



RIVERLAND 4WD CLUB INC. NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2021

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 12th October

6pm Dinner - at Loxton Club

7.30pm Meeting

**Guest Speaker: Rob Edwards
from Blaze Aid**



NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday October 26th

REMINDER :

2021/22 SUBS now due

\$60 p/vehicle

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NEW MEMBERS

Our 4WD Club has the pleasure of welcoming new members **Brendan Hall and Shannon Cornish,** along with their 2 children, **Lachlan and Sarah.** We hope that they will experience many great trips

UPCOMING TRIPS AND EVENTS

Add your name and contact details to the trip sheet at meetings.

Neil Jacka & Lindsay Raines
1995



Sunday October 10th Phil and Julie Turpin are leading a trip to visit a tree planting site. That the 4WD Club planted in 1995.

Meet at the Paringa silos at 10.30am

The Club will supply a Sausage Sizzle Lunch which will be held at Lock 5 Paringa. BYO chairs and drinks.



VISIT NIPPY'S MILK BOTTLING PLANT



Friday 15th October 9.30am Nippy's Factory 153 Loxton Drive Moorook a tour through the milk bottling line and after Neil Jacka is leading us to the site of the former Moorook West Internment Camp, 18km out from Moorook.

. BBQ lunch at the Moorook River Front. Club to supply sausage Sizzle. BYO Chairs and Drinks



Grampians Trip

[This trip is now full, but names can be added to a reserve list - in case a member pulls out.]

Dates: October 18th – 22nd 2021

Trip Leaders Trevor and Carmel Wuttke



TOUR OF LOVEDAY INTERNMENT CAMP



Rod and Sue Bradtke have organized a Loveday Internment Camp drive around tour with Rosemary Gower as a guest to explain the different sites and ruins of the Internment Camp.

Starting at the **Baramba Visitors Centre at 9.30am** to view a short DVD of the Internment camp.

The three options dates are :

Thursday 28th October, Saturday 30th October or Sunday 31st October



A sheet will be at the next Meeting at Loxton for members to enter their options of which day suits best. Lunch is planned to be at the Overland Corner Hotel.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

20th NOVEMBER

Venue: Riverland Exhibition Centre

Field Day Drive, Baramba.

Camping on site is available for Friday 19th and Saturday 20th for \$15.00 per night. 10amp power is available.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY REPORT - by Phil & Julie



While others were on their way to Pinaroo, Mick, Annie, Phil & Julie set up our lovely venue, where tables were set for 27 people, for our Saturday night evening meal, with nice tablecloths and Phil's lovely wooden Xmas trees, he makes in his spare time.

Mick and Phil decorated the venue with Xmas lights and decorations. We pinched Mick and Annie's caravan display

for inside the room. Having a lovely Xmas tree to put our Kris Kringle gifts under for Santa to deliver.

At 5pm both nights the pot belly was lit to make it cosy for everyone to enjoy.

Later Saturday night the fire was stoked up outside for people to enjoy, until well after midnight.

Everyone was very impressed with the facilities of flush toilets, hot showers and a big generator and solar panels for power and lights, the swag room and everything you would possibly need in the kitchen and BBQ area. Even a library. There is also a lovely memorial area in remembrance of Andrew Russell.

A lovely Xmas cake was enjoyed by all on Sunday, for morning tea.

A few members had to leave early, but most stopped until 2pm, for a social morning together.



“CHRISTMAS IN JULY” EVENT

(Finally held Fri 27th – Sun 29th August 2021)



Due to Covid-19 restrictions this Mildura-Riverland inter-club weekend couldn't be held in NSW as originally planned, but became a Riverland only event. It was led by our members Phil and Julie Turpin. Club members (14) met on Bookpurnong Tce, Loxton at 8.30am Friday, were registered and briefed on the trip to Alawoona where our camp was to be held.



The weather was fine and warm as we travelled to Alawoona, where we located the “Camp Andrew Russell” just 1 km south of the town. We duly found a spot on which to park our vans for the weekend and set about relaxing. Camp hosts (Bob and Betty) welcomed us to “CAR” and informed us that “CAR” service personnel for ex-service personnel was built by ex-nel and named in honour of Sgt. Andrew Russell, the first Australian who was killed in Afghanistan in 2002. (The camp is for all that have served, their families and friends. Anyone is able to use the camp for a nominal donation of \$5 per person, per day and by first contacting the camp host who will advise of the rules and regulations,



After settling in to camp, members relaxed with each other while some explored the 20 acre property set on red sand and amongst mallee trees. A joint “happy hour” was held and a few ‘lies’ told, before retreating to our camps for the evening meal.

On Saturday morning many folks enjoyed a “sleep in” while others cooked bacon and eggs and allowed the cooking smell to waft among the vans. While most people were happy to socialize around the camp, a few others decided to fill 3 vehicles and take a drive to Pinnaroo (via Lameroo). On arrival at the Pinnaroo Bakery just as it was closing, we did manage to get in and buy lunch. However a planned visit to the museum didn't occur as it was closed. Someone in the group suggested a visit to the wetlands instead, located at the end of the main street. We walked over the earth bank and were pleasantly surprised to see the number of ducks, water fowl and even a tortoise also enjoying the area. The community park has a well set-up covered barbecue area near a large vehicle parking area.



Our leader, Ian Schober, insisted on travelling home to Alawoona via a different route and co-erced Bev Bird into navigating our return. The group headed towards Paruna until taking a left turn onto Conservation Rd and followed the most direct tracks (some of which were very sandy) that finally led us to Alawoona. Some four wheel driving was necessary in places. Along the way we passed “the nut farm” - a large pistachio nut plantation, about which Alison Smith was able to enlighten us. We carried on through Kringin, and along another bush track that finally led us to Griffiths Rd (where Griffiths' large car and machinery collection is located) and finally back to camp at Alawoona. Three cheers for Bev – she got us there!

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY by Bev — Trip Report cont



Saturday evening the campers were joined by other club members who stayed only for our shared Christmas Dinner in the cosy camp dining area.

Prizes were awarded to the Rosenzweigs and Hunts for the best decorated vans, complete with festooning and illuminated reindeer.

The white-bearded man dressed in red and white visited later in the evening and handed out gifts to those present just before everyone packed up and retired for the night.

On Sunday morning people were slow to move, some leaving for home, while others sat around socializing and enjoying coffee and cake before reluctantly packing up camp to sign out and leave at 2pm. Many commented that “CAR” would be a suitable campsite to have our Christmas Party this year, but that would be decided at a future meeting.

Written by Bev Bird

MONASH CFS VISIT

SUNDAY 26th September 2021

14 members were given a very informative and interesting talk on the history of the MONASH CFS from the very beginning until what they are using now by Raoul Otto De Grancy and Greg Forbes.



Different vehicles and equipment they had to use in the very beginning to what they are using now.

Also what communication equipment was used and while talking about the pagers they use, the beeper went off and they had an emergency to go to. Timing was on cue.

After the talk we were taken outside to the vehicles and shown through them, which was very interesting.

Thanks to Greg Forbes for organising a great day and to Raoul Otto De Grancy for all his information on the Monash CFS, along with Dave De Grancy, helping him.

We were all treated to a lovely sausage sizzle and social time enjoyed by all.

Trip report by Julie Turpin

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