



# FREE WHEELING

October 2022



Photo: Rory Hall  
Mt Macedon  
Hanging Rock Trip

Official Newsletter of the  
Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc  
Registration No: A0002184F



## Meeting Details



### 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 5th October** at 8.00pm.

**It will be held in person at Club Noble.**

### 2022 - 2023

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### Club Details

Registered Name	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club
Registration Number	A002184F
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The Victorian Four Wheel Club is an affiliated club of [Four Wheel Drive Victoria](#)

Hi All,

It was great seeing you all at the last meeting and i am looking forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 5th for our October meeting.

Thank you to those that braved the weather to come to Hanging Rock on the 17th. The weather was bad but the company was excellent (and the breakfast at the cafe!!). The weather turned the trip into an adventure rather than just driving to a rock and a look around. We also managed to get over to the memorial cross on Mount Macedon. The heavy drizzle and low cloud added to the drama and peace of the place, as did the complete absence of any other visitors.

I am certainly looking forward to the next few months as we have some excellent trips on the horizon. I am particularly keen to do the Marysville trip and very much looking forward to visiting Robe at the end of October. As ever a massive thanks to those that take the time to organise these trips - our club would not be the same without you. And I encourage anyone considering doing their own trip to give Neville (Trips Coordinator) a shout to help get it off the ground.

I hope to see you all at the October meeting and also out on the tracks. Have a great October.

Cheers

Cal.



## October

Wednesday 5th	Club Meeting	8.00pm
Saturday 8th	Recce trip for Marysville Trip	Organised by Ly
Wednesday 19th	Committee Meeting (Virtual)	8.00pm
Saturday 22nd	Day trip to Marysville	Organised by Ly, see details later in magazine
Fri 28th - Tue 1st Nov	Robe sand driving trip	Organised by Bruce, see details later in magazine

## November

Wednesday 9th	Club Meeting	8.00pm. SPECIAL EVENT at Ridepro including dinner, tour and more
Wednesday 23rd	Committee Meeting (Virtual)	8.00pm
Sat 26th - Sun 27th	Shipyard Flats & surrounds "A Christmas Madness Escape"	Organised by Stuart & Maree, see details later in magazine

## Other Dates



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 [merchandise@vfwdc.com](mailto:merchandise@vfwdc.com) along with the size you would like.

**Wed 7th September**  
**Opened at 08.10pm**

**Attendees:**

- As per attendance sheet

**Apologies:**

- Rory, Kelsey, Ben, Neville, Sally & Tristan

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

- Minutes from last meeting - Read
- Matters arising from previous minutes - nil
- Accepting of minutes - Ann
- Seconding of minutes - Andre

**Guests:**

- Many guests welcomed

**Correspondence In:**

- Magazine stuff
- Emails from Aus Post

**Correspondence Out:**

- Replies to few emails

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Monthly Treasurer's Reports - as per magazine
- Acceptance of Report - Daisy
- Seconding of Report - Joe S
- Membership renewals at 46 currently inc 2 temps

**Association Report:**

- Position currently vacant.
- Ly discussed 4WD VIC and rejoining 4WD Australia, inc effects to the club and insurance etc.

**Upcoming Trips:**

- Hanging Rock 17th Sept - Callum
- Border Track, 23-27th Sept - Bruce
- Marysville 22nd Oct - Ly
- Beachport, led by Bruce, November long weekend.

**Trip Reports:**

**Snow Trip 3 (Ly):**

Sat morning for coffee, bacon, egg rolls which were awesome, left Jamo at 08.40. Had a nice hail storm. Few snatches of snow on the way. Then chainsaw fun with some down trees. Everyone had a great time

**Xmas in July:**

Around 60 people. Great feed and drink. Jells Park is a great venue. Location and numbers were fantastic.

**St Annes Winery:**

About 30 people. Few tastings and a massive fire. Ground was slushy and wet.

**General Business:**

Information on how we are going to part pay for driver trainers.

New memberships joining fees will go up to help pay for their fuel.

Fuel is calculated on actual fuel used for the event. Fuel up when leaving home, then fuel up when you get home, same servo.

Also we pay for their club membership

**Rig Run Down** - volunteer (Andy & Suzy)

**Meet the Member** - Daisy did last one so next victim is Kelsey.

**Raffle** - lots of prizes.

Next meeting Wed 5th Oct  
Meeting close at 09.17pm

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## Treasurer's Report August 2022

<u>Cheque A/C`</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/08/2022	\$8,499.63	
	Add: Donations	\$13.00	
	Membership Fees	\$416.00	
	Total Monies In:		\$429.00
	Less: Association Fees	-\$26.00	
	Catering Costs	-\$618.65	
	Incorporation Fees	-\$61.20	
	Gift Card for most-trips-ran	-\$105.00	
	Membership Cards print	-\$104.50	
	Transfer to Petty Cash	-\$40.00	
	Total Monies Out:		\$955.35
	Closing Balance as at 31/08/2022		\$7,973.28
<u>Term Deposit</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/08/2022	\$6,852.85	
	Add: Interest	\$8.50	
	Closing Balance as at 31/08/2022		\$6,861.35
<u>Petty Cash</u>	Opening Balance as at 01/08/2022	\$8.30	
	Add: Transfer from Cheque	\$40.00	
	Closing Balance as at 31/08/2022		\$48.30
	<b>Consolidated Closing Cash Position</b>		<b><u>\$14,882.93</u></b>



### This month's meeting

This month's meeting is being held on **Wed 5th October** at Club Noble as usual. 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, coughs and all the other seasonal lurgies currently going around as well if you are unlucky enough to be suffering at the moment.

### Delegate Representative Committee Member

The Club are still looking for a Delegate representative for the committee so if you are interested please get in touch.

### Special Event for November Meeting

The committee have arranged a special event for our November meeting. Our friends at RidePro have agreed to host our meeting, followed by a talk about all things winches & suspension, followed by a workshop tour and opportunities to purchase their kit at a discount rate. The evening will also include food and drinks prior to the meeting. Get it in your diary now - its Wednesday 9th November. More details to follow at the next meeting.



### Membership Renewals

You should have received an email from the Treasurer over the past week or two as a final reminder to settle your membership fees. This email is likely to be the final warning so please double check you are all paid up for this current year. Most people are, there are just a few stragglers. If you cant remember if you paid it or not (Editor: I am doubting myself if i have paid it??!) please just send an email to Ly at [treasurer@vfwdc.com](mailto:treasurer@vfwdc.com) to check. 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!

Please visit our website at [VFWDC.com](http://VFWDC.com) to view all our current membership forms and club policies.

For all new and renewal of memberships, please complete [the online form here](#)

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 [secretary@vfwdc.com](mailto:secretary@vfwdc.com)

### **Payments:**

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

<b>Account Name:</b>	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc
<b>BSB:</b>	633108
<b>Account No:</b>	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 [treasurer@vfwdc.com](mailto:treasurer@vfwdc.com) 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 [Club Noble](#) where we hold our monthly meetings, their application form can be found [here](#).

The following is an important message to all members from Neville our Trips Coordinator regarding the use of our Club Trip forms and associated safety information. **Please take a minute to read and digest.**

### To All Club Members,

As a committee we have decided to cease using the 4WD trips platform. The platform is no longer supported by the provider making it no longer a viable option. We are currently in the process of re-developing our website with the aim of adding trip functionality within the new site.

In the meantime, we will be reverting to the paper-based forms. New trips will be promoted at the club meetings, giving the attending members the opportunity to sign up first. The trip will then also be advertised via Facebook and club email to all members. And of course included in each month's magazine!

Recently some of the procedures with maintaining records have slipped a bit and we are aiming to tighten up on this. This is important as we want to ensure that in the event something happens on a VFWDC organised trip, we have all the required information to assist our members.

When signing up for a trip electronically (SMS/email), we ask that you include all the details that are on the Trip Form. We can then maintain the participant list to take with us on the trip.

Drivers Name:

Contact Number:

Emergency Contact Number:

Vehicle Make & Model:

Vehicle Rego:

Personal Info Form: (Y/N)

Passengers Name:

### Personal Info Form:

The Personal Info Form is available to download and print from our website and will also be available at the meetings with the trip sign up forms.

We ask all trip participants to fill in the Personal Info Form and keep it in their Glove or centre console of their car in a sealed envelope. Please label the envelope – **Personal Info & Your Name**. Please complete a form for each participant in the car.

The Trip Leader will be required to "lay eyes" on the envelope. This can be done at the meet up point or when airing down when the trip leader would normally walk around all the cars to check for suitability/recovery points for the trip.

This form can provide extra information in an emergency and will assist Emergency Responders. If you have any questions, please bring them up at the next meeting or contact me.

Thanks and kind regards, Neville.

### Useful Links:

[Personal Information Form](#)

[Club Forms and Downloads](#)



## Meet the Member

This month we meet Kelsey who has just volunteered to be the Club's Merchandise Rep. She can usually be found at meetings hanging out with her partner Luke and it appears has achieved a world first.....

**Full name and any nicknames?**

Kelsey Pendrey, better known as Kels or Kel.

**What's your vehicle?**

2007 Mitsubishi Pajero & 2007 Kia Sportage

**First car you ever owned?**

1999 Nissan Pulsar (A thing of beauty & style!)



**Favourite camp food?**

Campbells Spaghetti sauce with Spaghetti

**Top tip to any beginners?**

Make sure you have a driving license!!

**Best piece of camping gear you are never without?**

Jetboil - excellent for quick brew ups and hot water for my noodles and Easy Mac (see below)

**Where in the world would you most like to visit?**

Fraser Island

**Worst upgrade or kit purchase?**

None so far

**What is your favourite tipple?**

Apple Cider, Rose, Moscato & Corona.  
(Editor: Is that all mixed together in one glass?)

**What kept you sane during lockdowns?**

My Border Collie puppy - Loki

**Craziest fancy dress you ever wore?**

Dressed as horse whilst riding my horse.  
(Editor: So I got confused by this and even when i googled for a random image, there are no images of people dressed as a horse whilst riding a horse - so this could be a world first!! - and the picture really doesn't cut it - Kelsey we need pictures please)



**Best book you have ever read and recommend to others?**

Resilience Project by Hugh Van Cuylenburg

(Editor: And here's a link to the website since its a pretty good thing to be aware of)  
<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/>

**What are you currently watching on Netflix/Stan that you can recommend (or not) to others?**

Editor: Kelsey didn't suggest anything here but have you seen the Jeffrey Dahmer Monster show just started. Very creepy.

**Any wildlife encounters on any of your trips?**

So far, no, thankfully.

**Most remote place you have ever been to?**

Macalister River, Licola

What snacks are we most likely to find in your cab?

Noodles, Easy Mac, Chips & lollies.



You are driving from Melbourne to Perth, anyone in the world, dead or alive, can be your co-driver, who would it be?

My partner Luke.





### **Search for the Water Wheel Day Trip (Friday 23rd September) (organised by Andre)**

We met up at the Longwarry Service station, Harsha and Melissa in their Patrol, Neville in the Triton and myself in the Amarok. As we took off toward our goal destination, it became clear that it was going to be an interesting day. We continued on to the Thompson Dam and aired down just beyond the dam wall.



We took Thompson Dam Road to Walhalla Road and went looking for Donnelly Creek Road, but this involved a few turn arounds and odds and ends. We ended up taking Comet Spur Track that joined up to Donnelly Creek Track. Just before joining up with Donnelly Creek Road we had a choice to make, follow the main track or take the interesting option. I asked the other to just wait a little so I could have a look.

Lucky I did!! The track became very interesting and given the wet conditions it was slippery and I could not even maintain my chosen line. I made the call to not go down this track and went to turn around on the flattest part I could find and this is where things took a turn. I couldn't drive out... I couldn't even turn around completely.....





This turned into a decent recovery. First part was a simple plan, run out the winch to a tree and winch the Amarok around. Simple. Not... press the button to wind in the winch and nothing happens... Give the winch control box a few taps and it comes to life and the Amarok is pulled around and starts making its way up the slippery track.

Winch a way up, stop, reset the winch to a new anchor point, winch again. Resetting the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, I press the button for the winch again and nothing happens... This time nothing can bring the control box back to life. So Harsha put the Patrol in a good spot to winch me up the rest of the way, this takes another two resets just to get me to a spot with enough traction to drive the last few meters.











From here we decided to make the rest of the day, low risk tracks. We continued from here to the start of the walking track to the Water Wheel. Due to the weather the decision was made to not do the walk to the Water Wheel. We did stop here and had a break for lunch. After lunch we headed up past Lloyds Hut and Store Point Hut, both of which had people staying in them, toward Springs Road. We turned on to Binns Road and followed it to through to Walhalla. We aired up and that was the end of a good day drive.





### Hanging Rock Day Trip (Saturday 17th September) (organised by Callum)

The original plan was to meet up at Hanging Rock at 0930 for coffee and brekkie at the cafe there, followed by a walk up the rocks, picnic and exploration on Mount Macedon. No real off-road driving was planned, it was just a social get together. Unfortunately, although our illustrious leader, Callum, is an all powerful being with many super-powers, his control of the weather is something he needs to work on. It was grey, drizzly, cold, windy and generally pretty bleak - a typical Macedon Ranges day many would say! And it seems the weather had had an affect on people's diaries. Suddenly long lost cousins were flying in from overseas for family get togethers and some people even had to change the air in their tyres at the last minute! So the turn out was a little lacking - many people would band around the word "lightweights"!! The strong souls who braved the elements and attended were:

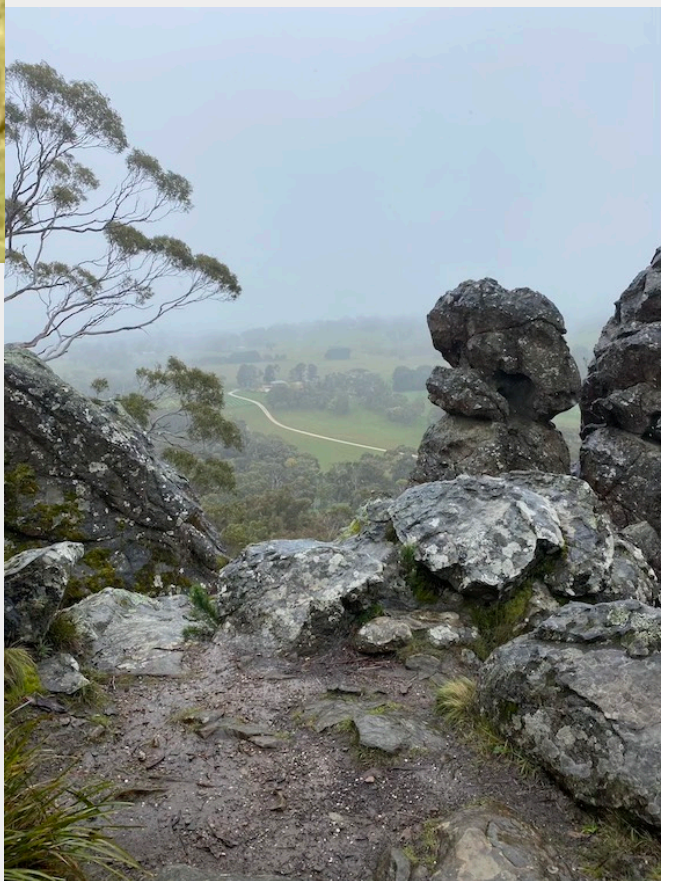
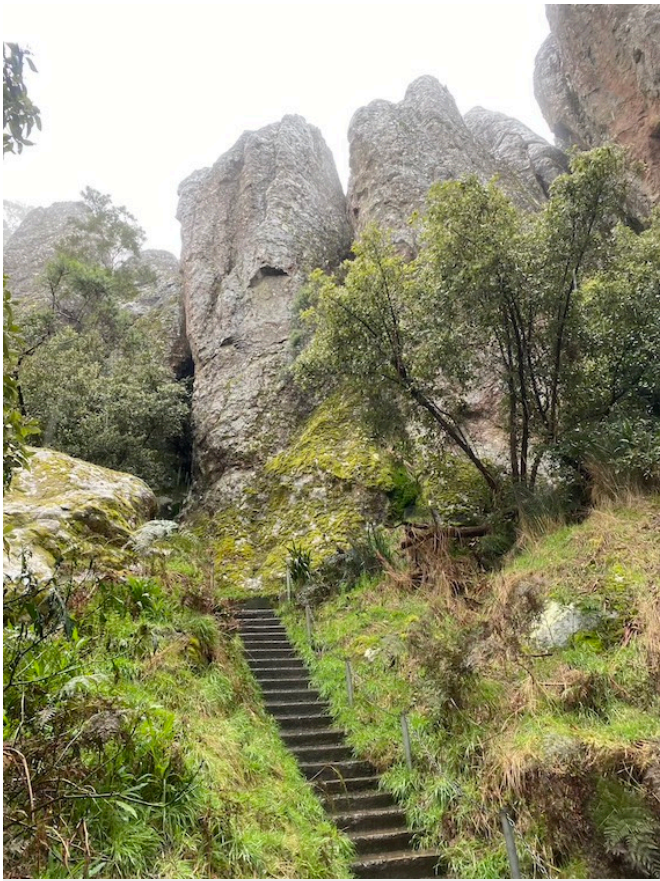
Callum, Trudie, Daisy, Harsha & family, and Rory.



We can confirm that the brekkie rolls are excellent in the cafe, the fire is very warm and that its a great place to sit and watch the rain pour and wind howl outside! And to show that we all got out there and up the Rocks, check out the following pictures.

And of course a Happy Birthday to Callum who braved the weather despite it being his special day!







## Upcoming Trips

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Marysville, Mount Matlock, Wood Point</b>
<b>Leader &amp; Contact Details</b>	Ly Ho (0433 387811 or <a href="mailto:ly.tri.ho@gmail.com">ly.tri.ho@gmail.com</a> )
<b>Date</b>	Saturday 8th October
<b>Meeting Details</b>	Silverton Picnic Area, Thomson Dam Access Road, Thomson.  09:30 AM
<b>Grade</b>	Dry: Easy to Medium Wet: Medium
<b>Trip Activity Details</b>	<p>Reccy trip for the Marysville trip later in the month. As suggested by Bruce, going to do the tracks in reverse order. Air down at Silvertop Picnic Area, then make our way to Marysville. Expect constant stops, U-turns, wrong tracks, while we figure out where we are going and test out the track conditions.</p> <p>Here's roughly the itinerary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Air down and start at Silvertop Picnic Area, Thomson Dam Access Rd, Thomson VIC 3825</li><li>2. Pluto Track</li><li>3. Spud Spur Track</li><li>4. Woods Point town</li><li>5. Mount Matlock radio tower</li><li>6. Corn Hill Track</li><li>7. Head up Stockmans Reward Camping Ground</li><li>8. Marysville town</li></ol> <p>See the Google maps <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/yZuSZpsHLWMLefZNA">https://goo.gl/maps/yZuSZpsHLWMLefZNA</a></p>
<b>Vehicle Limits</b>	Minimum 2, Maximum 8
<b>Approx km's meeting place to destination</b>	135 kms
<b>Last available fuel</b>	Moe (both petrol & diesel)
<b>Distance between supplies</b>	Grab supplies in Melbourne or Moe and you will be fine.
<b>Equipment required</b>	Full Recovery Gear and Points on your car. Lunch.
<b>Maps required</b>	Rooftop Marysville - Lake Eildon or Google Maps
<b>Radio Channel CB/UHF</b>	UHF 12 to start with and then move if its busy

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Marysville, Mount Matlock, Wood Point</b>
<b>Leader &amp; Contact Details</b>	Ly Ho (0433 387811 or <a href="mailto:ly.tri.ho@gmail.com">ly.tri.ho@gmail.com</a> )
<b>Date</b>	Saturday 22nd October
<b>Meeting Details</b>	Marysville Bakery 0830am
<b>Grade</b>	Dry: Easy to Medium Wet: Medium
<b>Trip Activity Details</b>	<p>Day trip starting from Marysville and ending up at the Thomson Dam. Stopping at Mount Matlock, Woods Point for a photo op of the famous fuel pump. And maybe a pub dinner at Erica pub if there's enough interest. Did this trip back in 2017 with Stuart &amp; Maree. Read the trip report here <a href="https://vfwdc.com/Newsletters/2017.July.pdf">https://vfwdc.com/Newsletters/2017.July.pdf</a></p> <p>Here's roughly the itinerary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Start at Marysville Bakery</li> <li>2. Head up Stockmans Reward Camping Ground</li> <li>3. Air down on the way there?</li> <li>4. Corn Hill Track</li> <li>5. Mount Matlock radio tower</li> <li>6. Woods Point town</li> <li>7. Spud Spur Track</li> <li>8. Pluto Track</li> <li>9. End at Silvertop Picnic Area, Thomson Dam Access Rd, Thomson VIC 3825</li> <li>10. Pub meal or go home at Erica</li> </ol> <p>See the Google maps <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/tdmP3vcsReVydRpH9">https://goo.gl/maps/tdmP3vcsReVydRpH9</a></p> <p>I'll be running a reconnaissance (reccy) trip in 8th October (tentative) to check out the track conditions beforehand. Ping me if you're keen to join. Safety in numbers!</p>
<b>Vehicle Limits</b>	Minimum 2, Maximum 8
<b>Approx km's meeting place to destination</b>	135 kms
<b>Last available fuel</b>	Marysville (both petrol & diesel)
<b>Distance between supplies</b>	Grab supplies in Melbourne or Marysville and you will be fine.
<b>Equipment required</b>	Full Recovery Gear and Points on your car. Lunch.
<b>Maps required</b>	Rooftop Marysville - Lake Eildon or Google Maps
<b>Radio Channel CB/UHF</b>	UHF 12 to start with and then move if its busy

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Beachport Trip</b>
<b>Leader &amp; Contact Details</b>	Bruce & Ben
<b>Date</b>	Friday 28th October - Tuesday 1st November
<b>Meeting Details</b>	TBC
<b>Grade</b>	Dry: Medium Wet: Medium
<b>Trip Activity Details</b>	<p><b>Friday:</b> Head to Beachport Via Hamilton for a break, then head to Mt Gambier regroup at Umperston Sinkhole and then up the hill to the Blue lake. Weather and time dependent.</p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> Beachport to Robe - Lunch in Robe at the park on the waterfront. Then Return via Woakwine Cutting etc</p> <p><b>Sunday:</b> Rest day/Narracorte Dinosaur caves/Fishing/Nothing/ what ever you like</p> <p><b>Monday:</b> Beachport to Carpenters Rocks return via road, so you'll need your compressor here.</p> <p><b>Tuesday:</b> Beachport - Home</p> <p>Please note this trip is now full and more details will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>
<b>Vehicle Limits</b>	Minimum 2, Maximum 20
<b>Approx km's meeting place to destination</b>	300km
<b>Last available fuel</b>	Not applicable
<b>Distance between supplies</b>	Not applicable
<b>Equipment required</b>	Full recovery gear, rated points on your vehicle, radio, long handled shovel, sand flag, good quality mud/sand tyres.
<b>Maps required</b>	See separate email for links to maps
<b>Radio Channel CB/UHF</b>	UHF 12 to start with and then move if its busy



<b>Destination</b>	<b>Sheep Yard Flats and surrounds</b>
<b>Leader &amp; Contact Details</b>	<p><b>“A Christmas Madness Escape!!”</b></p> <p>Stuart &amp; Maree</p> <p>Stuart Mob: 0428 539157</p>
<b>Date</b>	26th & 27th November
<b>Meeting Details</b>	<p>Sheep yard flats by 9 am Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of November. We will be there Friday afternoon after 4pm if anyone wants to come up Friday.</p> <p>Turn right about 2ks from the Merrijig pub at the Howqua Track sign, airing down just after the turn off is a good idea. Sheeppyard Flat is about 17k on the Howqua Track. Turn left when you cross over the Howqua River bridge, and we should be camped some where there give a call on UHF 12 for directions. Sheep Yard has long drop toilets, bring all your necessary camping needs to be self-sufficient.</p>
<b>Grade</b>	<p>Wet: Difficult</p> <p>Dry: Medium</p>
<b>Trip Activity Details</b>	<p>Idea is to head up past tunnel Bend and do some four-wheel driving for the day to Bluff hut, Bindaree falls, and if time permits onto other huts returning to Sheeppyard Flats for the evening. Sunday morning head out via some tracks to Mansfield or Jamieson.</p> <p>Bring packed lunch and munchies for roadside stops</p>
<b>Vehicle Limits</b>	<p>Minimum: 4</p> <p>Maximum: 10</p>
<b>Approx km's meeting place to destination</b>	100-200 kms round trip
<b>Last available fuel</b>	Mansfield (both petrol & diesel)
<b>Distance between supplies</b>	200 kms
<b>Equipment required</b>	Full Recovery Gear and Points on your car. Tools and any spares you may require. AT or MT tyres.
<b>Maps required</b>	Rooftop maps: Mansfield - Mt Howitt map
<b>Radio Channel CB/UHF</b>	UHF 12 to start with and then move if its busy

### Andy & Suzy's 2015 Mitsubishi Challenger PC 2.5 litre

Why a Mitsubishi Challenger I hear you ask??.....

Well, our daughters were just about to start learning to drive, we wanted to teach them in a new car and our 80 series was coming to the end of its life. We went to the dealer to buy a Triton but got a great deal on the Chally.



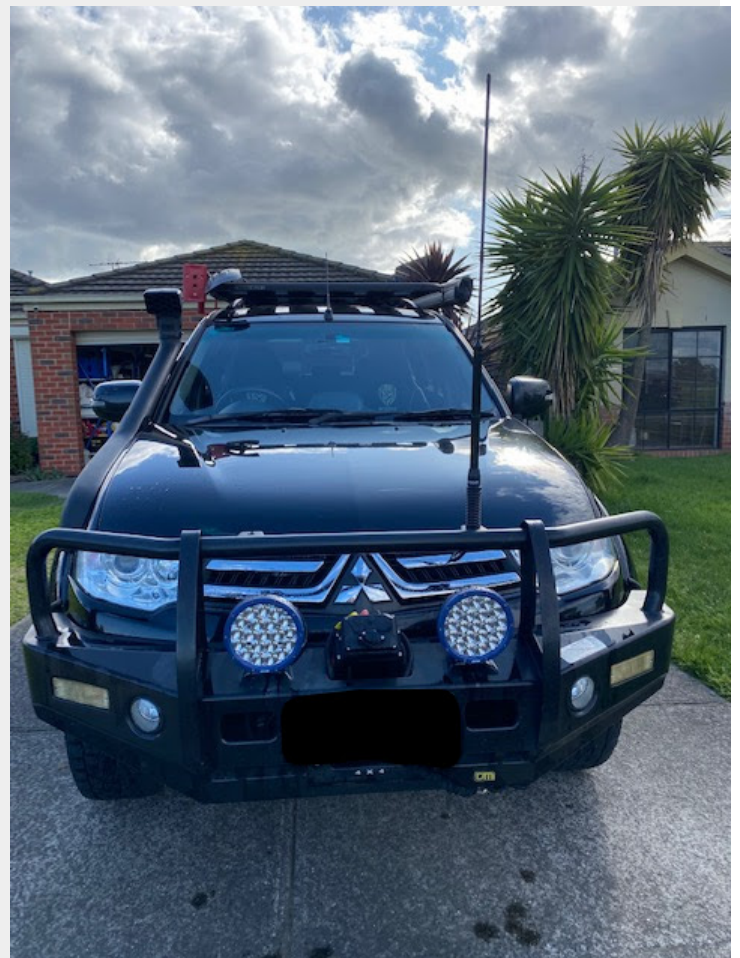
As soon as we left the dealership, we booked in to get a TJM bar and added the driving lights that I had used on the 80's series.

That was the end of the modifications for a couple of years until the standard tyres wore down and were replaced with 30" Bridgestone Dueler all terrains on Monster rims.





After the factory warranty period ended, I put in a diesel chip and within 12 months I needed new injectors. Up to this point, I had always thought we would go back to a Land Cruiser one day so new injectors for a car we may not have for much longer is a huge cost. We had been very happy with the performance, handling and reliability of the Chally so committed to it long term and decided to start modifying. The chip was removed, injectors replaced, and the car dyno'd. Next was a Rhino roof rack, Safari Snorkel, Oricom UHF, Kenwood stereo with apple carplay, Blackvue front and rear cameras. More recently was installed Ironman 2" lift, 12000 lb winch and catch can, where I was introduced to VFWDC.







Our dogs now get to travel on the back seat as XTM drawers and fridge slide have just gone in to the rear, thanks to Ken for the inspiration to install it ourselves.

We've also changed over to the Domin8r 7" driving lights after winning them in the raffle at the last meeting. This week we replaced the halogen globes that were little more than candles and have put in LED lights.







For longer and off-grid trips, we tow an Outback Camper trailer. We have a 45 litre Engel fridge/freezer, powered by a Thunder Weekender power box and charged using a 160v solar panel.

I am looking at upgrading the exhaust in the near future. Amongst the many things I would love to get is a rear bar for spare tyres/jerry cans amongst many other things.



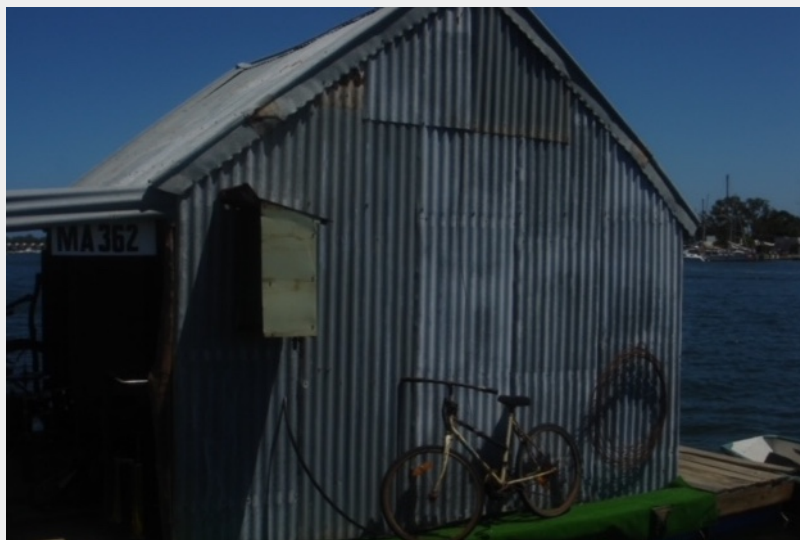


## Weird & Wonderful

A new section in this month's (and hopefully future) edition of the magazine is "Weird & Wonderful". This is where we celebrate all the crazy, peculiar, weird and downright odd stuff we have seen (and photographed) during our travels. It can be anything, anywhere just as long as it's not a common sight. Let's get some funny stuff going in here. Some of these places you may have seen yourselves, or perhaps this will spur you on to explore a little more. All photos and ditties welcomed for future editions.

### Floating Band Venue (from Andy & Suzy)

Not quite sure where this is but its definitely floating, its got a dog's arse on the roof, is used for gigs and basically looks like a shed! Also submitted at same time is a couple of old Morris Minors (at least i think they are) outside someone's house.





### Where is the pub with no beer? (From the Slim Dusty song) - (from Maree & Stuart)

The pub is in Ingham, Queensland. The story goes that American troops stopped by and drank the pub dry. They moved on the next morning and when a cane cutter came by later, all they had to offer him was warm white wine. So he penned a verse to show his disappointment. The barmaid loved the verse so much she stuck it up on the wall and then Gordon Parsons used it to write the song. It also has an animal on its roof (maybe this is a new magazine section??) and by the looks of it, it does now serve beer again!



And the final picture, spied in a restaurant on the wall, reminding customers that spitting in the restaurant really wasn't the right thing to be doing....as if you needed to be told!!







Photo: Rory Hall  
Just a taster for the  
upcoming Beachport trip