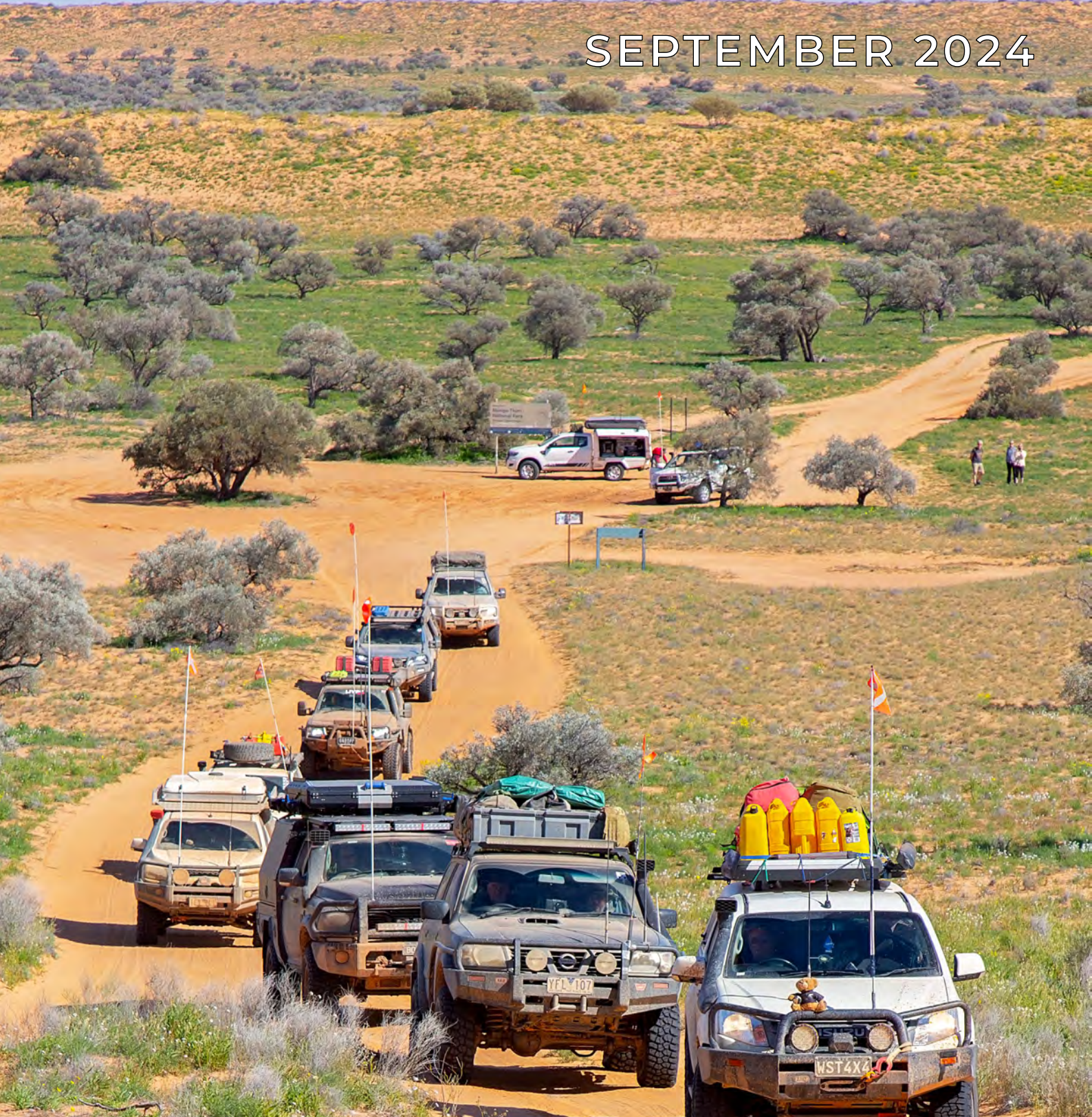


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



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MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS are held at the clubrooms on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

Abe Wood Reserve, Edgerton Rd, Lovely Banks

Visitors and new members welcome. During daylight savings a BBQ precedes the meeting at 6.30 pm.

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If you have any trips or events you want to include please send an email to the Trip Co-Ordinator two weeks before the next General Meeting.

If you have any trip reports (past or present) please send them through to the Editor for inclusion in the magazine.

For further info about upcoming Club Trips check the website: www.geelong4wdclub.org.au

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THE PRES SAYS

G'day all,

We are all back from the Simpson Desert extravaganza now and recovered from illness. A big thank you to Warren and Shez Tedford for arranging this fantastic experience. Don't forget to check Shez's trip reports in the magazine.

The next big trip will be the Mountjoy's Coffs Harbour tour which leaves soon. We look forward to hearing the stories from that adventure.

More trips are being posted so check the magazine and Facebook.

The AGM is Wednesday 11th of September. It's a great social night with pizzas provided by the Club. This year we have a fantastic door prize, kindly donated by our new sponsor Drysdale Mowers. This is a Stihl battery Garden Pruner valued at \$300. These are fantastic so don't miss the chance to win this one. Come along and enjoy the night.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Geelong 4 Wheel Drive Club (Driveline Geelong Inc)

Wednesday 11th September 2024, 7:30pm

at the Clubrooms - Abe Wood Reserve

We hereby advise that the 2024 AGM will be held on Wednesday 11th September 2024 at the Abe Wood Reserve - corner of Edgerton & Evans Roads Lovely Banks, commencing at 7:30pm. The AGM to be followed by the monthly general meeting.

The AGM is an important procedural meeting for the ongoing functioning of the Club. All members are invited to attend.

- It is critical that we have a quorum of members.
- There will be no coercion to join the committee however anyone who might be interested in a position is encouraged to nominate or discuss the options with one of the existing committee members. **ALL POSITIONS ARE OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS.**

The agenda and associated documents will be posted separately, prior to the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF PROXIES

Members who cannot attend the meeting may appoint a proxy to represent them. Proxy forms will be sent with the agenda and are also available on the club website. Proxy notice must be received by the Secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	General Meeting
Location	Clubrooms - Edgerton Road, Lovely Banks
Date	Wednesday 14th August 2024
Chair	Geoff Davey
Minutes taken by	Graeme Jeffrey

Agenda

Meeting opened at	7.35 pm
Welcome to everyone present	Welcome all
New members	Nil
Visitors	Kaleb Horrocks, Tammy Edgar, Cobey Edgar
Present	Ross Barry, Justin & Sophie Brocks, Levi & Emma Brocks, Trevor Brocks, Geoffrey Connors, Geoff Davey, Jimmy Halikias, Graeme Jeffrey, Joel Martin, Grace Spano, Ken Mellross, Mark Mensch, Juanita Mountjoy, Keith Murdoch, Tim Neville, Harry Preston, John Prowse, Kelvin Rodgers, Mark Rothern, Danny Sparks-Cousins, Sharon Van Ingen
Apologies	Corey Allen, Ron Bastin, Jake Cooke, Josh Eades, Dan Jennings, Daniel Murdoch, Matthew Mountjoy, Beth Rodgers, Ryan Rhodes, Alanna Stratford, Byron Willey

Acceptance of the previous General Meeting Minutes

Moved Seconded	Sophie Brocks Danny Sparks-Cousins
Business arising from the previous General Meeting Minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation Night October 12th at the Cremorne Hotel 2. AGM September 11th <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Nominations to committee ASAP b) Nomination forms on website c) Proxy forms circulated with AGM agenda d) Pizzas & door prizes on the night 3. Not for Profit (NFP) self reporting to the ATO Ongoing - still waiting on paperwork vial mail process 4. Building Maintenance Mostly done - monitor anything more

Correspondence

In	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) FWDV - August eNews b) FWDV - email, AGM Inc documents
Out	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Driveline Magazine

Treasurer's Report

Presented By:	Juanita Mountjoy
Moved:	Keith Murdoch
Seconded:	Ken Melross

Regular Reports

Association Rep	Presidents & Delegates Meeting Manningham Hotel, 31st October
Regional Rep	Nothing to report
Trip Co-Ordinator	<p>Trips Out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simpson Desert Trip - July - Tedfords. • Snow Trip - Justin Brocks 2 - 4 August. <p>Upcoming Trips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffs Harbour Trip - 14 - 27 September - Mountjoys - if you are interested or would like more information please speak with Juanita or Matthew. • Grand Final Weekend @ Little Desert - 27-29 September - Geoff Davey. • Track Clearing - 26 - 27 October - Danny Sparks-Cousins. Camping at Big Hill. All members welcome to help. Social opportunity with other clubs around campfire. • Melbourne Cup Weekend @ High Country - 1-5 November Graeme Jeffrey - detail TBC • ?? Day Trips. • Anyone interesting in leading trips etc. please speak with Tim. <p><i>Reminder club funds available @ \$10 per car to cover eats & drinks.</i></p>
Editor	Thanks to Drysdale Mowers for coming on board as club sponsors
Webmaster	Photos and trip reports have been great, please keep them coming.
Club Permit Scheme	Nothing to report.
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation Night - 12 October 2024 – Cremorne Hotel
Fines	Geoff Davey – 6, Tim Neville – 4, Jimmy Halikias – 3, Mark Mensch – 3, Corey Hale – 1, Wayne Clayton – 1, Warren Tedford – 1, Shez Tedford – 1, Levi Brocks – 5, Joel Martin – 5, Justin Brocks – 4, Trevor Brocks – 3, Harry Preston – 1, Jack Stratford – 2, Jake Cooke – 2, Dave Hamman – 1, Ryan Rhodes – 1.
Pist 'n' Broke	Mark Mensch
Members Draw	

Other Business

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TJM Open Day - Saturday October 19 - 7:30am - 5:00pm. We will be running a sausage sizzle on the day and talking to prospective members. Please advise what shifts you can assist with. 2. New projector is installed and being used. 3. Internet and WiFi has been installed to run Square and projector.
Meeting closed at	8.23 pm
Next General Meeting	Wednesday 11th September 2024 @ Clubrooms. AGM from 7.30pm. General meeting follows.

AGENDA

Agenda Items for next meeting—Wednesday 11th September 2024

	TJM Open Day - Saturday 19th October 2024
	Not for Profit Self Reporting to the ATO – update
	FWDV Chainsaw course expressions of interest
	Presentation Night
	Daylight savings BBQs
	General Business

PIST'N BROKE AUGUST 2024



MARK MENSCH



COFFS HARBOUR TRIP

Date: Saturday 14th to Friday 27th September 2024

Trip Leader: Juanita & Matthew Mountjoy | **Tail End Charlie:** The Rogers

Trip Classification: Medium-Hard | **Vehicle Limit:** 8

Meeting: TBA

Note: We will be departing Geelong and heading for Bathurst, where we will complete the Bridle Track. From there we'll head towards Forster for some beach driving, then hit Coffs Harbour. The plan is to base camp at different points around the Coffs Harbour area, explore, then after a few days, move on.

There are a range of tracks at Coffs, ranging from easy to extreme, but we'll predominately be doing the medium to hard tracks.

Trip participants can bring **off road** campers/vans, tents or swags. They will need the following recovery gear: Rated recovery points (front and back), recovery equipment, working winch (not mandatory, but highly recommended), aggressive all terrain tyres/mud tyres. If interested, please contact Juanita on 0467 809 040. Responding yes on Facebook will not secure you a place on this trip.



LITTLE DESERT - AFL GF WEEKEND

Date: Friday 27th to Sunday 29th September 2024

Trip Leader: Geoff Davey | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

Trip Classification: Easy sand driving | **Vehicle Limit:** N/A

Meeting: TBA

Essentials: UHF Radio, standard recovery gear, rated recovery points.

Note: A social weekend at Horseshoe Bend Campground at Little Desert National Park. There is easy access for caravans and camper trailers. There are flushing toilets, fire pits and access to good council showers nearby in Dimboola. There is phone reception so there is an option to watch the Grand Final at camp or at a good country pub in Dimboola.

Campsite needs to be booked in advance through Parks Victoria but there are up to 6 people per site so sites may be shared. If there is interest the weekend could be extended to the Thursday before or the Monday after.

Contact Geoff on 0499 905 975 if you are interested.



CLUB AWARDS NIGHT DINNER

Date: Saturday 12th October

Come along for dinner at The Cremorne Hotel to celebrate members who have won the various annual club awards.

We'd love to see a huge turnout for this fun social night out. We will have live music playing through the night.

Please register your interest on Facebook in the event page. More info coming soon.





TJM (re)OPEN DAY

Date: Saturday 19th October

TJM Geelong will be holding a re-Open Day, celebrating the new ownership, management and refurbishments.

Our club has been invited to run a sausage sizzle for the day - plus talk to prospective new members who visit the store on the day. The store will be open plus plenty of outside stalls with many suppliers on hand for the day with promotions and discounts.

We need volunteers from the club to come along and spend some of the day helping with the sausage sizzle - it doesn't need to be all day - if we get plenty of hands up we can split the day into shifts, however we will need a presence there from around 7am til after 5pm. If you can lend a hand, please register on the Facebook event.



TRACK CLEARING WEEKEND

Date: Saturday 26th to Sunday 27th October

Trip Leader: Danny Sparks-Cousins | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

Trip Classification: Easy / Medium

Departing: TBA

Note: We will need a couple of ticketed chainsaw operators, and a few helpers to clear logs. Camping at Big Hill Campground.

If you're available to help please get in touch with Danny - email, messenger or on 0426 256 030



MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND - HIGH COUNTRY

Date: Friday 1st to Tuesday 5th November

Trip Leader: Graeme Jeffrey | **Tail End Charlie:** TBA

Trip Classification: Medium / Hard | **Vehicle Limit:** 10

Meeting: TBA

Note: Heading to the High Country for the Melbourne Cup long weekend. More info coming soon.

For more information contact Graeme Jeffrey.



Make sure you keep an eye on the website and our Facebook page for more information on upcoming trips and social events.

Dinner at Hotel Cremorne to celebrate members who have won the annual club awards.
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RSVP via the Facebook event by Sunday October 6.
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JAMIESON SNOW TRIP

2ND TO 6TH AUGUST 2024
WORDS & PHOTOS: SOPHIE BROCKS

We all made our way up to Jamieson Caravan Park throughout various stages on the Friday.

On Saturday morning everyone aired down ready for an easy day on the tracks, making our way up to Mount Skene. We travelled along the windy, gravel roads and found our first water crossing, everyone made it across with no issues.

We headed along Snake Edward's Track, then onto Lazarini Spur Track. We stopped and had a quick look at the snow and enjoyed some of Allie's delicious sausage rolls!

Whilst we were up there we ran into some previous club members so was lovely to have a catch up with them. We headed off along towards Webber Spur Track.

There were some car troubles, however we're lucky enough to have plenty of experience, and spare parts. We were fixed and back on the road again. We made our way back to camp, ready for dinner at Jamieson Brewery.

Sunday was our planned 'hard day'. We made our way along Dray Track towards Bull Range Road. We stopped for some lunch and then off onto Peter's Track,



Rough Hill Road and Gun Top Fire Line. This was a pretty uneventful day with no issues.

We were back to camp at a reasonable time ready for a night by the fire.

Monday, our planned 'easy day', started off with us heading back up to Mount Skene, where we had a play around in the snow. The kids were absolutely loving it. Lunches were cooked and ready for us to dig into post snow antics.

We made our way along some of the tracks we did on Saturday, however somehow ended up on a track that was not very kind. This required lots of winching, and ended up with a few broken cars and trees across the tracks. This definitely was not our planned 'easy day'.

We finally made our way off the track and back to some sort of civilisation, when a wheel decided it no longer wanted to be part of the trip home and went flying down an embankment. A team effort to recover the wheel, some sharing of wheel nuts, and we were on our way again. We ended up getting back into camp at about 7:30pm with the fire going.

On Tuesday we all packed up and made our way back to Geelong (via KFC of course). Another great weekend away, with lots of laughs and memories!

Trip Leader: Justin & Sophie Brocks
Tail End: Jack & Alanna Stratford



SIMPSON CROSSING PART 2 - THE MADIGAN LINE

17TH TO 24TH JULY 2024
WORDS & PHOTOS: SHEZ TEDFORD



After 2 days in Mount Dare to repair vehicles and have some down time, it was time to begin the second half of our Simpson adventure.

We left Mount Dare and crossed into the Northern Territory. We were taking a slight detour as we wanted

to go to the Lambert Centre. (The Geographical Centre of Australia). The track in is a bit of fun. We got to the iconic landmark and took all the obligatory photos and made this place a lunch stop. For many of our group this was a bucket list tick, including Warren and myself.

Coming out of the Lambert Centre Danni and Damo in their RAM hit a nasty washout which burst a front airbag and destroyed the front tyre and rim. The tyre was repaired at the site, but more room was needed to replace the airbag. Damo limped the RAM back to the main road where

there was plenty of room to get the airbag changed. Thankfully Danni and Damo carried spare airbags and after an hour or so the job was done and we were back on the road.

We made a brief stop in Finke to top up fuel and continued our journey. Our first night we camped at the historic Old Andado Station.

This beautiful old station is like a time capsule. Walking through the homestead you can really get a sense of life as it would have been back in the earlier days. The dinner table was still set with crockery. Blankets and linen still in the cupboards and plenty of memorabilia on Molly and her life on this outback station. There are plenty of out buildings, old vehicles and sheds to wander through.

If anyone wishes to know more about this amazing place just Google Old Andado Station. Donations are asked for camping. These donations help to maintain the homestead.

We set up our camps and then Danni and I got started on the prep for our big camp oven roast dinner. Dinner was delicious. Roast beef and all the trimmings.

The next morning, we packed up and continued towards the Madigan line.





We stopped for a look at the old and rare Waddi Trees (Acacia Puce). These trees are only found in 3 areas of Australia. Here near Old Andado, Boulia and Birdsville.

Finally, we came to the beginning of the Madigan Line. Again, for many of us this iconic Simpson track was a bucket list tick and finally we were here. Of course we had the obligatory photos, got to do it!

We were making really good time and decided to take the track in to try and find the Madigan Line Camp 1. We think we got close but unfortunately, we did not find the marker. We came back out to the main track and had lunch at Camp 1A.



We continued along the line and made camp at Camp 5. There was plenty of room to spread out. A fire was made and we settled in for another night under a million stars. The weather so far had been perfect. Mild warm days and cool nights. Perfect desert crossing weather.

The track was rugged in sections, but we still made really good time.

The next night we made camp between Camps 11 and 12. We continued our journey with an everchanging landscape. The dunes were not huge, and we again made good time.



We eventually turned onto the Hay River Track. After Madigan Camp 16 is the track which leads to Adria Station. This is still part of the Madigan Line, and it had been our intention to travel this which would see us complete the entire Madigan Line. Unfortunately, the heavy rains and flooding prevented us from taking this route. I have been in touch with the owners of Adria who had said it was impassable.

We continued along the Hay River Track and had some fun dunes to play on along the way. We found a

great camp off the Hay River track with plenty of room for our convoy.

Tonight, the big screen came out by way of Starlink. Camping in the middle of the desert watching live footy and song requests as we rocked the desert. It was a fun night and our second last night in the beautiful Simpson.

The next day we left camp and made our way down to the QAA line. We found another great camp for our last night in the desert. Again, the fire was built and we all settled in for another amazing night with a magical sunset.

Our last morning and Tim discovered he had a rear spring tower crack which damaged the fuel line from his reserve tank. He had to syphon fuel from his reserve tank to his main tank to have enough fuel.

We were now travelling the opposite way on the QAA and the ruts seemed bigger and rougher so the going was slow in parts. Eventually we had Big Red in our sights, and sadly our adventure was almost complete.

However, the desert wasn't quite done with us yet!

We all climbed back over Big Red having some fun as we did. I had a





ball driving this incredible dune. Damo fired the RAM up and started up the dune, he was going up one of the hardest climbs. On the second attempt he gave the RAM a bit more juice and put the fan through the radiator. By the time he crested Big Red water was pouring out of the radiator.

Geoff towed Damo and Danni back into Birdsville and into the caravan park. The radiator was taken out of the RAM and initially it looked grim.

The next morning everyone except Warren, Danni, Damo and myself left the group and made their own way back to Geelong.



We stayed with Danni and Damo to help with repairs. Warren was able to repair the radiator. We spent the next two days in Birdsville to make sure the radiator leak had sealed. One last time the four of us headed out to Big Red to witness a magical sunset and to have a drink on the iconic dune.

The repair to the RAM held and got Danni and Damo all the way to Darwin where a new radiator was waiting.

It has been an incredible adventure. The desert was amazing. The colours, the landscapes and the layers a sight which must be seen and experienced to truly appreciate the beauty.

Thanks to everyone who travelled with us. More incredible memories have been made and this is an adventure which we will not forget.

Shez and Warren

Shez



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