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GENERAL MEETINGS

Canberra Deakin Football Club, Grose St, Deakin at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

General meetings are where Club members and visitors can meet and get information on past and future Club activities in an informal atmosphere. Meetings regularly feature talks from experts on topics of interest, and reports on past trips. Visitors can introduce themselves, there is a raffle with generous prizes and a coffee break for catching up with other members.

Ideas for guest speakers are welcome, please don't hesitate to contact the Committee if you know of someone who could make an interesting and topical presentation. Many members gather before the meeting to enjoy a meal or a drink at the club.

TRIPS AND EVENTS

An important element, some may say the lifeblood of the Club is our trips and events calendar. Any member can run a trip or event once approved by the Committee, it's a very rewarding experience.

If you've been thinking of booking a trip or event, head to the How to Book for a Trip section of the website where you will find step by step instructions. You can propose your trip or event using the Online Form and there is a wealth of material in the Information for Trip Leaders page and also from experienced trip leaders who are always keen to help you run your trip or event successfully.

CLUB BANK ACCOUNT

Membership fees are paid through the Club's website. For other financial transactions, the Club's bank account details are:

Ba<mark>nk: Bank Australia</mark>

Account Name: ST4WDC BSB Number: 313 140

Account Number: 1213 0617

When transferring payments please include your name and the reason for the transfer, e.g. "J Smith clothing", "J Smith renew 2023", etc.

PUBLICATIONS

Website:

Information regarding the Club, our activities, sponsors, and membership is available on our website at

www.st4wdc.com.au.

Facebook:

The ST4WDC page includes posts regarding Club activities and sponsors www.facebook.com/st4wdc/.

Southern Trails:

Contribute to ST4WDC monthly newsletter. Trip reports, member profiles, relevant articles, and classified advertisements are welcome, as are photographs and illustrations. Closing date for contributions is the first Tuesday of the month. Send contributions to

publications@st4wdc.com.au.

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE AUSTRALIA CODE OF ETHICS

ST4WDC is affiliated with Four Wheel Drive Australia and we promote responsible four wheel driving. We should all observe and support this Code of Ethics. Remember, image is difficult to change.

- Obey the laws and regulations for Recreational Vehicles that apply to public lands.
- Respect the cultural, heritage and environmental values of public/private land, by obeying restrictions that may apply.
- Respect our flora and fauna. Stop and look, but never disturb.
- Keep to formed vehicle tracks.
- Keep the environment clean. Carry your own, and any other, rubbish out.
- Keep your vehicle mechanically sound and clean to reduce the environmental impact.
- Adopt minimal impact camping and driving practices.
- Seek permission before driving on private land. Do not disturb livestock or watering points, leave gates as found.
- Take adequate water, food, fuel, basic spares and a first aid kit on trips. In remote areas travel with another vehicle and have Royal Flying Doctor Service, or equivalent emergency contact by radio or satellite.
- Plan ahead and lodge trip details with a responsible person.
- Enjoy your recreation and respect the rights of others.
- Support four-wheel drive touring as a legitimate family activity.
- Consider joining an affiliated four-wheel drive Club.





This Code supports the National Recreational Four Wheel Drive Vehicle Policy. Produced by Four Wheel Drive Australia in the interest of promoting responsible vehicle use. For advice and assistance in meeting the requirements of this Code of Conduct contact the Secretary

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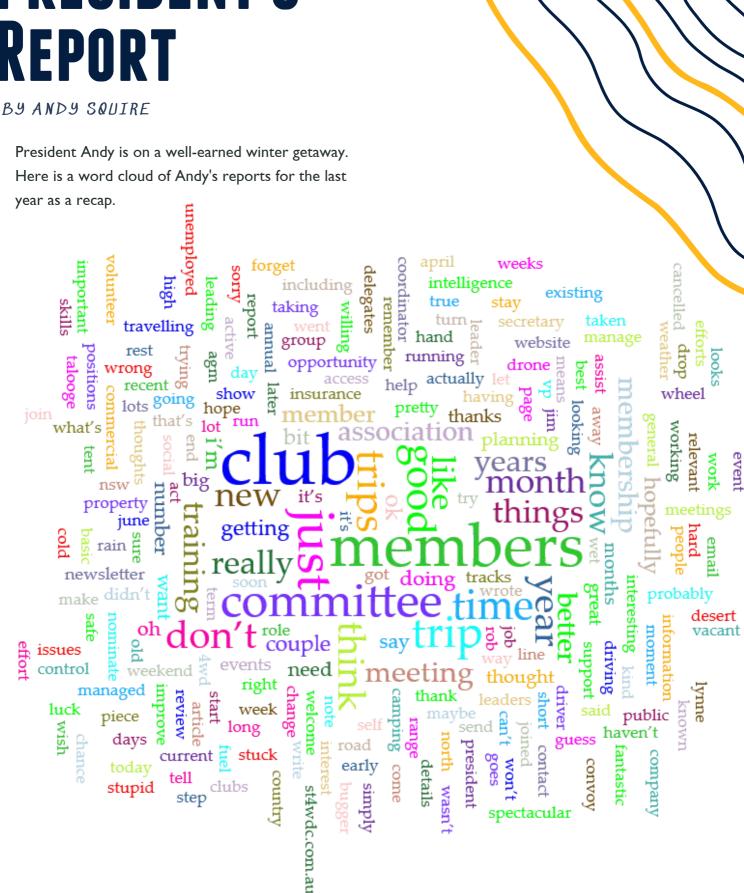
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REMINDER NO CLOTHING SALES THIS MONTH



PRESIDENT'S



WINTER FUN PAGE

Complete this fun page and then scan or send as a photo to publications@st4wdc.com.au. You could win a prize pack at the September member meeting.

Remember to keep it clean and in good fun.

FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS

Without		would have no one to	Take time to thank a	for
Being	alone is	Being	with	is an adventure
If you can survive		with someone,	them as soon a	s you get home.
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WHERE IS ANDY'S HAT?

You may have noticed that our President usually has a themed hat. Can you draw what he is wearing on his trip to Cape York?





MEMBERSHIP MATTERS BY LYNNE DONALDSON MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

As you read this, I will be somewhere on the road heading to the tip of Australia. Rob and I have been planning this trip for a good 12 months. We have never been away for five weeks before, and this seems really daunting to us, but no doubt we will have a blast and the world won't end in our absence.

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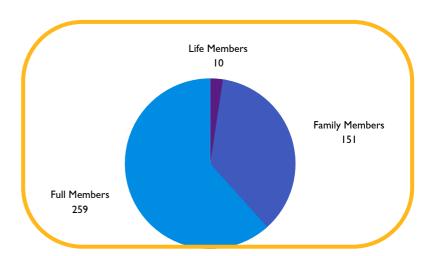
We have had nine new members join the Club in the Month of July. Please welcome the following new members:

ROD KENNETT - LANDCRUISER TROOP CARRIER JASON STEPHENSON - TOYOTA PRADO SIMON ARTHUR - LANDCRUISER 79 SERIES OLIMA & JAYAWEERA JAYAWEERA- NISSAN PATROL ZANE SANDERS & MICKAYLA GRAHAM - FORD RANGER KATE MCGUINESS & TARIK BOUHAFS - MITSUBISHI TRITON

When your membership renewal is due, please hop onto the website and renew through the renewal form. You can also update your profile this way too.

Also, if you need a new club sticker, come and see me at a meeting. Trips, events and the social committee have been busy organising a lot of activities and our calendar is looking full! Look up the list of upcoming events and put your name down to start making connections within the club and get out there and enjoy our country!

If you're waiting for driver training, you can still attend the grade I and 2 trips and any social activities listed.



MEMBER BENEFITS

- Shop with our Sponsors. Mention you are a member for discounts on 4WD and camping gear.
- Pick up a 2023 4WD NSW & ACT Association sticker at the Club member meetings.
- If you're waiting for driver training, you can still attend the grade I and 2 trips and any social activities.
- Say hello to any new faces at our meetings, and thanks to those who volunteer at the visitors' table.

If you have any membership queries or want to chat, do not hesitate to contact me at membership@st4wdc.com.au or 0412 251 528.

Till next month, Lynne

SOCIAL CLUB 2023 CALENDAR

Sun 13 Aug	Winter activity	Corin Forest <u>Book Now</u>		
Fri 25 Aug	TGIF	The Duxton Book Now		
Sun 17 Sep	Picnic	Tidbinbilla <u>Book Now</u>		
Fri 13 to Mo	ANCELLED	Camping at Wombeyan Caves		
Fri 17 Nov	TGIF	Capital Brewing Co <u>Book Now</u>		
Sat 9 to Sun 10 Dec	Christmas Camp	Burrinjuck State Park Book Now		



SNOW PLAY AND PICNIC AT CORIN FORREST - SUNDAY 13 AUGUST

Book now to be a part of the winter activity at Corin Forrest. There is a cafe with a beautiful fireplace and plenty of outdoor picnic tables.

Meeting at the kiosk at 12pm. Book the 1.00 pm snow play session.

Snowplay Ticket \$25 Toboggan \$5









CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST AT JENOLAN - YULE LOVE THIS!

4 Aug to 25 Aug 2023

Love the magical feeling of Christmas in July? Want to keep it longer? Warm your hearts this August. Experience a Blue Mountains Yulefest at Jenolan Caves. Christmas dinner and Santa!

More info and how to book

HAVE YOU HEARD?

31 July 2023 until 31 December 2023

Red Rocks Cliff in Bullen Range Nature Reserve is closed from 1 August 2023 to 31 December 2023 to protect Peregrine Falcons during their breeding season.

CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS

Following changes made to the Club's Constitution made in 2022, our financial year now runs from July to June. Our Constitution also says that our Annual General Meeting needs to be held within five months of the end of the Club's financial year.

COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

An important business item of the AGM is to elect our committee. If you are a Full Member, Family Member (Spouses/Partners) or a Life Member over the age of 18, you are eligible to nominate for the committee and to vote at the AGM held on Tuesday 10 October 2023. All committee positions are declared vacant at the AGM, and the current committee members must renominate.

Have a think about joining the committee and have a hand in what makes this a great Club. Nominations are due on 30 September 2023. For questions about joining the ST4WDC committee, contact Secretary@st4wdc.com.au. Watch your inbox for more information and links for nomination forms.

TRIP REPORTS AND MEMBER ARTICLES

The Southern Trails newsletter captures the photos and experiences of members' and Club trips. It is only as good as the stories and images sent in for publication. If you have been on a trip, remember to share your observations, how your equipment and rig handled the track, the fun, the oh-nos and what you learned. Trip leaders, remind everyone to get back to you quickly and then send participant feedback with an overview of the tracks travelled in a trip report.

The Southern Tablelands 4 Wheel Drive Club has one of the best 4WD club newsletters. And that is thanks to the emphasis on sharing trip reports. There is room for your opinion pieces, questions to the Club on tracks, equipment advice, or advice about places that make great adventures.

You can send all articles and requests for advice to publications@st4wdc.com.au



- MEMBER OP-EDS ON
 4WD ISSUES
- QUESTIONS ON EQUIPMENT AND TRIPS
- Destination reviews



Include these suggestions to create a great report



Expectations

Was this a new trip for you? What did you do to prepare? Why did you decide to join the trip?



What are you driving? How did it handle the tracks? What equipment did you bring, and what should you remember for next time?



Something memorable

What was special about the trip? Triumphs, fantastic sights, oopsies, lessons learned?

Tell a story

Take everyone on the adventure with you. Any local history to share?





Write it ASAP

The best time to capture the good stuff from a trip is as soon as you get home. It's fresh in your memory and sending it quickly helps your Trip Leader.

#THROWBACK-CORNER COUNTRY

1 to 19 July 2009

By Ian Brown

lan and Suzzanne Browne with William and Emily (Trip Leaders)	Prado diesel	
Harry Millar	Prado petrol	

Editor's note: This trip report was published in black and white. Now enjoy the photos in full colour.



This was my first trip as leader, so I started off with a simple(!) 19-day trip up through Cameron Corner to Birdsville and back through the Flinders Ranges and Lake Mungo, some 5,500 kilometres. The motivation for the trip was to fill the school holidays by showing the kids some new parts of Australia, not to mention getting to see it myself.



e were joined in our "convoy" by Harry Miller, with both of us driving Prados, so you could describe us as a "Prado Procession".

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Our route took us up through Grenfell for our first night in the caravan park at Peak Hill. We decided to eat out and had a choice of Australian or Chinese food at one club and Chinese or Australian at the other. This was a good opportunity for us to get to know Harry and for him to get to know us.

Day 2 saw us heading through places such as Cobar and on to Wilcannia, where all the buildings seemed to have bars on their windows, to refuel then on to White Cliffs for the night. After dinner we headed for the pub for a cleansing ale and enjoyed the local hospitality.

In the morning we looked around White Cliffs and spent some time looking through a dug out that is being used as a bed and breakfast. We also spent some time fossicking for potch but didn't find enough to retire!

So we headed on to Tibooburra for night 3 and an evening drink at the Family Hotel. This is well worth a visit to see the Clifton Pugh and Norman Lindsay paintings on the wall. In the town park there is a replica of Charles Sturt's 27 foot whale boat that he took on his expedition in the hope of

finding the inland sea. Overnight there was a very strong wind blowing. The occupants of one tent were so disoriented by the constant buffeting of the wind on their tent that they were going to get up and have their showers because they thought that it was morning at 3.00 am. We survived the night with a cracked tent pole as the only casualty.

From Tibooburra our journey took us to Cameron Corner, with lunch at Fort Grey and a detour around a flooded clay pan. After crossing the wild dog fence between NSW and South Australia we headed into Queensland to the Corner Store. The wind was still howling so we decided to spend the night in a cabin (while Harry set up his tent beside the toilet block). If we had camped, we would have had to stick our \$5 camping fee to the ceiling of the bar, one of the local traditions. It can be done quite easily with the use of a thumb tack and a coin. The evening was spent watching the rugby league State of Origin match in the bar with the three locals and a bunch of other travellers.

Day 5 saw us heading off towards the Strzelecki Track across an undulating track that crossed a lot of sand dunes. Being a well made track it was



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possible to maintain a reasonable speed but this did result in some of the passengers turning a bit green and requiring a stop to recover. On the way we passed the Yellow Bus, which has seen better days and is now home to a lot of birds. The Strzelecki Track was like a dirt super highway and we were soon stopping to marvel at the Moomba gas processing facility before continuing on to Innaminka and a night on the banks of Cooper Creek.

This is Burke and Wills country, so the next morning we visited three significant sites, the Wills' Memorial marking the place where he died, the King Tree which marks King's rescue in 1861 (he was the only survivor of the party that made the journey from Cooper Creek to the Gulf and back), and then on to the memorial marking the location of Burke's death. To complete our "Burke and Wills" experience, we spent the night further up

the Cooper Creek in the reserve at the Dig Tree.

From the Dig Tree we set off for our second corner, with the intention of spending the night at Haddon Corner. Along the way we travelled through the stunning Saint Ann Range. There are spectacular vistas of eroded plateaus and gibber plains that are not adequately captured with a photograph. From rocks back to sand as we neared Arrabury station, with the dunes covered in flowers, as they had been all through the trip, we were benefiting from the rains in the area several weeks earlier.

The road in to Haddon Corner has a couple of small dune crossings near the end, but these were not a problem. However, with the wind still blowing strongly and no shelter in the area, we decided not to stay and drove on to Birdsville for the night.

The caravan park at Birdsville has a very high occupancy turnover during touring season. The morning after our arrival most of the people packed up and left, heading off down the Birdsville Track, crossing the Simpson or in other directions. We headed out to Big Red to have a play. We had three trained drivers in the two cars and each made it up first go. It was instructive to watch other vehicles attempting to climb the dune. Correct tyre pressures and enough momentum make a big difference (although if you're in an X-Trail you will probably still need to be snatched).

Back at the caravan park there was a steady flow of new residents for the night as groups completed their Simpson crossing. Dinner that night at the Birdsville hotel was an enjoyable experience. While Birdsville is only small there is a lot to see, including its geothermal power station.

From Birdsville we headed down the Birdsville track for a night at the Mungerannie Roadhouse.

Our lunch spot was infested with flies, making it somewhat difficult to enjoy our meal. But there were plenty of wildflowers to provide a pleasant experience. After lunch we had our first puncture, a stone through the tread of the tyre. Harry was on the job before I had stopped and we had the wheel changed quite quickly.

The thermal pool at Mungerannie was a welcome relief for several weary bodies and provided a good vantage point to watch several brolgas dancing around the waterhole. There is also a tribute to the old Birdsville mail run with the remains of two of Tom Kruse's trucks parked outside the roadhouse.

We continued down the Birdsville Track and stopped to look at the MV Tom Brennan which was the small barge used for many years to cross the Cooper Creek during floods so that the mail and other supplies could be transported to people living north of the Cooper Creek. We had lunch in Maree where there is another old truck that belonged to Tom Kruse as well as three old locomotives that used to operate on the old Ghan



railway. We had a brief break from dirt road driving as the road from Maree to Leigh Creek was bitumen. Then we were back onto the dirt and heading into the Gammon Ranges for our overnight camp at Ita Lowie.

Day 11 saw us drive a loop around the Gammon Ranges via Arkaroola and heading down to Wilpena Pound in the Flinders Ranges. This was a good drive with some opportunities to engage low range. The scenery was stunning with geological formations and upheavals to be seen all around us. The low point was our second puncture (another stone through the tread), so it was good that we had a second spare.

We spent two nights at Wilpena Pound and filled the day with a trip round Sky Trek on Willow Springs station. This track has some spectacular views of the Flinders Ranges and some excellent hills requiring use of low range and testing the skills of the driver.

Our second night at Wilpena Pound was very cold, with a thick layer of frost on the tents in the morning. Once the frost had melted, we packed up and headed south. Our first stop was Hawker where we purchased a new tyre to replace one of the two punctured ones. We had tried to plug the hole but as it was about 30 millimetres in length, it was not surprising that the attempt had not been particularly successful.

We continued on and arrived at Peterborough for the night. As it was threatening to rain we decided to stay in cabins at the caravan park. There are some interesting attractions in Peterborough, including the Federation quilt, the five different railway line gauges and the workshop of Colin Campbell, who made the model train engines that can be found at each of the entries to the town. We had visited Colin on a previous trip and were looking forward taking Harry to meet him but unfortunately he was out of town.

From Peterborough we travelled to Broken Hill for two nights. We spent an evening exploring the Sculpture Symposium but the sunset was not very good. The following day was spent visiting several art galleries (there are plenty to choose from), this can be a rewarding experience if you have the time to talk to the



artists.

Day 16 saw us leaving Broken Hill and heading for Menindee then on to Pooncarie. Pooncarie is a very pretty little town on the banks of the Darling River and was a pleasant place to stop for lunch. We then continued on to Mungo National Park.

The sunset that evening was the best we saw on our trip. Seeing the changing colours as the sunset reflected on the sands of the Lake Mungo lunette was magnificent. The next day there was a strong wind blowing again when we headed off to drive the loop around Lake Mungo. The wind meant that it was not very pleasant walking around exploring the dunes on the edge of the lake but it did show how quickly the landscape can be changed by nature. We enjoyed travelling back through time exploring the Mungo woolshed and imagining how it must have looked when it was in full operation.

When we returned to camp we found that the wind had rearranged out tents. Harry's had been flattened while one of ours had partially collapsed. But these were soon put right. We adjourned to the picnic shelter for happy hour

and dinner and were joined by another traveller who entertained us with his guitar.

In the morning the tents were covered with a layer of frost (but at least the wind had stopped) so it was a while before we got packed up and on the road again. We drove down to Wentworth and saw the confluence of the Murray and Darling rivers before spending some time in Victoria where we had lunch. We then headed to Hay for the night.

We had our last dinner on the trip at the pub outside the caravan park. Our final morning was once again very cold with ice on the inside and outside of the tents. We managed to thaw them out and packed the vehicles for the last time. We the headed for home with a stop at Wagga Wagga for a final refuel and lunch then continued on the Murrumbateman where we said our good-byes and headed home.









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 to <u>assist</u> members who want to become Trip
 Leaders.
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 workshop to become TL's, this is not
 correct. Any member can propose and lead a
 trip (however, the trip is subject to Committee
 approval).
- The Manual may appear lengthy and complicated, but it's not – it's just a tool.

The workshop, manual, and checklist are tools to assist TL's better manage a trip. The workshop is run by experienced TL's and covers the following:

- Role of the Trip Leader
- Expectations of trip participants
- Planning a trip
- Trip Proposal
- Running a trip
- Managing member expectations
- Incident management
- Trip reporting

We also have mentors available who can advise and assist new TL's in planning and running the trip. If any members are interested in running a trip please contact:

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TRIPS AND EVENTS

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Start	End	Activity	Type	Grade	Leader
30-Jul-23	13-Aug-23	Snow play and picnic at Corin Forrest - EOI	Trip	Not Required	Ann Ronning
12-Aug-23	13-Aug-23	Gungarlin River	Trip	Grade 2	Matthew Maddigan
23-Aug-23	28-Aug-23	Simpson Desert Crossing	Trip	Grade 4	Matthew Maddigan
25-Aug-23	25-Aug-23	TGIF - The Duxton	Trip	Not Required	Ann Ronning
26-Aug-23	27-Aug-23	Abercrombie River National Park	Trip	Grade 3	Michael Patrick
8-Sep-23	10-Sep-23	Talooge Muster	Trip	Not Required	Brad Wells
8-Sep-23	10-Sep-23	Intermediate Driving Course (Difficult Terrain)	Training	Grade 4	Bronwyn Squire
9-Sep-23	10-Sep-23	Expression of Interest Chainsaw Awareness	Training	Not Required	Michael Kerr
13-Sep-23	13-Sep-23	Hema GPS Navigation Workshop (Expression of	Trip	Not Required	Michael Patrick
17-Sep-23	17-Sep-23	Social Club Sunday Picnic at Tinbinbilla	Trip	Not Required	Ann Ronning
22-Sep-23	24-Sep-23	Safe One Basic Driver Training Course	Training	Not Required	Bronwyn Squire
29-Sep-23	2-Oct-23	Talooge Bush Gala	Trip	Grade 2	Matthew Maddigan
1-Oct-23	1-Oct-23	Graduates' day out in the Brindies	Trip	Grade 3	Shea Jost
20-Oct-23	22-Oct-23	Talooge Muster	Trip	Not Required	Brad Wells
20-Oct-23	22-Oct-23	Intermediate Winching and Recovery Course	Training	Grade 3	Bronwyn Squire
25-Oct-23	27-Oct-23	Safe One Basic Driver Training Course	Training	Not Required	Bronwyn Squire
27-Oct-23	29-Oct-23	Safe One Basic Driver Training Course	Training	Not Required	Bronwyn Squire
28-Oct-23	29-Oct-23	Bendethera Bender	Trip	Grade 3	Bruce Ronning
5-Nov-23	5-Nov-23	Graduates' day out in the Brindies	Trip	Grade 3	Shea Jost
17-Nov-23	17-Nov-23	TGIF - Capital Brewing Co	Trip	Not Required	Ann Ronning
2-Dec-23	9-Dec-23	Vic High Country Ramble 2023	Trip	Grade 4	Michael Patrick
9-Dec-23	10-Dec-23	Christmas at Burrinjuck	Trip	Not Required	Ann Ronning
15-Apr-24	26-Apr-24	Tasmania Touring & Camp; Tracks	Trip	Grade 3	Ethan Taylor





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More ST4WDC members are taking to the tracks and travelling to new and favourite places around Australia. Your travels and adventures can inspire and inform, so remember to keep us in the loop. If you are blogging or posting about a long trip, drop a line to publications@st4wdc.com.au to share updates in the newsletter.



MINIONS TAKE ON AUSTRALIA

Our Minion travellers are putting in the kilometres travelling through Queensland and now starting their Northern Territory adventures. You should Have a look for anyone planning to travel around Australia; it will help build your sightseeing list. It is also a fantastic example of how to share your next adventure with friends and family and preserve a record of your experience.





STILL IN KUNUNURRA

Matt has been looking for interesting activities during an unexpected extended stay in Kununurra.



Volunteer Registration

NPWS has a new online volunteer management system called VIP. Please follow the instruction below to register in the system. The process should take 5-10 minutes.

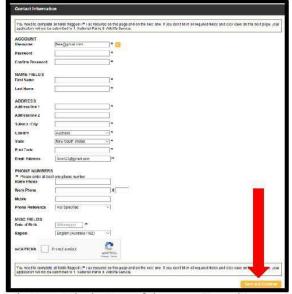
- 1. Go to this link: https://4wdnow.com/pages/volunteer-sign-up-with-national-parks
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- Another screen will pop up with multiple questions. Fill in the questions.
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