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CLUB MEETINGS

Club meetings are held on the SECOND THURSDAY of each month at the Tuggerah Public School Assembly Hall, Old Pacific Highway, Tuggerah, at 8 pm. Members are invited to bring their friends to the club meetings and outings. THERE IS NO MEETING IN JANUARY OF EACH YEAR.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings are held on the SECOND MONDAY *after* the general meeting. Woodbury Park Community Centre, 1 Woolmers Cres, Mardi. Meeting time 7:30pm

MAGAZINE INFORMATION

Any information or articles of interest are welcomed by the editor and can be emailed to editor@cc4wdc.org.au Please ensure that your articles and trip reports are sent to the editor as soon as possible so they can appear in the next magazine. The cut off date for production is the last Thursday of each month.

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President's Report

April 2018 Presidents Report.

Hi everybody

Thanks to Scott Sheldon for organising our Club to Attend the Clean up Australia Day event in Ourimbah last month. In total there was around 45 people in attendance from the Hunter Region and our Club was well represented with 15 members turning up. Nine of our team camped overnight on Saturday and after a great breakfast provided by Madeleine and Scott Sheldon we cleaned up the camp ground and headed to the meeting point to meet the others. I'm not sure exactly how much rubbish was collected but our club collected well over nine big caged box trailer loads and together with the other clubs I think we sent 4 big truckloads of about 8 tonne each to the tip. So a big thanks to Madeleine and Scott Sheldon, Aunty Beverley Fort, Poppa Smurf - Peter Glending, Jim O'Donoghue, Trevor Banks, Ralph Teesson, Frank Adams, Natalie Duncan & Jason, Naughty Dianne McConville and Bill McConville, Paul Spotto Kelly and my ever supportive wife Dennise Lotza Pink. Thanks Central Coast team.

We are still planning on removing the large tree at the lease on Saturday 21st April. We are also now planning on a bit of a working bee on the same weekend to replace fence posts and have a general clean up and maintenance. If you would like to help please come along but please remember not to camp on the lower section of the lease.

Camp Quality is going ahead on Sunday the 6th of May. Camp quality is a fantastic opportunity to get onto closed sections of Stockton beach and provide some brief respite to children dealing with life threatening illness. Our Club is catering this year and we would love to get as many members as possible involved. It is very rewarding to see the smiles on the faces of the kids and it also a fun day with four wheel driving and sandboarding activities.

Our Trip calendar is now starting to fill up again so thank you to those who took up the call and started putting trips on, well done. Don't forget there is plenty of help around if you want to run a trip but you're unsure what to do. Please give our Trip Master Bev Forte a call to discuss. It would be great to see a few more trip leaders coming through.

We have had the toilets at the lease pumped out because one was starting to fill up. It has become noticeable that there is quite a few plastic bags down the toilet. Our toilets are a naturally composting process and we should never put plastic bags or chemicals of any sort down there. Please help us keep the lease functioning by doing the right thing. Only human waste and toilet paper in the Loo's please.

One final thing is we will have quite a large number of current committee members stepping down this year. I know it's early but please give some consideration to nominating for a role on the committee at the August AGM. The club only continues to function because of the volunteers who put in a few hours every month to keep it going. Please give me a call or come and see me if you can help out. There is plenty of help around for new committee members.

Until next month..... Cheers

Craig Green

Editorial

Have you ever wondered what it must be like to not care about your surroundings, or the house you live in, or the community you live in? As I was looking through some photos of the cleanup day at Ourimbah recently, it occurred to me that there must be some very uncaring individuals out there who don't give a damn about their fellow humans and maybe not even about themselves. When I heard about the number of truckloads of rubbish that was removed from the Ourimbah forest I was gobsmacked. How can people be such pigs? Don't they know about the waste facility ten minutes up the road at Buttonderry? Don't they know that we get half a dozen free kerbside pickups at our house each year? Did I mention that they were FREE? Why do they insist on ruining a perfectly beautiful forest by dumping rubbish, car tyres and car bodies out there?

It doesn't take a genius to figure out that if this continues it won't be long until the councils and the government get sick of footing the bill for the rubbish removal and close these areas to everybody. Sure, the efforts of clubs like ours do go a long way to promoting responsible use of the bush, but wouldn't it be better to stop the problem, instead of cleaning up the problem? We all need to make sure that not only do we not dump rubbish in the bush, we actively discourage others from doing it. Whenever you get the chance to talk to other four wheel drivers, please take the opportunity to promote responsible use of the bush. Don't get into a fight, just explain that if we mess it up, we lose it. It's no different to drivers who go out and tear up tracks and trash the bush, the end result is we all lose.

Anyway, enough of my rant for this month. Get out there, have fun (responsibly) and I'll see you soon.

Scott.



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Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.
General Meeting

Thursday March 8th, 2017

Held at: Tuggerah Primary School, Tuggerah

Meeting Opened: 8:03 pm by President, Craig Green

Attendance: As per the Attendance Book

Apologies: Dave & Violet, Lisa, Fay & TC, Lachie's Mum & Dad, Howards, Ken & Yvonne

Visitors: As per attendance book

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting of Thursday 8th February 2018 were tabled.

Motion: "That the minutes of the previous General meeting as printed in the monthly magazine be accepted."

Moved: Paul Kelly

Seconded: Peter Glendenning

CARRIED

Business Arising from Previous Meeting

- Tree be removed to April 21st – could do with some help on the day to remove
- Block splitter has been purchased – in process of being commissioned

Correspondence Inward

Inward - post

1. Statement from CCC Council
2. Bank Statement
3. Aus Post renewal of PO Box
4. Cancer Council

Inward – email

1. Outback Travel newspaper
2. Email from Cub Campers
3. Port Mac 4WD magazine
4. Change of email address
5. Community Use agreement for School

- Peter Glendenning also wanted to say thankyou to the ladies for all their work over the weekends also.

Last committee meeting held: 25th September, 2017 at the Woodbury Park Community Centre, 1 Woolmers Crescent, Mardi

Business Arising:

- New BBQ in research mode – will need more details
- Nissan Patrol club requesting to share – Committee have decided that the lease will not be shared at this stage.
- Mingara 4WD show has been changed due to Penrith show being on the same weekend – changed to the October Long Weekend – given that most members are away, the club has declined to have a stall at this stage but ask they keep us posted in
- Contacted Dungog Hospital re any donation – waiting to hear back if they need any specific equipment.
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Next committee meeting to be held on Monday 19th March, 2018, 7:30pm at the Woodbury Park Community Centre, 1 Woolmers Crescent, Mardi

Driver Training Unit:

Members of DTU doing training with Getabout training completed weekend training up at the lease to review procedures. For anyone that has already done Stage 2 but has upgraded their car, please book in for an updated Stage 2 training.

Certificated for presentation:

Alma Thompson

Harvey Lopez

Next Stage 1 – 15th April

Next Stage 2 – details in magazine

General Business:

- Post on gate at lease – look at making repairs on the 21st April – Gary Brown has access to some posts and fence strainers
- Will look at putting a notice out to club members not to park around the tree around the 21st April – Is in the middle of school holidays.
- Neal has raised info about changes to Club 4x4 ins for claims for complete flooding from a water crossing. Rather than increasing premiums, will be a flat extra fee plus an additional
- Thankyou also to Kim for changing the tap at the lease to a flick mixer.
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Items for sale

- Wanderer Tent - Neal
- Tyres – see Neal
- Tappie looking for a VN V8 radiator shroud
- Bob has some springs to suit a Landcruiser - \$400

Trip Master: Bev Fort

Upcoming trips – as per magazine calendar

Cedar Creek day trip is Sunday 8th April (misprint in magazine)

29th March to 2nd April – Easter Jamboree

Fay & TC – 14th & 15th April – full but will take names in case of any dropouts

30th March – Greeny, Spotto & Jim running trip to Goulburn Valley – still spots available

29th April – Watagan day trip – still spots available

9th & 11th June – Kosciusko trip run by Lachie – will be cold & not camper trailer friendly

9th – 11th Polblue by Neal – still spots available

9th – 11th Patonga paddlers by Lisa & Denise

Piston-broke Trophy:

Tappie for his Monaro car overheating!

Pissed & Broken Cup:

Bev nominated herself as she left it at home

Fun Fines:

- No badges
- David Browns mobile phone
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Raffle:

- Some Easter egg packs
- Wine
- Axe
- Van ramps

Meeting Closed

Next General meeting will be held on Thursday, 12th April 2018 – Ken will be chairing the meeting.

The minutes of this meeting were recorded by: Alison Wallace, Secretary

Meeting Chairman

President Craig Green

2018 Calendar

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General Meetings



Committee Meetings



Craft Night





Hunter Region Four Wheel Drive Council

Chairperson 0418 831 881
Secretary 0439 036 077

Representing the following affiliated clubs:

Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club, Lakes 4x4 Touring Club, Gold Eagle 4x4 Club, Maitland District 4WD Club, Newcastle District 4WD Club, Port Hunter 4x4 Club, Raymond Terrace 4WD Club, Cherokee Club Australia

Circulating our minutes to the following affiliated clubs:

Port Macquarie & District 4WD Clu7b, Manning Valley / Great Lakes 4x4 Club, Kempsey District Four Wheel Drive Club, Coffs Coast Jeepers, Tweed Valley 4x4 Club, Grafton & Districts 4WD Club.

Minutes of Meeting held at Beresfield Bowling Club 04/12/17

The meeting was opened at 7:21PM

Clubs attending/delegates: 6 delegates representing 10 clubs

Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club, Lakes 4x4 Touring Club, Gold Eagle 4x4 Club, Maitland District 4WD Club, Newcastle District 4WD Club, Port Hunter 4x4 Club

Visitors: Craig Thomas (4WD NSW & ACT).

Apologies: Craig Green, Brianna Sinclair.

Accept Minutes: A. M.Anstey S. N.Simpson

Matters Arising From Minutes:

MOU:

Stockrington Newcastle and District will do a trip 21st of Jan and Central Coast 17th Feb.

Worimi Land/Stockton Beach trial of camping on the beach won't happen in time for Christmas Holidays. Online booking system not finalised yet. Some vandalism of infrastructure installed in preparation for camping trial.

Cultural day still in discussion, likely to happen.

Camp Quality -have been in touch regarding 2018. Central Coast have arranged meat for BBQ to be donated. Would like and in kind donation for something for the kids.

Trailer Repairs Complete, Brock to follow up regarding rego.

New Business:

Worimi Land/Stockton Beach: Members took part in a planting to help stabilise the dunes. Maybe further plantings in future keep an eye out for emails, possibly will be at short notice.

Clean Up Australia Day: 4th of March Ourimbah State Forest, working with Forest Corp to finalise details. Scott to follow up with Wyong Council about waive in dump fees.

4WD Adventure Show: Increased attendance at 2017 show, also people stay at the show for a longer duration. Positive feedback received from exhibitors. Show is a good promotional opportunity



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to show case 4wding, the clubs and the association to land managers. The association would like to have regional stands at 2018 show.

SWOT Analysis: information collated from the August quarterly meeting and a document presented at the November quarterly meeting. Clubs asked to review and provide come up with suggestions. Document are to be emailed out to delegates by Association.

Hunter Region Meetings: Suggestion to a have meeting next year on a weekend, proposed to have on the 2-3 June in place of the normal June meeting.

4WD Association: making available items to members e.g. branded hats for work bees.

Brochure available to promote 4WD clubs to the public if clubs are having an event Contact the association when required, will be printed on demand to ensure up to date information.

ACMC –Vehicle Brake regulations up for review. After market vehicle light bar regulations being discussed.

Club plates are available to members have vehicles over 30yrs old.

NPWS Central Coast RAC: update from Rob Kelly provided.

HRFWDC EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	PHONE
5 th February	HRFWDC at Beresfield	Brock Smith	0439 036 077
4 th March	Clean Up Australia Day – Ourimbah S.F.	Noel Skimmings	0418 665 608
24 th March	Basic Training Awaba	Peter Wade	0417 750 150
9 th April	HRFWDC at Beresfield	Brock Smith	0439 036 077
6 th May	Camp Quality Family Day	Roger Sheath	0418 831 881
26 th May	Basic Training Awaba	Peter Wade	0417 750 150
25 th -26 th May Stages 2 & 3	Marshalling – Port to Port MTB Event	Brock Smith	0439 036 077
4 th June	HRFWDC at Beresfield	Brock Smith	0439 036 077
6 th August	HRFWDC at TBC	Brock Smith	0439 036 077
8 th - 9 th September	Advanced Training Awaba/Stockton	Peter Wade	0417 750 150
8 th October	HRFWDC at Beresfield	Brock Smith	0439 036 077
13 th October	Basic Training Awaba	Peter Wade	0417 750 150
3 rd December	HRFWDC at Beresfield	Brock Smith	0439 036 077

Meeting Closed 9:32PM



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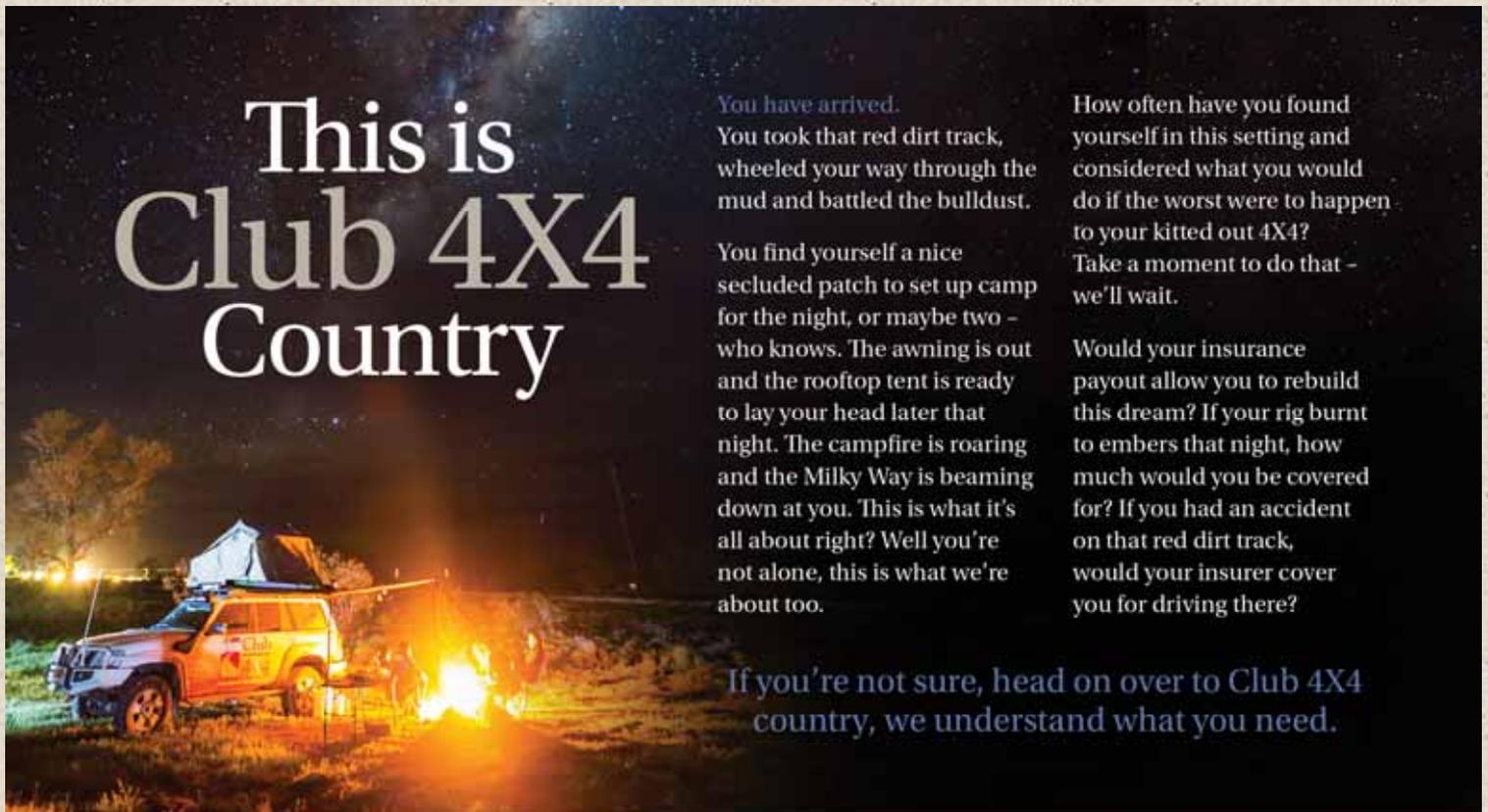
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Also, please remember that you are responsible for taking all your rubbish with you. There are no bins at the lease and no rubbish removal service, so please take it with you. Please do not mix up your bags of clothes with your bags of rubbish though, you may end up throwing the wrong one out! (And yes, that HAS happened!)



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PRESENTATIONS

Piston-broke Trophy:

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Pissed & Broken Cup: Forgetful Aunty Bev



DTU presentations to Alma and Harvey

Well done !



Upcoming Trips Guide

Date	Event	Class	Trip Leader	Telephone	Limit
14th —15th April	Woko via the Barringtons	C	Tony Clark Faye Goodman	0411 090 653 0423 008 628	6.023x10 ²³
30th March—2nd April	Fourbies on the Forbes	C	Tony Clark Faye Goodman	0411 090 653 0423 008 628	6
30th March—2nd April	Goulburn Valley	D	Greeny	0408 436 727	8
29th April	Watagans Day Trip	C/C+	Greeny	0408 436 727	8
6th June	Camp Quality Fun Day Stockton Beach	C	Neale Simpson	0404 843 445	Lots
9th—11th June	Kosciusko/Brindabella	C/B	Lachlan Thomas	0403 083 191	8
9th—11th June	Polblue	C	Neale Simpson	0404 843 445	12
9th—11th June	Patonga Paddlers	D	Lisa O'Donoghue Dennise Green	0438 691 472	No Limit
28th—30th September	Central Coast Caravan Camping Show Mingara	E			No Limit

Dungog Shire (and nearby) Events – 2018

When	Event name	Description	Location	Contact
Regular markets and auctions				
Weekly on Saturday From 8.30am	Dungog Growers Stall	Fresh produce grown by local farmers, market gardeners and backyard growers. Every week you will find different, super-fresh vegetables, fruit, herbs, cut flowers, honey, eggs and vegetable seedlings. Much of the produce is fully organic or chemical-free.	CWA Hall side court 199 Dowling Street Dungog	Jo New Mob: 0425 334 153
First Saturday 8am – 1pm	Dungog Community Markets	Local farmers and artisans bring their fresh and seasonal produce to the Dungog market for the community. Stalls include handmade arts & crafts, jams, relishes, vinegar's and preserves, candles, organic soaps, hand woven garments, plants, church kitchen and seasonal farmer produce. New stallholders welcome.	Presbyterian Church grounds Dungog	Chris Adams Ph: 4992 3433
First Sunday 9am – 12pm	Vacy Farmers Fresh Produce Market	Fresh locally grown produce available for sale	Vacy General Store & Post Office	Ian or Jo Ph: 4938 8138
First Saturday From 9am	Ed's Country Auctions	Auction of household ware, collectibles, push bikes, saddles etc Hot food and drink available.	Dungog Show-ground Dungog	Eddie Rumbel Mob: 0408 921 810
First Sunday	Paterson Gallery Markets	Local people and local produce including buskers, arts and crafts such as hand made jewellery and candles, bric-a brac and farm produce. Sausage sizzle also available.	Paterson Gallery Paterson	Cath Varcoe Ph: 4938 5632
Third Sunday 8.30am – 2pm	Gresford Community Markets	A monthly market selling local produce, bric a brac, cakes, plants, clothing, arts & crafts. A friendly affair & a fun place to browse	Beatty Hotel East Gresford	Delma Lawrence Ph: 4938 9589
Last Saturday 8am – 2pm	Clarence Town Community Markets	A monthly market with stalls including handmade arts and crafts, selections of jams, pottery, candles, soap, hand woven garments, quality arts and crafts, gourmet food and lots more. Produce from local farms in the area is also on sale. Come and join in this great day out for the whole family. Something for everyone.	Clarence Town	Helena Morris Ph: 4996 4109 For advertising in market flyer Dannii Ph: 4996 3379 or E:claromarkets23@gmail.com

February

Friday 9th – Sunday 11th	Karuah River Motorcycle Rally	The BMW Touring Club of NSW (BMW TC NSW) invites you to its 41 st Karuah River Rally, a beautiful country cruise featuring NSW best riding roads - sealed and unsealed. This rally is for motorcyclists only. \$25 covers badge and breakfast voucher.	Chichester State Forest Frying Pan Camping Ground via Dungog	Rob Lovett Mob: 0417 267 425
Saturday 10th 7.30pm	All the Money in the World (MA+)	Rome 1973 masked men kidnap a teenage boy, his grandfather, the richest man in the world, a billionaire oil magnate, but he is notoriously miserly.	James Theatre Brown St Dungog	www.jamestheatre.com.au
Saturday 17th 7.30pm	I, Tonya (MA+)	Based on the unbelievable, but true events, I Tonya is a dark comedic tale of American figure skater.	James Theatre Brown St Dungog	www.jamestheatre.com.au
Saturday 17th 10am – 3pm	Rail Motor Society Open Day	An opportunity for the general public to view the operations of the Rail Motor Society Depot and Museum at Paterson	Webbers Creek Road Paterson	Michael Walsh (Secretary) E: trms-sec@bigpond.com
Sunday 18th 7pm	Breathe (M)	The inspiring true love story of an adventurous couple who refuse to give up in the face of a devastating disease.	James Theatre Brown Street Dungog	www.jamestheatre.com.au
Saturday 24th	Swinging Safari (MA+)	Swinging Safari is a celebration of Australian summer combined with a healthy dose of nostalgia and laugh out loud comedy.	James Theatre Brown Street Dungog	www.jamestheatre.com.au

March

Friday 9th – Saturday 10th	Gresford Show	The 86 th annual Gresford Show includes local commercial cattle competition, goats, poultry, and pavilions with sewing, cooking, flowers, art, crafts, fruit, vegetables, photography, and tug of war, post splitting, and the Grand Parade. There will be fireworks on Saturday night followed by a live band until	Gresford Showground Park Street East Gresford	Rosalie Lawrence Ph: 4931 5257
Saturday 17th 10am – 3pm	Rail Motor Society Open Day	An opportunity for the general public to view the operations of the Rail Motor Society Depot and Museum at Paterson	Webbers Creek Road Paterson	Michael Walsh (Secretary) E: trms-sec@bigpo
Saturday 24th 2pm – 11pm	Relay for Life	It is a unique fundraiser for the Cancer Council teams of 10 to 15 challenge themselves in a relay style overnight run or walk. Big Breakfast on 26 th at ????	Dungog Showground Dungog	Lyn Mosley Ph: 4992 1827
Saturday 24th 6.30pm	Dungog Rotary's Family Barn Dance & BBQ	Come & experience the country atmosphere & enjoy a great night for the young & old at the barn dance & BBQ with music by "Just Us" on the night there will be raffles, auction, & face painting. \$25 p/ a \$50 p/ family. Under 12 free.	87 Main Creek Road Dungog	
Saturday 31st	Dungog Rodeo	Dungog Rodeo has all events including bull ride, saddle bronc, steer wrestling, ladies and junior events also the Comedy Clown. Barbecue food drinks available.	Dungog Showground Dungog	Carol Cummings Ph: 4992 3113
Saturday 31st	Gresford Billy Cart Derby	The Billy Cart Derby includes street stalls offering all manner of goods, pot plants, food, bric-a-brac, clothing etc are expected to create a fantastic street market atmosphere up and down Park Street, and in the car parks of both the Hotel Beatty and the Gresford Bowling Club.	Park Street East Gresford	Graham Murphy Mob: 0416 116 009

April

Sunday 1st	East Coast Junior Rodeo	The sporting events include barrel and flag races, stockrider and also campdrafting with cattle. Some of the best junior riders from across NSW descended into the Dungog Showground for the day to compete in the East Coast Junior Rodeo.	Dungog Showground Dungog	Carol Cummings Ph: 4992 3113
Saturday 7th	Clarence Town Cheese, Wine and Boutique Beer	Clarence Town Rural Fire Brigade is hosting a Wine & Boutique Beer tasting afternoon. Tickets prices are pre-purchased \$20, at the door \$25. Tickets include 2 glasses of wine or beer, antipasto platter & live entertainment.	Clarence Town School of Arts Hall Clarence Town	Colleen Mob: 0400 603 403
Friday 6th - Saturday 7th	Stroud Show	Each year the Show brings together locals and visitors to enjoy displays and creations by district enthusiasts, and the traditional horse sports, cattle parades, poultry and dog exhibits, and carnival rides of a true country show.	Stroud Showground Stroud	Colin Ince Ph: 4994 5950
Thursday 12th 10.30	Down Memory Lane	High Society (1956) Romantic comedy, with Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly, Frank Sinatra & Louis Armstrong	James Theatre Brown Street	Tina Overton Mob: 0448 749 989
Saturday 21st 10am – 3pm	Rail Motor Society Open Day	An opportunity for the general public to view the operations of the Rail Motor Society Depot and Museum at Paterson	Dungog Webbers Creek Road Paterson	Michael Walsh (Secretary) E: trms-sec@bigpond.com
Tuesday 25th	ANZAC Day	Various activities throughout Dungog Shire including Dungog, East Gresford, Clarence Town and Paterson.	Various	Various

May

<p>Friday 4th Saturday 5th Sunday 6th</p>	<p>Tocal Field days</p>	<p>Exhibitors bring a vast array of products and services from the latest in farming techniques and technology from solar energy to fencing construction through to craft & good food and wine products. There is live country entertainment, free craft activities for the kids and cooking demonstrations and competitions.</p>	<p>Tocal College Tocal Road</p>	<p>Wendy Franklin Ph: 4939 8820</p>
<p>Saturday 5th Sunday 6th</p>	<p>MTB Festival</p>	<p>A great weekend of riding and fun on some of the best single tracks available in NSW, all while camping under the stars only a stones throw from the town of Dungog. Music, good company, and food. All together the best country weekend experience available anywhere in the world.</p>	<p>Dungog Common</p>	<p>Allen Shrimpton Mob: 0438 922 091</p>
<p>Saturday 19th 10am – 3pm</p>	<p>Rail Motor Society Open Day</p>	<p>An opportunity for the general public to view the operations of the Rail Motor Society Depot and Museum at Paterson</p>	<p>Webbers Creek Road Paterson</p>	<p>Michael Walsh (Secretary) E: trms-sec@bigpond.com</p>

June

Saturday 2nd – Sunday 3rd Starting 10am	Dungog Antique & Collectables Fair	Search your cupboards and have your collectables valued. There will also be the showing and selling of antiques and collectables. \$6 entry fee to venues.	Dungog RSL Club and other Dungog venues	Jackie Bayne Mob: 0417 197 500
Sunday 10th	Back to Back Wool Challenge	It's a race to shear the sheep, spin the wool & knit a jumper in under 8 hours! Entertainment & activities all day including blade shearing, blacksmithing, felting and drop spindle demos. Beautiful handcrafts on sale and refreshment available all day	Tocal Homestead Tocal Road Tocal	Sandy Earle Ph: 4939 8901
Saturday 16th 10am – 3pm	Rail Motor Society Open Day	An opportunity for the general public to view the operations of the Rail Motor Society Depot and Museum at Paterson	Webbers Creek Road Paterson	Michael Walsh (Secretary) E: trms-sec@bigpond.com

Woko via the Barringtons



Trip Leader: Tony Clark 0411 090 653
Faye Goodman 0423 008 628



**We will be overseas from 24th February-17 March.
For bookings/enquiries during this time please contact
Bev Fort on 0410 139 786**

Where: Barrington Tops National Park and Woko National Park

When: Saturday 14th April-Sunday 15th April, 2018

Meet: 9.00 am Carpark at the corner of Church and Denison Streets,
Gloucester

Class: C

Bring: Food and drinking water for two days, usual recovery gear. Bag
of firewood, full tank of fuel at meeting point.

We will meet in Gloucester before making our way up into the Majestic Barrington Tops area. We will meander through some Barrington tracks including Tugalow, Thunderbolts, and Manning river. After a brief look at the Watergauge on the Manning, we will make our way down Carters Trail enjoying the majestic scenery as we drop into the beautiful Woko Valley.

Camp for the night is at Woko National Park campground. This grassy campground is set on the banks of the upper reaches of the Manning River and has drop toilets.

Sunday morning we will make our way along Mud Hut Trail, through Rawden Vale and will stop for lunch in the lush Gloucester Tops picnic area before making our way home via Bucketts Way.

BEING BLUE 2018 at POLBLUE

- WHEN** ; Sat 09, Sun10, Mon11 June 2018 (June long weekend)
- WHERE** ; PolBlue Campground, Barrington Tops National Park.
- WHO** ; All Club members are invited although I am putting a limit of 12 vehicles (offroad caravans and campertrailers friendly)
- WHERE** ; Meet in Gloucester at 8.30am Opposite the Public Toilets in Denison Street, vacant industrial shopfront. (The parking area in Denison Street is small and not suitable for trailers.)
Those with time and who wish to travel to the camping area earlier are encouraged to do so, please let me know.
- TIME** ; Be prepared to leave Gloucester no later than 9.00am
- WHAT TO BRING** ; At this time of the year the temperature can dive well below zero, appropriate clothing needs to be carried, The last shops are in Gloucester so sufficient food, water and beverages need to be carried. Remember that we will be camping in a National Park, so **WHAT WE TAKE IN WE MUST TAKE OUT**. As it is Winter dry firewood may not be available so please bring a **BAG of DRY FIREWOOD**.
- WHAT'S ON** ; After leaving Gloucester we will travel to PolBlue Campground (approx 1.5hr) we will set up camp. After lunch we will drive some tracks before heading back to camp for happy hour and friendly banter. On Sunday we will discover some more places of interest. Monday will see us pack up and head home at approx 10.00am we will travel west through the Dingo Gate and drive to the New England Highway at Scone (the trip concludes here)
- CONTACT** : Neale Simpson
0404 843 445
dtu@cc4wdc.org.au

Watagans 4WD Driving Day Trip

Sunday 29th April

Trip Leader Craig Green 0408436727

Grade C to C+

Maximum 8 vehicles

Meet at the Caltex service station car park on the Northbound side of the M3 Pacific motorway at 9.00 am.

We will drive into the Watagans and explore a few tracks that aren't too tough but a little challenging in places. Bring lunch and morning tea and your normal recovery gear. Trip will be cancelled if its too wet. This would be a great day trip for some newer members or new trip leaders who might like to run the same trip a bit later in the year.

Depending on time we could also check out a few look outs.

NOTICE

We have 8 members doing a trip to Flinders Ranges for May, we consider the trip full but if 1 or 2 new members wish to join in please contact Trevor Banks Ph 0428972763 or 02 43972763.

Thank You

We would like to thank Craig & Denise & all members of CC4WDC for the beautiful flowers I received in hospital last Wednesday. As you can see they were truly magnificent.

A special 'Thank You' to all who sent good wishes, it has been very humbling to receive so many calls & messages.

I am home & well on the road to recovery, just waiting on the pathology results now & it will all be over we hope,

Thanks again

Helen & John Smyth



Good news from our Association

Hi Delegates & Committee members

Further to the minutes of the October HRFWDC meeting.

The 4WD clubs in the region have been invited to run monthly trips into the Stockrington area!! We will rotate this between the clubs (1 club per month).

This will be a control access system, under umbrella of Memorandum of Understand between 4WD NSW & ACT and NPWS.

Part of the condition of access is to conduct volunteer activities, initially we have been asked to monitor/ record dumping sites. This data can then be used to obtain grants from the EPA to have the rubbish disposed of appropriately.

Please find attached a copy of the volunteer registration form for the volunteer activities in Stockrington State Conservation Area

To take part in the activities club members **MUST** be registered in National Parks System. Everyone on the trips must be registered (Mum, Dad & Kids).

While the HRFWDC is working out some of the finer details, e.g. Monitoring/recording systems, maps, trip registration, etc., etc. Please have your members that maybe interested in participating complete the attached form. This will also show NPWS the member's support of the initiative.

Any question please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Regards

Brock

| Brock Smith | 4WD NSW & ACT Inc. | Tel: 0439 036 077

| Hunter Region Secretary |

| DTU Subcommittee Secretary |

Please see the volunteer agreement form on the following pages for anyone who is interested in becoming a National Parks volunteer.

Volunteer Agreement Form

To be completed by volunteer during initial registration

This agreement is made between the Office of Environment and Heritage - OEH and the volunteer. It is completed as part of the initial registration of a new OEH volunteer. It is completed prior to the commencement of any volunteering role within OEH.

This agreement commences on (date) _____ and remains valid until (date) _____

The OEH volunteer agrees to:

- sign a 'Statement of Volunteer Duties' for each Volunteer Project, following their agreement to undertake the duties as described.
- provide all necessary appropriate technical and competency certificates or licences required to undertake the duties described in each Volunteer Project 'Statement of Volunteer Duties'.
- if required obtain a Working With Children (WWC) check and provide details to the OEH volunteer supervisor
- complete 'Volunteer Project Sign On Timesheet' after each volunteering session
- follow OEH health and safety requirements and risk management procedures
- participate in orientation and training programs as required
- follow guidance from the OEH volunteer supervisor and seek advice if any directions are unclear
- undertake tasks in a responsible, dependable, conscientious and courteous manner
- comply with all conservation requirements, legislation and regulations
- OEH using or publishing images and or video of the volunteer taken during participating in OEH volunteer project.
- support a non-discriminatory and harassment-free work environment
- not disclose any confidential or sensitive information associated with the Volunteer Project.
- not provide any Volunteer Project research findings or outcomes to anyone outside of OEH without prior approval from OEH volunteer supervisors.
- not use any research findings or Volunteer Project outcomes for personal use without prior approval from OEH volunteer supervisor.

The OEH agrees to:

- prior to the volunteer's involvement in each Volunteer Project, OEH will provide to the volunteer a 'Statement of Volunteer Duties' which details the duties, requirements and conditions of the volunteering role.
- provides overall objectives of the Volunteer Project.
- provide appropriate supervision, orientation and training
- provide technical advice, guidance and assistance to volunteer
- provide risk management procedures and necessary safety equipment for volunteer tasks
- cover volunteers for insurance in case of injury
- provide information on new OEH policy decisions relevant to volunteers
- provide an avenue for volunteers to raise questions, concerns and/or complaints
- encourage and recognise volunteer efforts and achievements
- provide feedback on volunteering efforts and achievements
- other conditions as described here: _____

Note: Personal information collected by OEH is subject to the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* and will not be disclosed to any other party without your consent.

Licences / certificates held by volunteer

Record details (as applicable) of licences, certificates / registrations and certificates of competency below:

Licence / certificate	Type of authority	Licence / certificate no.	Expiry date	Date checked



Office of
Environment & Heritage
NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service



Working with Children

Record details (as applicable) of Working with Children below:

			Expiry date	Date checked

I (insert name) _____ OEH Volunteer undertake to abide by this agreement.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Member of Group/Organisation (as applicable): _____

Parent / guardian, for volunteers under 18 yrs

Signed: _____ Date: _____

I (insert name) _____ an OEH Volunteer Supervisor

Organisation _____

Branch _____

Region/Section _____

Area/Unit _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please Note: This agreement may be cancelled at any time by either party, effective from the date of receipt of a letter from the cancelling party.

Office use only

Volunteer ID card number : _____

Date issued: _____

Expiry date: _____

Driver's licence sighted

Yes

No

Working with Children Check

Yes

No



Frostbites

Sat 9th – Mon 11th June, 2018

Trip Leader: Lachlan Thomas 0403 083 191

Where: Kosciusko National Park, Brindabella Ranges National Park

Meet: 9am, McDonalds Cooma NSW. At the intersection of Monaro Highway & Bradley Street.

Trip Class: C - This trip has not been fully reccied. In the event of wet weather this trip will become B grade.

Limit: 8 vehicles - This trip is not camper trailer friendly.

Bring: Food, water, recovery gear, full tank of alpine fuel, firewood, Winter camping gear.

Minimum

Requirements: Stage 1 DTU minimum, good all terrain tyres, appropriate Winter camping gear.

After meeting in Cooma we will head off towards Adaminaby and up into the Koscuisko National Park, we will take in a track or two along the way before heading up along Long Plain to set up camp for the night at one of the many huts and campgrounds overlooking this spectacular valley home to herds of wild brumby's.



Day two will see us meandering our way through into the back of the Brindabella Ranges National Park, taking in the stunning beauty of this area, along with a few opportune lookouts. We will take in the view from the top of Mt Coree, before weather dependent trip out the abandoned Ski resort on Mt Franklin ad setting up camp in the Brindabella's. After breaking camp Monday morning, we will make our way East through the Brindabella ranges before finishing up at Cotter Dam, near Canberra.

This trip is C grade, parts of this trip will involve careful wheel placement over slippery terrain. There are several river crossings on this trip depending on weather conditions, front and rear recovery points are mandatory. This trip will see us camping at around 1500m above sea level in winter; expect temperatures to be sub-zero overnight and for severe wind chill. If you are unsure, please ask the trip leader prior to putting your name down.



HUMOROUS OBSERVATIONS

Three racehorses standing around started arguing.

The first said, "I've won 15 out of 20 of my races!"

The second said, "Yeah, well I've won 29 out of 30 of my races!"

The third said, "Yeah, well I've won 39 out of 40 of my races!"

Then, a greyhound came up and said, "Oh yeah! Well, I've won 99 out of 100 of my races!"

The horses glared in amazement. "Wow! A talking greyhound!"

A university committee was selecting a new dean. They had narrowed the candidates down to a mathematician, an economist, an accountant, an engineer, a physicist, and a lawyer. Each was asked this question during their interview: "How much is two plus two?"

The mathematician answers immediately, "Four."

The economist thinks for several minutes and finally answers, "Four, plus or minus one."

The accountant says: "I think it's either 3 or 4. Let me run those figures through my spreadsheet one more time."

The engineer excused himself, and made a series of measurements and calculations before returning to the board room and announcing, "Four."

The physicist excused himself, made for the library, and did a great deal of research. After a consultation with the United States Bureau of Standards and many calculations, he also announced "Four."

The lawyer stands up, pulls the drapes, dims the lights, and motions silently for the committee members to gather close to him. In a hushed, conspiratorial tone, he replies, "How much do you want it to be?!"

A doctor, a lawyer and a mathematician were discussing the relative merits of having a wife or a mistress.

The lawyer says, "For sure a mistress is better. If you have a wife and want a divorce, it causes all sorts of legal problems."

The doctor says, "It's better to have a wife because the sense of security lowers your stress and is good for your health."

The mathematician says, "You're both wrong. It's best to have both so that when the wife thinks you're with the mistress and the mistress thinks you're with your wife, you can do some mathematics."

HUMOROUS OBSERVATIONS

An engineer dies and reports to the pearly gates.

St. Peter checks his dossier and says, "Ah, you're an engineer — you're in the wrong place." So, the engineer reports to the gates of hell and is let in.

Pretty soon, the engineer gets dissatisfied with the level of comfort in hell, and starts designing and building improvements. After a while, they've got air conditioning and flush toilets and escalators, and the engineer is a pretty popular guy.

One day, God calls Satan up on the telephone and says with a sneer, "So, how's it going down there in hell?" Satan replies, "Hey, things are going great. We've got air conditioning and flush toilets and escalators, and there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next."

God replies, "What??? You've got an engineer? That's a mistake — he should never have gotten down there; send him up here." Satan says, "No way. I like having an engineer on the staff, and I'm keeping him."

God says, "Send him back up here or I'll sue."

Satan laughs uproariously and answers, "Yeah, right. And just where are YOU going to get a lawyer?!"

A blond arrives home to find that her dwelling has been burglarized. The residence has been cleaned out. She calls 911 to report the crime then waits for the police to arrive. A K-9 Unit is the closest cruiser to the blond's house, so the officer responds. Upon arrival, the blond sees the K-9 car pull up and the officer and his "partner" exits the unit.

Suddenly, the blond sat down on the front steps of the house and begins to sob, "I can't believe it. My house gets broken into, they steal everything I own, and on top of it all, they send me a blind cop!"

A couple were dining in a fancy restaurant when the waitress spots the man sliding under the table whilst the woman seeming totally unconcerned.

As he slid completely under the table, the waitress went across and quietly whispered to the woman, "Excuse me but your husband has just slid under your table."

"Oh no! He hasn't" said the woman, "He has just walked in!"

Beggar to a lady: "You look like an angel. Kindly give some alms to this blind beggar."

Wife: "Look how he is trying to cheat telling he is blind."

Husband: "He sure should be blind."

Wife: "How do you say?"

Husband: "He told that you look like an angel!"



Step by Step guide to running club trip

Phase one - Preparation

Step 1 Choose your destination

Think of a place you have been to that you really enjoyed or a place that you would like to go to. Do some google searching to find out a bit more about your destination. See the section below for some handy sites and publications that can assist in selecting a destination.

If this is your first time leading a large group, it's a good idea to keep your trip straightforward. Consider a day trip or weekend trip that doesn't have too many twists and turns.

Consider how far from the Central Coast your destination is – could you do it in a day trip, a weekend or would you need a long weekend or longer? It is always much easier to fill a trip that doesn't require participants to take time off work.

[Note about Club Constitution and By Laws – Make sure you familiarise yourself with the Club Constitution and By-Laws. These are available from the Documents area of the club website.](#)

Step 2 Timing

Think about the best time of year - Is your destination subject to winter closures or would it be unbearably hot in the height of summer?

Step 3 Campgrounds

If you are planning an overnight trip, research the campgrounds in the area. Once you find a campground you think would be suitable, think about how many vehicles would fit there. What would you do if you arrive there to find there is no space for your group. Think about a “back up” campsite. Research whether the campsite has a charge and how you pay for it. Some campsites require a National Parks pass/fee.

Step 4 - Terrain and driver/vehicle requirements.

Think about what classification of trip you are confident with. A “D” class trip might be more comfortable for your first trip if you are unsure. (see the trip classification guidelines in the monthly club magazine) Think about whether the trip would be suitable for camper trailers. For any trip rated “C” or above your participants need to have completed Stage 1 driver awareness. Consider any other requirements – do they need all terrain tyres or mud tyres? Does their vehicle need to be lifted?

Step 5 Meeting point

Give some thought to your meeting place and time at this stage. As a guide, you don’t want your participants to have to leave home any earlier than 6 am, as most people are tired after a working week and you don’t want them to be exhausted at the end of the day. It’s good to be near a servo so your participants can top up with fuel, and ideally have both toilets and food available. A highway service centre is always a good option, but be sure to give very clear directions as to what exit they need to take and exactly where you will meet within the service centre.

Step 6 Draft itinerary

Create yourself a bit of a draft itinerary at this stage. It doesn’t need to be anything fancy. Just a list of each place along the route and the approximate time you plan to arrive there. When on main roads you can use Google maps to give you an idea of travel time between places, but once you are off-road, google time frames will not be reliable. Think about toilet stops and lunch stops along the way.

Phase 2 Preparation

Step 1 Conducting the “Reccy”

Conducting a reccy is a great way to ensure that your trip will run as smoothly as possible and reccys can be a lot of fun. Ask some friends or post on the club Facebook group to find some mates to come along. It’s best to have at least three cars on a reccy if you can.

Follow the draft itinerary you made earlier, starting at the meeting point, and take notice of the actual time. A large convoy will always travel slower than a small one and your convoy will only be as fast as the slowest vehicle in your group.

Set up your GPS to mark the trail you take. You will be able to follow this line for the actual trip, making it much easier to stay on track.

Make note of the track conditions you encounter – and consider – would a sudden storm make it impassable? Are there any river crossings that could rise quickly?

Check out the toilets along the way and consider planning morning tea and lunch stops near them. Sometimes there just won't be any available so think about stopping where there is some privacy. Look out for places where you can get the convoy off the track safely too.

Have a good look at your chosen campground and camp there if you can. Check out the water supply for washing and cooking. For any trip longer than one night, your participants will probably want a shower at some stage.

Make a note of service stations along your route (if any) and keep a record of the fuel you use. You will then be able to advise your participants how much fuel they will need – and whether they need to bring extra fuel. Low range driving can use up to twice as much fuel as highway driving.

Writing the Trip Notice and booking the participants in

The trip notice needs to be sent to the Editor and the Tripmaster prior to the last Friday of the month prior to the month you want it to appear in the magazine. The editor's email is editor@cc4wdc.org.au and the Tripmaster's email is tripmaster@cc4wdc.org.au

Trip Name here in large Text

Trip Leader:	Your name and mobile number
Where:	The National Park/State Forest/Locality
When:	Day(s) and Date(s)
Meet:	Time and precise location of meeting point. Corryong Bakery, 27 Hansen Street, Corryong
Class:	e.g. C-C+ This trip is/is not suitable for camper trailers
Bring:	Requirements such as full tank of fuel, extra fuel if necessary, food and water for 2 days etc. Suggest warm clothes/swimmers etc., recreational items such as fishing rods etc. if applicable. Bag of wood if applicable (this saves time cutting wood and Nat Parks don't generally allow wood collection anyway)
Fees/Costs:	Any camping fees, park entry fees or activity costs
Limit:	The number of vehicles you want to come along
Requirements:	For example, Good all terrain tyres, Stage 1 awareness training,

The body of your trip notice should “sell” the trip with a brief story about what is special about the destination, followed by a brief outline of your itinerary. It is good to let your participants know approximately what time they can expect to be back home after the trip

Add a photo if you can – it helps to make your trip more appealing

When prospective participants start to call you, make sure that you:

- ◆ Check that your participants have the right vehicle and have completed stage 1 driver awareness if applicable.
- ◆ Get their details including name and mobile number
- ◆ Reiterate any requirements, e.g. extra fuel etc and make sure they know to check the magazine for full details

In the week leading up to the trip

You should regularly:

- ◆ Keep an eye on weather forecasts. The [BOM](#) website is handy for this
- ◆ Check for Fires. This link will take you to [Total Fire Bans](#)
- ◆ Check for any National Park/State Forest or road closures around your destination. (also see the list of handy websites and phone apps below)
- ◆ Two or three days before the trip it's a good idea to send a group SMS to all your participants to remind them of the meeting place and an update on conditions etc.

Phase 3 – Running the Trip

Make sure you allow plenty of time so that you arrive at the meeting point earlier than your participants. Wear your club T-Shirt and your club badge so that participants can easily recognise you.

Take:

- ◆ your trip registration book (The tripmaster will give this to you and you can also download and print additional registration forms from the members area of the club website)
- ◆ A few pens
- ◆ A few spare medical forms in case anyone needs to complete one. All participants should complete a medical form and leave it clearly labelled in their glovebox.

Make sure everyone signs on – including any passengers if they are over 17.

Pre-Trip Briefing

- ◆ Welcome everyone to the trip. If there are new members on the trip, make sure you introduce them to everyone.
- ◆ Find a quiet spot and gather the group together.
- ◆ Give them an overview of the day's itinerary, including approximate times for breaks and expected arrival time in camp.
- ◆ Advise them of the expected road conditions.

- ◆ Check that everyone has a full tank of fuel and sufficient food and water.
- ◆ Advise them of the radio channel. The usual club channel is 10 but there may be times when you get too much traffic on that channel, so it's a good idea to have a "back-up" channel in mind. Advise them of the alternate channel at this point. See the link below for a list of channels that you could use.
- ◆ If you haven't already done so, ask the most experienced and trusted participants to be "Tail End Charlie". Make sure they have a good radio and understand what is required. A good Tail End Charlie will make your life easier, confirming your instructions and letting you know where the group is. Make sure your Tail End Charlie knows how many cars are in the convoy so they can wait until last.
- ◆ Call for trip reporters if you can at this point. You will need a verbal reporter and a written reporter. Sometimes we nominate the last person to arrive as one of the reporters. You might have to give your participants a lot of "encouragement" before you get any takers!

Once the briefing is completed, get your participants out of the carpark and ask them to line up on the side of the road if you can find a safe spot. Get them to "number off" so that each participant knows what vehicle is in front of, and behind them. Start by giving them your information. The hardest part of keeping your convoy together can be in the first few minutes, when people are dealing with traffic and turns and haven't quite settled into the convoy routine.

Convoy procedure. Read up on the club's convoy procedure, which is available from the club website Members area. Ensure that you follow procedure yourself – which can be a challenge when you have a lot on your mind leading the trip!

In dusty conditions, make sure everyone has their headlights on.

We make it a policy to call oncoming cars to the convoy when on dirt roads, unless it's a really winding or narrow tarred road.

Keep an eye on your GPS at all times, and if you have a passenger they might also follow your progress on a paper map for additional confirmation.

Make sure you call all turns as far ahead as you can and be specific. Never give a negative instruction such as "Don't turn left". Someone back in the convoy might only hear the word "left".

As soon as practical when you get off the tar, find a safe place and get everyone to air down to air pressures suitable for the trip ahead.

If you have conducted a reccy, you will have some morning tea and lunch spots in mind. Let people know ahead of when you expect to stop. It will keep your hungry participants happy to know they haven't got too far to go before they can eat!

Toilet stops – as mentioned in the reccy phase – it is ideal if you are able to schedule breaks near toilets, but often this is impossible. Let everyone know that they can call a toilet break at any time (club members usually call this a "TAT" – track absorption test!)

If for any reason, someone needs to leave the convoy early, do your best to ascertain that they can find their way back to a main road and ask them to let you know, when possible, that they have arrived home safely.

Recoveries

As your participants should have attended at least Stage 1 awareness, they should all have some idea of what to do and should have recovery gear. In most cases, the trip leader will be expected to take the lead in any recovery effort. However, if you have experienced participants in your convoy its fine to hand over control to them if you want to. The main thing to remember in any recovery is to put everyone's safety first at all times.

Clearing tracks of fallen trees

It is fairly common to find trees across tracks so it is a good idea to have your chainsaw handy if you have one. If others in the convoy have a chainsaw, get them to travel close to the front of the convoy. Again, safety is the most critical item to consider here.

A breakdown or lengthy recovery can play havoc with your itinerary – and that's where having some idea of the area is handy. If you can't make it to your planned campsite you might just have to go to plan B – and generally your participants will be very flexible and understanding in these circumstances.

When you get to camp, decide on the fire site as quickly as possible so that everyone can add their wood. We always carry a spare bucket, fill it with water and place it near the fire in case of emergencies. Let everyone know what time they need to be on the road in the morning. Make sure someone puts the fire out before turning into bed – even if the weather is cool. Next morning, give a short briefing on the day's events.

Establish an end point for your trip – usually back on the main road so people can make their way home easily and give everyone a chance to say goodbye.

Emergency Communication

We carry our own Satellite phone with a pre-paid SIM Card that we top up before going on a remote trip.

The club also owns a Personal Locator Beacon (EPIRB) which is available for loan for any club trip. Guidelines are located in the members area of the club website. Contact tripmaster@cc4wdc.org.au for more information

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 details and photos of campsites contributed by campers

BOM – the Government weather app

Mud Maps – shows off road tracks and allows you to create a track log that you can follow

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 will show 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 Alerts (there are equivalents in other states)

Fuel Map – guide to fuel locations.

Live Traffic NSW

Running a club trip can be a whole lot of fun if you are properly prepared and you will have the opportunity to meet new people and make a lot of friends.

If we can help you further with anything, please feel free to give us a call on 0411 090 653 (Tony) or 0423 008 628 (Faye)

Happy trip-leading!

Tony (TC) Clark and Faye Goodman

Disclaimer:

This guide has been prepared to the best of our knowledge at the time of compilation and is intended as a guide only. You should always make your own call on what is appropriate when running a trip.



TRIP REPORTS

Please note that all trip reports are now to be done online. Trip reports via the Association website www.4wdnow.com are a crucial part of the relationship we have with State Forests and National Parks for land management. They are the primary mechanism to advise these land managers how we use their 'assets' thus enabling them to make well informed, more collaborative land management decisions. Information that we can provide includes:

- what areas (asset locations) we visit
- how many of us visit and how often
- the status of facilities, tracks, damage, rubbish etc

To log a Trip Report online, please first "register". Once your registration details have been confirmed by CC4WDC, you will be able to "log in" and complete a trip report:

Here's how to register:

1. Go to www.4wdnow.com
2. On the top right hand side of the webpage, click "Register"



NOTE: You won't be able to log in and submit a trip report straight away, as your request first needs to be confirmed by CC4WDC; you will receive a notification when this is done.

3. Fill the details requested in the next screen

Logging your trip on the website:

1. Login to www.4wdnow.com



2. Click on "Resources" and choose "Parks & Forests", then select "Trip Reports Forests NSW" or "NPWS"

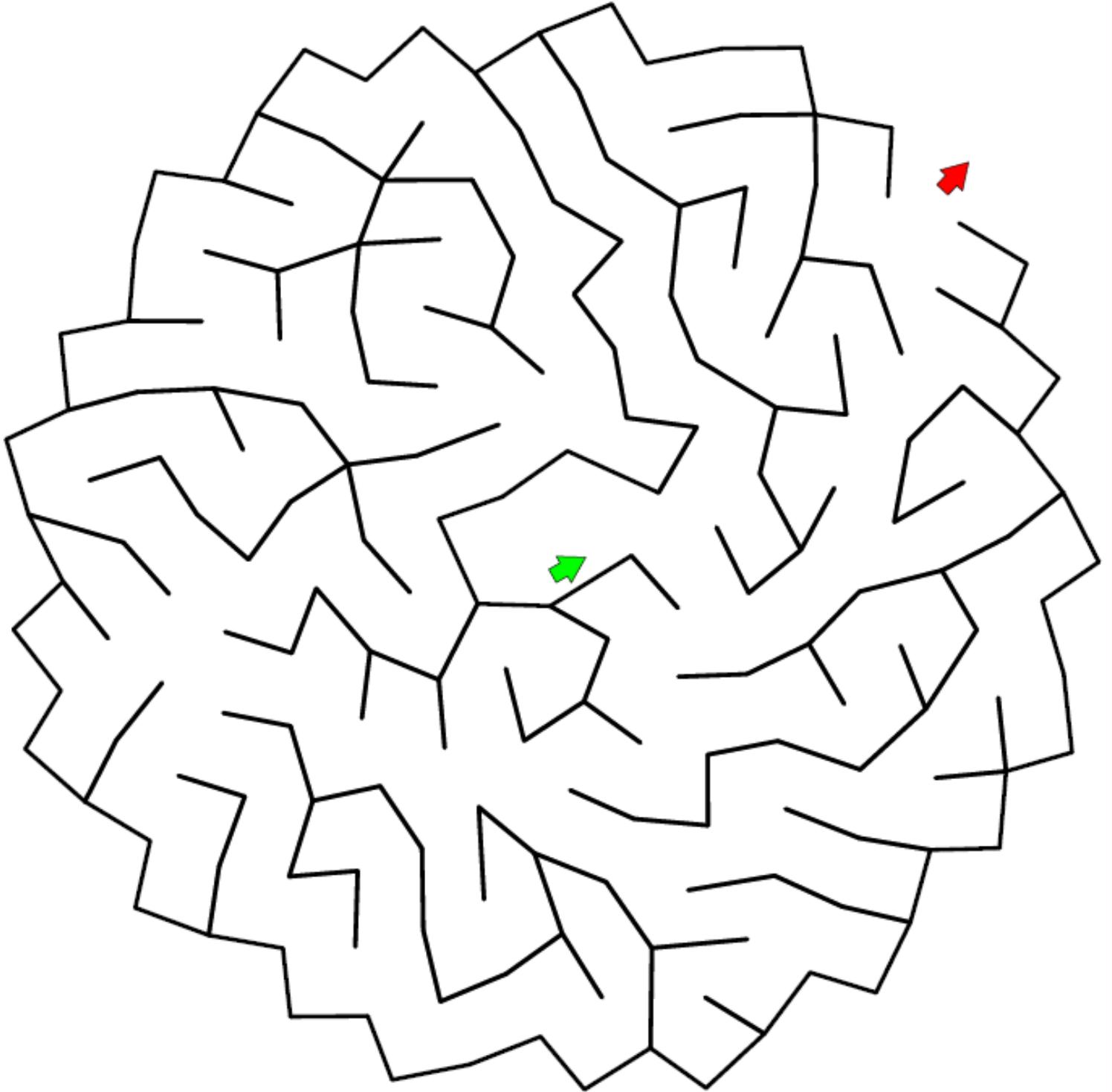


3. You will see a form like this to be completed and submitted online

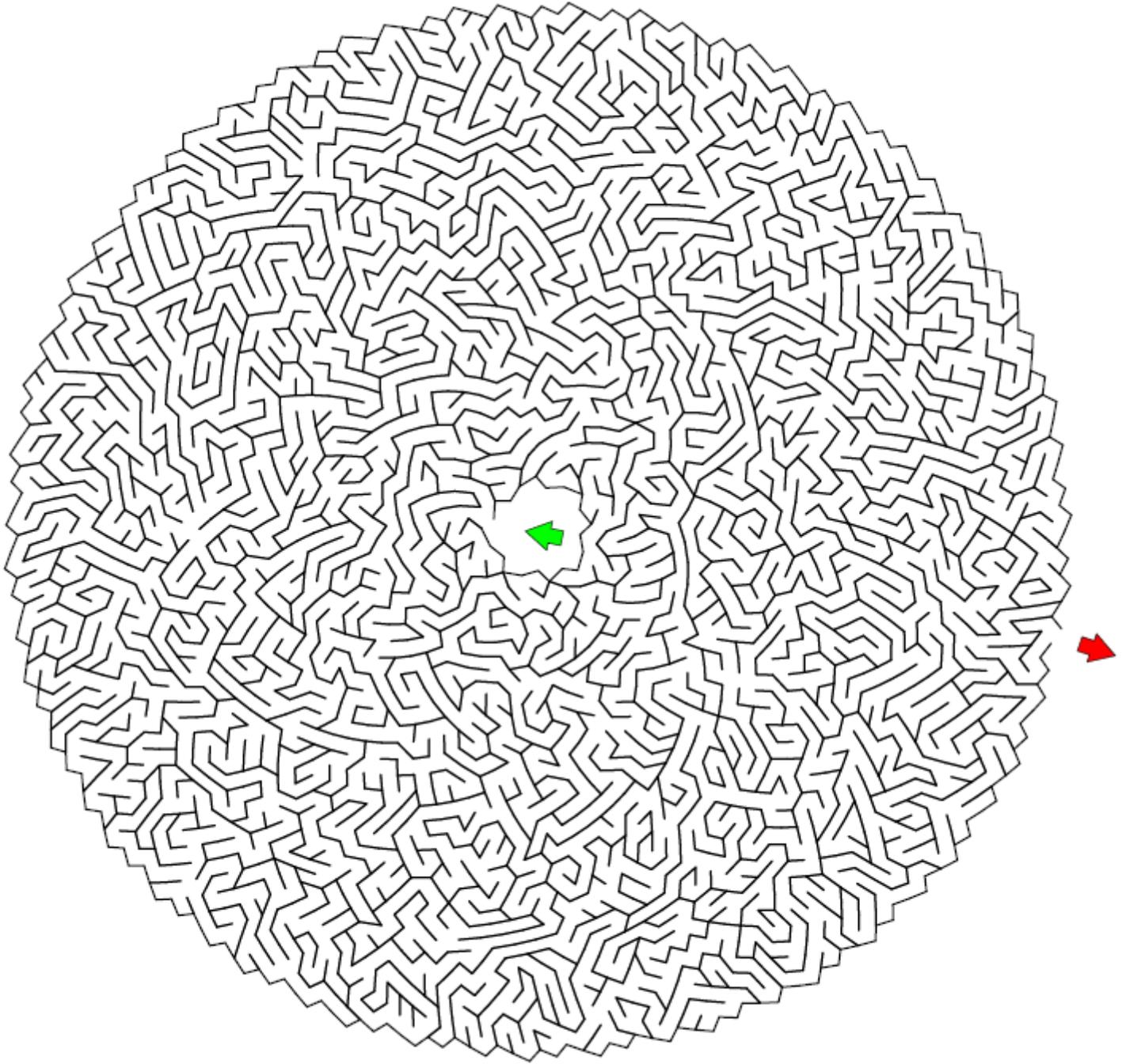
There are dropdown boxes to make it easier and quicker to fill in and submit.

The whole process should take < 5 mins

CRAZY MAZE



CRAZY MAZE





KURRI KURRI NOSTALGIA FESTIVAL

Sun 25th March 2018

Trip Leader: Barry Vines & Joyce Hollins - Toyota

Participants: Peter Glendinning – Toyota
Dave & Sandy Austin - Toyota



We meet at Freemans Water Hole at 8.50am and after our leader's off-sider got some coffee we were on our way to Kurri Kurri. By the time we arrived there was already a crowd so we had to park a block away from the main street. We regrouped and started at the western end at the local school where they had a pipe band warming up and tuning the pipes. In the hall they had a terrific display of model vehicles such as trucks, fire brigades and racing cars. See above with an EH Holden displayed in 4 different scales. They had old cars and motor bikes as well as a number of stalls where Joyce brought a old bag with cosmetics inside for just \$5 (bargain).

We decided to split up as we each liked different things to look at and we will meet at 12 noon near the centre of town for lunch. There was plenty of things to see, this was Sandy & I 3rd visit and there were different cars showing up each time. A lot of work has gone into some of these vehicles even the ones that look rusty and patched up they were painted that way to make them look rough. They had more stalls where you could buy food, clothes, memorabilia, shoes, face painting etc.

We meet at the corner shop and found a table to sit at. After ordering and getting a number stand we discussed what things we saw during the morning stroll. We saw one girl walk along with a frill neck lizard in her hand and a guy with a snake wrapped around his neck. All sorts of things were passing us by. The weather was hot and we were lucky enough to be in the shade and a cool breeze blowing over us when our meals arrived. After lunch we strolled up the road a little more than headed to our vehicles.

We said our good byes and thank Baz & Joy for putting the trip on and we all headed home.

Dave & Sandy Austin

Backroads to Bilpin

18,19 March 2018

This weekend trip was pushed back a day and hosted by Barry And Joyce with a total of seven cars attending.

We left our meeting spot at Kulnura in the morning to wander down some nice dusty roads to St Albans for a pit stop. It was after this that we all heard Joyce and Barry have a nice conversation (their Radio button was jammed into transmit). After Garry managed to gain their attention to fix the problem we continued on to find that they had bumped the radio onto another channel so that we could not hear them - again Garry had to try to gain their attention to fix the problem.

After this we continued on to Upper Colo Reserve where we set up camp and enjoyed a brisk swim in the warm, knee deep water. Later we watched Leesa draw her own winning ticket for a bottle of wine, which mum took care of, and played "chase the ace" till late into the night.

The next day after packing up Barry and Joyce guided us up another direction to take the back roads to Bilpin with coffee and some nice apple pie for morning tea at The Pines Orchard. It was here that Leesa decided to enlist Barry and Ken to agree that Dave should buy her some hot chips for lunch without Dave knowing.

Once finished, we then went onto Buralow Creek campground, Wheeny Creek campground, back by Upper Colo Reserve and followed the river to Wisemans Ferry where Leesa got her chips for a late lunch.

After lunch we then rode the car ferry across the river to proceed for home. With thanks, from all attending, for a very pleasant two days from Barry and Joyce.

Trevor Banks



Easter Offerings at Goulburn River National Park

Easter weekend 2018



by Alan Booth

happy campers;

Craig & Denice – Patrol

Paul & Jo – Patrol

Jim – Patrol

Peter – Land Cruiser

Harvey – Ranger

Ralf – Troopy

Greg & Bev - Patrol

Alan & Sharon – Patrol

Goulburn River National Park is located north east from Mudgee before you reach Merriwa and is surrounded by farming and rural activities. The Goulburn river meanders its way through the park with fantastic countryside, spectacular rock outcrops and overhangs and an abundance of wildlife. There are 2 recognised campgrounds in the park; Big River and Spring Gully Campgrounds. Both offer splendid bush style camping with clean amenities, fire pits and picnic tables, swimming, fishing and kayaking, when there is enough water.

Our trip started on the Friday morning in Merriwa where we met up ready for a relaxed drive through the country and a 17km 'driveway' to the camping area where we set up camp. Unfortunately, Greg and Bev had to return home to help family, hoping everything is as good as it can be. The remainder of the group continued our way to Big River Campground where some had already claimed our camp spots. The rest of the day was spent exploring the area with a walk up one of the fire trails and relaxing around the campfire.

Saturday provided a beautiful Autumn morning with a surreal and peaceful sunrise that had everyone ready for a trip into Mudgee to taste some of the areas wines and enjoy the town. We did take a scenic tour around the town perimeter thanks to some creative navigating from Jo, and once back on track we found our way to enjoy several wineries and a great meal at the Pub. The town was packed full of people with markets, horse racing and the wineries, great to see such activity. Once home the group enjoyed happy hour and the fantastic evening camp fires which are always a highlight.



Easter Sunday found us up early with the Easter bunny hopping around delivering eggs and hot cross buns for breakfast. The campground was again blessed with fantastic weather and the morning peacefulness was unreal. Today the group headed out towards Ulan to explore a natural geographical feature called THE DRIP. Huge rock overhangs form the bank of the river where sub-terrain water seeps out and (you guessed it) drips into the river below. At this time of year water levels were very low, however this natural feature still provided some excellent cooling effect with the water and stunning scenery. After THE DRIP we meandered back to Gulgong for a Pub lunch and to explore the museum and try our luck at gold panning. Gulgong historical museum offers a huge display of all things native to us Aussies, definitely worth a visit if you are passing. Another lovely country Pub lunch found us feed and watered ready for the afternoon. “there’s gold in them there hills” was the call and the gold panning proved to be a great success with options of trying your luck in the ready-made trough to sieve through the gravel and hopefully find some gold. Jo was the first to strike it rich and when I was inspecting the gold sample she was squeezing her fingers so hard that the said nugget spring out of her hand and fell in the water, haha wishing I took a picture of her face. Peace was restored when she found out it was only gold painted rocks hahaha.

The remainder of the day found us enjoying a lovely drive back to the campsite to soak up more of the peaceful bushland camp site, happy hour and yet another camp fire.





Easter Monday was a slow rise to pack up camp and head home with a very scenic drive through the Bylong valley. This truly is a magnificent part of the country. The final Pub lunch was in Denmen where the group enjoyed another nice meal and more of that country town feeling that keeps us coming back to these places.

Big thanks to Craig, Denice, Paul, Jo and Jim for putting on a great weekend, I had a great time as I'm sure the rest of the group did as well.

EASTER 2018 - FOURBIES ON THE FORBES

Tony Clark and Faye Goodman (leaders)	Challenger
Glenn and Clarissa Mccreadie	Patrol
Jack Cobbold	Patrol
Bob Montgomery and Monica Porteous	Ranger
Mick Ellis and Claire Campbell	FJ Cruiser
Dave & Michelle Edwards	Prado
Bev Forte (Tail-End)	Prado



“Fourbies on the Forbes was a “F” tastic good weekend featuring lots of “F” words (and no swearing)!:

- Fourbies (x7)
- Forbes River
- Falls (Ellenborough + more)
- Flat (tyre)
- Farmstay (“Beulah” - campsite)
- Fireball (whisky - thanks Claire)
- Fuzzy (caterpillars – all over the tents)
- Ford ranger failing – (ask Bob if you dare)

Friday 30 March 2018.



After meeting at 9am Good Friday in sleepy Wingham we headed north out of town (with the promise of a great pie at Comboyne for morning tea). It didn’t take us long to hit the dirt and after winding our way through some very lush, green dairy country and ascending onto the Comboyne Plateau, we took an unscheduled detour to the Ellenborough Falls, via Elands, which due to the rainfall was quite

spectacular. Some of the group managed to find ourselves in front of a Prime News Camera and actually featured on the evening news! Back in the carpark Jackie discovered that her car was to be the first casualty of the trip with a flat tyre which was quickly changed with many hands making light work.

After a short drive we found the little township of Comboyne and the long awaited meat pie at the “Other Udder” café where we enjoyed an early lunch. Our route then continued through the fertile, undulating countryside via Tom’s Creek. When we reached the Oxley Highway we headed west for a short distance and after a few close encounters with impatient drivers / riders we were relieved to get off the highway toward the Werrikimbe National Park. After a very short drive, we met our hosts who guided us to our campsite which was a delightful clearing by the Forbes River with a fireplace, composting toilet and plenty of shade. We set up camp for the evening, enjoying an early happy hour and some of us a refreshing swim in the river.

Saturday 31 March 2018



On the road early, we ventured into the National Park along the Cockerawombeeba Road for a morning of moderate four wheel driving along mostly well maintained tracks. Morning tea was a short stop at Plateau Beech Picnic Area, a nice well set up camping area. After another short drive we stopped at Brushy Mountain Camping area, another nice camping area. There was lots of friendly banter over the radios with Mick in particular sharing his vast historical knowledge of Oxley, Kemps and Stokes impact on the local area! Our planned lunch stop had apparently been bought by a bunch of trail bike riders – so we ventured on and found a cleared bit of road for some lunch. Now on the Carrai Road we stopped briefly at the Daisy Plains Hut for photos and a look around and then continued to Mary’s View. After a short stroll we were rewarded with spectacular views over the Macleay Valley. We retraced our route to Brushy Mountain and then diverted along the Forbes Road back to camp. Another evening of happy hour shenanigans was enjoyed with Claire introducing us to “Fireball Whiskey” – an instant hit and a new favourite with a few of the group.

Easter Sunday – 1 April 2018 – April Fools Day.



Somehow the Easter bunny managed to find us but as some of discovered so did the furry caterpillars – nicknamed the “Hairy Mary’s”, which managed to get into / onto everything. After a few false starts the Ford Ranger eventually decided it would cooperate and we headed back into the Na-

tional Park via the road we had come home on the day before. We eventually left this road and headed east to the Wilson River with the forest changing dramatically from temperate to rainforest. We stopped a while at a lovely crossing (bridge) over the Wilson River. The track then narrowed and became a lot more overgrown as we continued on to our next stop at the Bluff Camping Area. This was a delightful little busy camping /picnic spot also on the Wilson River. TC enjoyed a swim while the rest of watched and ate our lunch.



After lunch it was time to head to civilisation and refuel in Wauchope. Once we were all fuelled, fed and watered we headed back to camp following the Hastings River along the Pipeclay Road running parallel to the Oxley Highway but far more picturesque (although a bit dusty!). Faye had a little surprise for us as we approached the Hastings River she had us all guessing how we would get across. As we rounded the bend we were all surprised to see an old timber suspension bridge which we had to cross one at a time. The Kindee Bridge is Australia's oldest suspension bridge and was opened in 1936. Back to camp via the Oxley Highway and another Happy Hour and swim for some. For dessert we enjoyed Bailey shooters in Easter Eggs.

Monday 2 April 2018

Today the group split up with some heading directly back to Sydney or the Coast early to beat the traffic.

The rest of us continued to be ably led by TC and Faye as we stayed on the dirt and wound our way south along Toms Creek Road, back to the udder Cow for some morning tea and lots of dirt back roads to Gloucester where we said our goodbyes and braved the M1 traffic.

We were very fortunate to enjoy amazing weather all weekend and thanks to the leadership of TC and Faye had a truly enjoyable weekend exploring the hinterland of the Mid North Coast and discovering some of its hidden treasures.

Michelle Edwards

TRIP BOOK-IN PROCEDURE

- 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.**
- 5. Trips can only be booked once they have been published in the Club Magazine. A sign in sheet will be available at each monthly meeting.**

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 not 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 A, B, AND C TRIPS YOUR VEHICLE MUST BE ABLE TO ENGAGE LOW RANGE. These classifications codes are A GUIDE ONLY.

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Driver Awareness Training

Stage One

Dates for 2018— all sessions start at 8 a.m. and run until approximately 4 pm

15th April 2018

17 June 2018

19th August 2018

21 October 2018

Where: Cooranbong Community Centre, 614 Freeman's Drive, Cooranbong.

What to bring: Food and drink for the day, a pen, basic recovery gear and a readiness for learning.

What to expect:

Stage One training is an introductory course to 4WD. The day is split into two parts, initially at the community centre and involves theory, starting with the basic mechanics and safety knowledge of a 4x4.

Morning Tea break allows the trainers to work with each participant and their vehicle, locating and identifying the necessary safety equipment in their truck.

The next session outlines driving techniques over various terrains and an introduction to club protocols.

After lunch we move into a practical training session allowing you to practice your skills in a safe, supervised area. This session will cover the essential safety technique of a stall start recovery, followed by practice in picking a line in ascents, descents and basic rock steps.



Driver Awareness Training

Stage Two

Dates for 2018—sessions start Saturday 8 am, with additional opportunities on Sunday

19th & 20th May 2018

21st & 22nd July 2018

15th & 16th September 2018

17th & 18th November 2018

Where: Club Lease 'We-Leaser' Dungog.

What to bring: Food and drink for the two days, however, dinner is provided on the Saturday night. Vehicle checklist from Stage One training and recovery gear.

Recovery Gear: Front and Rear recovery points, snatch strap, bridle or tree protector, dampener and rated shackles.

Please note, that a trainer will accompany you during the practice drive and there must be a seat available in your vehicle.

What to expect:

Stage Two training is a full day of practical exercises completed as a team to expand on the knowledge gained in Stage One training.

We further investigate aspects of vehicle maintenance, practising pre-trip inspections and completing a tyre change.

After morning tea, we revise the stall start recovery and simulate simple snatch strap recovery techniques- this is where you finally get to use all that wonderful gear you've brought along.

In the afternoon we head out the back gate and put our training into practice. Taking the back tracks through the State Forests we complete rutted and rocky tracks and simple water crossings.

Prior to dinner, we complete a simple revision assessment as a group.

Upon completion of Stage Two, you will be prepared to undertake the NSW and ACT 4WD Association Accreditation certificate, a nationally recognised qualification.

Driver Training Unit Update 2018

Hi all, on the weekend of 10 & 11 Feb this year six members of the Driver Training Unit attended a workshop that enabled us to skill up so that we are able to advise our members on the latest developments in Four Wheel Drive technology.

Over the weekend we updated our skills in both method of delivery as well as demonstration. As a training unit we are able to conduct ourselves in a professional manner and give presentations up to the level of Association basic training.

As a Training Unit we are able to either verbally or physically demonstrate the importance of safety in many disciplines, these include, Pre Departure Checks, Wheel Changing, Water Crossings, Basic Recovery Techniques, or how to best utilise the available on-board tools and programmes that the modern 4WD has.

As the Clubs DTU Officer I would like to thank Paul Fisher from Getabout Training for putting in the great effort to facilitate the weekend. I know that I gained a lot of knowledge from the training, as I am sure the other participants did also.

As a training group we would like to encourage all club members who have not done a Stage 2 Driver Awareness course for a while, and especially those who have purchased a modern 4WD and want to know how to utilise the electronic controls that their vehicle may have, to book into one of our Stage 2 courses.

Many Thanks

Neale Simpson

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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!

GREAT NEWS !

CLUB STICKERS

Hello All Club Members !

**It has been brought to my attention that some of the Yellow Club Logo Stickers have been curling up around the edges. If this has happened to your sticker, please send a photo or tell me about it. If you can send me a photo, i will arrange for a new one to be collected from our monthly meeting.
Send to chris@demonindustries.net**



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Click here to visit our club website www.cc4wdc.org.au

The website is a great resource with information about our club as well as club magazines, up coming trips, past trips, FAQ's and memorabilia. If you have anything you would like to contribute please email publicity@cc4wdc.org.au

CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE

Find us on 

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.

CLUB FACEBOOK MEMBERS GROUP

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"

Your request to join will then be submitted for approval by one of the Admin team who will check that you are a financial member and then approve your request.

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE NSW & ACT ASSOCIATION

The Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT Association has its own website with information about the association and its current activities

- Click here to go to www.4wdnow.com
- Find the "login" option on the left of the page
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- Once verified by our club you will have access to the members area

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