



#### **VFWDC Meeting Details & Venue**

The club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm with the following exceptions:

No meeting in January

November meeting held at a selected "special" location

Blue and Gold Room Club Noble 46-56 Moodemere Street Noble Park 3174 Melways ref: 89 D4



This month's meeting will be held on **Wednesday 3rd August** at 8.00pm and is our Annual General Meeting. All members are urged to attend if possible.

It will be held in person at Club Noble.

#### **Club Committee**

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President Callum Brown <u>president@vfwdc.com</u>

Vice President Andre Van Der Walt <u>vicepres@vfwdc.com</u>

Secretary Bruce Cremonesi <u>secretary@vfwdc.com</u>

Treasurer Ly Ho <u>treasurer@vfwdc.com</u>

## General Committee

Trip Coordinator Neville Van Leeuwen <u>trips@vfwdc.com</u>

Magazine Editor Rory Hall <u>editor@vfwdc.com</u>

Association Delegate Vacant <u>delegate@vfwdc.com</u>

#### **Support Positions to Committee**

Web Manager Ben Whitworth <u>web@vfwdc.com</u>

Training Officer Phil Griffith

Merchandise Ann Crockett <u>merchandise@vfwdc.com</u>

#### **Club Details**

Registered Name Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club

Registration Number A002184F

Correspondence Address PO Box 778, Dandenong, VIC 3174

Email <u>secretary@vfwdc.com</u>

Website <u>www.vfwdc.com</u>

The Victorian Four Wheel Club is an affiliated club of Four Wheel Drive Victoria

#### **President's Report**

#### Hi All,

Well what a year it has been. We have persevered through yet another year of covid. We continued with online meetings and with all your support, we still have an awesome club at the end of it all. I must say to all members, both old and new alike, thank you for all the support over the last year. We actually have a club that is thriving at the moment. We have a healthy intake of new members and existing members continue to re-new their memberships. We have been face to face for a little while now and its been really good seeing everyone coming to the meetings and catching up in person.

We have been lucky to have had a good amount of trips available and they have been very well attended. Thank you to everyone who has organised and led trips out this year. It is very much appreciated. It's been great to see everyone, especially our newer members getting out and about. We have had club members all over the pace - Cape York, Simpson Desert, Mount Skeen, Goog's Track, Nullabour Plain to name just a few.

We have the AGM coming up for the next meeting so please stick your hand up if you can help. Roles for considerations are:

Executive Committee: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

General Committee: Up to 5 positions

Nominated Roles: Webmaster, Editor, Trips, Merchandise, Association Delegate, Training Officer As you can see there are a lot of roles available so please stick your hand up and volunteer. Also please be advised that our memberships are all now up for renewal. The forms for renewal are on the website and we can accept bank deposits.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those that have made the club possible over the last year. Thank you all very much - its is greatly appreciated.

Well that's all from me for now. I look forward to seeing you at the AGM this month.

Cheers Cal.



# Club Calendar

August		
Wednesday 3rd	Annual General Meeting	8.00pm
Sat 13th - Sun 14th	Mt Skene Snow Trip	See later in magazine for more details or contact Ly
Wednesday 17th	Committee Meeting (Virtual)	8.00pm
September		
Wednesday 7th	Club Meeting @ Club Noble	8.00pm
Wednesday 21st	Committee Meeting (Virtual)	8.00pm
October		
Wednesday 5th	Club Meeting @ Club Noble	8.00pm
Wednesday 19th	Committee Meeting (Virtual)	8.00pm
Other Dates		
TBC	Googs Track	Organised by Gary, details to follow on trip pages.
November Long Weekend	Robe sand driving trip	Organised by Dave & Bruce, details to follow on trip pages.

# **Club Merchandise**



Need a jacket, vest, shirt or hat for your next trip? Get ready and place your order today.

## **PRICES**

Club SS Polo Shirt	\$30.00	Club Wide-Brim Hat	\$5.00
Club SS Shirt 40th Anniversary	\$10.00	Club Sandwich Peak Hat	\$5.00
Club Polar Fleece Jacket (Full Zip)	\$30.00	Club Woollen Pom Pom Beanie	\$20.00
Club Fleece Hoodie	\$30.00	Club Cable Knit Scarf	\$20.00
Club SS Reversible Vest—double embroidery	\$50.00	Club Neoprene Stubby Holder	\$10.00
Club Drivers Jacket	\$60.00	Club Coth Badges 120mm	\$8.00
Club Trekka Jacket	\$85.00	Windscreen Sticker Small	\$6.00
Club Bucket Hat	\$5.00	Windscreen Sticker Large	\$8.00

We encourage all members to purchase a Club Polo shirt.

Email your order or any queries to <a href="mailto:merchandise@vfwdc.com">merchandise@vfwdc.com</a> along with the size you would like.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

#### Wed 6th July Opened at 08.04pm

#### Attendees:

As per attendance sheet

#### **Apologies:**

David B, Ly, Stu & Maree, Phil G

#### Minutes of previous meeting:

- Minutes from last meeting Read
- Matters arising from previous minutes nil Very wet and sticky. Ly took some chicken
- Accepting of minutes Neville
- Seconding of minutes Rory

#### Correspondence

#### Mail in:

- Magazine stuff
- New member info emails
- Emails from Aus Post

#### **Trip Reports:**

#### Murray Sunset Trip (Sally): .

Did the silo run, the stick hut, 168m long with shonky roof. Fueled up at Speed, heading to snowdrift which was packed. Headed along Grub Track, lots of mud holes, towing new camper. Headed onwards to Blue Gum Campsite. Had fun, learnt a lot and was a bit challenging.

#### Wombat trip (Ly):

tracks. Check your winch before you head out on a trip. Sally decided that seats weren't of value and sat on the door instead.

#### Mail out:

Replies to emails

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Monthly Treasurer's Reports May'22 as per magazine
- Acceptance of Report Sally
- Seconding of Report Neville
- Membership at 56 currently

#### **Association Report:**

Position currently vacant. No report.

**Upcoming Trips:** 

• 22-23rd Jul - Snow Trip, group 1 - Bruce

• 30-31st Jul - Snow Trip, group 2 - Joe

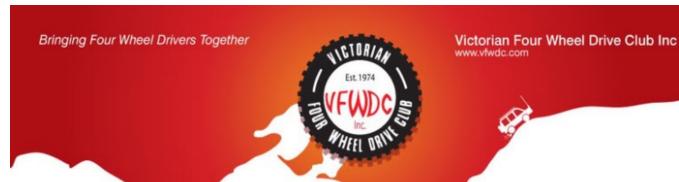
30th Jul - Christmas in July, Jells Park BBQ

 July (Date TBC) - Googs Track - Gary. Meet at Port Augusta. Roughly 2 weeks in total.

#### **General Business:**

Next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting so some discussion of roles and responsibilities for those who were interested to apply.

Meeting closed: 09.20pm Next Meeting: Wed 3rd August



# Treasurer's Report June 2022

Cheque A/C` Opening Balance as at 01/06/2022	\$7,983.63
Add: Merchandise Sales	\$20.00
Membership Fees	\$950.00
Total Monies In:	\$970.00
Less: Association Fees	-\$114.00
Total Monies Out:	\$114.00
Closing Balance as at 30/06/2022	\$8,839.63
Term Deposit Opening Balance as at 01/06/2022	\$6,852.85
Closing Balance as at 30/06/2022	\$6,852.85
Petty Cash Opening Balance as at 01/06/2022	\$8.30
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Consolidated Closing Cash Position	\$15,700.78

#### **General Notices**

#### This month's meeting

Next month's meeting is being held on <u>Wed 3rd August</u> at Club Noble as usual. This month is our Annual General Meeting so everyone is asked to try to attend if at all possible. Please see details later in the magazine ref roles and responsibilities if you are interested in nominating yourself for a position on the committee. Just a reminder, if you are suffering from symptoms, or have tested positive to covid or are a close contact, then we ask that you respect the other members of the club and stay away. This probably applies to flu as well if you are unlucky enough to be suffering at the moment.

#### Club AGM

Just a reminder that the club will be holding its Annual General Meeting at the August meeting. This is where the Committee and club positions are selected for another year. If you would like to be part of the Committee and feel you have something to offer please do not hesitate to put your hand up. There are several positions currently vacant. If you are interested and would like further details please contact Bruce (<a href="mailto:secretary@vfwdc.com">secretary@vfwdc.com</a>) or any other committee member. See later in the magazine for more details of the roles and responsibilities. Please put a note in your diary for Wednesday 3rd August.

#### **Membership Renewals**

It's that time of year again! Not only do you need to get your business and personal tax affairs sorted out, you also need to renew your membership with the club. You should have received an email from the Treasurer already with details of how to renew. If you didn't get it then please check out our membership page here in the magazine. It would really be appreciated if you could renew in the coming days/weeks so that the Treasurer doesn't have to do loads of chasing after people. Thank you!

#### All and any contributions welcome

Please don't be shy! Help the Editor keep the magazine fun and interesting, and relevant to you, by sharing some words and/or pictures. Literally anything you have is welcome!

#### **Club Membership**

Please visit our website at <u>VFWDC.com</u> to view all our current membership forms and club policies.

For all new and renewal of memberships, please complete <u>the online form</u> <u>here</u>

If you are looking for a Temporary Membership, please complete the online form, which can be found here.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us via the Club Secretary on <a href="mailto:secretary@vfwdc.com">secretary@vfwdc.com</a>

#### **Payments:**

Payment can be made via Bank Transfer. The details are as follows:

**Account Name:** Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.

**BSB:** 633108 **Account No:** 111761979

Please ensure your transfer includes your name as provided on the membership application and renewal form in the reference.

Once you have made your payment/transfer, please send your completed membership application and renewal form to <a href="mailto:treasurer@vfwdc.com">treasurer@vfwdc.com</a> or you can present it to the Treasurer at any general meeting.

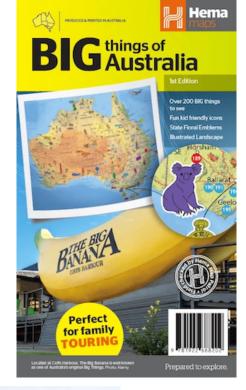
#### Thank you for choosing the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club

If you are interested in joining <u>Club Noble</u> where we hold our monthly meetings, their application form can be found here.

# Australia's Biggest

In the editor's attempts to try to get more "Australia's Biggest" photos and stories, here's a plug for the Hema Maps "Big Things of Australia". And no the editor does not get any commission for the sale of these maps!! Surely someone out there has a photo and a story of visiting something big at some point over the past 20 years. For anyone interested to become a collector of Australia's Big Things, here's a link you may wish to check out.

And a big thanks to Sally for her Big Koala submission from her recent Queen's Birthday Trip (See later in the magazine for the full trip report).





# We need your help on and off the tracks



If you have some spare time please consider joining the committee.

Your club needs you— do it for your club!

Contact your Committee...

#### **COMMITTEE DUTIES**

#### **President**

The President's role is a voted committee position and it is the President's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- Lead General Meetings making sure they are held in accordance with the requirements as specified in the Constitution.
- Prepare Agenda and lead the meeting, keeping discussion relevant, decision making clear and encouraging member participation when required.
- Appoint General Committee roles and Delegate duties to the Committee Members.
- Prepare agenda and lead Committee Meetings are held in accordance with the requirements as specified in the Club Rules.
- Write monthly President's Report for the newsletter to report relevant information to members.
- Attend relevant Four Wheel Drive Victoria meetings when required.
- Welcoming new members or visitors at General Meetings.
- Before the election of new committee members at an annual general meeting, the President must present to the meeting the annual report of the Committee on the activities of the club during the last financial year.

#### **Vice President**

The Vice President's role is a voted committee position and it is the Vice President's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- To provide support and backup to the President in their relevant duties
- To convene and run orderly meetings in accordance to the Clubs Constitution in the event the President is absent.
- To organise guest speakers or external club visits for selected meetings and be responsible coordinating the attendance of the guest.

#### Secretary

The Secretary's role is a voted committee position and it is the Secretary's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- Collect the club mail from the club PO Box (778) at Dandenong Plaza Shopping Centre prior to the General Meeting
- Attend the General Meeting ensuring that the Attendance, Apologies and Visitors books are available for members / visitors to sign in
- Take the minutes of the General Meeting
- Present the incoming and outgoing correspondence at the General Meeting
- Type up the minutes noting number of attendees, apologies and visitors
- Attend the committee meeting
- File correspondence in and minutes of the general meeting
- Attend to any outgoing correspondence as determined by the committee
- Coordinate with treasurer to ensure a register of members is maintained in accordance with the rules.
- Liaise with Consumer Affairs Victoria to meet club obligations

#### **Treasurer**

The Treasurer's role is a voted committee position and it is the Treasurer's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- To receive all new member application, and member renewal forms and monies and issue receipts
- Deposit all monies received into the club bank account (from membership fees, club raffles, sales of merchandise etc.
- Keep a record of the accounts—which can be made available by request of any club member
- Prepare a monthly financial status report for the General Meetings
- Prepare the AGM report with full annual financials, which will also include president and trip coordinators reports
- Update 4WD Victoria for membership lists to ensure insurance compliance
- Maintain the membership list
- Print and distribute membership cards for current year.

#### **Trip Coordinator**

The Trip Coordinator's role is a voted committee position and it is the Trip Coordinator's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- Ensure attendance to each Club General Meeting fully prepared to present with relevant information of past and upcoming trips.
- If unable to attend it is the Trip Coordinator's duty to ensure another committee member has the up to date trip information for the Club Meeting
- Ensure all trip information is correctly recorded and stored
- Ensure the Trip Information Forms are up to date for each meeting
- Ensure copies of other relevant forms are available if or when needed (Track survey reports, Accident Survey Form, Trip Incident form, Personal Information forms, Trip rating information)
- Ensure all TDF (Trip Data Forms) are filled in correctly and a copy is passed onto the Newsletter Editor
- Liaise with the Newsletter Editor and follow up any trip reports that haven't been submitted.

#### **Association Representative**

The Association Representative's role is a voted committee position and it is the Association Representative's responsibility to be fully versed with the Club Rules.

- To attend all Association meetings, and to report back to committee and also the General meetings with all items pertaining to the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Association.
- External liaison with other affiliated groups.

#### General Committee Member

- Attend and contribute to Committee Meetings
- Assist committee in running of club.



# Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.

ARBN A002184F

PO Box 778 Dandenong Vic 3175

Nomination for Election to the Committee of Management 2021/2022

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Nominate		for the position
☐ President	☐ Vice President	☐ Secretary
☐ Treasurer	☐ Trip Coordinator	☐ Association Representative
I		Signed•
Second the nomination for	election to the Committee of	Management.
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# **Upcoming Trips**

Destination	Christmas in July
Leader & Contact Details	Ly Ho (0433 387811 or treasurer@vfwdc.com)
Date	Saturday 30th July
<b>Meeting Details</b>	Jells Park, Wheelers Hill - exact location within the park TBC.
	12 pm onwards
	https://goo.gl/maps/YxTXQhpQ9B4BHea48
Grade	Dry: Easy Wet: Easy
Trip Activity Details	Social event to meet members, have a feed and relax. Committee will be covering the cost (or some of it) of the lunch (TBD).
	There will be no 4x4ing, just eating lunch and socialising with members of the club. Bring a camp chair, jacket, beanie, snacks, games for the kids and sit back.
	We will get there early and hold a rotunda. Cross our fingers the weather holds up.
	PLEASE RSVP WITH NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING BY EMAIL TO treasurer@vfwdc.com or secretary@vfwdc.com
Vehicle Limits	Unlimited
Approx km's meeting place to destination	N/A
Last available fuel	N/A
Distance between supplies	N/A
Equipment required	Warm clothes, chair, snacks, BYO drinks.
Maps required	Nil
Radio Channel CB/UHF	N/A

Mt Scene Snow Trip **Destination** Lv Ho **Leader & Contact Details** Mobile: 0433 387811 Saturday 13th - Sun 14th August Date Jamieson General Store & Newsagent Meeting Details https://goo.gl/maps/2msCpcJAMcNkn2sH9 Dry: Easy Grade Wet: Medium to Hard (depends on amount of snow) Chill drive up to Mt Skene from Jamieson Trip Activity Details Saturday morning leave Jamieson around 8:30AM and make our way up to the summit via Jamieson-Licola Road. We'll get up as far as we can pending snow conditions (if any!). Build a snowman, snow ball fights, toboggin, take lots of photos! We will not do any additional tracks as they are seasonally closed and permit only allows for Jamieson-Licola Road. Saturday evening goto the Courthouse Hotel in Jamieson, for a pub dinner. Sunday – back to Melbourne Bring warm clothes / snow gear. And throw in emergency bedding in the car in case we are unable to get down from the mountain due to weather conditions (almost happened one year!) Accommodation options: Book room at Courthouse Hotel 1. Jamieson Caravan Park 2. 3. Skipworth Reserve 4. Air BnB https://goo.gl/maps/M1u4GYXCuhtU7A347 Minimum: 1 Vehicle Limits Maximum 10. (The Club is limited to 10 cars per weekend) 55 kms - Jamieson to Mount Skene Viewpoint Approx km's meeting place to destination BP Mansfield. They have alpine diesel. Last available fuel Mansfield to Jamieson about 37 km Distance between supplies Recovery Gear - shovel, max tracks, recovery points on your car, snatch **Equipment required** straps, snow chains (not mandatory) Warm Clothes, Chair, Dry Clothes and GOOD footwear Google maps is sufficient. Permit is only for Jamieson - Licola Road. Maps required UHF 12 to start with and then move if its busy Radio Channel CB/UHF

#### **Trip Report**

#### Queen's Birthday Weekend Desert Tour by Sally

Tristan and Sally - Land Rover Discovery & Camper Trailer

John - Patrol

Ian and Libby - Ranger

Steve - Pajero

Lynton - Jeep

Dennis - Jeep

Mark and Catherine - Navara

A couple of weeks before Queen's Birthday weekend saw one of the coldest weeks in years and a massive dumping of snow in the high country. Bruce had originally planned a weekend exploring the huts around Mt Buller but with the snow came early closures. We had a quick catch up and decided we would head up to Big Desert and do the Silo Run instead. This trip is our first trip with our new camper trailer so we did not want too harder tracks to have a go with. We planned the trip and then before Bruce knew it his boss had other ideas on what an awesome weekend looked like and needed him to work. I took over the trip leader role so we could make some memories and make Bruce very sad. Bruce we did miss you.



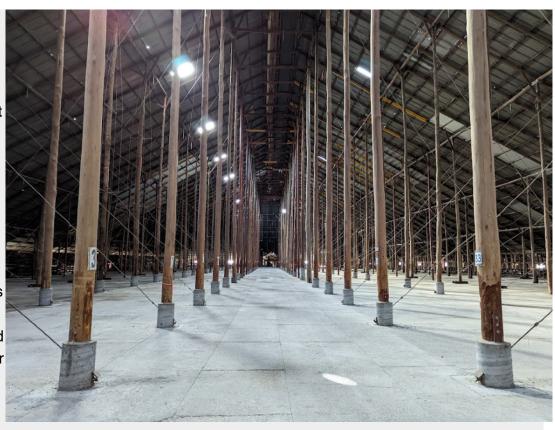
First stop for the weekend away was meeting at Green Hill Lake camping area just outside of Ararat. We arrived at the Lake just before 5pm to find Lynton and Steve just working out an area to camp in. We had no sooner set up the trailer when we found out lan and Libby had set up in a slightly different area. We decided to stay where we had set up and have a quiet night. Dennis arrived a bit later on and John closer to 930pm. We agreed to meet at 8am and head out the next morning.

Saturday morning we woke to it not raining which was a bonus. First stop was meeting everyone at the shower block. Once everyone was ready for the day we went across the road to fill up with fuel. Ian had identified that his battery was not holding charge but he had a great jump starter and was not going to let a little old battery get in the way of his weekend.

First stop we were going to was the silo art in Rupunyup. It has been a few years since we went here and they had a great little shed with information about the whole silo art trail. They also had a great big fridge full of books. Tristan found an old 4 wheel drive book to read so next time we travel we will take some books to share with others.



The next stop on our trip was the Murtoa Stick Shed. I had seen pictures of it and had no idea what it was. As it was only about 15mins away we went to have a look. This shed was built as an emergency grain store during World War 2. The shed as designed was approximately 265 metres long, 60 metres wide, 19 metres high at the hip and held 3.5 million bushels or about 92,500 tonnes of wheat. It was amazing and created some pretty fantastic pictures.





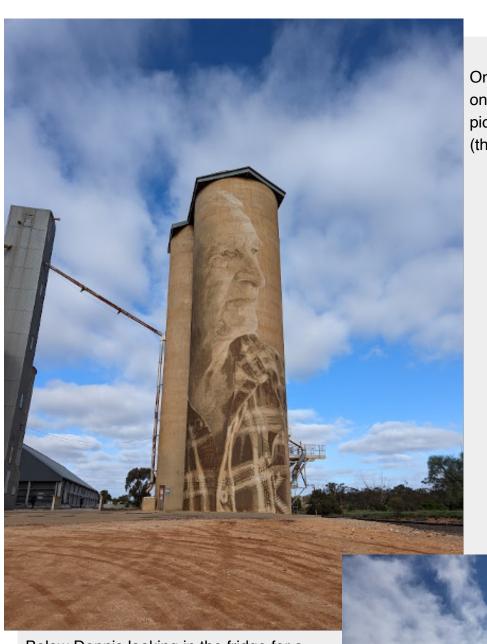


Once we had finished checking out the shed, some stopped for coffee at the coffee cart on site. He was selling cookies and I wish we had got another one as they were amazing! Next stop was Minyip, the home of the Flying Doctors TV Series. We took a few photos and then moved onto the next silo at Sheep Hills.



Brim Silo art was the one that began the whole Silo Art trail and this is where we stopped for lunch and a chat about the morning so far.

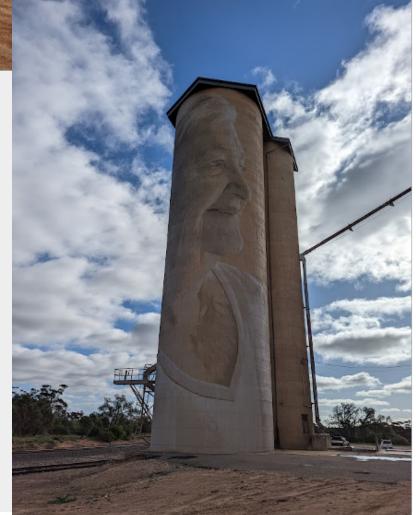


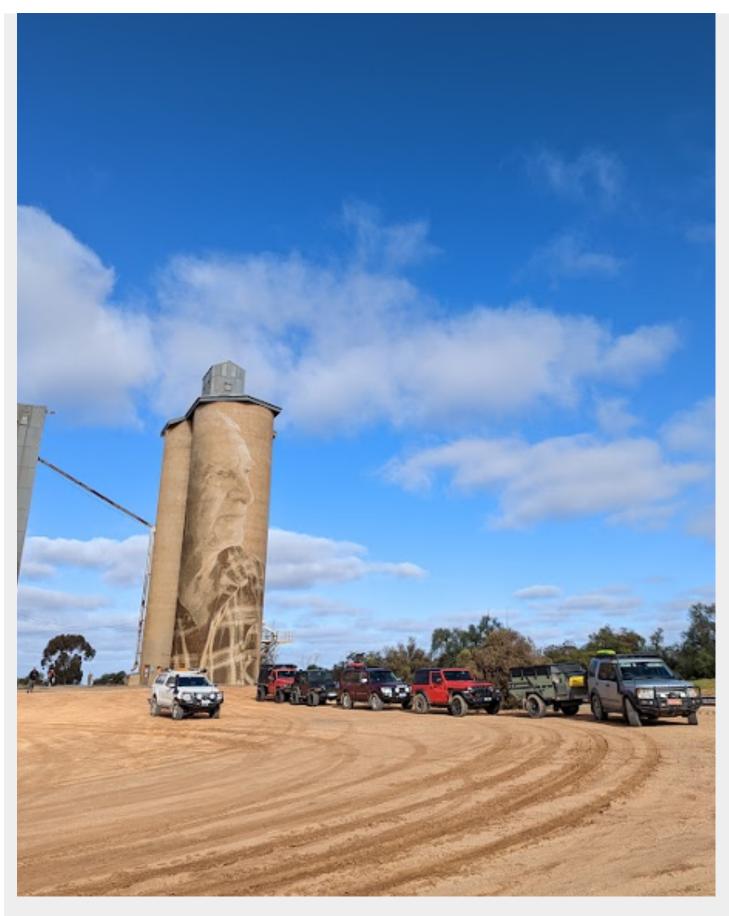


Once we finished lunch we moved onto Roseberry. (see back cover for picture) and then onto Laschelles (this page).

Below Dennis looking in the fridge for a book! (see earlier to understand)







From here we were heading to Patchewollock but before that we had a minor quest for fuel because it was a Saturday not all stations were open and Patchewollock was one of those. Luckily there was a 24 hour fuel stop in Speed so we filled up as it was the last stop before going off road.

Our final Silo art was at Patchewollock (see next page)



We also found the Big Mallee Fowl, so we thought we would get a photo for Rory :-) and add to the Big Collection. (Ed: Thanks Sally, I knew i could rely on you!!)



Once we finished with our Big Pictures, we then started our final leg to our destination of Snowdrift Campsite in Wyperfeld National Park. As it was getting later in the day we took the fastest route into the campsite so we had time to get settled before it got dark. We arrived at camp and there were already quite a few people in and set up. We managed to find a spot and also commandeer a fire pit. We had a beautiful night under the stars chatting about all sorts of things. We had some rowdy neighbours for a bit but they got sorted out. This is where we met up with Mark Felton one of our Past Presidents, who was joining the trip from his current home in Shepperton.

The next morning we were up and ready to go once the sun came up and wandered through Wyperfeld National Park towards the Pink Lakes.

Crossing over from Wyperfeld National Park to the Pink Lakes and Murray Sunset National Park, we found a road that was a bit wet, a bit slippery and gave a nice little challenge. We found the lakes and checked out Lake Crosbie Campsite which was quite full. Then we went to look at the Salt Mine.





The plan was then to try and find a gypsum mine west of the Pink Lakes. It was a part of the Murray-Sunset that we had not been to before so it was all a bit new. There was a mix of mud and sand with more mud than sand. There was some great video footage taken of some great puddles.

We found a campsite that had a track of soft sand to get into and this is where we had lunch.

Following lunch we decided that we were running out of time and as John had been told the night before that our planned campsite was full, we had to take into account we might take a couple of goes to find somewhere to camp. We went to see Kow Plains Homestead. This was the homestead of the Kow Plains Station in 1879.







The first campsite we were going to try was Blue Gum Campsite on Blue Gum track in Big Desert. We made our way across to Fire Line track. As we pulled into it we realised this was going to be a bit of fun to end the day.

The first climb up a dune. We went first with the Disco and the Patriot Camper on the back. We took off up the dune and then towards the top we thought we would give a demonstration on how we back trailers down sand dunes as a training event for the day as we seemed to be not able to make it up.... As we reversed down the dune we realised we had not changed into Low Range... so next try... up we went and closer to the top we had good momentum but the disco started digging instead of driving as the dynamic stability control was on, third time is a charm right??? Um nope, no sand configuration so out come the max tracks. 4 max tracks out and off she went.. With a little bit of banter and a touch of digging to get the tracks back we were off. The next few hills were uneventful although lan who was tail end charlie had some fun on one of the hills that we had all cut up. A second go and some more right peddle he made it up.

We found the campsite and man it was awesome. We quickly found our spots and set up camp for the night. There was plenty of firewood to collect and it was very much a 4 wheel drive only location.



We got the fire all set up and before we lit it and sat down to chat about the day we played a couple of games of Finsta which provided some light entertainment to finish the day. We loaded up the wood on the fire and had a great evening under the stars... well what we could see of them.

The next morning was Monday morning and our time to head home. We left around 9am and thought we would call into Big Billy Bore campsite which is where we were going to stay and we definitely had the best site for the night. It was packed and muddy and very small camp sites. We then followed the road south to Nhill.



Heading through Big Desert we saw lots of amazing tracks that we all lined up for the next trip out there. So we already have another trip on the books to do sometime soon.

In Nhill we filled up with fuel and then everyone started to head their own way home.

On our way back we found another Big Thing, this time the Big Koala so we had to stop for the shot :-)

