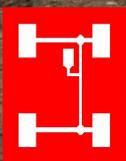


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- Driver Training, Feb 21

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Photo by **Liz Hayes**, a misty exist from somewhere near Bendethera

Hi Everyone

Welcome to the **March Edition of Beyond the Bitumen!**

This month we have two trip reports both from the same weekend! One from the Turon trip and the other, the Driver Training, both held on 13 & 14 Feb.

Great to see how successful the 'new members' trips are, great effort by those involved in enabling these.

A few more trips coming up too in the next few weeks, please ensure you take some good photos and pen your reports quickly so that we can share them with the rest of the membership. I know I may end up being the writer of the trip being run by Emilio Pannaci on 6 and 7 March.

Some of you like to supply content for the mag which is fantastic. Can I ask that you take note of the general closing date for content, being the end of the current month? This allows me to more easily piece things together for submission.

Also, a note on cover photos - ideally Portrait aspect with the primary subject material in the bottom 3rd of the image. The Beyond the Bitumen graphics chew off the top third.

Happy motoring until next month, hopefully catch up at The Belrose Hotel on Wednesday 10th!

Ian, Editor

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Note: Bistro meals are available  
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Are generally held on the fourth Wednesday of every month commencing at 7.30pm. Should Club members wish to attend please contact the President or Secretary to confirm the date and venue.

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Is held in conjunction with the October Club General Meeting.

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The Membership financial year is from 1 July to 30 June.

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# PRESIDENT REPORT

**Joc Mannes**



Hi there folks!

The first day of Autumn has arrived! What happened to summer?

Fingers crossed we will have a club meeting on the 10th of March at the Belrose Hotel. Unfortunately we have lost the Forestville RSL as a venue. The RSL has decided to renovate and repurpose the upstairs rooms. We are currently looking for an alternate venue in the same area, unfortunately most venues are just coming out of Covid mode and are not yet taking bookings. The plan B for April is sorted, but not ideal, a good excuse to go visit more Hotels and Clubs!

Our short term calendar is filling out nicely and more new trips are in the pipeline. What's missing is C+ and B trips for those with higher levels of confidence and ability. Make sure you read all those emails as a variety of subsidised training courses are also being posted. These include a chainsaw workshop, remote area first aid, understanding your vehicle and how to use a defibrillator (as we now have a second device). Please support the proposed subsidy levels at the next club meeting.

As more of our activities involve unavoidable fees the issue of cancellation has arisen. Refunds can only be made more than 14 days prior to the event. The only exception will be if the booking is transferable to another party on the waitlist or if there is no waitlist the place is filled otherwise. Where the event has a longer cancellation period the longer period applies.

It may only be March, but, The Mike Bell Trophy and Christmas party organisers have started their plans (Trophy Steve Cox, Christmas Irving Underwood). The Christmas party will be on the weekend of 26th November. Want to be involved? Please get in touch.

Been on a new members trip and want to run a trip but it's your first time? We can organise an experienced tail end Charlie if you need.

Joc Mannes

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Sorry but i couldn't resist this one .....



If you're asking "what's the Mike Bell Trophy?" we'll have a piece in next month's magazine.



# VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Irving Underwood



Dear Members.

The Club's next meeting has been changed since last month's report. The March to be held on Wednesday 10, will now be held at the Belrose Hotel. The room we are using is directly behind the kitchen servery.

You are welcome to email me at [vicepresident@awdc.com.au](mailto:vicepresident@awdc.com.au) if you have any questions.

Regards,

Irving

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# WEBMASTER REPORT

**BRIAN SOMMERVILLE**



Giddy

A couple of changes on the web site. First off there, there has been a request for membership numbers to be visible to members. So you will now see them in your profile and membership card. Note this is an automatically allocated number by the system and bears no relationship to previous membership numbers, joining date or tyre size.

For those that use the free SPOTWALLA.COM web service it is undergoing a update. Basically moving to a new website NEW.SPOTWALLA.COM with lots of new features and updates. If you create an account there, there is a migration option that allows you to transfer everything across. Pretty easy. For those that have contributed to our *Members on the Move* page,

[www.awdc.com.au/spot](http://www.awdc.com.au/spot), you will need to add yourself to the new AWDC Location Page. I'll send out an email to all those involved.

Last month's photo was the Butchers Hut at Old Andado. Yeah pretty hard. See how you go this month.

Cheers

Brian - with a another mystery photo for you. Somewhere much closer to Home!



# MEMBERSHIP REGISTRAR REPORT

**Alister hayes**



We now have 317 members.

Since the last report it has been busy month with 8 new members who have joined our wonderful club, **Dianne Robinson, Mark & Deena O Conner, Julie Kerrigan, Adam Holloway, Louise Geves, Elizabeth and Piers Chatleron.**

It was discussed at the last committee meeting for Members to update their photos on their profile page so we can match a face to a name for when we meet again. So when your sitting in front on the computer next update your photo on the AWDC Website.

Brake down on Membership.

Dual Members 10year +	34
Dual Members first Year	23
Dual Members	139
Life Members	13
Single Members 10 year +	19
Single Members First year	12
Single Members	72
Country Members	5
Total Membership	317

Cheers  
Alister



## SECRETARY

### HAROLD ZEV



With the current easing of restrictions, we are looking forward to holding general meetings once again. The 10th March meeting will be held at the Belrose Hotel. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Work has begun on restoring the historic Bridle Track between Bathurst and Hill End in NSW.**



Paul Toole, NSW Minister and the local member for Bathurst, recently announced that work has commenced to repair the historic convict-built Bridle Track between Bathurst and Hill End, NSW. A rockfall along the Bridle Track at Monaghans Bluff occurred in 2010, causing significant damage and making the track impassable. A detour along the Root Hog Fire Trail was implemented but this was blocked on several occasions as it ran through private property. In a recent interview, Paul Toole told Prime 7 that three properties have been acquired to allow the corridor to be reopened.

As reported on [mr4x4.com.au](http://mr4x4.com.au) in 2018, Paul Toole announced that the NSW State Government would support the Bathurst Regional Council in reopening the Bridle Track with a \$2 million investment and now, almost 11 years after the rockfall first occurred, works have finally commenced to effect those repairs. The works will see a 2km detour around the top of the escarpment near the damaged section of track. With plenty of great camping spots beside the Macquarie River, the reopening of the Bridle Track will be great news for four-wheel drivers, anglers, riders campers and adventurers, as well as the residents and business owners in the historic gold-mining town of Hill End.

It is expected that the works will be completed to repair the Bridle Track in around 12 months.



# Desert Parks Bulletin

No. 670 – 23 February 2021

**Due to public safety, Munga-Thirri – Simpson Desert Conservation Park and Regional Reserve, are closed between 1 December 2020 and 15 March 2021.**

**K1 Warburton, Walkers Crossing and Halligan Bay Point Public Access Routes are closed between 3 December 2020 and 15 March 2021.**

## ALERT: COVID-19 travel and border restrictions

A Cross Border Travel Registration is required for all travellers wishing to enter South Australia

<https://www.police.sa.gov.au/online-services/cross-border-travel-application>.

People traveling from Hi Community-Transmission Zones and Prohibited Locations have further restrictions on travel.

Check SA COVID-19 restrictions at <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/restrictions-and-responsibilities/travel-restrictions> before you travel.

Visitors are reminded that social distancing rules apply in SA, and park visitors must consider these restrictions when making bookings. Please check the [State Coordinator's directions](#) on social distancing and relevant [limits on gatherings](#).

It is important that campers and other park visitors are self-sufficient, and carry their own cooking, cleaning and personal hygiene products with them.

Please respect other campers and park visitors by keeping a safe distance and practicing good hygiene.

For more about visiting parks during COVID-19 go to [www.parks.sa.gov.au/know-before-you-go/covid-19-faqs](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au/know-before-you-go/covid-19-faqs)

More information about COVID-19: [www.sa.gov.au/COVID-19](http://www.sa.gov.au/COVID-19)

South Australian COVID-19 Information line: 1800 253 787

You can also download the official government "Coronavirus Australia" app in the Apple App Store or Google Play, or join the WhatsApp channel on iOS or Android.

**Campsites and accommodation within South Australia's national parks are open. Bookings for these and for entry are now available [online](#) and through our [booking agents](#).**

## Safety in the Outback

Outback daytime temperatures can reach high 40°Cs. If you are travelling in the Outback, you should bring appropriate clothing, ensure your vehicles are properly prepared and equipped for outback travel and any emergencies or delays. Take extra water, food and fuel supplies. Ensure good communications equipment, either HF Radio or Satellite Phone and an EPIRB or PLB. Ensure you notify a responsible person, such as a family member, of your plans prior to travelling into remote areas, and seek local advice.

If you attempt driving in sandy conditions and get bogged, do not attempt to get the vehicle out without ensuring 4WD and hubs are engaged, tyre pressures are decreased and sand is removed from the path of the tyres. If you become stuck, do not leave your vehicles to walk for assistance as this can have fatal consequences.

## Speed limits

**Check road and weather bulletins and local conditions before travelling into the Outback.** Speed limits of 40km per hour apply within all parks. For up to date public road information outside of National Parks, please call the Transport SA Road Condition Hotline on 1300 361 033 or visit the Transport SA web site on <http://www.dpti.sa.gov.au/OutbackRoads>



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## Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre National Park

**ALERT:** It is important that campers and other park visitors are self-sufficient, and carry their own cooking, cleaning and personal hygiene products with them.

Halligan Bay Point Public Access Route – **Closed from 3 December 2020, re-opening 16 March 2021.**

Level Post Bay Public Access Route – **closed due to public safety.**

## Tallaringa Conservation Park

Online park bookings or a Desert Parks Pass is required, as well as a tourist access permit to access this area from the Department of Defence. Details can be found at <http://www.defence.gov.au/woomera/permit-tourist.htm>

## Innamincka Regional Reserve and Malkumba-Coongie Lakes National Park

**ALERT:** It is important that campers and other park visitors are self-sufficient, and carry their own cooking, cleaning and personal hygiene products with them.

**ALERT:** Innamincka Regional Reserve has had two large flood events so far this year resulting in significant damage to tracks and campgrounds. Where tracks are open please observe caution at washouts, creek crossings and where water is ponded on the track. Please remain on tracks at all times.

Please note that chainsaws and fire wood collection is prohibited in Innamincka Regional Reserve and Malkumba-Coongie Lakes National Park, with no wood fires permitted at Malkumba-Coongie Lakes National Park. Bring firewood with you and take your waste material home or deposit it at the Innamincka township refuse site.

**Coongie Track to Malkumba-Coongie Lakes National Park – Open to 4WD**

**15 Mile Track– Open to 4WD**

**Merninie Loop– Open to 4WD**

**Cullyamurra Waterhole – Open to 4WD**

**Burke's Grave Open to 4WD**

**Queerbidie Open to 4WD**

**Policemans – Open to 4WD**

**Kings Marker – Open to 4WD**

**Ski Beach Campground – Open to 4WD**

**Wills Grave – Open to 4WD**

**Minke Waterhole Campground – Open to 4WD**

**Old Strzelecki Track (on Innamincka Regional Reserve only) – Open to 4WD**

**Bore Track North – Closed due to rain**

**Bore Track South – Closed until further notice**

**Extreme caution at ponded water, washouts and corrugations.**

Walker Crossing Public Access Route – **Closed from 3 December 2020, re-opening 16 March 2021.**

## Witjira National Park

**ALERT:** It is important that campers and other park visitors are self-sufficient, and carry their own cooking, cleaning and personal hygiene products with them.

**Pedirka Public Access Route – Open to 4WD – Drive to track conditions**

**Witjira National Park – Open to 4WD – Extreme caution at ponded water, washouts and corrugations. The tracks were recently graded however some visitors have driven directly after rain and have chopped up the tracks. Please drive slowly over these rutted sections.**

**Rubbish tips are located 3 kilometres east and west of the Dalhousie campground or at Birdsville for disposal of rubbish.**

Check local conditions before travelling into this area. See the National Parks website at [www.parks.sa.gov.au](http://www.parks.sa.gov.au) for more information.

Wood fires are not permitted in Witjira, with the exception that wood fires are still permitted at Mt Dare. This does not apply to the Munga-Thirri–Simpson Desert reserves in South Australia and wood can be carried through Witjira to be used in the Munga-Thirri–Simpson Desert reserves.

**The Dalhousie airstrip is closed to public use.**

**Binns track is closed indefinitely between Mt Dare and Old Andado. The track has deteriorated due to extreme dry weather and high volume of traffic over the past two years leading to deep and dangerous rutting. Travellers wishing to access the Binns track from Mt Dare to Old Andado will need to detour via New Crown station.**

**Annual Grading: The 4WD tracks at Witjira and the PARs of the Oodnadatta Track are graded annually by an earth moving contractor in May and June of each year.**

**Pink Roadhouse (Ph: (61 8) 8670 7822) – Agent for the Desert Parks Pass. Provides diesel and unleaded fuel, accommodation, food and groceries, meals, minor repairs, tyres, travel supplies, and alcohol.**

**Mt Dare Hotel (Ph: (61 8) 8670 7835) – Agent for the Desert Parks Pass. Provides diesel and unleaded fuel, accommodation, meals, hot showers, minor repairs, camping, travel supplies, alcohol, and phone cards available for travellers. Satellite phones are available to hire from Mt Dare Hotel for trips across the Munga-Thirri–Simpson Desert**

**Munga-Thirri–Simpson Desert - Closed from 1 December 2020, re-opening 16 March 2021.**

**Warburton Crossing Public Access Route – Closed from 3 December 2020, re-opening 16 March 2021.**

**Colson Track – Northern Territory section closed until further notice.**

## Condition updates

As conditions change a further update bulletin will be issued. For further information on SA Desert Parks and Far Northern South Australian road and track access, please call Desert Parks on (61 8) 8648 5328 or the Transport SA Outback Roads hotline on 1300 361 033.

Alternatively contact local Police where applicable for condition updates. For travel communications, contact the Australian National 4WD Radio Network Inc on (61 8) 8287 6222.

## Fight the Bite - a health warning from SA Health

Mosquitoes can be active around waterbodies in northern South Australia.

Mosquitoes are not only a nuisance but some can spread serious disease such as Ross River virus (RRv) and Barmah Forest virus (BFv) when they bite (symptoms of RRv and BFv can include joint pains, rash, fever, fatigue or muscle pain).

There is NO CURE and NO VACCINE to protect against these mosquito borne diseases. The only known and effective way to reduce risk of mosquito borne disease is to prevent mosquito bites.

If you are a visitor, or if you live in northern South Australia, it is important that you protect yourself, your family and friends against mosquito borne disease by Fighting the Bite. Key strategies include:

- **Covering up** – wear long, light coloured, loose fitting clothing (mosquitoes can bite through tight clothes like jeans)
- **Apply personal insect repellent containing DEET or Picaridin** (avoid using on babies and toddlers and ALWAYS read and follow instructions on the label first).
- **Ensure insect screens cover openings** in holiday houses, boats, caravans or tents.
- Cover sleeping areas or beds with **mosquito nets** if necessary.

For additional strategies and information about how to **Fight the Bite** and protect against mosquito borne disease visit [www.health.sa.gov.au](http://www.health.sa.gov.au)

### **On-line park entry and camping bookings**

**ALERT:** It is important that campers and other park visitors are self-sufficient, and carry their own cooking, cleaning and personal hygiene products with them.

**ALERT:** Limited mobile reception exists across the Outback. Please book prior to leaving where possible.

**Travis Gotch**  
**District Ranger Outback**  
**Flinders & Outback**  
[DesertParks@sa.gov.au](mailto:DesertParks@sa.gov.au)

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# TREASURER REPORT

**PAUL BRENNAN**



Here is a quick update of our financial position as of the end of last month:

- Cash at bank \$18,368
- Term deposit \$51,761

We received payment for 10 new members during the month.

We bought a second defibrillator during the month at a net cost (after the Government grant) of \$1,690. This was approved by the members in early February. Driver training costs of \$1,003 covered one weekend trip and new name badges.

Funds raised for “Fight on the Beaches” charity as of last month are now \$2,544.

If there are any queries on the financials, please do not hesitate to contact me at [treasurer@awdc.com.au](mailto:treasurer@awdc.com.au)

Stay safe and until next month ...

*Paul*

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# DRIVER TRAINER REPORT

**Steve Cox**

Greetings,

Another month, another successful training course run - albeit in some pretty tricky wet conditions on the Saturday. Well done to all the new members that can now book themselves onto trips and start exploring our tracks and getting to know the other club members.

We head back up to the training grounds again at the end of this month. At the time of writing there is still one position left in the group.

As we have been having maximum sized groups for several months, a third helper has been a welcome addition to our team. I'd like to give a huge thanks to those that have come along to help out. Ricky, Adrian and even a few committee members have been putting up their hands to spend the weekend with Dave and me - thanks again.

If you are a new member, get your name on a training date and come and see what everyone is raving about.

See you out on the track.

## **BOOKINGS:**

Please log onto the website, go the calendar and book yourself in. There is a minimum of 4 vehicles to run driver training and a maximum of 8. A theory night is held on the Tuesday prior to the weekend at 7.30pm.

**Steve Cox 0416 769 634**

## **27/28 March**

**NEXT DRIVER TRAINING  
WEEKEND**



# TRIP CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

**Katy Cox**



February saw a selection of trips including Driver Training, our first New Members' weekend to **Turon NP**, and the midweek adventure to **Woko NP**. These trips were rather soggy by all accounts, but everyone seemed to have fun, despite the mud!

Emilio's B+ grade trip to **Newnes Plateau** on 6-7 March still has a couple of spaces available. Vehicles must be suitably equipped and drivers suitably experienced for the standard of tracks they will be attempting.

Michael de Zwart and Dave Wrbik's New Members' Trip to **Sunny Corner**, also on 6-7 March, has proved very popular. The leaders have conducted a recce and have the option of a couple of non-NP campsites, depending on the weather at the time. Neil Follet and Jason Sparks are leading a second group, with a view to Jason heading up a similar route in May.

**Bendethera Exploration** on 27-29 March is also fast approaching and can still potentially fit a couple more participants. Steve Woods will lead group 1, with Trevor Press helping out with group 2 if needed.

We have two trips heading out over Easter long weekend. Stuart and Kim Millburn are taking a group (or possibly 2... or maybe even 3!) to **Tubbut** in the Victorian High Country, and John and Rebecca Rinaldo are heading to the **West of Barrington Tops**. Although both of these are currently fully subscribed, still put your name on the waitlist as there is potential for people to drop out in the next few weeks.

Penny and Simon Hunter with the assistance of Ricky and Merelyn Morales will be leading a re-run of John and Ross's New Members' **Turon NP** trip on 17-18 April - hopefully this time with less slippery conditions and no winching required! As all National Park camping needs to be pre-paid, we need to collect fees up front for these weekends. As such, registrations are non-refundable if we are unable to find a replacement participant in time from those on the waitlist.

The first two legs of Doug Stewart's **South Australia** adventure in May are full. There is still space on the final leg, which will head back towards western Victoria. However, the first planning meeting has taken place and all participants are already in the process of booking campsites, so if you're interested, you need to get in quick!

Looking towards winter, we have the promise of New Members' **Caves to Caves** trip in July from Harold and Irving, ~4 jaunts with Mark Kortink, a New Members' **Dingo Dell** in September with the Bayliss's and John Phibbs, and a **Port Macquarie(ish)** run by Gary Wallis, hopefully on October long weekend. Keep them coming!



# TRIP CALENDAR 2021

See Website for full details!



Click on BOOK NOW to go to the live calendar!

## January 2021      February      March

Jan 20 HOWES VALLEY TRAIL .....easy C grade.....	Feb 03 Mgmt Meeting January	Mar 06 Newnes Plateau Harder Lines, 6-7 March... Opens 6 Feb
Jan 23 Top Vic Alps 23-26 Jan... Opens 16 Jan	Feb 09 Driver Training Theory February	Mar 06 New Members Trip - Sunny Corner 6-7 March
Jan 23 Caves to Caves (Wombeyan to Jenolan/Oberon) Grade C ..... open	Feb 10 Club Meeting February - Cancelled	Mar 10 Club Meeting March - Battery Business
	Feb 13 Driver Training Practical.....register here	Mar 17 DEFIB (AED) Familiarisation Course 17 March... Open now
	Feb 13 New members' trip - Turon NP	Mar 23 Driver Training Theory March
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### ALL WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

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#### Grade X – Exploratory

Exploratory, generally suitable for experienced drivers as the degree of difficulty is often unknown. Enquire with the Trip Leader.



# DRIVER TRAINING

**13 & 14 FEBRUARY 2021**

## Attendees

**John Hirt** - GU Patrol (Athour), **Bob Robinson** - Toyota Fortuner, **Nicholas Ball** - 200 Series, **Jo Tysoe** - Mitsubishi Challenger, **Mark Folkes** - Ford Ranger, **James Telfer** - Ford Ranger, **Nino Lamaro** - 200 Series, **David Kalinin** - Y62 Patrol. (Trainers: Steve Cox - GU Patrol, Assisted by Adrian Scott - Jeep Wrangler, Ricky Morales - 150 Prado, Committee Rep: Harold Zev - 150 Prado)



In his renowned Meditations, the great Stoic and Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius wrote "The impediment to action advances action". As author Ryan Holiday points out, what Aurelius was of course saying is "the obstacle is the way", and so it was for a group of club members on the weekend of 13/14 February 2021.

As we gathered at the Zig Zag Railway around 8 am Saturday morning under a heavy overcast that threatened drizzling rain we had no real idea of how the next 36 hours would change us. Like so many of you readers before us we'd signed on for what we presumed would be an enjoyable time, meeting new people, in a nice part of the world, and driving our vehicles in ways that we might not have experienced up until then. But we really had no idea of the journey we had embarked on, or that that journey would prove to be far more than simply touring around the Lithgow back-country.

Steve Cox was Trip Leader and chief Nissan cheer-leader. Assisting Steve were Ricky Morales playing the role of foil to Steve and defender of Toyota pride, and Adrian Scott who very tactfully avoided siding with either team but perhaps represented the enthusiast fraternity who, although passionate about their particular vehicle manufacturer are more enthusiastic about driving the most potent piece of technology able to be assembled. Our group was privileged to see amongst the tech in Adrian's beast his dual driving camera setup, the modified driving and accessory lights, the GPS personal locator, an Android tablet running Memory Maps, dual front and rear winches, a particularly attractive set of drawers, and some Wera tools that looked as if they might have been developed for the European Space Agency. This was an impressive vehicle driven by an impressive person, and the group was fortunate to be led by 3 very experienced, competent and friendly trainers.



Of the 8 vehicles driven by new members there were two 200 series Land Cruisers, 2 dual cab Rangers, Patrols of the Y61 and Y62 varieties, a Fortuner and a Challenger. One of the dual cabs sported a canopy and the other a camper module. And as you might expect the drivers and passengers were a mix of people and ages, with common interests that included spending time outdoors doing something enjoyable in the company of like-minded people.

There was also one other participant who managed to outdo all the new members in several respects. As well as knowing more correct answers to Steve's questions than the rest of us, and despite being the youngest person present, Jake Cox demonstrated commendable yoyo skills. He also held the record for the most breaks of the same limb. Amongst the group there was no appetite to challenge Jake for that particular record.



A briefing by Steve set the scene for a challenging and exciting weekend. With tyres aired down we formed a convey, radio checks were completed, and we moved off towards a small quarry site.

The first test and obstacle to be overcome however, was not what you might imagine. A group of bike enthusiasts had established trail bike headquarters across the quarry access track which necessitated a tight turn between a tree and trail bike for vehicles to pass. Considering the relative size of one trail bike to eleven 4wd vehicles, another biker may have been tempted to move their bike to a safer location but on this occasion, we were presented with our initial challenge of the trip, which to everyone's relief we passed.



On arriving at the quarry and parking the vehicles we were given tips on what to look for when checking a vehicle first thing prior to setting off. We then had the pleasure of inspecting each other's vehicles, and also the opportunity of learning how the way we'd packed and secured our vehicles could have been improved. With the theory explained we walked a short incline and for the first time practiced visualizing the path we would drive. Experienced and wise members probably take this for granted but to the group it was a somewhat novel experience but one that no one needing convincing the necessity of. Driving that first incline, up and down, practicing emergency starts in both directions, and then driving a 15-degree side slope which felt more like 45 degrees is something probably all of us will remember fondly for a long time. One of many highlights was seeing a snatch recovery demonstrated, which viewed in person from the novice perspective is impressively brutal.

Leaving at least one local kangaroo and the quarry behind we once more negotiated the biker camp come scene from Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome, and ventured through increasingly heavy rain to a clear level area beside the track on Newnes Plateau. Dividing into 3 groups we took the opportunity to demonstrate our superb spatial judgment by stopping our vehicles so that the driver's and passenger's tyres touched flat discs placed alternately in a left and right pattern. The good drivers amongst us managed a score of 4 and 5 out of a possible 8. The author unfortunately managed no more than 1. But there was no time for solemn contemplation after that reality check as it was day one lunch time already.



Post some seriously heavy rain, and having refueled the human element, the group drove along a track that included some downhill longitudinal ruts which for experienced drivers would not have even registered on their radar but for us, the idea of driving without falling into the ruts, was somewhat daunting. This was probably the first small demonstration of the capability of our vehicles, which all managed the section without any problem, more so than the skill of the drivers.



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The next obstacle was our first big test - a downhill series of small rock steps and holes which offered an obviously safer path and an alternative, more difficult but ultimately more edifying traverse. What initially seemed an almost reckless venture proved, with a little track building and some expert spotting by the trainers to be a rewarding little decent. Personally, I was beginning to feel a real sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. Driving the tracks was starting to get its hooks into me and watching each other face similar fears and successfully overcome them also generated a palpable sense of comradery and team spirit amongst the group. There was genuine happiness for one's fellow drivers as they proved to themselves they could do something that initially seemed unlikely. By the time all the vehicles made it to the bottom we were ready to enjoy a bit of sight-seeing as we passed pagodas on the descent off the plateau and emerged in the picturesque Wolgan Valley in time for a 4 o'clock camp arrival (Queensland time).





With the day's driving activities completed we established camp and once the night's accommodation was sorted we met at a roaring campfire in the company of Harold who had joined us for the evening. But before we could settle down to campfire stories there was the question of the marking of the homework. The rules were simple - Rule 1, The trainer is always right, Rule 2, See Rule 1. Thankfully in this task as in all others for the entire weekend Steve was generous and supportive for which we were grateful. We were also grateful for the nibbles and snacks generously provided by the club. The highlight of the evening was the address by Harold who amongst several interesting anecdotes shared the story of his pseudonym Marold. Though not physically present Mike and a couple of other club characters got a mention but what happens on camp stays on camp so it's no use asking for the gossip.

After dinner the camp fire grew into a mini bonfire which encouraged some good chats and gave everyone a pleasant end to the day.

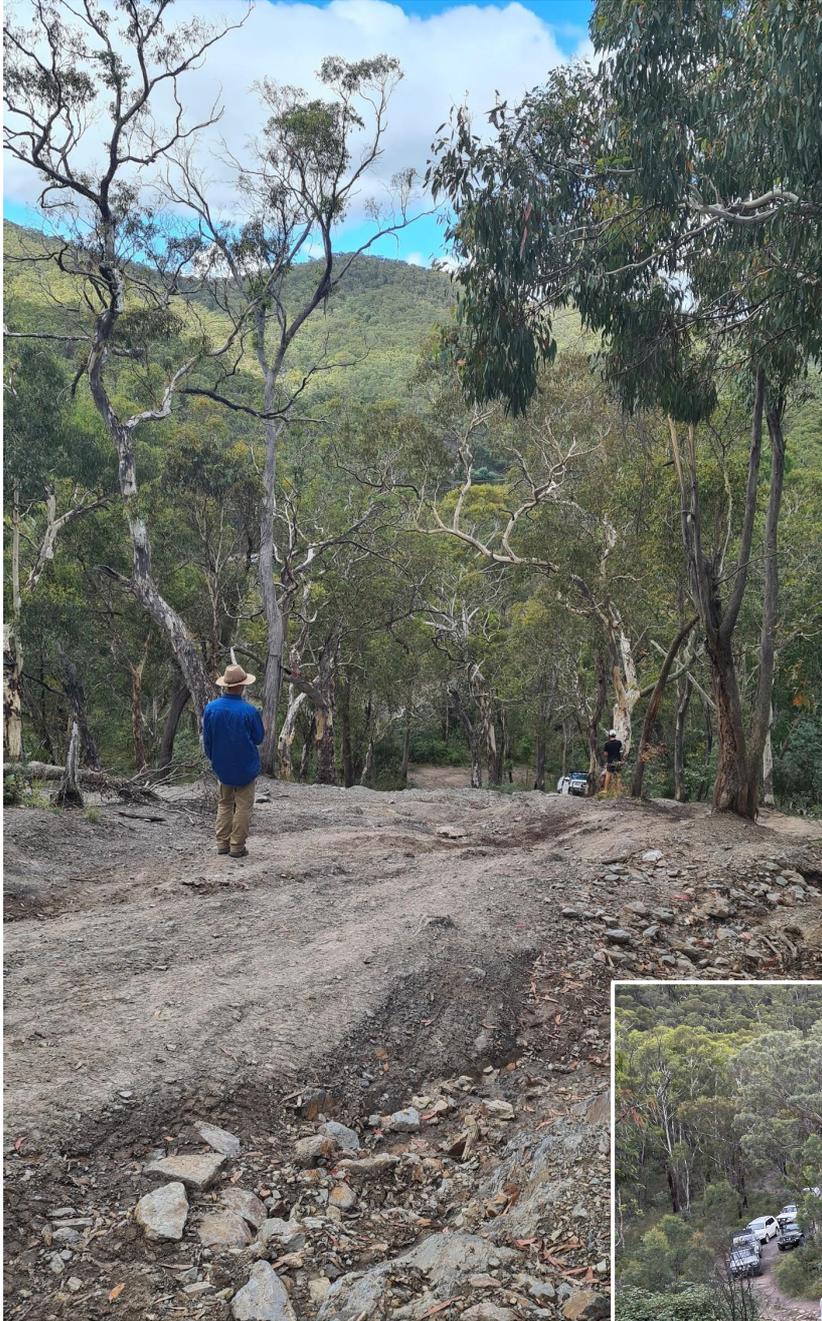
Something the trainers never told us, but we quickly all discovered was that the camp site was located amongst the habitat of a unique local owl species. On quiet nights, when the rain has passed and the stars are visible, if you camp in the right place you can hear the call of the snoring owl, a majestic beast that calls its brethren loudly and persistently until the daylight breaks. Judging by the volume emanating from somewhere in vicinity of the tree above Adrian's camp this particular specimen snoring owl must have been a colossal bird. I estimate something in the order of 6 feet tall. In the morning there was consensus relief that we had avoided the habitat of the farting wombat, who would not have been a welcome camp guest.

By Sunday morning the previous day's rain and overcast had abated and we set off once more in convoy and in good spirits. Heading south of Wallerawang we descended towards the river named after Steve's ancestors and arrived at the base of a small hill that looked worryingly rutted. Once again first impressions were "yeah, nah" but after much contemplation and following the trainers' example most of the group chose the more difficult path and all made it up, and down, and back up again. One of several commendable drives was undertaken in the Challenger which after stopping three quarters of the way up and reversing back down charged up to the top of the incline like a frisky mountain goat, lifting wheels and bouncing sideways. We were rewarded by the presence of another club which had amongst its convoy a Land Cruiser 6x6. We saw plenty of capable vehicles but that one stood out as it looked in immaculate condition and the sheer size in comparison to other vehicles was impressive. I hope I get to see it in action someday.

Having completed what we assumed must surely be the steepest hill for the day Steve led us a short distance to a place more resembling the south face of Mount Everest than anything around Lithgow. We assumed the sole purpose in showing us Firetruck Hill was to give us a look at what an A grade drive looks like but it turns out it isn't A grade and we weren't there to spectate. Turns out it wasn't even B grade but it was a lot of fun. I can't really describe what driving up that slope was like because I was too busy gritting my teeth and concentrating on the directions coming over the radio and making forward progress by maintaining momentum. I never noticed the scenery. For 60 seconds I was in my own world and oblivious to anything other than the engine revs and the path immediately in front of the vehicle. I'm pretty sure everyone else felt the same, as did you at some stage dear reader in your own driving career. Marcus Aurelius knew what he was talking about. The obstacle is indeed the way.



One of several rewards of successfully negotiating Firetruck Hill was lunch up under the powerlines at the top with gorgeous views to farming and forested country beyond the river in the distance. The sun was shining and we were Kings and Queens of the world. During lunch we were passed by some vehicles bearing signs advertising Toyo Tyres in place of registration plates and after lunch some folk in our convey encountered the Toyo people down the track. I'm told they were Western Sydney Giants players doing some sort of sponsors' event. No biggie. Now if they'd been Penrith Panthers players it would have been occasion to stop but seeing as though they weren't real footy players we quickly drove on to the river and parked in line along one bank.



Not having seen the Cox's River up close I was surprised at how clear it was and also how swiftly the water was flowing. We learned that cars wore bras - who would have known? The trainers assured us we were fortunate not to have done driver training in Winter as there had been snow on a previous trip when the location the vehicles were parked at was actually overflowing with ice cold water.



On this occasion the water temperature was mild and suitable for a swim had anyone wanted. We settled for walking the course of a crossing along the river a short distance before emerging up a very gentle slope on the opposite bank. Walking in water up to our knees, with thoughts of bow waves we were starting to relish the opportunity to have a crack. We were changing.



The drive out of the valley was relaxing as we crossed a couple of small fords and climbed hills with sparse white eucalypt forest on one side and thicker bush or pines to the right. Steve led us to the final small tricky hill with a loose surface but with the confidence we had gained we drove the hill without problem and were rewarded with views of following vehicles making the small climb, and as many wild blackberries as we wanted. From here a short drive through the pine forest saw us arrive at the official end of the trip beside the highway, and whilst it was the end of the trip, I'm pretty sure it is the beginning of the journey for us all.

One of the final tasks of the event was handing out club stickers to signify completion of this part of driver training. As well as a photo opportunity, which Ricky in particular enjoyed, this was also our chance to reflect on the experience. Thank you Steve, Ricky and Adrian, for accompanying us on the journey and for working so diligently and patiently to help and educate us. Thank you Harold, for going well out of your way to spend some time with us and welcome us to the club. And thank you to all the participants on the weekend. We had a lot of fun together and hopefully we can share more fun times in the future.

Being part of this club offers many things, different friends; new skills; confidence in ourselves and our vehicles; and belonging in a community of people who enjoy being outdoors in beautiful places doing fun things that build self-confidence and promote independence. We learnt that our club provides opportunities to explore and experience life in ways that might not be possible without the backing of an organisation and the expertise, knowledge and experience of veterans hard won over many years. On this trip we learnt that the obstacle is the way. We see all of that now, and having had a small taste, we are excited and greedy for more.



# NEW MEMBERS TURON TRIP

**13 & 14 FEBRUARY 2021**

## Attendees

**Leaders** John & Sharon O'Keefe (Toyota 200 Series), Ross & Sally Shaw (Toyota Prado)

**Participants** Malcolm James (Toyota Prado), Phillip Martyn (Ford Ranger), Denis & Paula O'Hara (Toyota Prado)

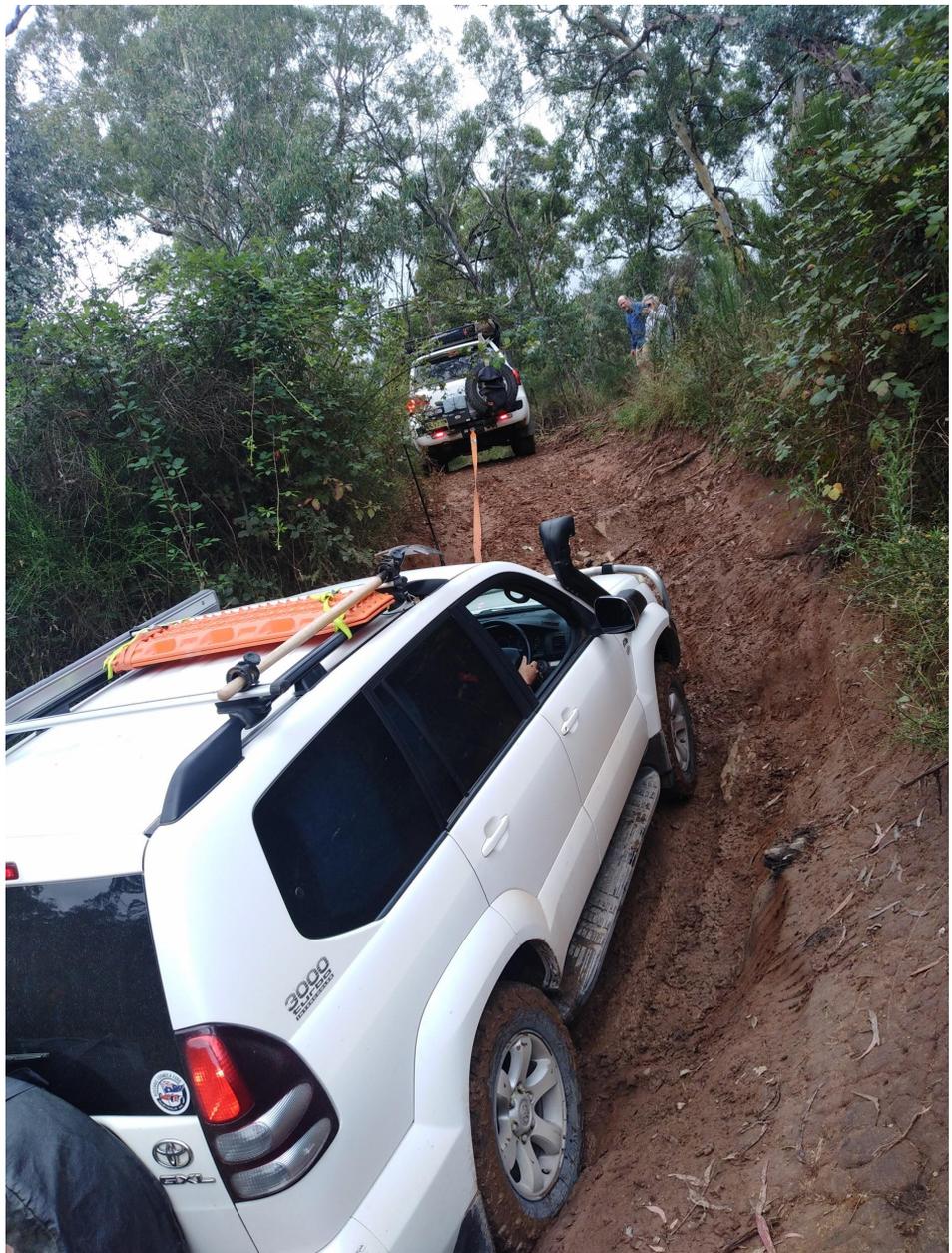
**Photographer** Sally Shaw

**Author** Denis O'Hara

This trip was one of 2021 series of new(ish) member introductory sorties led by AWDC long termers. We met in wet weather with a gloomy forecast at Yetholme and fairly quickly decided to push on with plans. What a good decision! The rain backed off and we had two days of pretty good weather for track touring, camping and some more challenging climbs.

On the 4WD learning front, our leaders were generous with their practical advice and guidance when it came to managing terrain and equipping vehicles. Some recent rain washout and heavily rutted tracks provided the sort of challenges that saw MAXTRAX and linked tow straps come into play to get vehicles through climbs, made trickier by wet clay.

Those of us without front wheel diff locks soon came to understand the benefit of that capability when the going gets tough. The capability of John and Ross' vehicles with the added diff lock installations whet appetites for more aftermarket expenditure.



One of the touring highlights was the climb up Mt Airly through sheer cuts and changing terrain to be rewarded at the top with magnificent views and crisp mountain air.



For most of us the Mt Airly visit was also an introduction to the life of mining pioneer Col Ribaux (1937-2018). The energy, ingenuity and persistence of this larger than life character and his family is a reminder of the spirit of times past. Across the crown of Mt Airly and in the valley below is clear evidence of his construction and workings while pursuing gold and diamonds. Tracks up and around the mount are his legacy to 4WDDrivers.



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Home for Saturday night was The Diggings Camping Area in Turon NP. Ross fought his way through a Covid compliant tortuous pre-booking process. While our arrival was later in the evening than planned, due to putting the pristine recovery gear into use, we quickly set up camp and enjoyed a pleasant evening of dry weather and good company.

On the way down from Mt Airly vehicles were parked and we took a stroll through a gap in the sandstone to a beautiful narrow ravine known as The Grotto. Trickling water, lush ferns and trees chasing sunlight make a special spot.

A great AWDC introductory weekend combining vehicle challenges, enough driver anxiety to get the pulse going, no vehicle damage and good company. Many thanks to our leaders for their effort and good humour.



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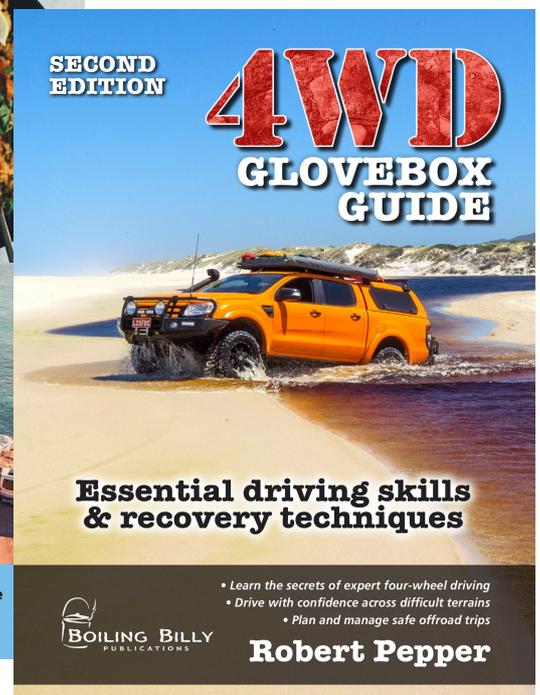
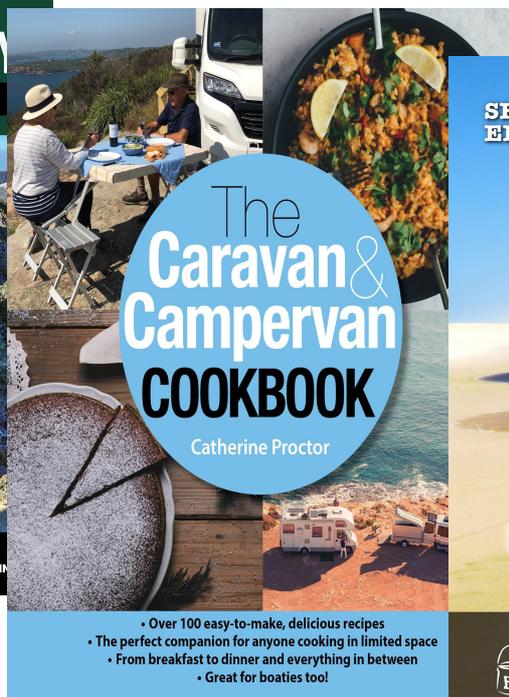
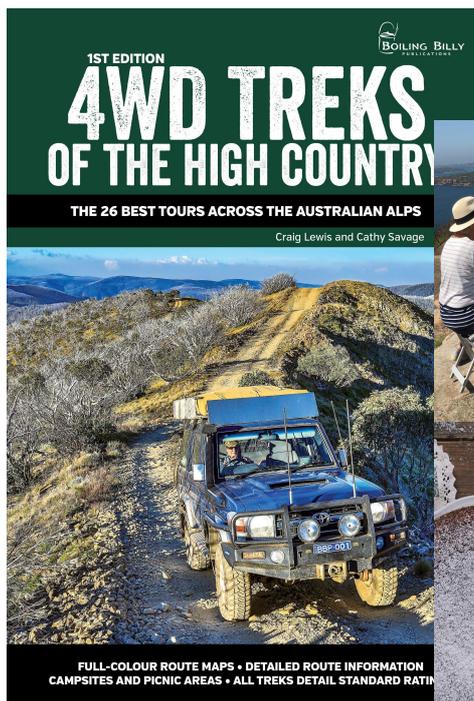
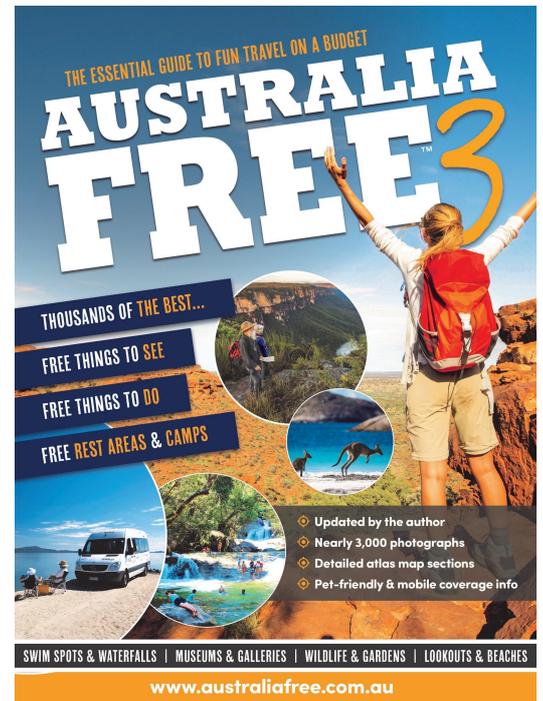
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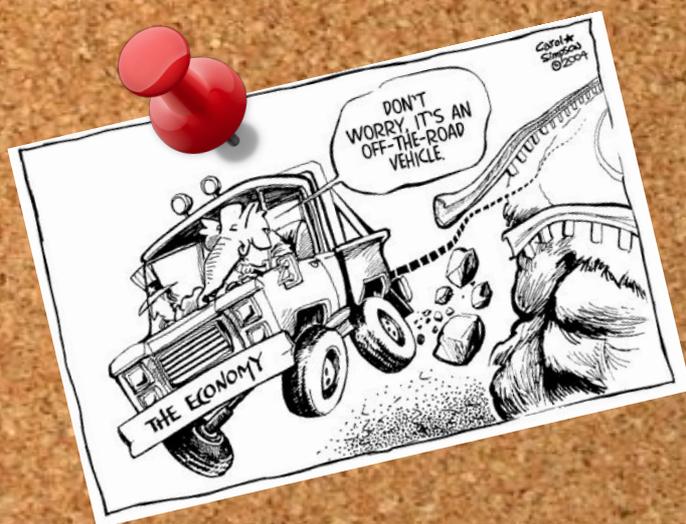
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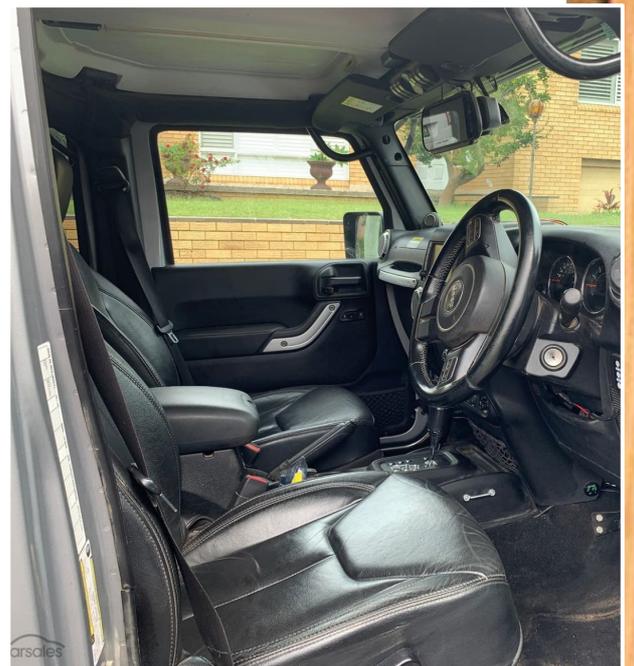
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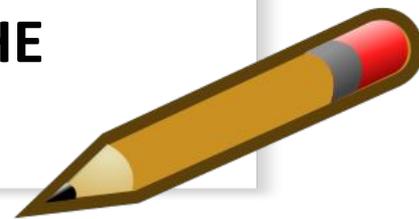




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# WELCOME TO YERRANDERIE

Woolseley Shire Council

*Rural Living*

## YERRANDERIE

**DESCRIPTION**  
This nature living village is surrounded by the Wolseley Shire and is a scenic destination for those who enjoy the outdoors.

**PLEASE NOTE**  
Kindly respect Private Property and Conserved Water.

**DISPOSAL**

- Reduce or interfere with any heritage items or plants.
- Drive or park on the A/Road.
- Interfere with Fences or Gates.
- No Grazing of Stocking.
- No domestic animals on Public Land.
- Please take your rubbish with you.



**Covid-19 (Coronavirus)**

Protect yourselves and others

**CAMPING**  
Changes due to Covid restrictions

To help manage numbers you must **BOOK ONLINE** for all national park campgrounds

For further information check NSW National Parks website or call 1 800 612 751



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