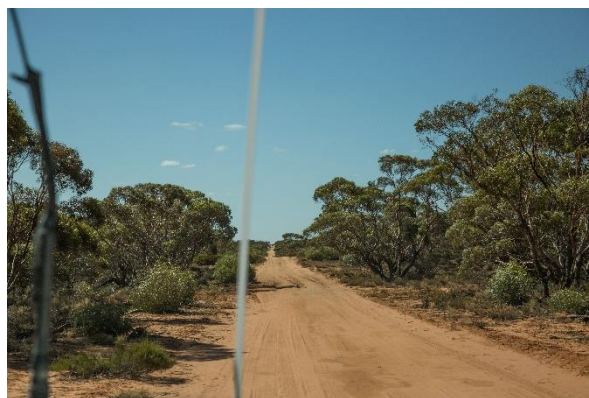
### Day 1

We left Geelong early on Good Friday morning heading for the Murray Sunset NP. We had a brief stop at Lascelles to check out one of the painted silos and stretch the legs. We refuelled in Ouyen and then headed out into the NP via Pheenys track, stopping for some lunch just after entering the park.

We had another stop along the track at Mopoke hut before stopping at our first night camp (Pheenys camp ground). This is a free camping area, with a reasonable amount of room. We all got settled and it was not long before the camp fire was blazing and we were all enjoying the serenity and ambience of the evening.







Pheenys Camp ground



## Day 2

We woke to a brilliant Murray Sunset Sunrise and after some breakfast we packed up and continued our trek. Pheenys track is long ,with a diverse landscape. Wide open plains with varying vegetation and wild life.



Pheenys track intersects the border track about 8 ks from the Sturt highway. We planned to start our border track adventure from the sturt highway. So, after a cuppa and break we turned around and started down the track. This is also a long section of the track and a very different landscape, with more clay-based surface than sand, a narrow track and lots of overhanging trees which kept knocking our sand flags. It wasn't a difficult drive but it was slow going with lots of ruts.





We continued down the border track with an ever-changing landscape once again. Driving through bush and farmland. We came across these amazing and huge tumbleweeds. I had never seen anything like them. Apparently, the bushes die off and then tumble in the wind spreading their seeds and creating new bushes.



Soon the track conditions changed and we began to get more sand, deep sand with lots of ruts and wombat holes.

We came across a family towing a big camper. They were bogged deep in the sand. We eventually were able to tow them out. It is

So important to have low tyre  
Pressures when sand driving.



We continued down the track and eventually came out on the Mallee Highway. We drove the few kms into Pinaroo to top up fuel and then headed out to our second nights camp Ngallo park camp ground. This is just off the Mallee Highway. This was a free camping area, with facilities. It was another sensational evening. We got the camp fire blazing and again enjoyed the camp fire chatter and relaxed.





**Day 3 Sunday** We again woke to a sensational sunrise.



We got packed up and re-joined the border track. We were now into the Big Desert State Forest.



This section of the border track is possibly the most fun with the sand deep and some big dunes to navigate. We had a slow convoy in front of us, but they all pulled over to let us through. We came across a single vehicle who was struggling to get up a large dune. Once we explained to him about low tyre pressures he was fine and got up the dune with ease.

We came to the one-way section of the border track which runs north to south. This is part of the Ngarkat National park and you need to purchase a day pass to go through. This is 10.00 per car and done on line.

We had one large dune that Warren and I took 3 attempts to get up. It was not only steep but rutted near the top. We eventually got up with letting more air out of our tyres and the rest of our group drove it with ease.







**Red Bluff Camp ground**

This section of the track is fun. We all had a ball.

We drove into Red bluff camp ground for lunch. This is approx. 3 ks off the border track. It is a large camp ground(free) with facilities. Plenty of room for large groups.

We came across a section in the track which had 3 options of going through. One bog hole looked like a mini Gunshot. Woody decided to have a go at it. He didn't make it and so we again needed to do a recovery. We ended up anchoring our vehicle to Geoff's for extra traction, and with double snatch straps we were able to winch woody out.

The track is slow going and I will admit that it is deceptively long. We had planned to drive to the end of the track and then come back up along a different into our designated camp for Sunday night. However with the very slow going(average of 40ks per hour)hold ups and recoveries the time was getting away from us. So we opted to get off the track a bit sooner and make our way up into Broken Bucket camp ground.







### Broken Bucket Camp Ground



We eventually got into Broken Bucket camp  
And found a place to set up. Camp fire lit  
We all settled in for our last night on this  
amazing adventure .



#### **Day 4 Monday.**

We packed up and headed out of the camp ground. A few ks down the road we turned onto the Netting fence and our last taste of sand driving. Tyres down once again for the 30ks of netting fenceline. It was a pretty decent track.

#### **Netting fence Track**



We came out and went into Hindmarsh lake for a quick look at this lake. This lake is actually Victoria's largest lake but is currently dry.

Geoff made the suggestion we detour up to the Causurina camping area for a bit of a recci for a future trip in the big desert. Pete and Alison left us here and headed for home and the rest of our group headed back to the big desert area. We found a great new camping area and after some lunch began our journey home.

So, ended a fantastic trip with a bit of everything. Sand, recoveries, bog holes and dam good fun.

It isn't all about the destination. It's also about the company, the people who share the journey with you. We had a fantastic group of people who made this trip fun and entertaining.

Thankyou all for trusting us and sharing this amazing trip with us. You are all awesome.

Shez Tedford



## **Beachport, Easter 2018**

The trip started in Beachport and members made their own way down on Thursday, arriving at different times, some in the early hours of Friday morning.

Friday morning we ran a half-day trip out on the beaches, heading towards Nora Creina. The first beach we hit Steve and Donna became bogged, quickly followed by Jimmy, then Cam, who were right behind him. It didn't take long to get the vehicles moving again and we traveled along beaches and through dunes until we reached 8 mile. At 8 mile we had the opportunity to have a play on the big sand dune, everyone eventually making it up except Paul and Heather. We then headed back to camp along the beaches again, Richard noticing that there was a noise coming from his suspension, which turned out to be a broken part of his sway bar. We took an inland track past Lake George, which was full of water.

After lunch, we headed out again, this time driving the beach from Beachport to Southend. Once we left the beach, we headed into Canunda National Park and drove some inland tracks, which were endless waves of large corrugations. We drove out to a large sand dune that Matthew and I knew, unfortunately however, vehicles were no longer allowed to drive up it. Instead, members climbed the dune and sat to enjoy the view, while the kids slid down on the sand boards. The convey split briefly, while some members went into Millicent for fuel, before we all joined up again and drove the beach home to Beachport.

On Saturday, we headed off towards Robe. At 8 mile we stopped for another play on the big sand dune. This time Paul and Heather made it, but I did not. While playing, we witnessed an accident between a vehicle and a motorbike, highlighting the importance of having a sand flag and not parking your car on the crest of a dune. Luckily, it was not as bad as it could have been.

We ran the beach to Nora Creina without anyone getting bogged, although there were a few exits that people had to have a couple of attempts at due to soft sand. We ate lunch at a campsite out of Nora Creina, before hitting the beaches again and heading towards Robe.

The beaches were reasonably firm and we drove without incident until the final dune that exited the beach. When we arrived, there were two vehicles stuck on the dune. Our members went to help and after about 30 minutes we managed to dig both cars out and get them moving again. All our members made it up the dune without incident and we drove into Robe.

At Robe the convey broke into two, with three vehicles heading back to Beachport along the beaches again and the other four looking around Robe and making their way back to camp at their own leisure on the bitumen.

That night spirits were high and most members gathered in the mess tent where we enjoyed many laughs.

On Sunday, we headed off again, this time towards Carpenters Rocks. We drove the beach from Beachport to Southend, and then headed into Canunda National Park. We drove out to the cliff face, where the view was incredible. We initially drove some inland tracks before entering onto the beach. The sand was quite soft and we had to keep momentum up as we drove. At times, we had to exit the beach as it became quite narrow and the tide was coming in, but we continued to find entry points back on. We drove without incident until we came across a group of drivers bogged at an exit point. Once again, our members helped then out and when the track was clear, we decided to continue along the beach. We did not get far however, before the beach suddenly dropped away, and as the tide was so high, we were forced to come to a complete stop, causing Matthew to get bogged in the soft sand.

This meant we had to go back to the exit that we had just helped clear. The sand was very soft, Matthew was coming in from the wrong direction, and again he got bogged. The group that had been travelling in front of us, helped snatch Matthew forward. The rest of our group managed to get through the exit, some taking a couple of attempts.

We had lunch on top of a large dune, overlooking the wind turbines. With a little help from members who shall remain anonymous, Jimmy managed to get bogged on top of the dune and needed to be snatched out before we could leave our lunch site. We drove some inland tracks, heading for a dune we could have a play on. After our play session, Cam realised he had blown his heater hose. While the bush mechanics got right onto it, the convey divided, with four cars completing the journey to Carpenters Rocks. The remaining three vehicles got Cams car running again and ran the beaches back to camp.

Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the trip such a success. I look forward to seeing you all on the beaches again next Easter,  
Juanita













## TRIP LEADERS REQUIRED

Just about anyone can lead a trip with a little guidance from an experienced club member. Day trips are very easy to organise; they don't necessarily need to be technically challenging or complicated - it might simply be a tour through some local bush scenery, a picnic or a trip to the local wineries.

If you would like to lead a trip for the Club but are a little unsure of how to go about it - Simply contact the **Trip Co-ordinator** [trips@geelong4wdclub.org.au](mailto:trips@geelong4wdclub.org.au) - or speak to one of the more experienced members who would be happy to give you some advice.

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