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TRIP REPORT
HIGH COUNTRY

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

LEGENDS OF THE MONTH
25 YEAR CELEBRATION



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the June edition of the Central Coast 4WD Club magazine. Wow, we're now in winter. I suppose the best thought is that the next season is Spring to look forward to. We have had a plethora of camping and day trips on the calendar, and a few more coming. I recently attended the Mudgee 4WD Association meeting at Mudgee, with a few other members, and a great time had by all. Paul Fisher has the story on our adventures in this edition of the magazine. And of course, I managed to win second place in the Camp Oven Cook Off (COCO). First time I have ever entered a competition like this, and very pleased with the result, and to bring credit to the club.

A few more trips coming up, so check the Upcoming Events page in this edition of the magazine. The Wagga Wagga 4WD Club visit will involve a day trip to Stockton Beach. Paul Fisher will lead the Wagga group on that one but I will be taking a group, along with Greg Douglas, on our own separate group. If you are interested in tagging along, you can either join us at the lease, or an option that some have taken is to join us at Williamtown and attend as a day trip only. Let me know if you'd like to come along.

Christmas in July is next month too, on the weekend of the 20th and 21st. Further details will be provided in the magazine. A great time last year with a bit of camp cooking, and a lot of laughs and fun.

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up in August. All positions are considered vacant, but some committee members have indicated that they will not be re nominating for the upcoming financial year. The Assistant Treasurer, Alison Wallace said at the last General meeting that she would not be running, and Lachy Thomas, our Trip Master also said at the last meeting that he would not be running for the position. I have had some interest in the assistant treasury role but looking for a member to take on the Trip Masters position.

And membership renewals are due by the end of this month too, so if you can make arrangements to keep your membership up to date. Renewal details are in the magazine.

Our next General meeting is on Thursday the 13th of June at The Entrance Leagues Club. 8pm for the meeting. As usual, if you'd like to turn up from around 6pm for dinner and chat before the meeting. Look forward to seeing you all.

Thanks, Pete.



Pete Robinson

PRESIDENT

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Greetings fellow members,

I hope this brief article finds you warm, healthy and in good spirits. The weather has certainly started to feel a lot more like Winter, rather than Summer, necessitating the rummaging in wardrobes for warmer clothes, not to mention the extra blanket on the bed. The shortness of the days is another reminder that the cold part of the year is almost upon us. So, what to do?

Well, there are several driver awareness courses running, Christmas in July, assorted trips North and South, and a visit from the Wagga Wagga 4WD club. If that's not enough, why not put on a trip yourself. I'm hoping for another week or two of dry weather so I can plan quick one day trip for new members some time in July (hopefully).

Don't forget the other great thing about Winter; sitting around the campfire sipping port and swapping stories. There really is no need to just sit at home in Winter. Get out there and enjoy yourself!

Cheers,



VICE PRESIDENT



FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the June Magazine!

Last month's general meeting was a special one as we celebrated Joyce and Barry receiving their 25-year membership milestone. They were rightfully honoured as our Legends of the Month. Congratulations to both of you! I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank you for making me feel so welcome and for always sharing a giggle during our Committee Meetings. You are not only fantastic club members but also brilliant individuals who contribute greatly to our community.

As we move forward into the winter months, we have our annual Christmas in July celebrations. Save the date, further information will be given at the next club meeting.

Thank you to everyone who sent in a trip report, there are some fantastic reads this month!

Happy Off-Roading!

Erika Phillips

EDITOR





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CC4WD Club FAQs

CLUB MONTHLY MEETINGS

Club meetings are held on the **SECOND THURSDAY** of each month at The Entrance Leagues Club, 3 Bay Village Drive, Bateau Bay at 8 pm. Visitors welcome! There is no meeting in January each year.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings are held via Zoom on the **SECOND MONDAY** after the general meeting. All welcome to attend. Contact the President for the Zoom meeting link.

MAGAZINE INFORMATION

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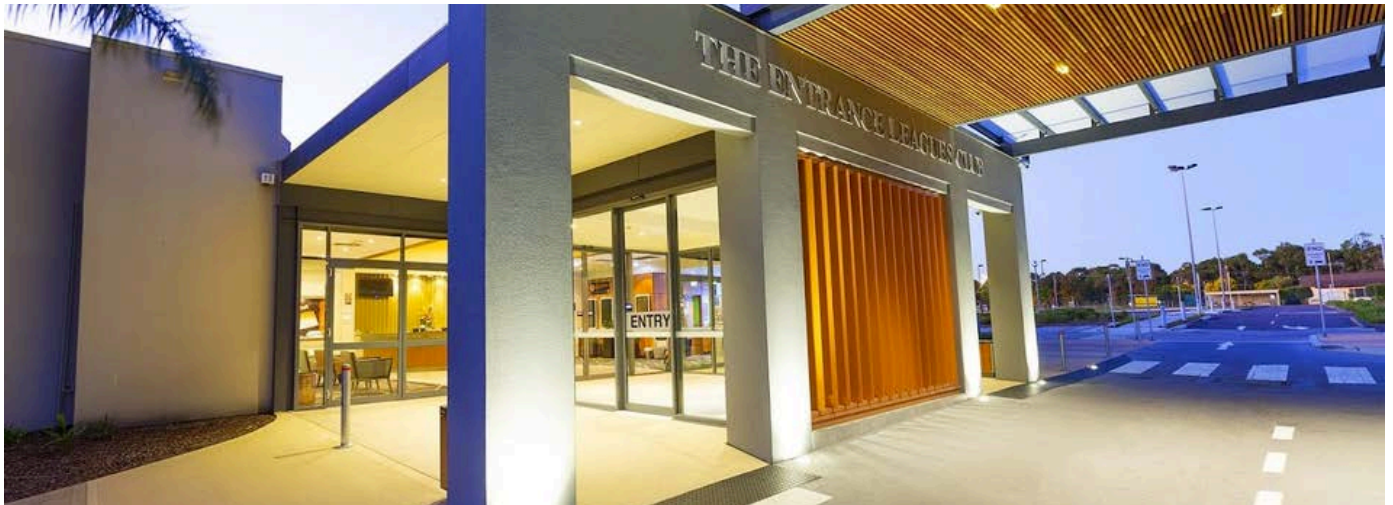
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NEXT GENERAL MEETING



13th June 2024

8pm

The Entrance Leagues Club
3 Bay Village Road, Bateau Bay

OR

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SPEAKING

LEGENDS OF THE MONTH

25 YEARS

CONGRATULATIONS JOYCE & BARRY





PHOTOGRAPHS FROM MAY CLUB MEETING

May's meeting saw the club recognise new and existing members. Barry & Joyce celebrated 25 years of membership with the club, 10 Year Members received a club hat and new members received their stickers. Congratulations to everyone involved!



Scott Horne
Piston Cup Winner

Thank you to all who came!

Central Coast 4WD Club General Meeting

THURSDAY MAY 9, 2024 - THE ENTRANCE LEAGUES CLUB

Start time: 8:03 pm

Attendees: As per attached attendance record

Apologies: Denis Pandich, John & Helen Smythe, Beryl & Alan Howard, Leon Phillips, Anna & Shane Chapman, Fiona & Ian Fraser, Dave Edwards, Matt & Carole Corp, Bob Tapscott

Visitors: Ros & Trevor in a GWM Cannon ute
Adam in a Toyota 79 series Landcruiser

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Motion: That the minutes for the General Meeting held on (11/04/24) as published in the magazine with the amendment above be accepted:

Moved: Scott Good **Seconded:** Shane Tapscott **Action:** Carried

President's Report: **Pete Robinson**

N/A

Secretary's Report: **Glenn Turnbull**

Correspondence and emails received as tabled.

From	Subject	Response
Wyong SES	Assistance with rescuing a caravan.	Pete called and left a VM, no response.
Hunter Region 4wd club	Advising the Camp Quality day at Stockton was cancelled	N/A
Membership <u>enquires</u> x1		Provided information and a membership form
Mari Metzke	CTP April newsletter	Posted on FB

Hard copy correspondence: N/A

Outward correspondence: N/A

Motion: That the inwards and outwards correspondence that will be presented in the magazine be accepted.

Moved: Gerry Donaldson **Seconded:** Paul Fisher **Action:** Carried

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Edwards

Michelle presented the following report at the General Meeting to be captured in the meeting minutes and printed in the monthly magazine:

CC4WD CLUB TREASURERS REPORT -for MAY General Meeting		
DATE:	1/5/24	
BALANCE SHEET		
Investment Term Deposit		\$20,626.18
Undeposited Funds		
Cheque account:		\$10,389.57
NET POSITION		\$31,015.75
Income:		
Fun Fines		\$12.30
Donations		
Raffle		\$77.00

Membership		\$920.00
Merchandise		\$225.00
Miscellaneous		
Christmas Party		
Social Event		
Interest		
Advertising		\$330.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$1,564.30
Expenses:		
DTU		\$2,128.93
Miscellaneous		
Bank Charges		\$14.90
MYOB		\$68.00
Monthly meeting		\$200.00
Lease		
Advertising		
Club affiliation		
Membership		
Merchandise		\$487.20
Raffle		
Annual XMas Party		
Donations		
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$2,884.13
NET PROFIT		-\$1,319.83

Motion: That the Treasurer's report as presented at the meeting and reported above will be accepted.

Moved: Lachy Thomas

Seconded: Dawn Smit

Action: Carried

Bills for payment:

BILLS FOR PAYMENT		
<i>TO</i>	<i>FOR</i>	
ONYA	merchandise	\$656.20
IRWINS	gas	\$39.95
THE ENTRANCE LEAGUES CLUB	catering	\$240.00
TROPHY WORLD	badges	\$418.66
		\$1,354.8
TOTAL		1

Motion: That the Bills of payment as presented at the meeting and reported above will be accepted.

Moved: Gerry Donaldson **Seconded:** Lisa Good **Action:** Carried

Membership Officer Report:

Dawn Smit

The following badges were awarded to our new club members:

- Aerin Drever Jarred Price
- Mark Darcy
- Andrew Mclennan
- Marko Orlando
- Linda Hunter

The following badges and hats were awarded to members with a milestone:

- 10-year members
 - Troy Bennett
 - John Brice and Helan Tanner
 - Noeline and Roger Carrodus
 - Scott and Lisa Good
- 25-year members
 - Joyce Hollins and Barry Vines

Vice Presidents Report:

Scott Good

N/A

Editor's Report:

Erika Phillips

N/A

Assistant Treasurer's Report:

Alison Wallace

- Alison is stepping down from the assistant treasurer role next AGM. Please speak to Alison if you are interested in taking it on.

Lease Managers Report:

Ken McDonald

- Ken welcomed the visitors and congratulated the 10, 25 year members who were at the meeting
- Lease is all good, has not been washed away
- Road is still good into the property

Driver Awareness Report:

Shane Tapscott

- Completed Basic training last
- Start of June is the first Advanced course
- Basic in August and October
- Advanced in November
- Certificates for the last course are on the way

Merchandise Report:

Jane Savage

- There are lots of great new men's and women's shirts
- Some older merchandise is on sale – see Jane for details
- Grab a club beany, scarf or a warm winter jacket for the cold weather

Raffles:

Joyce Hollins

Prizes on offer tonight include:

- Fire blanket
- Gifts for Mother's day

QuarterMaster Report:

Peter Glendinning

- All going well, please contact Peter if you need anything
- See Peter or Dawn if you need an association sticker for your car

Public Relations:

NSW/ACT Association:

- Camp oven cook off is the weekend after next

General Business:

- Pete:
 - Wyong SES email about shifting a caravan away from flood waters
 - Did not return call...

Social Activities: Yvonne Mcdonald

- Christmas in July 2024 dates have moved to 20-21st July 2024
- Check the magazine for more details

Items for Sale:

- Paul Fisher:
 - Nissan Patrol
- Shane Tapscott
 - Camper Trailer
 - Canvas with kitchen out the back – make him an offer
- Pete Robinson
 - Golf caravan for sale – make him an offer

Trip Masters Report:

Lachy Thomas

- Past trips presented on the night (see the magazine for more details):
 - DAF Basic presented by Mark Darcy
 - NSW High country trip presented by Michelle Edwards

Upcoming Trips:

- Here's a summary of the up-and-coming trips, check out the magazine for more details:
 - NSW Association COCO
 - Coolah Tops
 - Old Bulga Rd day trip
 - King's birthday weekend @ Taralga
 - Abercombie River National Park
 - Hosting Wagga Wagga club
 - Xmas in July 20-21 July
 - 1st - 2nd June Advance DAF

Piston Broke Trophy:

- Scott Horne for his new turbo whistle / problem

Legend of the Month:

- Barry and Joyce for their contributions to the club over the last 25 years

Fun Fines:

Gold coin donations for forgotten badges, phones ringing (there were a lot!).

Final Notes:

- The next Committee meeting will be held on 20/05/24 7pm @ The Entrance Leagues Club. Contact Pete Robinson for details - all welcome to attend.
- The next General Meeting will be held on 13/06/24 at the Entrance Leagues Club and on Zoom.

Meeting closed at 9:15pm

Minutes by Glenn Turnbull

President Pete Robinson



MOONLIGHT OVER TOM GROGGIN CAMPSITE

HIGH COUNTRY TRIP REPORT

BY ARI JANIW

How lucky are we to be part of a club that takes us to places like the High Country? Those of us who went on the recent CC4WD trip there were greeted by our amazing trip leader Lachy in Jindabyne on what was a beautiful, sunny ANZAC Day. From there we made our way into the High Country, heading in through Alpine Way where we lowered our gears to do the steep, windy decline into Tom Groggin Campground. After finding the perfect spot for the convoy of eight to settle in for the three nights we began setting up. Being Dom and my first club trip we straight away saw the helpful nature of the club

with Bev and Greg helping us with our dramatic sized gazebo, and later Greg helping Dom fix our gas bottle on what would be the start of a beautiful bromance. Once set up we gathered round the campfire where the longer standing members welcomed Dom and I, and the other pair of newbies, Marie and Andrew, to the club. It was a great first night with some campfire cooking and watching Dom, Drew and Dave battle out who could go the longest without switching from shorts to pants.

The next morning we woke to temperatures just a pinch lower than the Central Coast with our trusty weather woman Michelle informing us it got down to zero during the night. After saying our good mornings to the roos mowing our campsite we were off, with Lachy and Liz at the front, and Greg and Bev as tail-end Charlie. The plan for the day was to explore the Victorian side of the border. Soon after turning out of the campsite we did our first Murray River crossing of the trip. While the low water levels meant the crossing didn't pose a challenge, there was a fun little bog hole waiting for us on the other side. From there we made our way up some inclines with many 'whoops' along the way before reaching Dogman's Hut which was full of character, however I did have to cover my ears as Bob recalled its history. Next came a very dusty drive to Wheeler's Creek Hut as the High Country hadn't seen rain for a while. It was socks on snorkels to prevent the dust coming through, and Rhonda and Drew kindly looked out for my snorkel too and provided me with a sock.

The scenery of the High Country changes drastically as you drive through it, from dense green bush, to long narrow trees to open shrubbery. The climb to Mount Gibbo is rocky, steep, open and provides, in my opinion, one of the most iconic views of the High Country. Unsurprisingly there were other keen 4WDers up the top of Mt Gibbo enjoying the absolutely stunning 360 views it provides. We parked up, had a bite to eat and took in the endless sights, staring out at beautiful mountains that looked like they went on forever, which is how long I could've spent looking at them but Mt Pinnibar awaited us! Again we faced very steep and rocky terrain as we drove down from Mt Gibbo on a track that also provided never-ending views, and made our way up to Mt Pinnibar where Lachy directed the convoy to park in a perfect line with another gorgeous backdrop. After a big day, we made our way back to camp and crossed back over the Murray with the moon bouncing off it at dusk. We settled in for another fun night around the campfire full of storytelling and jokes.

CONVOY LINED UP AT MT PINNIBAR





It was an eventful next morning with Dom and I having a brief encounter with two brumbies in the early hours, and the sun coming up to reveal the front left tyre of my Navara had deflated throughout the night. There was no need to stress though as I had just learnt to change and repair a tyre at driver's training, Michelle was loving the irony! Ok, maybe no need to stress because Dave and Lachy were there... With their assistance we did the "soapy water" trick, whereby, after pumping the tyre back up, I reversed slowly as they poured soapy water over it to reveal where the puncture was. Lachy then did the tyre puncture repair, thanks Lachy! After the trip I purchased the same kit and needed it soon afterwards as I got another flat tyre, apparently Central Coast roads are just as hazardous as the High Country!



With my tyre fixed the convoy was ready to head out for another day of exploring, this time remaining in NSW. You might not know this about Lachy but...he likes huts! We were lucky to have such a knowledgeable guide showing us more huts of the High Country, although many are reconstructed, it's interesting to see what they would have looked like and the purposes for which they were built. The first hut of the day was Geehi's Hut, however it was rivalled by a group of motorbikes parked around it which many of the convoy were interested in. After that was Keeble's Hut followed by Old Geehi's Hut. Many of the huts had a campground attached and were surrounded by beautiful scenery, it would be a challenge planning a High Country trip just to decide between which of the amazing places throughout it to camp at!



Following Old Geehi's Hut we journeyed on to see our first town in a couple of days, Khancoban, originally known as "Swampy Plain". Khancoban greeted us with an avenue of trees bursting with striking autumn colours, and with sealed roads for the rest of the trip we took the opportunity to air up. We had an hour or so of free time to explore the little town, with some of us opting to check out the local pub which was a mix of old and new interior. We then headed up to Bradley's Hut, Cabramurra. Of all the huts, this one is the eeriest because they say, if you listen really closely, you can hear ghosts of old residents faintly whispering, "Greggggggggg". Our last stop of the day was Tooma Dam before heading back to camp but not before seeing two beautiful brumbies close to Tom Groggin. We had our final night by the fire reflecting on a great trip.

The final morning we awoke to a frost covered campsite as the big job of packing up awaited us, made more entertaining (for some) with Greg adequately scaring me with a blast of his horn as I attempted to wrangle the gazebo. Four wheel drive trips are always full of like minded people so despite it only being for three nights it's easy to get to know everyone and sad when it's back to reality. After heading out from Tom Groggin, through Jindabyne and past Cooma, a few of us had a last hurrah at the well-known Bredo bakery before facing the dreaded long-weekend traffic around Sydney back to the Coast. Marnie and Andrew avoided this though, opting to stay another night and being treated to seeing more brumbies, and even taking a dip in the Murray! Thanks to Lachy, Liz, Marnie, Andrew, Dave, Michelle, Bev, Greg, Rhonda, Drew, Bob, Dom and Chris for a fantastic trip!



FINAL MORNING AT TOM GROGGIN CAMPSITE



COOLAH TOPS TRIP REPORT

BY PETE ROBINSON & GLENN TURNBULL

Lachy's official trip start was on Saturday the 25th of May, but Chris Mitchell and I decided to head up to Merriwa and camp overnight on the Friday. We set up camp in the Merriwa Sports and Bowling Club, just as you enter town on the Golden Highway. The club offers free camping at the back of the club and we took advantage of that. Heading over for a few beers and a meal. It's a very friendly club and spoke with a few locals. We headed back to our camp and watched the end of the football on my Ipad.

Saturday morning, headed straight down to the Merriwa Bakery for a Bacon and egg roll for breakfast. To our surprise, met up with Anthony and Kylie Gavin, who had stayed at the Merriwa RSL Club free camp site. They had come over for breakfast too. Then bumped into Scott Taylor, who had just arrived. Also just leaving the Bakery, was Lachy's dad, who also came along for the trip. Popular spot.

After breakfast, headed up to the Silo art, where Lachy and others were waiting. After a briefing of the day's events, we headed off out of town via some back roads. Only to come to a halt as the planned roadway was closed. So back to the Golden Highway, heading towards the Coolah turnoff.

Just a little info regarding the Silo art and Merriwa. Merriwa silo is the 29th Silo out of 61 silos painted throughout most states of Australia. The Merriwa one was completed in April 2019 and used 160 litres of primer and 280 litres of paint to finish. The design has a back drop of Canola crops and a windmill in the background. Merriwa was once known as the town of windmills. Also a timber slab hut, common in the area used by early settlers and shepherds. And of course a couple of sheep, with one wearing trendy red socks.

Now the story goes of the famous Merriwa festival of the Fleeces, which started in 1990. The festival starts on each June long

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weekend and is known for the running of the sheep down the main street, which kicks off the street parade. Several sponsors came on board but one of them could not afford to provide money, so all they could provide was red socks. One of the festival committee members came up with the idea of dressing the sheep with the red socks and so the tradition was born, and carried on throughout each festival and is depicted on the silo.

The festival highlights the Merino sheep in the area and with the Grand Parade, celebrates and highlights 'Life on the Land.'

Now back on the road, our convoy travelled down the Coolah turn off and about 5 kilometres short of town, we turned towards the Coolah National Park. After airing down, we made our way up to the top of the mountain range, making our way to The Pines campground. We set up camp and had a bite to eat for lunch, then time for a drive around the park. Had a look at a couple of waterfalls and some short bush walking tracks, leading to some spectacular views.

Visited Brackens Hut, which was close by and we were able to go inside. Very basic living standards, 2 bedrooms and a combination living room/ kitchen. A good open fire, which would have been very welcoming up there in the depths of Winter. Nice size verandah at the front too. After a walk around the area, we made our way back to camp. Time to get the fire going and some drinks and nibbles to talk about the days adventures. Then get something happening for dinner then back to sitting around the fire.

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Sunday morning after breakfast, we discussed the morning's walk. The original plan was to drive down The Pinnacle Road to the Pinnacle Lookout, but unfortunately, that road was closed for maintenance. Lachy decided it was a great idea to walk it instead. Yeah, great idea, only just over 6km in and that means 6km back. We walked down a track that took us to Cox's Creek Sawmill. There was the remains of an old steam engine that would have powered the Mill, alongside an old and decomposing Ford truck that was now in its final parking spot. Chris and I were lagging behind a bit from the main group so we decided to return back to camp. They all finally returned back to the camp around lunchtime. As Chris and I had returned to camp, I cannot tell the story past this point. I'll let Glenn tell the story in the next 3 paragraphs.

Not to be discouraged by the road closures National Parks put in place, Lachy suggested we walk instead of driving out to the Pinnacle Lookout, claiming it offered the best 270-degree views around. We started our trek down the Pinnacle Road, stopping by Cox's Creek Campground, an old sawmill, and the Barracks Campground on the way. From there, our group split, with Pete and Chris heading back to camp and the remaining six continuing on.

About 5 km in, we ventured off the road and took a track to save some time heading to the lookout. It was barely a track in places, but thanks to Scott's map, we stayed on course. On the way to the lookout, we stumbled upon a couple of wild goats and kangaroos grazing in a field. After roughly 7 km of walking, the track eventually opened up to the lookout and the 270-degree view Lachy promised. It was so worth the walk. What an amazing lookout! We were so high up, the eagles circling the valley on either side of us were almost at eye level. Five of the six people were brave enough to step right out to the edge of the lookout.



We stayed at the lookout for some morning tea, then continued back via a short detour to the Bundella Lookout, which was not quite as impressive as the Pinnacle but still worth the look. We set off again back down the Pinnacle Road towards the cars and crossed paths with a National Parks ranger on his way out to the Pinnacle; his timing could not have been better. Kylie's new hiking boots were getting too sore to walk in, and she had stopped for a rest about a kilometre down the road. Without hesitation, he offered to pick her up and give her a lift back to the car. What an awesome bloke! We were all a bit sore and pleased to sit down once we got back to the cars. It was a 14 km round trip and an awesome way to spend the morning.

Thanks Glenn for filling in the gaps of the story. The Ranger had attended our camp before catching up with the group on the track. He let me know that there were a few spots around the camp ground that we could see deer. Not far from where we camped, was a low lying flat area that did seem to attract a lot of kangaroo's for feed. A walk down there in the late afternoon did not expose any deer or any other exotic animal. Only endless screeching Sulphur Crested Cockatoo's ,that seemed to circle us. They may have been warning the deer that we were waiting for them.

Chris and I had decided to spend the extra night at the campground while the rest of the team started making their way back home. As we had come all this way, it was nice to spend the extra night camping and head home on Monday. I took the Weber Baby Q again with me and we made pizza for Sunday night dinner.



The rest of the team had left some time after lunch and headed down the mountain and made their way through Blackville, Jacks Creek and Kankool. Finally making their way out at Willow Tree, now joining The New England Highway, now on a course for home.

Monday morning, time to pack up camp and head down the mountain. Stopping in Coolah to top up the fuel tank, then making our way back to the Merriwa Bakery for lunch. Finally time to make our way home.

Our team includes, Lachy Thomas (Trip Leader), Steve Thomas (Lachy's Dad), Anthony and Kylie Gavin, Chris Mitchell, Scott Taylor and I.

Thanks again Lachy for putting on this trip and looking forward for more, and more members to come along on these trips too.

Thanks
Pete Robinson
Co written by Glenn Turnbull.



MEMBERSHIP

RENEWALS

DUE 30TH JUNE 2024

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP - \$90

ANNUAL **GOLD** MEMBERSHIP* - \$50

(*Only for members with 15 years consecutive membership)

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MUDGEES 4WD ASSOCIATION TRIP REPORT

BY PAUL FISHER

Friday

Many trips of the club start with a coffee at the meeting point and this one was no different, the start crew was Linda travelling with Ray Hill in the trusty Pajero, Poppa Smurf in the Toyota, Preso Pete in another Toyota, and yours truly in the Ford Everest. Coffee downed and time to hit the M1 heading north to the Hunter Expressway before a left hand turn to Merriwa for you guess it, more food and refreshments at the famous Bakery and Café, fuel top up for some then off to Mudgee to sign in and set up for the weekend.

If you are looking for a spot to camp on lush green grass I can recommend Mudgee Showground, in fact the trip through the Hunter Valley and further west was so green, the best I have seen the area in a lot of years, the association had booked the top section of the showground and hall for the weekend events.

Campsites set up, a quick happy hour then off to the local Irish Pub for dinner using the courtesy bus for transport, I don't know who organised the bus, BUT gate C is the lower section entry gate, not our exclusive gate, gate A for the upper class like us, that sorted onto the bus and the poor driver that was under instruction had to put up with a few backseat drivers, ignoring us she did well to get us to the pub for a great feed.

Now the fun was just starting, finding a table nearest the fire was a bonus as it was a bit chilly outside, settling into our seats most of us were happy except Ray, who now played a game of musical chairs on his own, from this chair to the next, move this chair to this spot reminding us of Goldy Locks trying out the different beds. Back to camp heaters on, to warm the vans up before bed.



Saturday

Preso Pete had entered the Camp Oven Cook Off and wanted to use some local produce to impress the judges, so with Poppa in tow they headed to the local markets only going to be a quick trip was the comment, markets – local Woolies – Bakery – Coffee if you have my drift, arriving back in time for the 10.30am starting gun, Preso Pete was into it, while the rest of us kicked back waiting for Tappy in another Toyota to arrive for some R&R. We did give Preso Pete support from the side lines but left him in peace to perform his best, it must of worked he scored 2nd place in the lunch time cook off (well done Pete), it was a winner, as we did sample the dish before heading out for the afternoon excursion.

Fisho's Whateva Tour's is leaving the showground, surprises all round, when in a wine country region, the tour took on a winery influence, first stop Slow Fox Winery to sample the goods, reds and whites with a few bottles finding their way into the cars, before we moved on. Now someone mentioned more than once they enjoyed a port or two and we had happened to drive past a place that had a very nice white port so the next stop was Pieter van Gents to sample a white port, sampling done for the white port the bar got lifted a tad to the next level, two more bottles into a certain car and with the plastic card a bit lighter we moved on.





Now being a Whateva Tour I had the rights to alter the agenda even though no one knew of the next stop or where it was. We spent that much time in the first two number three stop was now closed. Around a couple of corners up a couple of roads and we turned into Mansfield Wines, Poppa called a fun fine as we could have just turned into the road after leaving the last winery, remember it is a Whateva Tour.

More sampling, more buying of wines we headed for home for happy hour then another happy hour with everyone else sharing the exclusive camping area of showground heights.

Time to mingle with the cooks – delegates – partners etc. before dinner and reconvene for trivia, lucky us we scored a table under the heater, other than saying we are consistent in coming first at the wrong end, we had a good night scratching our heads for some obscure answers, back to the vans turning the heaters on then turn in for the night. Did someone say it was about to get cold, down to low numbers overnight, extra blankets and heaters back on etc. before waking up to a cracker day, a glorious sunrise and hot air balloons, what a start to a day.



Sunday

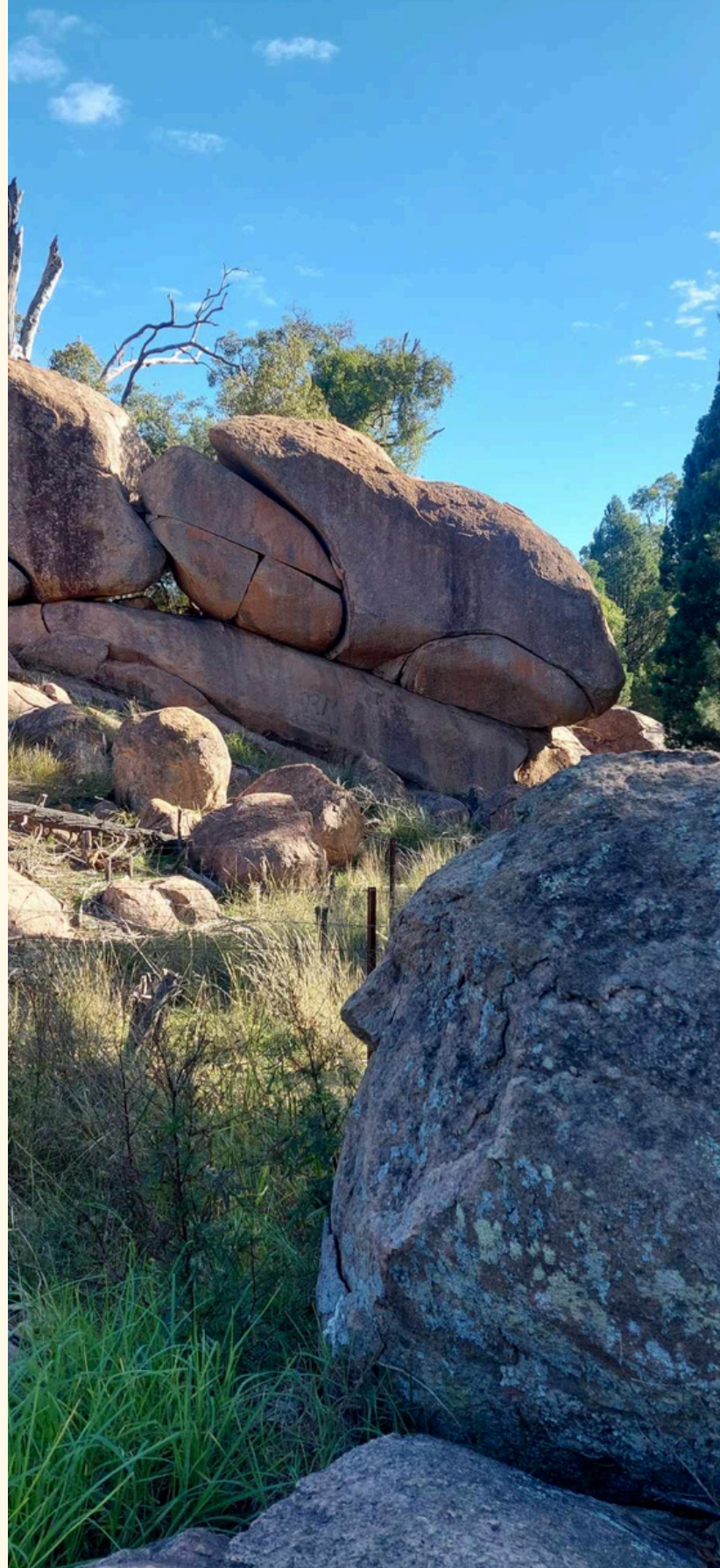
Breakfast supplied by the association got us started before the Quarterly meeting, you can't beat a bacon and egg roll washed down with a coffee. Meeting started at 9.00am morning tea break about 10.30am, lunch supplied, all cooked by the local Lions Club, back into it and wrapping up the meeting about 1.30pm.

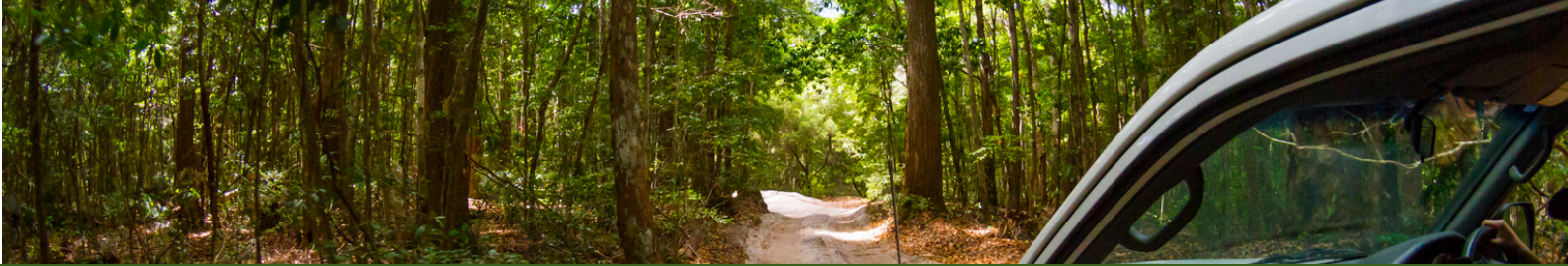
Unfortunately, Tappy had to pack up and head home, about time to start another Whateva Tour, this time Preso Pete's Whateva Tour, off to take photo's of Frog Rock a local tourist attraction that is not wine related. Photos done off we go to find a winery, Preso Pete found a dirt road, it's just up here, I'm sure it's just up here. Luckily there was a small-scale model rail rally on at the corner of the road that we turned into, this luckily got him out of trouble, by the time we finished looking at the trains it was time to head back to camp settle down etc.

Dinner tonight was at Club Mudgee, another courtesy bus another story, a taxi stopped, we piled in before the driver says I'm here to pick up a lady with a stroller, pile out of the taxi and wait for the bus. Into the club we found more campers from showground heights, dinner, then the trip home, Poppa now has a new girlfriend, Preso Pete couldn't wait to get back to the van to wash his face from where Poppa's new girlfriend was checking his face for makeup, that will teach him spinning the story he is famous, it does have consequences. What a great laugh we had after getting off the bus. Heaters on in the vans in preparation for enjoying a night cap before another cold night.

Monday

Today was a slow pack up and head home, lunch at Merriwa, good bye's said and finish travelling home. What a great weekend, thanks to the showground heights crew for the laugh's.





UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

8 - 10 JUNE

CLASS D

TARALGA TRIP

LIMIT - 6 VEHICLES

STEVEN & JANE
SMS ONLY: JANE: 0422021179
STEVEN: 0425249879

13 - 14 JULY

HOSTING WAGGA WAGGA 4WD CLUB

LIMIT - UNLIMITED VEHICLES

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PSFISHER@BIGPOND.COM

20 - 21 JULY

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

SAVE THE DATE

20 - 26 OCTOBER

FRASER ISLAND (K'GARI) TRIP

LIMIT - 8 VEHICLES

DAVE EDWARDS
0418 605 445
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

16 - 18 NOVEMBER

CLASS C

ABERCOMBIE RIVER

LIMIT - 8 VEHICLES

RAY KALTENBACHER
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12 - 13 OCTOBER

ADVANCED TRAINING

9 - 10 NOVEMBER

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TARALGA TRIP

8 - 10 JUNE

MEET - ADDRESS GIVEN PRIVATELY TO ATTENDEES AS THIS IS PRIVATE PROPERTY

This is to be a relaxing weekend; there will be campfires of a night. Day trips on the local trails. A day trip to Wombeyan caves.

We will need to pre book cave tour online so once we have numbers we will organise the booking.

There are a few different caves and prices range from \$20 for a self-guided tour of one cave to a 2 cave tour \$33 or 3 cave pass \$44 with one or 2 as guided tours.

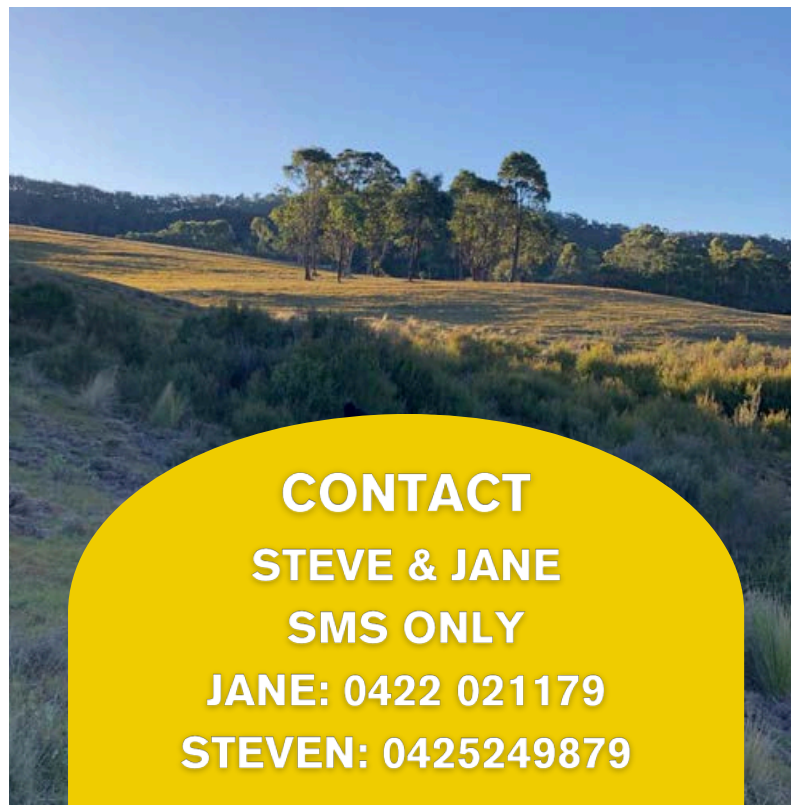
You can go onto NSW National parks and wildlife services website to view tours. Cave access is always subject to the rain.

YOU WILL NEED:

- FOOD
 - FULL TANK OF FUEL
 - RECOVERY GEAR
 - OWN WATER FOR SHOWERING
 - WARM CLOTHES
 - CAMP GEAR - CARAVANS AND CAMPERS
- WELCOME

FACILITIES ON SITE

- FLUSHING TOILET
- CAMPFIRE
- BBQ
- FREE CAMPING



CONTACT

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STEVEN: 0425249879



HOSTING WAGGA WAGGA 4WD CLUB

13 - 14 JULY

MEET - CENTRAL COAST 4WD CLUB LEASE, NSW

STAY - THE LEASE

The club is hosting the Wagga Wagga 4WD club for the weekend as they have requested to be trained in driving and recovery on Stockton Beach, Tappy and Myself will conduct this on the Saturday, Presso Pete & Greg Douglass have offered to lead a club members trip to Stockton Beach on the same day. This may involve lunch at Anna Bay Pub before heading back to the lease for the night of sharing stories around the campfire. Sunday morning we are planning a forest drive in the local area to showcase the local area.

The Wagga Wagga club will travel up and arrive Friday afternoon allowing them plenty of time to settle in, relax and meet our club members over the weekend, they will head back to Wagga Wagga on Monday morning.

Bring: Whatever you require for a camping at the club lease, recovery gear, air compressor, traction boards, shovel etc.

Cost: For anyone driving Saturday there will be a cost of the Stockton Beach driving permit \$33.00 for a weekend or \$88.00 for an annual pass.

Limit: Unlimited for camping, 10 vehicles for Stockton Beach drive.

YOU WILL NEED:

- BASIC 4X4 TRAINING OR OLD STAGE 1
- CAMPING GEAR
- AIR COMPRESSOR
- TRACTION BOARDS
- SHOVEL
- RECOVERY GEAR
- FOOD
- WATER
- STOCKTON BEACH PERMIT

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- UHF RADIO
- ALL TERRAIN TYRES
- RECOVERY POINTS

CONTACT

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psfisher@bigpond.com



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

20 - 21 JULY

MEET - CENTRAL COAST 4WD CLUB LEASE, NSW

STAY - THE LEASE

This Year it has again been decided to hold this annual event at the Lease and hope that as many members as possible will attend this fun weekend.

Again, we will have a separate fire for camp ovens and all the usual events such as coin tossing to win a bottle of Alcohol and activities for the children as well as guessing competitions.

So, drag out your deco's and come join the fun to make this a great event as it has been in past years. Anyone who would like to put on a day trip this weekend please let the Trip Leader know and he can advise you as to the many good spots to go around the lease.

Look forward to catching up with as many members as possible and a great opportunity for newer members to meet other people that belong to our wonderful club.

The Club will supply HAPPY HOUR and Drinks on the Saturday afternoon for all to enjoy while your camp ovens are cooking.

Maybe the fellow in a red suit might attend so all you children should be nice and not naughty (big kids as well).

SAVE THE DATE!



FRASER ISLAND (K'GARI) TRIP

20 - 26 OCTOBER

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

STAY - DUNDABARA CAMPING AREA

Enjoy 6 nights on Fraser Island with a base camp at Dundabara Camping Area. This is a fully fenced (dingo safe) camping area on the eastern side of the island with hot showers and flushing toilets. Due to limited trailer sites this will be a tent only trip. The plan will be to meet at Inskip Point on the mainland early on the Sunday prior to the ferry crossing and drive along the beach to camp. We will have 5 days to explore the island seeing sites such as the Maheno Wreck, Champagne Pools, Eli Creek, Lake Mackenzie, Lake Wadi and Central Station. We will pack up and return to the mainland on Saturday 26. You will need to make your own way to and from Inskip Point.

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Camping Permit and Vehicle Access Permit: <https://qpws.usedirect.com/qpws/>
- Roadworthy vehicle with cooling system and brakes in excellent condition
- 2 inch suspension lift recommended
- All terrain tyres, light truck rated with a minimum of 50% tread.
- Front and rear rated recovery points
- Recovery gear including shovel, recovery boards and a jacking plate.

CONTACT

DAVE EDWARDS

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TO REGISTER INTEREST



ABERCOMBIE RIVER NATIONAL PARK

16 - 18 NOVEMBER

MEET - 13:30PM - OBERON TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE, ROSS STREET

STAY - SILENT CREEK CAMPGROUND

From Oberon Tourist Information Centre, we travel via Black Springs to the National Park to our camp site at Silent Creek to set up camp then then maybe do a short trip!

Sunday we will do a full day run around the Park. Before returning home on Monday, via the Oberon Goulburn Rd.

Small off road trailers will be ok on this trip.

Trip has several creek crossings & steep hills.

YOU WILL NEED:

- FOOD
- WATER
- FUEL
- FIREWOOD
- RECOVERY GEAR
- CAMP GEAR
- SENSE OF HUMOUR

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- BOOKING FOR SILENT CREEK (\$6)
- DRIVER AWARENESS BASIC OR DTU STAGE 1
- UHF RADIO
- RECOVERY POINTS

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PRE-TRIP VEHICLE CHECK LIST

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PETROL -

**FUEL, DIESEL, FUEL FILTER
(CONDITION & LOCATION)**

OILS -

**ENGINE OIL, BRAKE FLUID,
TRANSMISSION FLUID**

WATER -

**COOLANT, WINDSCREEN
WASHERS, DRINKING WATER**

ELECTRICS

**BATTERY, FUSE LOCATIONS,
SPARE FUSES & GLOBES**

RUBBER -

HOSES, BELTS, TYRES

AIR -

**AIR FILTER, CABIN FILTER, INTAKE
LOCATION**

SUPPLIES -

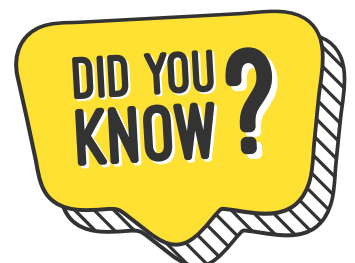
**FOOD, MEDICATION, FIRST
AID KIT, FIRE EXTINGUISHER**



PLAN YOUR OWN CLUB TRIP

- Phone any club member that has run a trip previously, they'll love helping you
- Look at trip reports and trip notices in old magazines for ideas
- Watch YouTube videos about four wheel drive trips
- Look at other 4WD club websites
- Look at the list of previous club trips on the following page for inspiration

THE CLUB WEBSITE HAS LOTS OF INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO LEAD A GREAT TRIP.



The club website has a member's only page with documents and information for club members only?

Contact any member of the committee for the password.



TRIP BOOK-IN PROCEDURE

Please familiarise yourself with these procedures to avoid any frustration

1. You must personally book in
2. If you book in early you must confirm that you still intend going no later than two weeks before the trip. If you do not confirm, your position will be re-allocated
3. If you are unable to attend please notify the trip leader as soon as possible so that someone else has the opportunity to fill the position
4. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to contact the trip leader the night before the trip. This will enable you to confirm your attendance, and also check that the trip hasn't been affected by weather conditions

TRIP CLASSIFICATION CODES

A. This class of trip is considered to be extremely difficult. Participants will have to be experienced at travelling over difficult terrain. An amount of winching and/or towing will almost definitely be required. Participants will be required to bring along basic recovery equipment. The trip leader will have the right to reject a request to go from someone who is considered under experienced.

B. This class of trip is considered to be a moderate to difficult trip. An amount of winching and/or towing will almost certainly be required. Under extreme weather conditions, this trip could develop into a class A trip.

C. This class of trip is considered to be a moderate trip. Various sections of this trip will require cautious driving in order to negotiate your way. In most circumstances winching and/or towing will not be necessary.

D. This class of trip is considered to be a relatively easy trip. It is unlikely that any winching and/or towing will be required.

E. This class of trip is considered to be very easy. Little or no four wheel driving will be required and these trips usually consist of easy to reach base camps, scenic tours, social events, etc.

IMPORTANT NOTE: ALL B AND C TRIPS YOUR VEHICLE MUST BE ABLE TO ENGAGE LOW RANGE. These classifications codes are a GUIDE ONLY. The code designated to a trip can change from the time of designation to the actual time of the trip. Although every attempt is made to ensure that an accurate class is given to each trip, members should be sure for themselves that they are capable of handling the type of trip they have chosen. If in doubt consult the trip leader, and they will advise you whether you and your vehicle are suitable.

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TOLL REBATES FOR CARAVANS



BY PETE ROBINSON

Many of you that travel with caravans and camper trailers, may not be aware of some Toll charges for over height vehicles. Heights and lengths on Toll roads have been set, but on some occasions, cameras fitted on the Toll roads may consider your height and length may place you in the higher category. The difference in charges is quite significant.

To obtain any rebate for over charging, you need to register with Service NSW. If you look up **'Apply for Large Towed Recreational Vehicle Toll Rebate'**, you can register here.

Alternatively, you can contact them on 1300 133 310 for further details.

I did register last year and received a rebate of \$9.07. I received an email from Service NSW in late April, advising that I have received a rebate/refund of \$74.22. This amount has been credited to my E Toll account.

It is worth registering if you have a large caravan or camper trailer, as the cameras may detect you as the higher class of vehicle. Unless you check your E Toll account, you may not be aware of what you may have been charged.

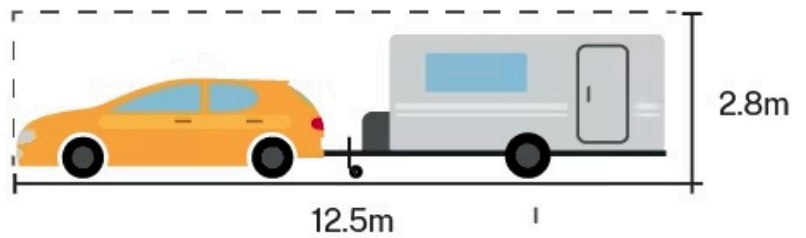


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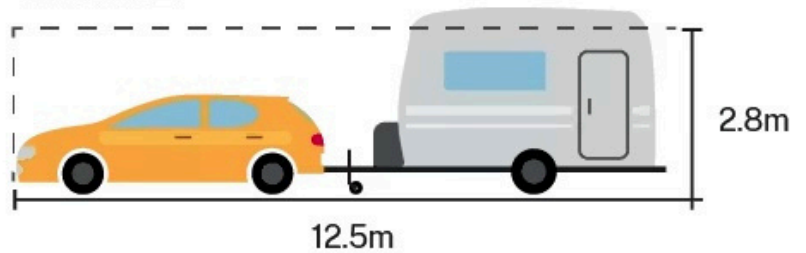
I checked the current rates with the North Connex Tunnel, the vehicle rate (Class A) is now \$9.66 per journey, up from \$9.56 as of the 1 April 2024. And heavy vehicles (Class B) are now \$28.97, up from \$28.68, also as from the 1 April 2024.

I had been charged Class B a couple of times in the North Connex and on the M2 and M7 towing my caravan. It is well worth checking you E Toll account, as they do charge the higher rate, if their cameras detect a larger vehicle. Speaking with another member of another 4 WD Club, he had been over charged as he had push bikes on roof racks of his vehicle and the cameras detected his vehicle as Class B. A guide for vehicle dimensions and the Toll rate is shown here. Motor homes are not exempt as they are over the 2.8metre height. This rebate scheme does not include the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Harbour Tunnel.

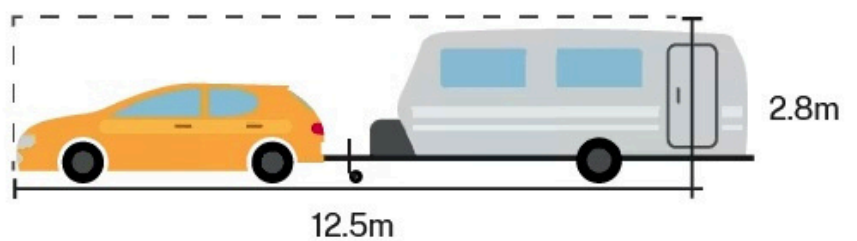
Class A



Class B



Class B



Who is eligible

To be eligible for the rebate, you must:

- be registered for the rebate
- be a NSW resident
- have both the car and towed recreational vehicle registered in NSW for private, pensioner or charitable use
- have travelled on a NSW toll road with a car, caravan, boat, or horse float combination detected as a Class B vehicle, and had a Class B toll charged to your toll account
- have paid Class B tolls with your NSW issued electronic tag
- have paid the toll in full
- claim your rebate within 12 months after you receive your toll statement.

Note: the rebate scheme is not available for motorhome toll costs.



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CONVOY PROCEDURE

- Trip leaders to remind all drivers about convoy procedure before moving off
- Trip leaders to check that everyone on the trip has enough water, fuel, recovery gear and food
- Trip leaders to inform all participants of the radio channel (and alternate radio channel in the event of too much interference on the first channel) to be used and ensure everyone can hear them before moving off
- The trip leader will appoint a “Tail End Charlie” who always travels at the back of the convoy. Their job is to acknowledge and confirm all communication from the trip leader and ensure all vehicles are on the road whenever setting off
- Trip leaders to let Tail End Charlie know the state of any gates (whether open or closed) and Tail End Charlie must leave them in the same state they were found in
- Trip leaders to advise all participants of upcoming turns/hazards etc and make sure the Tail End Charlie has acknowledged any communication
- Do not drive in a manner or at a speed that could endanger yourself or any another participant
- If driving through steep or hazardous terrain always ensure the vehicle in front has passed through the hazard/steep section before you proceed and pay particular attention to the vehicle behind you, to ensure they’ve safely navigated the hazard
- Make sure you maintain visual contact with the vehicle behind you. At intersections, stop and wait until the driver behind acknowledges they’ve seen the turn
- If you need to leave the convoy, you must let the trip leader know
- If the convoy gets too spread out, the trip leader can appoint someone to be a relay between the trip leader and Tail End Charlie
- If a recovery is necessary, the trip leader will take control and delegate if necessary. If you’re not directly involved, make sure you stay well away from the recovery
- When in convoy, stay in your designated position. Eg: 4th car in the convoy. Do not overtake the vehicle in front without their permission
- Do not reverse or drive in the opposite direction to other vehicles in the convoy
- Always drive with headlights on
- Although the preferred communication is by radio, if you can’t contact other drivers via radio, you should flash your headlights
- Using radios to communicate doesn’t replace the need for convoy procedures to keep everyone safe and on the right track



TRIP NOTICES

First of all, a big thanks to you for running a trip! We appreciate that there is a lot of planning and thought which goes in to leading a trip.

When you are writing up your trip report to be advertised in the magazine, please include the following details:

Trip Leader: Name and contact details

Where to meet: Include as much detail as possible including the time

The location of the trip:

The Grade of the trip: Please refer to the Trip Classification codes

Vehicle limit: the maximum number of vehicles permitted on the trip

What to bring: Please be detailed here eg: food and water requirements, a bag of firewood, full tank of fuel, recovery gear, swimmers

Minimum requirements: Eg: must have completed stage 1 or 2 driver awareness, snorkel, recovery points, working UHF radio, winch

Costs: Please note here if there are any costs involved. Eg: camping fees, museum or entry fees, booking fees, meals, accommodation etc

Please then write a summary of the trip so people know whether the trip would be suitable for them. Include where you'll be heading, where'll you camp/stay, any highlights/points of interest along the way, then conclude with how, when and where the trip will finish up.

Another fantastic addition to any trip notice are some photos you have taken on previous trips to showcase some of the highlights of the trip. Please do not leave this up to the editor to include any photos.

Once you have all the details in your trip notice, please email in Word or Publisher format to

tripmaster@cc4wdc.org.au so the Trip Master can log the trip AND to editor@cc4wdc.org.au so it can be included in the next magazine.

TRIP REPORTS



There are written and verbal trip reports for each Club trip undertaken. At the beginning of each trip, the Trip Leader will request a volunteer for the written and verbal reports. Usually, the last person to turn up to the meeting place is assigned the coveted job of writing the trip report for the magazine.

HOW TO SUBMIT A TRIP REPORT

- Take notes as you travel and take lots of photos along the way
- When you get home, type up your report in Word or Publisher and include your photos in the document.
- If you prefer to send your photos separately, please label your photos with the location and names of people etc.

Please upload your photos to Google Drive, OneDrive, DropBox or a similar file sharing service and email the link with your Word or Publisher document to editor@cc4wdc.org.au.

You can always refer to past magazines for examples of how a trip report is written. If you have any questions at all, please email the Editor at editor@cc4wdc.org.au

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You have arrived. You took that red dirt track, wheeled your way through the mud and battled the bulldust.

You find yourself a nice secluded patch to set up camp for the night, or maybe two - who knows. The awning is out and the rooftop tent is ready to lay your head later that night. The campfire is roaring and the Milky Way is beaming down at you. This is what it's all about right? Well you're not alone, this is what we're about too.

How often have you found yourself in this setting and considered what you would do if the worst were to happen to your kitted out 4X4? Take a moment to do that - we'll wait.

Would your insurance payout allow you to rebuild this dream? If your rig burnt to embers that night, how much would you be covered for? If you had an accident on that red dirt track, would your insurer cover you for driving there?



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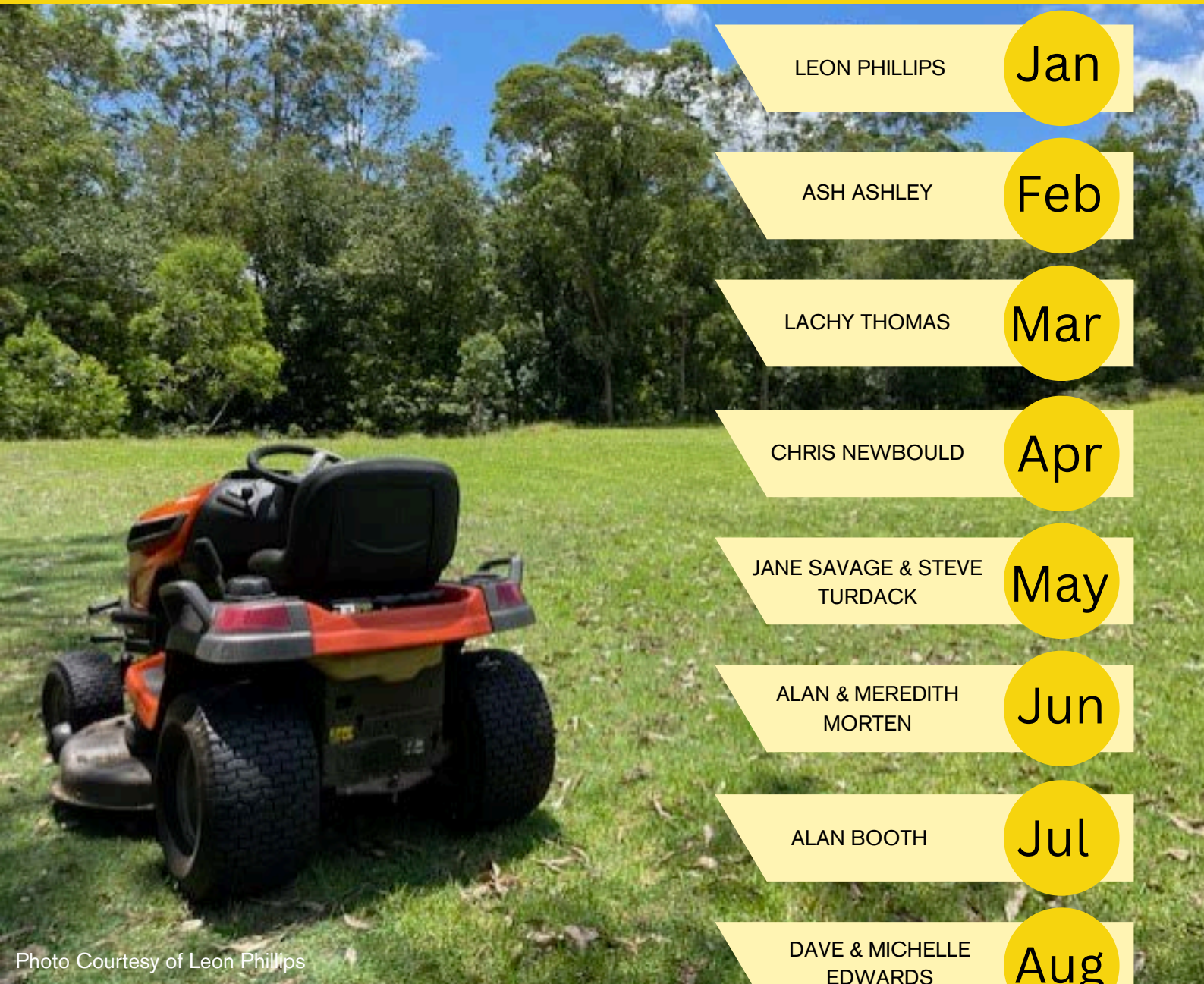


Photo Courtesy of Leon Phillips

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to keep the lease in good condition.

Any questions?

Contact Ken or Von on 4358 1357 or kenandvon5@bigpond.com

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SEYMOUR

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WE-LEASER FOR MEMBERS

We-Leaser is for use by Financial Club members and their Family.

Visitors must have a club member with them.

Please follow the guidelines set out in the following pages, including signing in and out on the forms provided in the café.

Remember, no pets at the lease, don't feed any of the farm animals, or wild animals and please be conscious of turning off the gas bottles after you use the gas



GUIDELINES FOR USE OF WE-LEASER

These guidelines have been prepared in conjunction with the property owner and reflect the club's ethics to ensure that everyone enjoys their time at the property.

- Everyone is expected to treat the property with care and respect.
- Club members must accompany any visitors for duration of stay.
- You must sign in on the forms provided as soon as you arrive. Sign in forms are located in the box attached to the pole inside the café.
- Always check current fire restrictions for the area before lighting a fire. Make sure that the fire is properly extinguished before the last person goes to bed and/or before leaving the property.
- Please use the established firepit to avoid fire burns all
- Rubbish must all be taken home with you.
- We only lease the 30 acres around the camping area. Please do not drive to any other parts of the property.
- Motor bikes and any unregistered vehicles are not allowed on the property. We aren't insured for these, and our lease doesn't allow it.
- Don't feed the animals on the property.
- When-ever possible, replace firewood you use with timber from outside the property. Do not collect fire-wood from the property.
- The tanks on the property collect rainwater and are not for drinking. They may also be empty if it hasn't recently rained, so please always carry your own water.
- When using the barbecue or the burners, please turn off the gas at the bottle as soon as you finish cook-ing, otherwise it will leak. If the gas bottles are empty, there are 2 options:
- Pay to get them refilled and request reimbursement by emailing a copy of your receipt and bank de-tails to the treasurer at treasurer@cc4wdc.org.au
- Use our account at the garage at the top of the town as you come in (contact the lease manager for how to use our account if using this option). If using this option, please remember to email a copy of the invoice provided to you to treasurer@cc4wdc.org.au
- No domestic animals or pets are allowed
- Before you leave, please check the following:
 - Double check the gas is off at the bottle to ensure no leakage
 - Make sure the café gates are closed so livestock can't get in and make a mess
 - Make sure the toilet and shower doors are closed.

KNOW YOUR LEASE

Front Entrance - The entry to the Lease from Main Creek Road. (thru gate marked by a Black Sign with a White Circle on it)

Lease Road - Dirt road that runs from the Lease Entrance thru Carowiry Creek. From the creek it then runs across The Lower Camp Site and up to the Middle Camp Site. From the Middle Camp Site it then runs up past The Top Track to the Back gate

Carowiry Creek - Name of Creek at entrance to Lease.

The Lower Camp Site - First Camp site nearest to creek.

Middle Camp Site - Camp Site on which The Rosebud Café is located.

Top Camp Site - The Camp site which is located at the top of the hill next to the Storage Sheds and the Toilets.

Rosebud Cafe - Under cover B,B,Q / Kitchen Area. (Named many years ago when some children hung a bunch of plastic Rose flowers on to one of the Canteen support poles. (they are still there today)

Stairs - Run from canteen down to The Bottom Camp Site

Woodstock - Name given to the shed where wood is stacked.

Storage Sheds and Toilet Amenities - Located on hill 50m South of the Rosebud Cafe.

The Top Track - The North to South track that cuts across the top of the Lease.

Back Gate - Rear entrance to the Lease. (Entrance to Black Bulga State Forest area)

Wallaby Dam - A small dam located on the Northern Side of The Lease Road and halfway to The Back Gate.

Frog Hollow - Area of dense, dark forest which starts at the beginning of Walk 1 and runs thru to the 1.2.3. sign at the beginning of Cow Gully. (Maps of Lease Walks and instructions are found in the Lease Walks Log Book in the info cupboard.)

Cow Gully - The gully which acts as a water course for the Southern side of The Lease and runs from The Top Track down to Carowiry Creek.

Memorial Lookout - Small area dedicated to the memory of those that have passed. (Located 50m South of Back Gate)

REMEMBER

It is not safe to camp underneath Gum Trees as they often shed branches.

Due to the agistment of stock on the Lease please leave all gates on the Lease as you find them.

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CLUB EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR LOAN TO MEMBERS



Are you having a get together, party or going on a trip?

The CC4WD Club has equipment which is available to go on loan to its Members

Some of this equipment includes:

- Fold up tables (located at the lease)
- A portable gas barbeque
- Gazebos
- Eskies
- And lots more...

For a more detailed list of all equipment, please see Members Page on the Club Website.

Should members wish to borrow this equipment please contact our Club Quartermaster — Peter Glendinning on 0407 201 120.

Please be aware that it is the Quartermasters role to store and issue equipment and NOT to deliver it or clean it. Please ensure anything returned to Pete is clean and let him know if it is faulty or broken.





CLUB MERCHANDISE



How to purchase club merchandise

You can purchase your club merchandise at general meetings or you can email our merchandise officer and have your items posted to you.

If purchasing by email:

Make sure you include full details including your size where relevant.

Contact Jane— 0422 021 179

Email— 03jane68@gmail.com

Make payment to the club account – (purchase price plus \$10 postage)

The club bank account details are:

Account name: Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club Incorporated

BSB: 082 620

Account: 622378649

See the full list of merchandise on the following page.

Club clothing is a great way to promote our club
and show your support for responsible 4WDiving
and the clothing is good value.

CLUB MERCHANDISE SHOP

Contact: Jane Savage – email–03jane68@gmail.com

Jacket (polar fleece with emblem)		\$40.00
Green sleeveless vest (polar fleece with emblem)		\$35.00
Club Shirt (with Embroidered Club Logo)		\$30.00
Long Sleeve Bisley Shirt (with Embroidered Club Logo)		\$45.00
Optional Extra (with first Name only)		\$POA
Wet Weather light-weight Jacket (with Embroidered Club Logo)		\$POA
Extra name plate badges (new style)		\$10.00
Baseball Caps (with Embroidered Club Logo)		\$15.00
Floppy Hats (like Cricket hats with Embroidered Club Logo)		\$18.00
Beanies (with Embroidered Club Logo)		\$15.00
Scarves (with Embroidered Club Logo)		\$18.00
Stubby Holders (with Logo)		\$5.00
Club Stickers		\$5.00
CC4WD Club Windscreen Stickers	Large	\$20.00
CC4WD Club Windscreen Stickers	Medium	\$12.00
CC4WD Club Windscreen Stickers	Short	\$8.00

OUR WINDSCREEN STICKERS ARE MADE BY ONE OF OUR CLUB MEMBERS, CHRIS
NEWBOLD AND DONATED TO THE CLUB. THANK YOU CHRIS!

DO THE HIERARCHY OF RECOVERY

INCREASE IN RISK

Snatch

Kinetic recovery with a high potential for injury or damage

Winching*

Dynamic recovery with moderate potential for injury or damage

Tow

Zero kinetic recovery with low potential for injury or damage

Recovery Boards

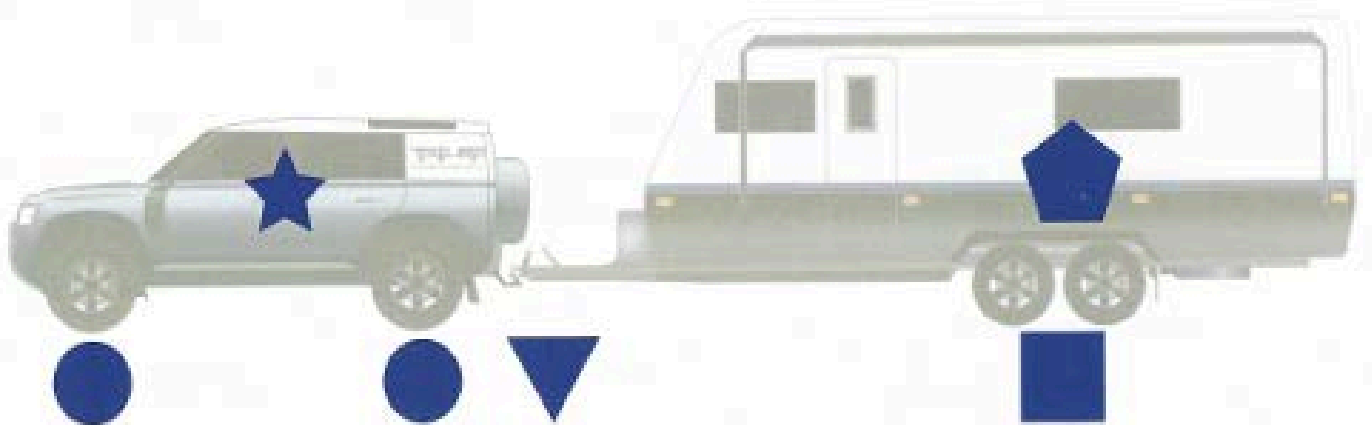
Reduced risk recovery with low potential for injury or damage

Shovel

Track Building
Vehicle Preparation

Minimal risk recovery with extremely low potential for injury or damage

Know your Weights



VEHICLE TARE WEIGHT

(Unladen weight | No payload)



GROSS VEHICLE MASS

(GVM or max legal weight)
(Vehicle tare weight + max vehicle payload)



TOW BALL MASS

Downward mass applied to tow vehicle
(to be calculated into gross vehicle mass)



TRAILER TARE WEIGHT

Unladen weight | No payload



AGGREGATE TRAILER MASS

(ATM) Trailer tare weight + max trailer payload



GROSS TRAILER MASS

(GTM) Trailer tare weight + max trailer payload excluding tow ball mass



GROSS COMBINED MASS

(GCM)
(Gross vehicle mass + tow ball mass + gross trailer mass)



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Loading Your Vehicle and Caravan

Everything you pack weighs something

To determine how much you can pack, or your payload, everything that is additional to the TARE mass of your caravan, plus everything you have packed must be weighed.

Don't overload your caravan

This table shows example weights of various items that may be part of a caravan's payload along with the caravan's tare and maximum carrying capacity to demonstrate how to measure the safe carrying capacity.



Maximum carrying capacity: **2500kg**

Caravan TARE: **2100kg**

Maximum pack weight **400kg**

What you pack, or your payload, must not exceed the lowest tow capacity of your towbar, towing vehicle, tyre capacity or caravan ATM.

Holiday Pack

Luggage = 30kg
 Cutlery = 3kg
 Crockery = 10kg
 Pots and pans = 11kg
 Barbeque = 25kg
 Groceries = 35kg
 Cleaning supplies = 7kg
 Broom = 2kg
 2 x sheets = 5kg
 2 x pillows = 2kg
 2 x blankets = 6kg
 2 x bicycles = 30kg
 Outdoor seating = 15kg
 Outdoor table = 10kg
TOTAL = 191kg

Vehicle Extras

Awning = 30kg
 Air conditioner = 35kg
 Caravan TV = 7kg
 Spare tyre = 25kg
 2 x mattresses = 45kg
 Gas bottle = 25kg
 100L water = 100kg
TOTAL = 267kg

Total = 458kg
 (58kg overweight)

ADDITIONAL WEIGHTS*

Vehicle Extras

additional to TARE

90kg Steel bullbar
 55kg Alloy bullbar
 40kg Plastic bullbar
 30kg Winch bar
 50kg Full roof cage
 8kg Roof racks
 10kg+ Side awning
 24kg 50L fridge (empty)
 35kg 75L fridge (empty)
 75kg 2man rooftop hard shell
 65kg 4man rooftop tent
 30kg Second battery
 35kg Single slide draws
 70kg 2 slide draws
 22kg 20L jerry can (full)
 35kg Side steps

Caravan Extras

additional to TARE

35kg Air conditioner
 7kg Caravan TV
 25kg Spare tyre
 30kg Awning
 45kg 2 mattresses
 25kg Gas bottle
 100kg Water
 40kg Annex floor/sides
 10kg Hoses
 10kg Ramps/chocks

* Also consider the extra weight you may accumulate while travelling, grey water tank, cassette toilet, waste, items you pick up along the way.

* Weights are indicative only. Actual weights may vary.

Holiday Pack

additional to TARE

30kg Luggage/clothing
 3kg Cutlery
 10kg Crockery
 11kg Pots/pans
 35kg Groceries
 15kg 24 beers
 4kg 4L wine
 7kg Cleaning supplies
 4kg Broom/vacuum
 15kg Sheets/towels/linen
 25kg Barbeque
 15kg Outdoor seating
 10kg Outdoor table
 30kg 2 bicycles



FIRST AID KIT - BASICS

With increasing interest in the recent Bush First Aid course run by Sue from Express First Aid, I thought it would be good to examine what is available, what should a first aid kit contain, and where to purchase a recommended one.

What's required?

Carrying a First Aid kit within your vehicle is a must when driving remotely and recommended on all club trips. But what should your kit contain? Most have a collection of plasters, bandages and other first aid bits and bobs, but does it contain what is needed for trips out bush? Below are some of the contents a BASIC first aid kit should contain, but more is recommended for camping and 4WDing, customising your first aid kit depending on the activities you do.

A basic first aid kit checklist might include:

- crepe bandages of varying widths
- hypoallergenic (skin) tape
- triangular bandages
- adhesive dressing strips (such as band aids) in different sizes
- gauze swabs
- combine dressing pads (10cm x 10cm)
- non-stick dressing pads (7.5cm x 10cm)
- sterile eye pad ▪ alcohol swabs
- stainless steel scissors (sharp/blunt) 12.5cm
- disposable gloves
- stainless steel pointed splinter forceps (tweezers)
- shock (thermal) blanket
- safety pins
- notepad and permanent marker
- sterile saline tubes/sachets
- disposable resuscitation face shield
- antiseptic skin swabs
- stop itch cream
- first aid booklet



Which channels to use
and avoid

UHF RADIO CHANNELS - AUSTRALIA

UHF (Ultra high frequency) radios are a commonplace accessory the vast majority of 4WDers use for general convoy communication on highways and tracks. It is important to remember that UHF transmissions are not private communication and anyone within range will hear your conversation so some simple etiquette is important. The UHF radio is a must have when going on 4WD trips. Below are the list of channels you should and shouldn't be using.

Acceptable UHF channels and their usage:

Channels 9, 12-17, 19-21 24-28, 30, 39, 49-60, 64-70, 79 and 80: General chat channels

Channel 10: 4WD Clubs or Convoys and National Parks

Channel 18: Caravanners and Campers Convoy Channel

Channel 40: Australia Wide road safety channel used primarily by truckies and oversized load pilot vehicles

Channel 29: Road safety channel Pacific Hwy/Mwy (NSW & QLD)

Channels 1-8 and 41-48: Repeater/Duplex channels (output)

Channels 31-38 and 71-78: Repeater/Duplex channels (input)

Legally restricted channels

Channel 5 and 35: are for **emergency use only**

Channel 11: is the 'call channel' - a general meeting channel for when communication has been lost. Once communication is established you should quickly move to another general chat channel.

Channel 22 and 23: to be used for telemetry and telecommand automated communications only. Packet data and voice transmissions are not permitted

Please note: As at July 2020, the on the spot fine for misusing the emergency channels is \$444 OR up to 2 years imprisonment (for an individual) OR up to \$333,000 fine for all others. If the misuse interferes with an emergency call, these penalties increase to up to 5 years imprisonment for an individual OR up to \$1,110,000 fine for all others. These penalties are set to increase every 3 years from 1 July 2020.

(Ref. Radiocommunications (Citizen Band Radio Stations) Class Licence 2015 (Cth) and the Radio Communications Act 1992 (Cth))

CLUB MEMBER'S ADVERTISING PAGE

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Please contact editor@cc4wdc.org.au if you're a member and would like to advertise your business in the club magazine — it doesn't have to be four wheel drive related.

Cost is \$80 per year.

Everyone wants to deal with someone they can trust, so if you need a hairdresser, a plumber, a bookkeeper or any other service, it will be great to contact a fellow club member for assistance. If you have a logo or a website we can add that to your listing.

Members Photo Gallery



Photo Courtesy of Ian Fisher



Photo Courtesy of Timbajinka Dave



Photo Courtesy of Michelle Edwards

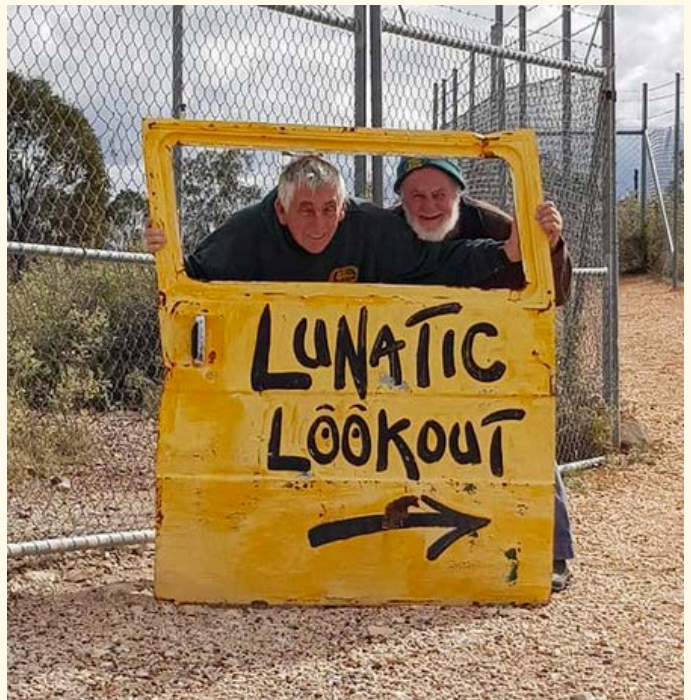








Photo Courtesy of Jane Savage

LINKS TO HANDY WEBSITES

-  [NATIONAL PARKS NSW](#)
-  [FORESTRY CORPORATION NSW \(STATE FORESTS\)](#)
-  [LIVE TRAFFIC NSW](#)
-  [RURAL FIRE SERVICE NSW](#)
-  [BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY \(BOM\)](#)
-  [WITHOUT A HITCH - ADVICE ON CB RADIO CHANNELS](#)

HANDY PHONE APPS

- **Wikicamps**
 - a great app with photos and details of campsites contributed by campers
- **BOM—Bureau of Meteorology**
 - Government weather app
- **Memory Maps**
 - Shows off road tracks and allows you to create a track log that you can follow
- **Hema Maps**
 - Shows off road tracks and allows you to create a track log that you can follow
- **Fires Near Me NSW**
 - (there are equivalents in other states if you are venturing further afield)
- **Google Maps**
 - Shows you where you are while on designated roads and can also show you traffic conditions but will not be reliable once you are in the bush
- **NSW Incident Alerts**
 - (there are equivalents in other states)
- **Fuel Map**
 - Guide to fuel locations
- **Live Traffic NSW**

OUR CLUB WEBSITE



The website is a great resource with information about our club as well as club magazines, up coming trips, past trips, FAQ's and important and relevant club documentation.

There is also a members only area on the website. Please contact one of our committee members for the password. In this section, you can access a link to Club 4 x 4 — our Club's preferred insurance provider where you will receive a discount on your insurance.

If you have anything you would like to contribute please email publicity@cc4wdc.org.au.

OUR CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE

Our Club Facebook page now has close to 1000 followers and is a great place to view recent club trips, videos, photos, tips, information about state forests and national parks. Just search on Facebook for Central Coast 4wd club and “Like” our page.



OUR CLUB MEMBERS FACEBOOK PAGE

This is a closed Facebook group that is only open to current financial members of our club. It is a great place to post your trip photos, have a general chat and discuss all things four wheel driving!

To join, search for CC4WDC members group on Facebook and click the blue button "Join Group"

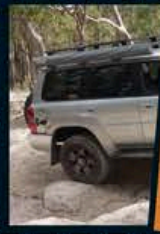
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