



# INTERNATIONAL SCOUT OWNERS' CLUB

VICTORIAN DIVISION Inc.

## Newsletter - May 2024

Next meeting  
Will be held on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May**, at **11.00am**  
At the  
**Heathcote Queen Meadow Caravan Park**  
**More details inside newsletter.**

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PLEASE NOTE -- Club fees of \$30 for 2024 year are now due, if you are not going to renew your membership please let us know. Apparently some people are having issues with their bank not allowing enough space to put the clubs name in. As long as you have the BSB and account number in there it should be ok. Just make sure you have your name in there as well so we know who has paid.

Please address all correspondence to  
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It is with much sadness we offer out condolences to Tracey on the passing of her mother Mary on Saturday 4th, May. To Trace, David and all those who loved Mary, the love, thoughts, support and prayers of all in ISOC Vic are with you at this incredibly sad time  
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## In this edition:

- Reminder that 2024 subs are due – **AND WE HAVE A NEW BANK ACCOUNT (see below)**
- Shake, Rattle and Roll – Steering Problems and Fixes
- Old 4WD Magazine article – From Willys to Scouts

### Presidents Corner

The recent meeting at the Meeniyian Recreation Reserve was well attended and a great spot to relax and enjoy the peacefulness of the South Gippsland region. The town itself was bustling with visitors enjoying the South Gippsland Rail Trail along with passer throughs on their way to who knows where enjoying the town's coffee shops and other wares. We were very fortunate to gain access to Meeniyian Cricket Club Rooms for the duration of our stay. This included their facilities including access to toilets, with some members able to have power sites. This was very much appreciated and made a great venue spot so much more enjoyable.

While camping at Meeniyian we took the opportunity to visit Mirboo North a town some 28 kilometers North of Meeniyian. This town was recently in the news as it was ransacked by a violent storm. The devastation in and around the town was a complete contrast to the serenity of Meeniyian, giant gum trees just twisted off at ground level by a force so great that it reduced the once majestic gums to splinters. Everywhere there was evidence of destruction and wreckage of what must have been a terrifying experience for the residents. It may me realise that when Mother Nature gets angry it can deliver forces that is just unimaginable.

We did our bit by having lunch and enjoyed the hospitality of the Towns traders. I encourage anyone who can to do the same, as Mirboo North will take a long time to recover and they will require all the support they can get.

As we turn our backs on summer and get ready for the winter that is fast approaching, it made me understand that the year is rapidly passing before my eyes. It is also the time of year that some of our members will migrate North seeking that elusive sunshine on their backs. If you are one of these lucky ones, I wish you safe travels and invite you to share your experience in our newsletter.

Others will be working on their scouts ensuring that the never-ending maintenance is under taken ensuring that the noise from under the bonnet is that wonderful purring sound. If you require parts, knowledge, advice, or just support there are members sprinkled throughout the Club that are more

than willing to assist in any way they can.

In closing I just want to share with you that our long time and stalwart club member David Elsom, along with well-known NSW member Eddie Boyd are off in July to the USA to attend a number of International Scouts rallies. I am sure that there are members who will be very envious of their upcoming adventure.



Dave and Trace in Scout 3 off for a drive

During a 20-year period (1960–1980), 532,674 Scouts were produced in America, I am sure that David and Eddie will come across a few that will make them drool. We wish them a safe journey and will expect a full report on their return.

On a sadder note, the Club expresses their deepest sympathy to Tracey and David Payne on the passing of Tracey's mum recently. Please wrap your arms around them at this tough time as it does make a difference.

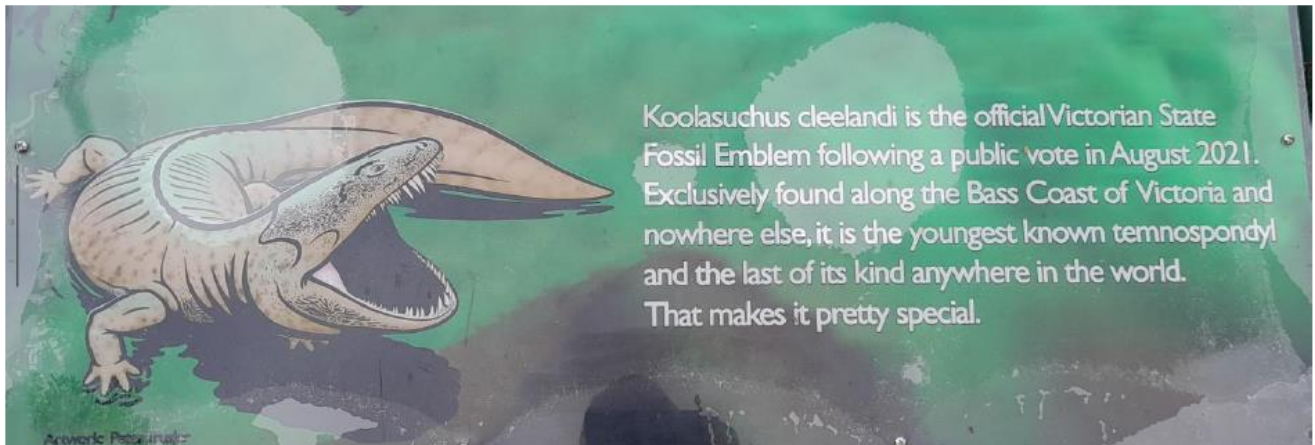
Cheers from the President.



Our fenced camp area at the Meeniyian Cricket Club building, courtesy of some negotiation by President Hans. I am sure some of the other campers were a bit jealous.



# The Inverloch Dragon



The President telling us how the Dinosaur got to Inverloch



Ex president Dave showing everyone how to train a dragon, notice even his dog was not interested

**Talking of Dinosaurs**, in our travels we found a charging station in the back street of Meeniyah. We had a look at it and it shows how much use it gets in the country with a couple of spider families well set up, they had free power and water. Later we found a forlorn vehicle with no water or grill evicting one spider family to get enough power so they could get home. We took pity on it and hooked up one of the Scouts to give it a bit more boost. Sure enough an hour or so later they were able to head for home.

Our good deed done for the day.



We were not charging up the Scout, just giving the Tesla a bit of extra charge so he could get home before dark.



You can see by the spider webs how much use a charging station get out in the country.



## Our members David and John getting out and about at the Hamilton Pastoral Museum All International Day.

On Thursday 8th February I arrived to settle in for an all-out International Harvester Rally at Hamilton Pastoral Museum, 156 exhibits 56 exhibitors of all sorts of IHC products. John W entered a wide array of products plus there were other local and interstate entries. John & Carol made me very welcome in their town. I camped at the Museum grounds with a fantastic meal and presentation on the history of IHC Geelong, with different speakers other topics of International. It was great to catch up with other rally goers that I had met at other



events. Some I have attended recently include Geelong truck show 13th January, Quambatook harvest day 27th January, Nhill air show, Lake goldsmith machinery Show. I am looking forward to Eddie B and myself going to the USA in July for two major Scout rallies. See ya at Heathcote, Dave.



## **Pop up public Car-Art at Meeniyen.**

There were some shipping containers fitted out with art and craft, advertised as pop up art so we tried to broaden the Meeniyans public art credentials. Low and behold some Scouts popped up as well to show them some serious Car-Art.



There was some pop up art containers spread around and there just happened to be some Scouts pop up too.

