



SOUTHERN TRAILS

December 2017



ST4WD Club Trip: Merlya and Monkey Gum

Next ST4WD Club Meeting

Will be held on

Tuesday 12th December

at 7.30pm

*Canberra Deakin Football
Club*

3 Grose St, Deakin ACT

Guest Speaker

GREG POTTS

COMMUNITY PROTECTION MANAGER

ACT RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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President's Report – Jim Anderson

President's Post - Jim Anderson

Another year almost done and dusted, and the festive season is just around the corner. It's been a busy and productive year for the club with the driver trainers delivering training to 57 participants and another 35 members attended supplementary courses conducted by the club i.e. chainsaw use, navigation and trip leader training.

A lot of work was done at the club property including upgrading campsites, improving the ARB and Horse Paddock crossings as well as the installation of solar lighting and power. The new trip leader training workshop conducted in July resulted in a number of new trip leaders running trips to new and interesting locations boosting the already high number of annual trips.

On behalf of the committee, thank you to the many members who have contributed to make 2017 another successful year for the club. This includes our trip leaders, driver trainers and members who attend the musters to maintain and develop the club property. There are of course many other people who are active behind the scenes to benefit the club eg supplementary training, involvement in the 4WD Spectacular etc.

Also thank you to the committee members for their time and effort in managing the various areas of the club. We have a number of new committee members this year including some who are new to the club. They have hit the ground running and are making considerable contributions.

Volunteering with NSW NPWS

Unfortunately the first project scheduled for the 2nd of December in the Brindabella's had to be cancelled due to the significant rainfall received over the weekend. Club representatives Glen Watts and Michael Patrick are working with NPWS to reschedule the activity as well as arranging other projects for 2018– details will be provided when available.

NSW & ACT 4WD Association

The association has distributed boxes of "goodies", for members of each affiliated club. The goodies, including The 4WD Adventure Handbook and a 2018 Events calendar, were donated by Clever Publishing and will be distributed at the club meeting on Tuesday 12 December. Thanks to association delegates Marj and Alan Jones for delivering the goodies to Canberra.

2018 Spectacular - 3rd and 4th of February 2018

If you haven't already nominated to help out with this very popular 4WD and outdoor recreation show, and major fund raiser for the host clubs and various charities, please register on the website and see Helen Montesin at the club meeting to put your name on the roster.

Advertisers

Thank you to our advertisers ARB, Battery World, Camper ACT, Canberra Toyota, Monaro Off-Road, Pride Autos and Watts Communications who have again supported the club in 2017.

2018 Club Budget

The 2018 budget was approved at the December committee meeting. Details are available on the website – login and select Management / Club Budget / Club Budget 2018.

On behalf of the committee, I wish members and their families a very merry Christmas and happy New year. Safe travels during the festive season and I hope to see you at the December general meeting or a track somewhere.

Jim

Give Your Trip Leader a Hug

Hello to all club members and have a good safe festive Christmas. 2017 is ending and ST4WDC has been quite active for the year.

The following is a breakdown of activities

Trips	37
Training/Workshops	15
Musters	10
Social Events	4

I am expecting a further increase in Trips and Workshop for 2018.

From a trip leader perspective we have had nine new Trip Leaders step up to the mark and lead trips this year so if you see them please give them a **Hug** as without Trip Leaders this club would not exist.

The new Trip Leaders are:

Brad Wells

Chris Bitmead

Glynis Whitfield

Robert Azzito

Andrew Squire

Scott Broadhead

Joe Briguglio

Dim Veteri

Neil Ellison



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Trips and Events – cont.

I would also like to recognize and thank our existing Trip Leaders who made significant contributions to leading trips/events and assisting in running the Trip Leader Workshop and other activities. They to deserve a **Hug**

Chris Nicholls

Alan & Marj Jones

David Sutton

Rob & Lynne Donaldson

Alex Szabo

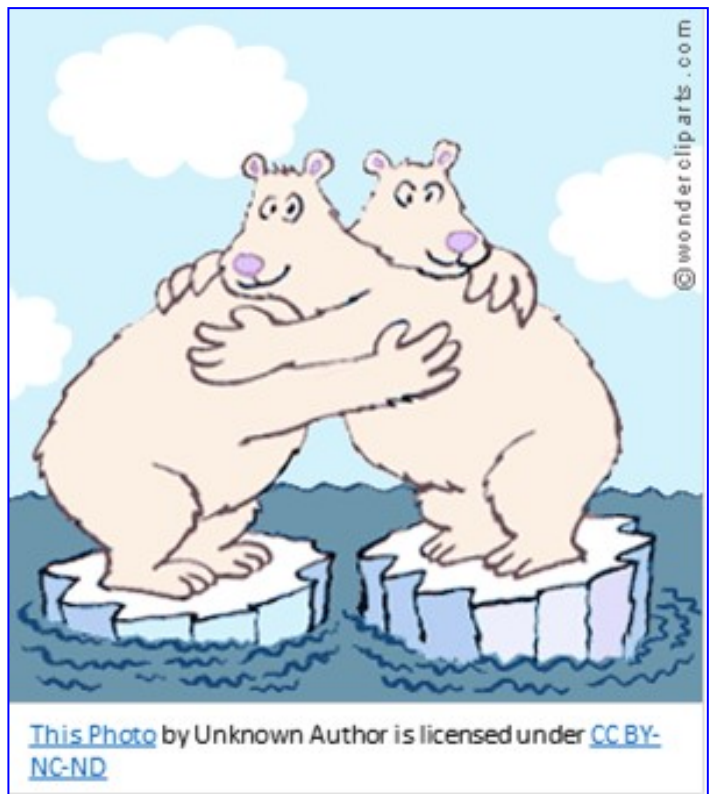
Glen Watts

Catherine Panich

I look forward to seeing you all in my rear vision mirror eating my dust in the new year ...

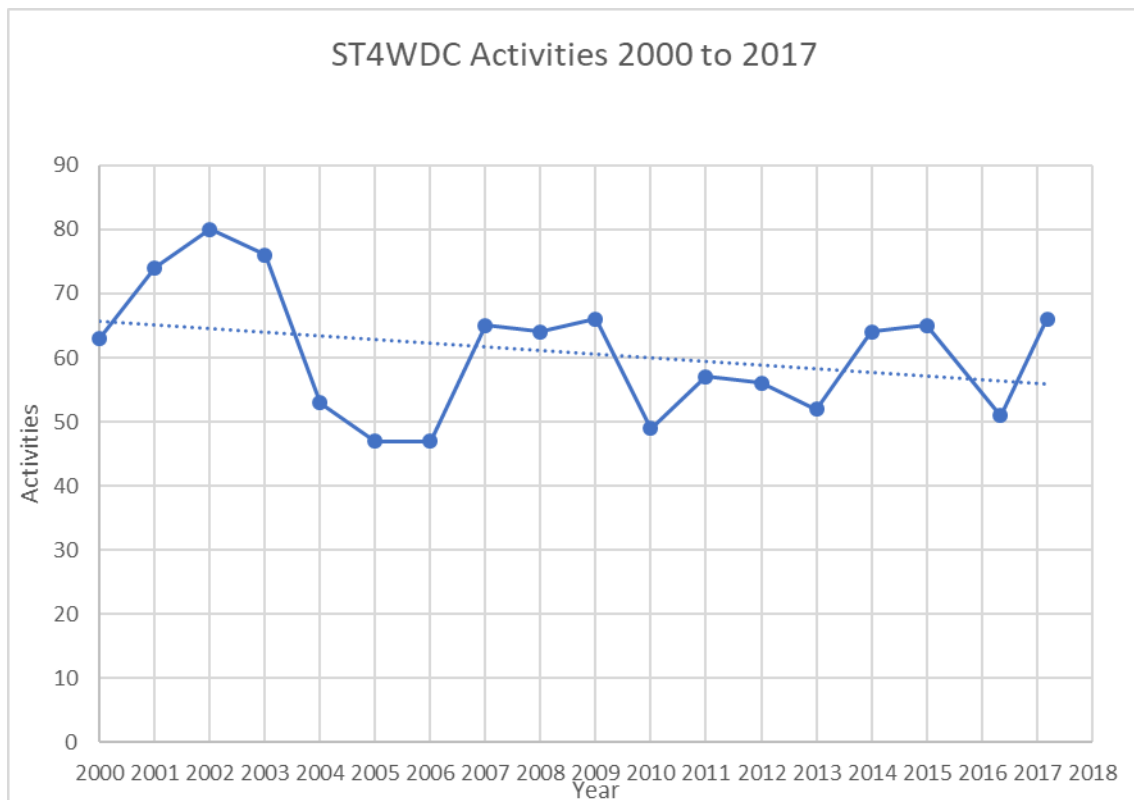
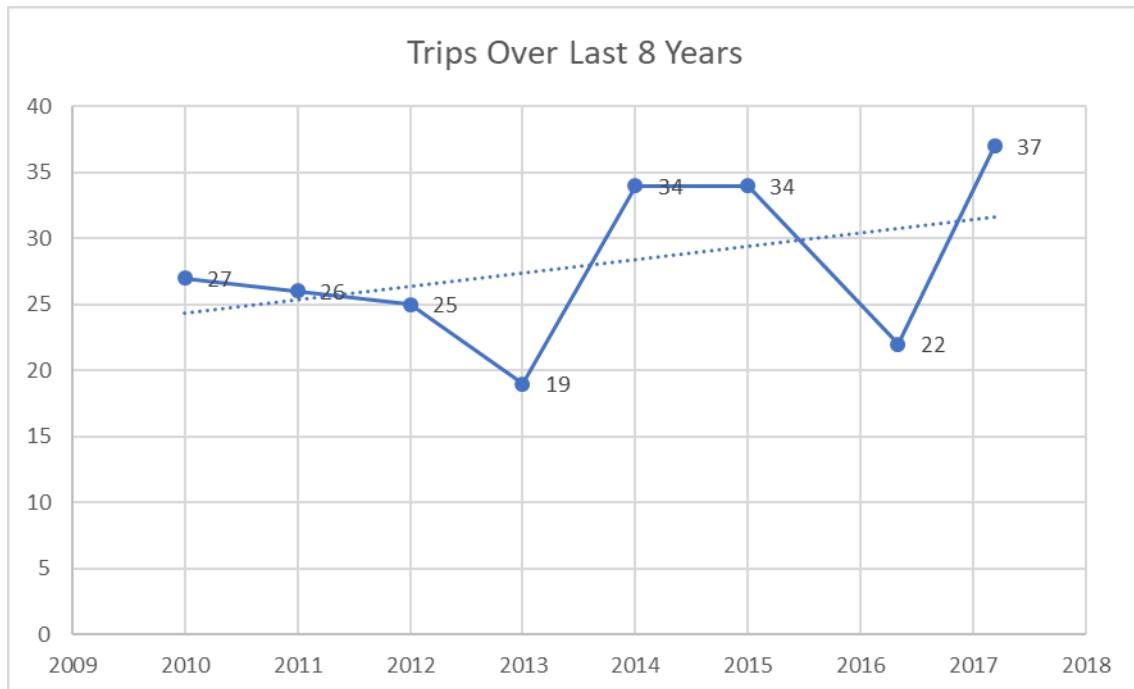
A merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all...

Michael Patrick

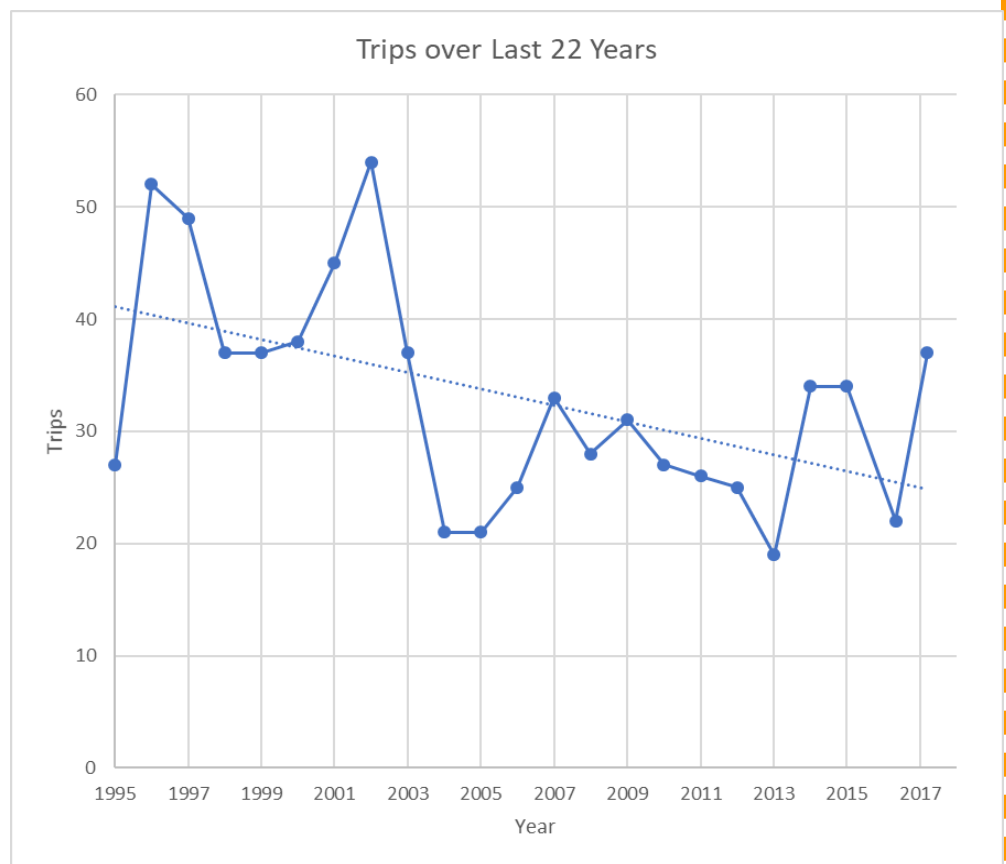


Trips and Events – cont.

ST4WDC Trips and Events Report for EOY2017



Trips and Events – cont.



There has been a significant increase in the number of trips run for 2017 and my expectation is that there will be a further increase in 2018

The most important thing to note is that we have had nine new Trip Leaders step up to the mark and lead trips.

Please go to the ST4WD Club website for more trip information.

<http://www.st4wdc.com.au>

CLUB BANK DETAILS

Bank: Bank Australia

Account Name: ST4WDC

BSB Number: 313 140

Account Number: 1213 0617

Members should use these account details in all transactions with the club, including for membership fees and clothing purchases when using direct deposit.

Membership Moments – Dim Veteri

Hi Everyone, below is information on current membership and membership matters.

New members:

There have been three new memberships for the month of October.

The new memberships were:

- **Bill & Deborah Gibson** – Driving a Jeep Grand Cherokee
- **Denis, Jennelle & Simon** - Driving a Holden Colorado
- **Edward Reid** – Driving a Toyota Land Cruiser 79 Series
- **Phillip Moore** – Driving a Toyota Fortuner
- **Andrew & Yu-Lan Trousdell** – Driving a Nissan Pathfinder

Its not a Mitsi Month, but unless I'm mistake its our first member driving a Fortuner—so I'm sure a few members will be checking out Phillips vehicle.

Welcome to the Club all.

Please say hello to our new members and visitors if you are at the Club meeting - if you see a new face, make them welcome and say G'day.

Training Course Certificates

I still have quite a few certificates for members who have previously completed a training course. Contact me at membership@st4wdc.com.au

Membership Numbers:

As at 30 November we have the following membership:

Ordinary Members	-	251
Life Members	-	9
Sub-Total	-	260
Family Members	-	190
Total	-	450

Please feel free to contact me regarding any membership matters you may have either by email, phone or grab me at the meeting.

Membership Renewal

Many thanks to all those members who have already paid there membership fees for 2018.

If you are yet to pay your fee for 2018 please remembers that for members who joined in 2016 or before the membership renewal fee is \$100 (for an individual or family). For members who joined in 2017 you may be eligible for a pro-rate membership fee for 2018. If you are not sure please email me and I can confirm your fees for 2018.

Also please check the Club account details (see page 6) and please add your **Name** and the words "**Membership Fees**" as the comment or reference, when doing an electronic payment.

Something new or unusual...

This month I've gone some gear that could save your life – water containers. These are Australian made water bladders specifically designed with the 4WDer. They come in many shapes and capacity to fit in unused spaces

Water Bladder 40 Litre - For those tight spaces

We all have those unusual spots in the 4wd where not too many regular shaped items will fit. This item could be the answer to both space and water supply issues. This 40 litre portable water tank is designed to be filled using a hose connected to mains or gravity fed systems. This inlet and outlet system is designed to prevent the interior of your vehicle from getting wet. It comes with a breather to allow the air to escape during filling however does not need to be used whilst in use. Given its made of PVC it can mould to any shape (but watch for sharp objects that could damage it) . Low-profile Bladder comes in 900GSM Grey Material and fitting placement can be changed upon request at no additional charge.

Standard fittings: 13mm inlet/outlet and 13mm breather

Dimensions : (670Lx380Wx160H)mm .

Accessories : 2 hose kits with right angle fittings tap and cap, 3 patches.

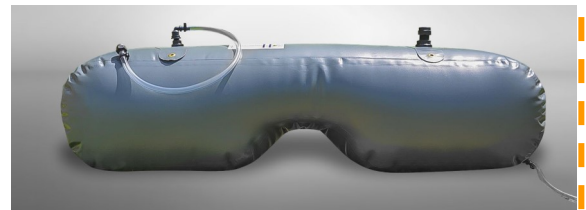
Weld types : 25mm HF, Hot-air over lap welds.

There is also a 60litre version of this shape

Cost: \$135 for the 40L and \$178.20 for the 60L



But it doesn't end there. This mob has a range of these bladders to suit a number of different applications. For example there is one for the whole of your rear wheel well with a capacity of 125 litre (\$243)



Or this 280 litre one for those longer trips (\$291)

Or this one for the back of the ute/wagon (\$248)

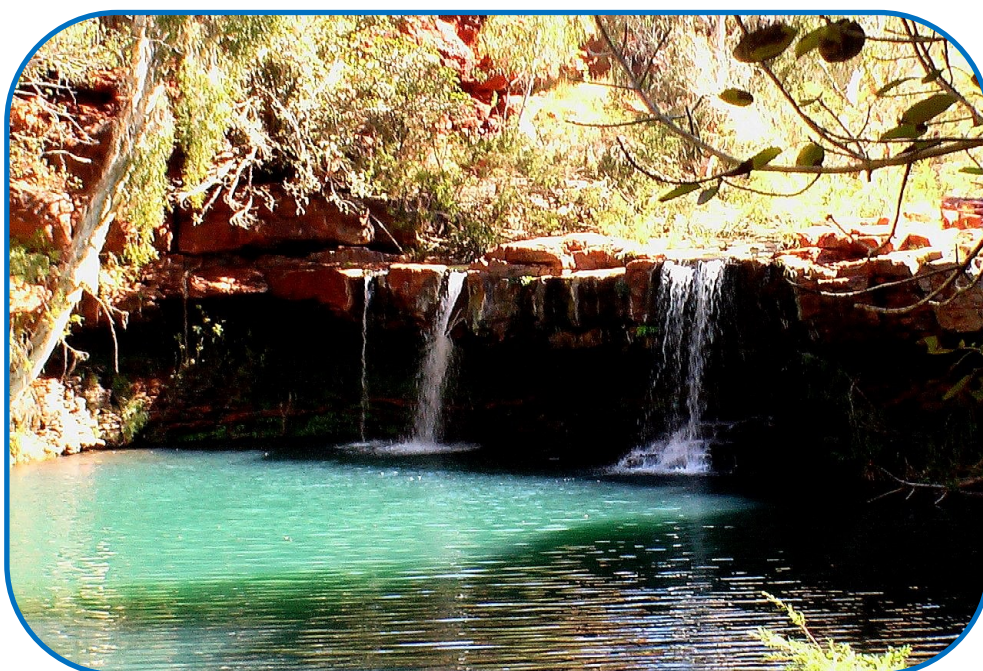


They are made by Fleximake and you can check them out at www.fleximake.com.au or buy them from this ebay store http://stores.ebay.com.au/bladdersrus?_trksid=p2047675.l2563 (prices vary depending on where you buy them)

Club Clothing – Debbie Davidson



<i>Polo Shirts</i>	\$38.00
<i>Chambery Shirts</i>	\$45.00
<i>Jackets</i>	\$110.00
<i>Hoodies</i>	\$45.00
<i>Rugby Tops</i>	\$50.00
<i>Caps</i>	\$15.00
<i>Bucket Hats</i>	\$15.00
<i>Beanies</i>	\$20.00
<i>Name Badges</i>	\$10.00



Fern Pool -
Karajini NP



ST4DWC

Monster Christmas



Raffle



**TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER AT THE GENERAL MEETING,
TICKETS ON SALE FROM 7.30PM**

HAMS, CAKES AND MANY MORE TREATS

OVER \$500 IN PRIZES

TICKETS 3 FOR \$2.00



A COMBINED ACT FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUBS PROMOTION

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SPECTACULAR
OUTDOOR RECREATION SHOW



Queanbeyan Showground
3 & 4 FEB 2018

Our Show is getting closer.

Exhibitors are booked, entertainment
is booked, gate prizes are organised,
all the infrastructure is all in
place...

But now....



**There are two major things remaining to do to
make the 2018 Show 'Spectacular' and they
involve all members.**



1. Volunteers

The show relies on members from the three Clubs to volunteer their time during the Show in a variety of roles.

Have you added your name to the rosters?

We need everyone to do help with that!

There are over 100 positions to be filled by our Club.

Please lend a hand ...

You can volunteer for manning gates, assist in the catering, garbage patrols, assisting with the parking, or perhaps the Test Track (there is a list for this). The Club Tent has been filled already.

Also you can volunteer during the week prior to assist in setting up.

How to volunteer:

- See either Marj or Helen at the meeting next week.
- Log onto Trips on the website and put your name down.
- Email or phone either Helen or Marj

Helen Montesen

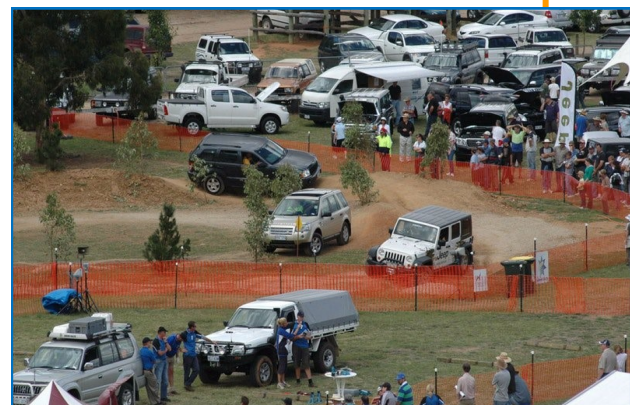
Email: montesen@TPG.com.au

Phone: 62383208 Mobile: 0402155240

Marj Jones

Email: marjjones@rocketmail.com

Phone: 0351931272 Mobile: 0427284236



There is a two course members' dinner on the Friday night open to all club members. It is a bring your own table, plates/ bowl, knives, forks and spoons as well as your own liquid refreshments.

Both these must be booked and tickets are available from Helen. If you can't pick them up at either the December or January meeting, then please contact either Helen or Marj to make arrangements for collection.

Get a wheel cover on your vehicle, or a car decal sign for the car window. Take some DL Cards and/or some A4 posters at the December Meeting, to put up at work.

A circular logo with a red border. Inside the circle, the text "We need You!" is written in blue at the top, and "To make IT happen" is written in blue at the bottom. In the center of the circle is a black and white line drawing of a fist with the index finger pointing upwards.

OUR SPECTACULAR NEEDS YOU!!!!

Wot's Cook'n

This meal is so, so easy but it does require some planning and a bit of prep...it's a great idea to bake the potatoes before you leave home and wrap them in tin foil to take on the camping trip and keep them chilled.

For this recipe, you will need:

- Large potatoes, baked
- Sliced ham
- Cooked bacon slices
- Cheese slices (we like marble)
- Sour Cream and shallots for topping

Directions:

Slice baked potato.

Between the slices stuff a slice of cheese, bacon and ham.

Add small dabs of butter on top of each of the slices, Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste.

Wrap potato in double layer of foil lightly sprayed with cooking spray.

Place on hot BBQ for 20+ minutes... until potato is hot and cheese, ham and bacon have melted together and looks tasty and good!

Top the Potato Boat dinner with sour cream and green onion if you like.

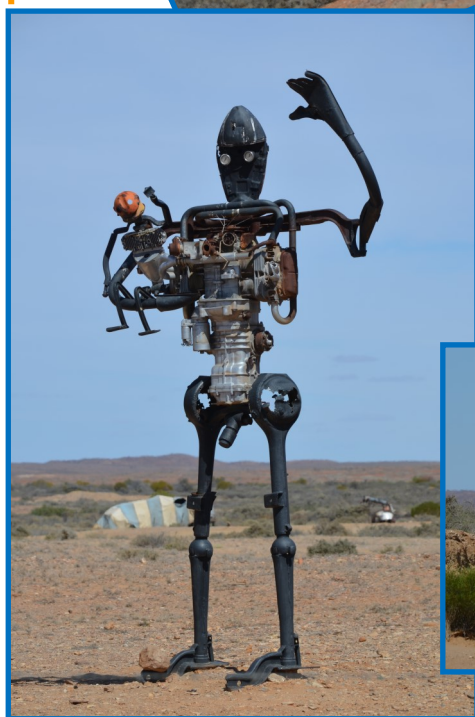
The Potato Boat has so many possibilities...you could leave out the ham & bacon and just add cheese and broccoli, or chilli, or cooked taco meat.

Serve the Potato Boat Dinner with a big green salad, a Caesar salad or fresh fruit.

Add fresh fruit as it's a nice change from the saltiness of the bacon and ham.



Hidden Gems



Our Sponsors

Sunset over Cape Leveque



As the sun sets on 2017 I would like to thank you for coming on the Southern Trails newsletter journey with me this year. Thank you for your input, reports, advice and encouragement. I have enjoyed making some changes and hope that you have found the monthly newsletter worth reading. Have a wonderful Christmas and an adventure filled 2018.

Kind regards

Glennis

Please email items for the February 2018 ST4WD Club monthly newsletter to me at publications@st4wdc.com.au or hand it to me at the January meeting as there will not be a newsletter for January.

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