



# FREE WHEELING

December 2022



Photo: Andrew White  
Dunes overlooking  
Lake Bonney

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





### VFWDC Meeting Details & Venue

The club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm with the following exceptions:

No meeting in January  
November meeting held at a selected "special" location

Blue and Gold Room  
Club Noble  
46-56 Moodemere Street  
Noble Park 3174  
Melways ref: 89 D4



This month's meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7th December** at 8.00pm.

### 2022 - 2023

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### Club Details

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The Victorian Four Wheel Club is an affiliated club of [Four Wheel Drive Victoria](#)

Hi All,

Dam that's another year gone and it went so so fast.

Thank you to all those that contributed this year to make the club such a fun group.

I would like to thank all those that lead adventures off the paved roads - your time and efforts are very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank the committee for all their help and fine work over the year. If it wasn't for you guys, none of this would be possible. Thank you everyone very much.

We had some excellent trips out this year and I am looking forward to next year's adventures. I have a few ideas for next year so please stay tuned. It should be a very exciting and action packed 2023.

Please bear in mind we are always looking out for trip leaders. If you feel like you would like to run a trip, there are plenty of members that will guide you and help in the initial stages of setting up and planning the trip.

The committee and I would like to wish you all and your families a very merry Christmas and an awesome New Year.

Cheers, Cal.



## Club Calendar

### December

Wednesday 7th	Club Meeting	8.00pm at Club Noble
Wednesday 21st	Committee Meeting (Virtual)	8.00pm
Sunday 25th	Christmas Day	(Just in case you weren't aware)

### January

**No Club meeting in January**

Wednesday 18th	Committee Meeting (Virtual)	8.00pm
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### February

Wednesday 1st	Club Meeting	8.00pm at Club Noble
Wednesday 15th	Committee Meeting (Virtual)	8.00pm

### Other Dates



## Club Merchandise



Need a jacket, vest, shirt or hat for your next trip? Get ready and place your order today.

### PRICES

Club SS Polo Shirt	\$30.00	Club Wide-Brim Hat	\$5.00
Club SS Shirt 40th Anniversary	\$10.00	Club Sandwich Peak Hat	\$5.00
Club Polar Fleece Jacket (Full Zip)	\$30.00	Club Woollen Pom Pom Beanie	\$20.00
Club Fleece Hoodie	\$30.00	Club Cable Knit Scarf	\$20.00
Club SS Reversible Vest—double embroidery	\$50.00	Club Neoprene Stubby Holder	\$10.00
Club Drivers Jacket	\$60.00	Club Coth Badges 120mm	\$8.00
Club Trekka Jacket	\$85.00	Windscreen Sticker Small	\$6.00
Club Bucket Hat	\$5.00	Windscreen Sticker Large	\$8.00

We encourage all members to purchase a Club Polo shirt.

Email your order or any queries to [merchandise@vfwdc.com](mailto:merchandise@vfwdc.com) along with the size you would like.

**Wed 9th November**  
**Opened at 07.30pm**

**Attendees:**

- As per attendance sheet

**Apologies:**

- Nikki

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

- Minutes from last meeting - Read
- Matters arising from previous minutes - nil
- Accepting of minutes - Neville
- Seconding of minutes - Daisy

**Guests:**

- New member Bruce welcomed

**Correspondence In:**

- Magazine stuff
- Emails from Aus Post
- 4WD VIC emails

**Correspondence Out:**

- Replies to few emails

**Trip Reports:**

**Nil**

**Upcoming Trips:**

Marysville - Ly's re-scheduled trip now 26th November  
Sheepyard Flats - Stu and Maree, 26th - 27th November

**General Business:**

**Magazine:**

Rory prodded and poked for more info for the magazine.

Meet the Member - Neville

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Monthly Treasurer's Report - being updated and will be presented in the magazine

**Association Report:**

- Nil

**Merchandise Report:**

- Nil

Next meeting Wed 7th Dec  
Meeting closed at 07.47pm

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## Treasurer's Report October 2022

<u>Cheque A/C</u> Opening Balance as at 01/10/2022	\$8,472.03	
Add: Membership Fees	\$300.00	
Transfer from Undeposited	\$55.00	
Merchandise Sales	\$50.00	
Total Monies In:		\$405.00
Less: Association Fees	-\$156.00	
Total Monies Out:		\$156.00
Closing Balance as at 31/10/2022		\$8,721.03
<u>Term Deposit</u> Opening Balance as at 01/10/2022	\$6,861.35	
Closing Balance as at 31/10/2022		\$6,861.35
<u>Petty Cash</u> Opening Balance as at 01/10/2022	\$38.30	
Closing Balance as at 31/10/2022		\$38.30
<u>Undeposited</u> Opening Balance as at 01/10/2022	\$55.00	
Less: Transfer to Cheque A/C	-\$55.00	
Total Monies Out:		\$55.00
Closing Balance as at 31/10/2022		\$0.00
<b>Consolidated Closing Cash Position</b>		<b><u>\$15,620.68</u></b>



### This month's meeting

This month's meeting is the last one of the year and some light refreshments (more than the usual biscuits!!) will be laid on so come and fill your boots! Its December so perhaps you should be wearing your Christmas jumper - pretty sure you will get extra snacks and a special mention if you do! Please let the Treasurer know if you are attending for catering purposes. There will be another raffle with a least one or two prizes worth winning.



### Delegate Representative Committee Member

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

### Trip Leaders

The club is keen to encourage more members to lead trips, whilst also recognising that some members are still new and/or worried about the requirements to be a leader. The committee is happy to help and hand hold as required any budding leaders and if there was sufficient interest, may consider running a Trip Leader training event early next year. If you are interested to be a Leader please make contact with Neville as Trips Coordinator or any committee member. Its not as hard or difficult as you may think!

### Item for Sale (Contact Andre)

Dune self-inflating camp mattress, queen size, for sale. Only used on one camping trip before Covid and have since changed to a rooftop tent set up. Very comfortable. Has been stored unrolled and with the valves open. Great addition to any tent set up. Details as follows:

- Heavy duty PVC
- 10 cm thick high density cell foam mattress
- Velour top added comfort self-inflating valves
- Tough 600D polyester carry bag
- Repair kit included
- Dimensions 195cm x 150cm x 10cm.



### All and any contributions welcome

Please don't be shy! Help the Editor keep the magazine fun and interesting, and relevant to you, by sharing some words and/or pictures. Literally anything you have is welcome!

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

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

If you are looking for a Temporary Membership, please complete the online form, [which can be found here](#).

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us via the Club Secretary on [secretary@vfwdc.com](mailto:secretary@vfwdc.com)

### **Payments:**

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

<b>Account Name:</b>	Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club Inc
<b>BSB:</b>	633108
<b>Account No:</b>	111761979

Please ensure your transfer includes your name as provided on the membership application and renewal form in the reference.

Once you have made your payment/transfer, please send your completed membership application and renewal form to [treasurer@vfwdc.com](mailto:treasurer@vfwdc.com) or you can present it to the Treasurer at any general meeting.

**Thank you for choosing the Victorian Four Wheel Drive Club**

If you are interested in joining [Club Noble](#) where we hold our monthly meetings, their application form can be found [here](#).

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

### To All Club Members,

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

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

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

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

Drivers Name:

Contact Number:

Emergency Contact Number:

Vehicle Make & Model:

Vehicle Rego:

Personal Info Form: (Y/N)

Passengers Name:

### Personal Info Form:

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

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

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

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

Thanks and kind regards, Neville.

### Useful Links:

[Personal Information Form](#)

[Club Forms and Downloads](#)



### November Monthly Meeting Special Event (organised by Ly)

The November general meeting was held at RidePro 4x4 Suspension at Hallam. The night started off with pizzas and soft drinks courtesy of the club committee.



At 7:30PM the club very briefly talked about club business before it was handed over to Greg Smith. Greg talked about the history of the business and himself and how he got here today. Next was a real in-depth explanation about winches – the types, qualities, maintenance, techniques that not anyone in the room has heard of! Our members were engaged and asked heaps of questions.



Then we had a quick break to sell raffle tickets and got ourselves ready for the warehouse tour. The warehouse was enormous with racks and racks of products.





After the tour, we drew out raffles. Greg kindly donated Warn backpacks and recovery bags, VRS waterproof dry bags for the raffle. Greg also has offered discounts to our members for any products – just need to contact him for prices.

It was a great night for our members and again, we thank Greg and RidePro 4x4 Suspension for hosting our club.



## Meet the Member

Our illustrious Trips Coordinator, Neville, has kindly stuck up his hand this month (been spammed!) to tell us all about himself. He has some very wise words but wanting to share a drive to Perth with Jeffrey Dahmer aint so wise!!



**Full name and any nicknames?**

Neville Van Leeuwen (Nev)

**When did you join the club?**

First joined 10 years ago, but took a break due to family commitments, re-joined last year

**What's your vehicle?**

2017 Triton

**First car you ever owned?**

1979 Torana



**Favourite camp food?**

Steak and baked potatoes for dinner. Bacon and eggs for breakfast.

**Top tip to any beginners?**

Drive the car you have and then mod as you need it, then try to get quality first time otherwise you just end up spending twice. Get a decent air compressor first.

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

A decent frying pan and a warm sleeping bag

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

Galapagos Islands, Pyramids - plenty of places to explore.

**Worst upgrade or kit purchase?**

Bought a few cheap and nasty things early on that don't last a trip.



**What is your favourite tipple?**

Beer and scotch, just not in the same glass

**What kept you sane during lockdowns?**

I've never been sane, so couldn't tell you

**Footie, football or rugby?**

Footie

**Favourite subject or activity at school?**

Keeping the class entertained!!

**Dream track or trip at the top of your bucket list?**

Cape York. Would also love to do a lap of Australia one day.

**Craziest fancy dress you ever wore?**

Apart from what happens on a Friday night...???

**Worst job you ever had?**

I've never had a "worst" job, but getting head-butted by a cow or chased by a tiger snake didn't rate as great days when I was a dairy farmer. Then again being stuck on a computer all day now maybe getting head-butted isn't too bad. ☺

**Roughest night's sleep on a trip?**

Had a few very cold nights, before finding out sleeping on top of a blanket stops so much cold coming up from the ground.

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

Mini choc bars, usually twirls.



**Best trip/track/park you have done?**

I love the high country and exploring the huts, but a stand out trip I did 20+ years ago with a mate in a Sigma wagon, went to Ayers Rock, Alice Springs and Kakadu

**Dream vehicle and set up if you could afford it?**

The best vehicle in the world is the one you own. Love what you have.

**Dumbest thing you ever did in a car?**

Far too many to mention in a misspent youth, but as a passenger my mate rolled us off the road up near Tanjil Bren back when the road was all gravel still. We rolled about four times. Got recovered the next day, sledge hammered the roof off the dash and drove the car home 😊

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

Enjoy a good Dean Koontz or Bryce Courtenay

**Best mod you ever did to a car?**

My first 4WD, a Prado, I installed up compressor under the bonnet, this was so handy always on board in case required.

**Can you play a musical instrument?**

I can play, but it will make your ears bleed!

**What motivates/inspires you?**

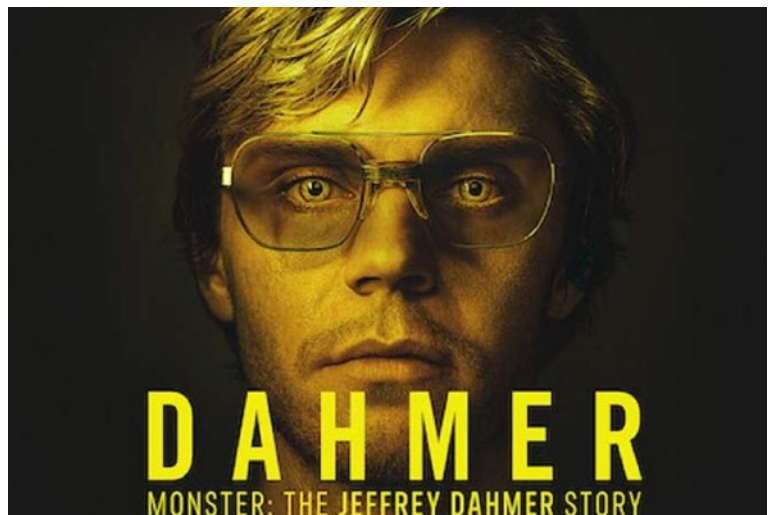
Just spending quiet time out in the bush, when everything can just slow down.

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

Yes seen plenty, Goannas, deer, a snake every now and then. The usual wallabies, had one crash into my tent one night, tripped into the tent ropes.

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

Dahmer - not sure yet that i would recommend.



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

Hmmm maybe Jeffrey Dahmer....no wait I don't think that would be good. Really anyone that likes a chat and doesn't mind stopping to check things out. Unless it's a race... then maybe Peter Brock



Best overseas trip/  
location?

Maui

Most remote place you  
have ever been to?

The city!! The more people around, the more  
remote you are!!





### Beachport Day One, John's Group, written by Anthony Van Buiten

We started our morning with a quick briefing of our plans for the weekend and allocation of people into two groups. I was allocated to John's group with the plan to head out to Canunda National Park and through to Carpenter Rocks.

We took the highway to the start of Canunda National Park where we entered the park and had our first U-turn for the day before we stopped to air down the tyres and attach the sand flags.



We followed the mud map notes through the first section of dunes which was fairly easy driving due to the amount of rain that we were having.





We left the park boundary and we were following a dirt road to the next section when we came across a couple who were walking along the track. They had just left their vehicle to find help. The driver was inexperienced in driving on dirt roads and had come around a corner too quickly. She lost control overcorrected and sent their Mitsubishi Challenger into the trees and shrub on the side of the road. Fortunately they were uninjured. The windscreen was cracked and the roof rack had come off during the impact which had left the car stranded on a small embankment.

We grabbed a couple of shovels to remove the dirt around the tow bar so we could recover the car. The chainsaw also came in to use to clear the shrub and branches around the car to prevent further damage. John hooked up the snatch strap and gently pulled the car off the embankment. The car was able to be driven so we left them to head out hopefully at a more sedate pace.



We then continued on our journey and eventually we head back into the dunes after Coola Outstation.

We stopped at the Lake Bonney and Windfarm lookout and had a bit of fun exploring the dunes, of course staying within the carpark posts and then found a place to stop for lunch.







We followed the trip notes to Cape Banks Lighthouse where we stopped to enjoy the view before airing up and heading back to camp. It was a nice drive but uneventful as the driving conditions were easy and our group reasonably experienced which meant no recoveries were required.









# Trip Report

## Beachport, John's Group, written by Phil Griffith

So let me start off by saying I've been asked to do the trip report because I'm the first and only person to have got stuck on the trip, I'm sure the photos will be added. Anyway.....

### Attendees (in our group)

John (Patrol)

Anishka (Landcruiser -Troopy)

Calum (Ranger)

Harsh (Patrol)

Rory (Ranger)

Phil (Everest)

### Day 1

People made their own way to Beachport SA on the Friday and arriving throughout the day. I had a slower trip with the caravan, and it rained most of the way. There was a different array of accommodation from caravans to swags to rooftops to people having cabins as well.



### Day 2

Ben had split the group into two groups as each group was going to be heading in different directions on each day due to the size of the convoy.

Our group, which was originally called group two (2), then the name was changed to the Pink Group and we ended up being called 'John's group' in honour of our illustrious leader Mr. John Partridge. Our group started by heading South towards South Rocks and did mainly in land tracks on the sand as well as a little bit of dune driving.

Not too long into the drive, we completed our first recovery. We came up to a car that had run off the road into the scrub and caught up on a land bank as well as trees. As these people were not part of our group, they didn't want to do the trip report – not sure why. The people were fine, but the car was a bit battered and bruised. Our group was quick to assist; we had people on the shovels, we had people on the chainsaw and had people at either end of our convoy just in case to warn any cars coming up the track. The recovery itself was straight forward, John put a strap at the back of the Patrol and on the tow hitch of the other car and a gentle pull off the dirt mound for the car. Their car was still drivable. They thanked us all for our help and headed off. I think Cal took some footage of the recovery.

We continued to head south via some inland tracks until we came upon some dunes and a look out to Lake Bonney. The dunes were a lot of fun – probably the highlight of the day.



We had a mix of weather from bright and sunny to windy and wet, particularly at lunch time. We continued to the Cape Banks lighthouse where we aired up and headed back to Beachport. Most of the group went to the Beachport Hotel for a drink and dinner, it was pretty busy and some waited quite a long time for their meals....

### **Day 3**

Today was our turn to head up towards Robe. We all departed camp at approximately 9:00 AM. It wasn't too long until we were able to hit the beach. Not long after I got caught up exiting a beach which was rutted and required an uphill left-hand turn. I tried a couple of times to no avail and reluctantly had to make the call to say I needed some help. The group was great helping getting the straps etc organised for John to be able to recover the car not before the paparazzi took full advantage of the 1<sup>st</sup> club member recovery. It didn't take too long for the Everest to be recovered, but it did shake the confidence a little.





Once we were up and going again the track signs were a little hard to follow and ended up on the dunes but wasn't really clear on how to get out – we eventually made our way back to the marked track and continued north. The day was mostly out on beaches then back to some inland tracks etc. Some of the inland tracks were a little tight and I could hear some scraping as you drove through - I was feeling for Anthony who was out in his brand new Ford Ranger.





Lunch was in the car as it decided to rain right on lunch time. There were a lot of other 4wds on the tracks and some points were becoming pretty congested. We aired up at Robe and headed towards the ice-cream shop where Rory very generously picked up the tab – thanks Rory. Following the ice-cream the group headed in different directions, Ant, John and I headed to the Robe town Brewery for a tasting paddle, Rory headed out for a walk, some members returned to Beachport and others remained in Robe.

The weather further deteriorated that night with strong wind and rain which left some camp sites a little worse for wear.





## Day 4

This was a planned rest day, some people packed up and headed home on account of the weather whilst some had a day off 4wding and did some wineries around Penola.

John, Rory, Anthony and myself decided to go for a quick beach run from Beachport to South End – the weather was pretty average, there was some very soft sections of sand – everyone (including me) got through unscathed.



A great weekend away, some great company and laughs – special thanks to Ben and Bruce for arranging, and to John and Ben for being trip leaders of their groups.





## Trip Report

### Beachport, Ben's (Best) Group, written by Maree Bowker

#### Attendees (in our group)

Ben, Megan, Ruby, Bree & Joel	Patrol
Daisy & Page	Prado
Steve	Pajero
Nero, Hasain & Ehren	Prado
Andrew & Bree	Patrol
Lynton	Jeep
Dave & Juliette	Pajero
Maree & Stuart	79 Landcruiser

**Saturday:** The weather has not been kind to us at all. We assembled in the rain for a quick briefing, John Ps' group headed south to the lighthouse, but our intrepid traveling group, following our leader Ben with Stuart & Maree following at the tail end.



The drizzling rain turned into a major downfall then back to drizzle. Ben's words when we entered the beach were "momentum is your friend keep the foot planted." Everyone took heed and kept moving forward. Up and over the sand dunes, each challenging with cresting the dune, and sharp turns. Feeling for Ben because the traffic is thick, and each dune has the flags swinging and swaying. Calling each over as achievements were punctuated with radio cries "Did it" Daisy's over! Yippee.



Now just because we all needed a lesson on how to back up and give it another go, Ben stopped on the edge of another dune, and we all bunched up as, yet another group passed us. When Ben took off, he turned sharply and that was where he was staying. I'm sure a few choice words were uttered and reverse selected. Back a bit, forward a bit, back again and a better angle and a short run up the Patrol showed what it's made of. The encouragement was go, go, go oh he's got it as Ben left a rooster tail of sand in his wake.



Each beach provided different challenges, one with a sign soft sand ahead. Well, that's an understatement. We hit the beach with gusto and passed a number of vehicles digging and recoveries happening closer to the water, but Ben's words were calm "Momentum is your friend keep it going people." As we were passing recoveries in progress, we sighted the exit and heaved a sigh of relief. Another beach ticked off.

Then the Mexican standoff happened. Heading out of a beach we encountered another large group heading in the opposite direction. Everyone but Stuart got off the track at the hard edge, leaving Stuart on the beach. This group stopped and wouldn't go round. Stuart just sat there. Ben moved off and the others started to follow, but the other group just waited, so Stuart took the gutsy move and headed to the soft chopped up sand, a bit of sideways moments and heading for the exit blocked by Lynton in his little Jeep, but Lynton moved just in time, as Stuart skidded sideways into his previous parking space, The big group headed south. The sun finally smiled, and we stopped to enjoy the beach.



Airing up in Robe and heading for the ice cream shop, we all patted one another on the back, a great day's sand driving. We met up for a happy hour huddled under awnings then had a short walk to the pub for dinner.



**Sunday:** The group lost Nero, but gained Dave, and Juliette in a Pajero sport. We headed south this time. We had recent beach driving experience under our belts. The sun was shining and everyone was in good spirits. Off to find the sand dunes.



Southend, a sleepy fishing port but the start of the Canunda National Park. We skirted Lake Bonney on the narrow sand dune side. Each track providing us with different experiences, we rock stepped the sharp limestone ridges, negotiated the soft chopped up sand and enjoyed the bowl top of the sand dunes. Enjoying the sunshine and marvelling at the different driving techniques required, this park had something for everyone. It was bump, bump, up and over, skidding on soft sand then more bump, bump and miss that puddle on your way through. It was an interesting drive.

Lunch called at Lake Bonney viewing area over the wind farm. It was blowing a gale and the lunch enjoyed was sand with everything. The drone was taken up for a spin, but it struggled with the wind and was retrieved before being lost.





Lunch called at Lake Bonney viewing area over the wind farm. It was blowing a gale and the lunch enjoyed was sand with everything. The drone was taken up for a spin, but it struggled with the wind and was retrieved before being lost.

After lunch the weather turned sour again and we had showers. Ben bravely took a chance on one last beach drive to Carpenter Rocks. The mantra for today, momentum is your friend don't stop. As we took off the sand was extremely soft and chopped up from previous vehicles, breath was held, as we jumped into and out of ruts, bouncing and sliding. Finally, the lighthouse was in sight. The rain had increased to big drops, mixed with surf mist, as Ben's words were "found the exit", it's a sharp left hand up the dune. Waiting as tail end, we know if we stop that's it, it will be digging time, but the group kept the foot into it, negotiated the sharp left, and finally a sigh of relief, we did it. A short drive to the lighthouse, but only a quick picture, as we headed to a sheltered spot to air up.



Another successful day of playing in the sand. We headed to the pub for dinner again as the weather had set in and its dry and warm where we can dissect our adventures.





Monday is declared a rest day, a visit to the new local brewery is for some, others trying the wineries, a few brave souls heading back to the local beach for some more sand driving and some others heading home soggy but still smiling that they conquered the beach and dunes.



Our final night didn't disappoint, it rained and blew its head off. Finally packing up the soggy camping gear we said our goodbyes, declaring this to be the coldest wettest trip. So, we need to put it back on the to do list and next time get better weather.

I have used some pictures off facebook so if you want to see the whole trip go to facebook. Thanks to everyone who joined in that is what makes it fun. Thanks to Ben for your fearless leadership, and Megan, Joel, Page, Ruby and Bree, the 4x4 family. A great weekend. By Maree Bowker





Photo: Team leader Johnno  
leading the best team over  
the dunes

