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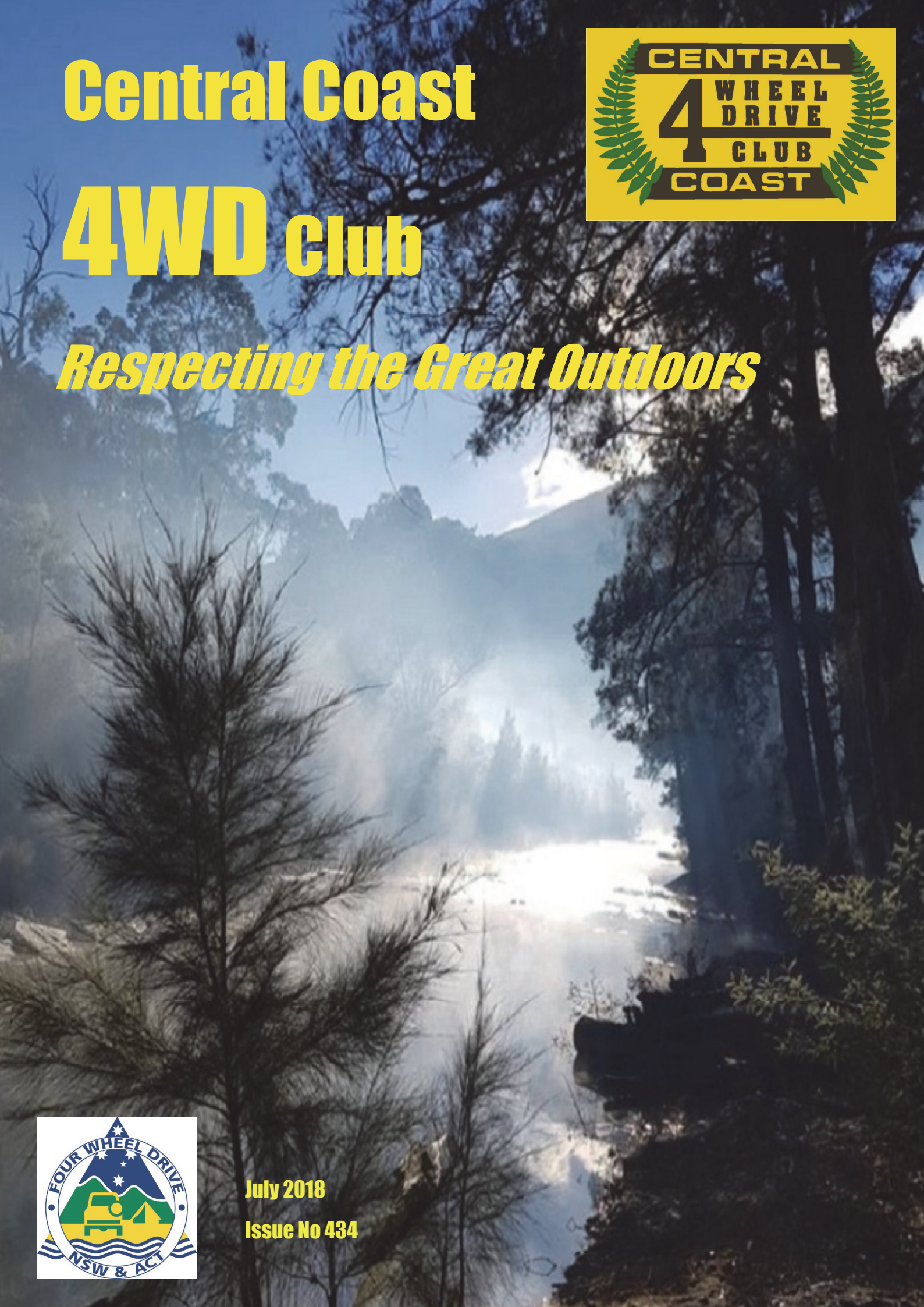

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CLUB MEETINGS

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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The opinions expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the club.

Front cover: Thanks to Natalie Duncan for this awesome shot taken on the Brindabella trip.

President's Report

Presidents Report July 2018

Well,the cold has certainly arrived and less people seem to be getting out and about and organising trips. The comforts of a cosy home and a nice warm environment are more inviting to many. Hopefully it won't be too long before the warmer weather starts to come back.

Last month I mentioned that the committee was looking at ways to make it easier for members to organise and put on trips at short notice. I have been in contact with our club's insurers and they are supportive of the changes that the committee has proposed as long as we remained diligent in keeping accurate records of where, when and who attended the trip. As a result we have decided to make it part of our process that you can advertise a trip on our clubs' private Facebook members group. This will make it easy for members who find themselves at a loose end and may want to put on a club trip or social event at short notice. There will be a form available to be downloaded which can be used to record the required information for official records. Trips put on Facebook that have a sufficient lead time should also be emailed to the editor and trip master as usual for inclusion into the magazine and trip calendar. We are expecting some teething issues so please be patient and we will try to work through any hurdles as they arise. I look forward to seeing if anybody starts to take advantage of this option. If you're not in the club's private Facebook group, then please email publicity@cc4wdc.org.au to get access.

DAY TRIPS WANTED - It would be great to see a few day trips run via the Facebook process. People seem to get on daytrips more during winter than they go on overnighters.

We came close to having to cancel Xmas in July, but thanks to some volunteers that have come forward in the last couple of days we can go ahead. We still need more volunteers, so if you can help please contact Faye Goodman on 0423 008 628 or Lisa Good on 0407 539 45. Or you can email publicity@cc4wdc.org.au.

I have had an opportunity to speak with the owner of We-leas-er in regard to the horses on the property. She is trying to have the two most problematic horses relocated to another property and will endeavour to keep the horses in the front paddocks as much as possible. She explained that she will need to move them to the paddock that we occupy from time to time due to a lack of feed. She also explained that we shouldn't show them any kindness or encourage them as this will make them more determined to hang around our camps and cause problems. So please either ignore them or chase them off when you can.

So that's about all from me, and when I return from Birdsville I hope to catch up with you all in person around the campfire at Xmas in July.

Cheers

Craig Green – President CC4WDC.

Editorial

Hello my little fountains of knowledge,

I've come to the conclusion that, between all the members of this fine club, we know just about everything. Well, OK, maybe not *everything*, but we still know a bloody lot. Take, for example, the question I posed to the readers last month about why nearly all bolts are hexagonal (that means six sided, for any NRL players who might be reading this……..). Thanks to Dave Austin for providing the answer in the form of a link to a web page. In summary, it reads,

"*Hexagon nuts and hexagon bolts are probably the most common type of fasteners, they're used everywhere.*

The reason they're so popular is because the hexagon shape of the head is very versatile, it can be grabbed by tools from all angles and even by hand if need be.

Hexagon nuts use their shape to their advantage. They're easy to tighten and loosen thanks to their 6 sides, and you can access them from 360 degrees providing there's space to move your tools.

These hexagon nuts have been around for a long time, they were first documented around the 1700s and they've been used ever since."

For those who are interested the full link is

https://www.haguefasteners.co.uk/why-are-hexagon-nuts-bolts-hexagon/

In order to keep your minds active, I have devised another challenge for you. I want to compile a list of rules for life. The sort of pearls of wisdom that are so often obvious, yet forgotten. Things like "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you", or "Any idiot can talk his way into a fight, but it takes a smart man to talk his way out of one". I'm looking for simple one liners (serious or humorous) that I can compile and publish later in the year. Please email them to editor@cc4wdc.org.au and I will give credit to all contributors when the list is published. So get thinking! Remember, collectively we know everything!

Cheers, for now,

Scott.

aka Him who does magazine stuff.

Christmas in JULY

Thanks to some hardworking Club Members Christmas in July will go ahead!

So drag out the dress ups, visit the Op Shop, track down the Christmas Decorations and the Christmas lights!

Some **of the activities planned for the Saturday are:**

Kids Activities - *Parent supervision is still required at these activities*

Damper Making – all ingredients supplied by the Club

SMORES – all ingredients supplied by the Club.

Campfire & Billy Boiling Skills – please bring a small billy to boil.

"Treasure Hunt with a Twist"

Party Games & Lolly Jar Guess

Best Dressed Christmas Themed

Adult Activities

Coin Toss – Gold Coin Donation (Saturday night)

"Treasure Hunt with a Twist"

Best Christmas Themed Campsite

Best Dressed Christmas Themed

Best Christmas themed Table

Party Games & Lolly Jar Guess

This event is self-catered but we are encouraging Club Members to eat as a group on the Saturday evening bring your table and chairs to set up around the campfire

Camp oven cooking is encouraged.

A more detailed timeline will be released closer to the day, if anyone would like to help organise an activity please contact Lisa Good 0407 539457

Remember it is your Club and the members are what makes it successful, put your hand up and offer to help, all offers will be greatly appreciated.

Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.

General Meeting

Thursday June 14th, 2018

Held at: Tuggerah Primary School, Tuggerah

Meeting Opened: 8:05 pm by President, Craig Green

Attendance: As per the Attendance Book

Apologies: Barry & Joyce, Trevor Banks, David Heather & Lisa Brown, Stephen & Tracey Murray, Jo & Paul Kelly, Glenn & Clarissa McCreadie

Visitors: As per attendance book

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting of Thursday 10th May, 2018 were tabled.

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

Moved: Neal **Seconded:** Ken **CARRIED**

Business Arising from Previous Meeting

- Still needing someone to audit the books – anyone with any business acumen that may be able to look over them. Doesn't have to be a member.
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Moved: Alison Wallace **Seconded:** Scott Good **CARRIED**

Correspondence Inward

Inward - post

1. Eftpos statement
2. Central Coast Council

Inward – email

1. Confirmation of payment of membership
2. Membership enquiry
3. Outback travel newsletter
4. Convict Trail members newsletter
5. Hunter Region 4WD club newsletter
6. Port Macquarie 4WD club magazine

Outwards

- Nil

Motion: **"That the Inwards and Outwards Correspondence as presented be accepted and dealt with."**

Moved: Scott Good **Seconded:** Bev Douglass **CARRIED**

Request for the other club magazines to be added to our website – Steve Farmer has indicated this can be done. Alison to forward to emails to Steve.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Lisa O'Donoghue tabled the Treasurer's report.

Motion: **"That the Treasurer's Report as presented be accepted."**

Moved: Alison Wallace **Seconded**: Yvonne McDonald **CARRIED**

Treasurer Lisa then presented the bills for payment and requested that they be approved for payment.

Motion: **"That all bills for payment as presented be paid"**

Moved: Alison Wallace **Seconded:** Yvonne McDonald **CARRIED**

Membership:

Assistant Secretary Steve Farmer requested the meeting's endorsement of the following applicants for membership to the Club:

Clive & Helen Grills

Moved: Steve Farmer **Seconded**: Shane Tapscott **CARRIED**

Presentations:

- **N/A**

DTU

Next DTU 1 – August

Next DTU 2 - September

Editor:

Always looking for stories or anything to add to the magazine, items for sales, photos of members etc.

4WD NSW & ACT Association Delegates Report:

- January meeting which was due to happen at the lease has been postponed

Last committee meeting held: 22nd May 2018 at the Woodbury Park Community Centre, 1 Woolmers Crescent, Mardi – was looking at having a new trip sign on sheet to simplify the paperwork – have checked with the insurance company and no issues there.

Monday 25th June for the Committee Meeting – all welcome to attend.

Business Arising:

- Nothing on calendar for next 6 months for trips. Was raised again about the lack of trips in the magazine and any thoughts on how we can improve / increase.
- Option of having details of previous trips on the website to give members a start.
- By being able to have trips advertised on FB, hoping that more people will start to advertise last minute trips.

General Business:

- The owner of the lease would like to have exclusive use of the weekend for one weekend a month. Will be a weekend most likely in Spring
- Christmas in July is going to organise the campsite and games around the fire. Also need people to organise the trips & organise the firewood
- Reminder that fees are due.
- Next meeting, Wombat will be standing in for President as Craig won't be here.
- Next year there will be a number of committee roles that will be vacant – please have a think about what position you might be able to take on.

Trip Master: Bev Fort

- No upcoming trips
- Bev will be away for the next few meetings in the Flinders – If someone could please stand in please – she will be taking the club EPirb
- Bev also won't be standing for Trip master next year.

Trip reports:

- Kosciusko trip run by Lachie – details in magazine
- Pol Blue trip was cancelled due to weather.
- Flinders Trip – report by Yvonne McDonald

Piston-broke Trophy:

- Greg Douglass for smashing his 5th gear

Pissed & Broken Cup:

- Yvonne McDonald

Fun Fines:

- No badges
- Garry for saying he was staying at Broken Hill and then hitting a kangaroo at 11pm
- Paul for having to get towed out at Stockton

- Anyone on the Yvonne's trip report!

Meeting Closed 9.15pm

Next General meeting will be held on Thursday, 12th July 2018

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

Meeting Chairman

President Craig Green

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The time has come to put up your hand and nominate for a position on the commmittee.

All positions are up for nomination at the August meeting, so please think about what the club does for you and what you can do to give back. It only takes a few hours a month and is a very rewarding experience. Don't be shy. Plenty of help is available to show you the ropes and you will make many new friends as well.

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General Meetings

Committee Meetings

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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 pleae 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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Upcoming Trips Guide

Date	Event	Class	Trip Leader	Telephone	Limit
28th July	Christmas in July	E			No Limit
19th August	Driver Awareness Training Stage 1		Neale Simpson	0404 843 445	
8th — 9th September	HRFWDC Advanced Training Awaba/ Stockton	C	Peter Wade	0417 750 150	
15th—16th September	Driver Awareness Training Stage 2		Neale Simpson	0404 843 445	
28th—30th September	Central Coast Caravan Camping Show Mingara	E			No Limit
13th October	HRFWDC Basic Training Awaba	C	Peter Wade	0417 750 150	
21st October	Driver Awareness Training Stage 1		Neale Simpson	0404 843 445	
17th—18th November	Driver Awareness Training Stage 2		Neale Simpson	0404 843 445	

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.

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 Club, 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 09/04/18

The meeting was opened at 7:36PM

Clubs attending/delegates: 8 delegates representing 5 clubs
Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club, Gold Eagle 4x4 Club, Newcastle District 4WD Club, Port Hunter 4x4 Club, Raymond Terrace 4WD Club

Visitors: Craig Thomas

Apologies: Roger Sheath

Accept Minutes: A. M. Anstey S. B. Sinclair

Matters Arising From Minutes:

Training: 1 starter for first aid, 1st day completed, positive feed.
Chainsaw course in June & Sept.
Next DTU course is May.
MOU: Stockrington - Photos from clubs trips recording dumping want for EPA report. Meeting to help with NPWS about upcoming activities.
Slippery Rock Rd - want some to lead the day.
Worimi – no update, not sure where camp trial is up to. To be followed up
Port to Port – looking for member to marshal on MTB course
Camp quality – need number for catering. Need to mark access track, some confusion last year. Mick Van Balkom to lead group on beach.
4WD Adventure Show - Association would like Hunter Region to have a stand at the show. Volunteers manning the stand 2hr session receive free entry to the show.

New Business:

Membership: Association affiliation are due in June.
Insurance: A reminder for clubs to have members sign on for trips and meetings. Everyone must sign on not just the driver.
Communications – Association executive feel the hunter Region is a black hole, lack of information being feedback to state level.
Email will go out to clubs tonight (09/04/18) for office@4wdnow.com
Proforma for club details to be send out, so association have up to date contact details.

Craig Thomas to put together a list of points, which will be provide to clubs on why the association should have admin access to the HRFWDC face Book group. Correspondence Craig has showing access executive members have had in the past to be circulated to delegates.

RMS Notice 35: (Engineered Vehicles) – Craig Thomas thanked Raymond Terrace Club for highlight the issue.

Jamboree 18: Good weekend, positive feedback from members of Hunter Region clubs who attended.

Bush Highways: Tony Danks & Kerry Nichols have had a discussions to look at ways to link places. Consideration should be given to the possibility of an undergraduate to a study of the economic benefits.

Rattle Trap: Hot Rods on the beach at Harington, some association member are assisting with recovery, Craig recommend the taking a look at the event.

Quarterly Meeting – Next Quarterly meeting 3rd Saturday in May Sancrox fire station, near Port Macquarie.

HRFWDC EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	PHONE
14th April	Remote Area First Aid Course Day 2	Roger Sheath	0418 831 881
6th May	Camp Quality Family Day	Roger Sheath	0418 831 881
26th May	Basic Training Awaba	Peter Wade	0417 750 150
25th-26th May Stages 2 & 3	Marshalling – Port to Port MTB Event	Brock Smith	0439 036 077
4th June	HRFWDC at Beresfield	Brock Smith	0439 036 077
23rd – 24th June	Chainsaw Training	Roger Sheath	0418 831 881
6th August	HRFWDC at TBC	Brock Smith	0439 036 077
19th August	Stockrington Clean Up	Brock Smith	0439 036 077
8th - 9th September	Advanced Training Awaba/Stockton	Peter Wade	0417 750 150
29th -30th September	Chainsaw Training	Roger Sheath	0418 831 881
4th October	Bio Diversity Day Blue Gum Hills Regional Park (Minmi)	Brock Smith	0439 036 077
8th October	HRFWDC at Beresfield	Brock Smith	0439 036 077
13th October	Basic Training Awaba	Peter Wade	0417 750 150
3rd December	HRFWDC at Beresfield	Brock Smith	0439 036 077
16 or 17 March 19	Stockrington Tree Planting	Brock Smith	0439 036 077

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
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- 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

NSW GOVERNMENT | 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

Orangisation_____

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

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HUMOROUS OBSERVATIONS

Who Am I?

Years ago, when our daughters were very young, we'd drop them off at our church's children's chapel on Sundays before the eleven o'clock service.

One Sunday, just as I was about to open the door to the small chapel, the minister came rushing up in full vestments. He said he had an emergency and asked if I'd speak to the children at their story time. He said the subject was the Twenty-third Psalm.

But just as I was about to get up from the back row and talk about the good shepherd, the minister burst into the room and signalled to me that he would be able to do the story time after all.

He told the children about sheep, that they weren't smart and needed lots of guidance, and that a shepherd's job was to stay close to the sheep, protect them from wild animals and keep them from wandering off and doing dumb things that would get them hurt or killed.

He pointed to the little children in the room and said that they were the sheep and needed lots of guidance.

Then the minister put his hands out to the side, palms up in a dramatic gesture, and with raised eyebrows said to the children, "If you are the sheep then who is the shepherd?" He was pretty obviously indicating himself.

A silence of a few seconds followed. Then a young visitor said, " Jesus, Jesus is the shepherd."

The young minister, obviously caught by surprise, said to the boy, "Well, then, who am I?"

The little boy frowned thoughtfully and then said with a shrug, "I guess you must be a sheep dog."

Super Dress

Shortly after the birth of their second child, a husband offered to take his wife shopping for a new dress. He endured more than two hours of listening to her complaints about which figure flaw each dress accentuated.

As she emerged from the dressing room, having tried on the last selection, she asked for her husband's opinion. By this time he had learned just the right things to say. "It's perfect!" he exclaimed. "It makes your waist look smaller, your legs look longer, and slenderizes your hips."

Just then another lady in the dressing room spoke out. "If there is a dress here that will do that, I'll buy them all!"

HUMOROUS OBSERVATIONS

Colonial Break

A company offered tours through the historic district, led by guides dressed in Colonial clothing. While leading a group, one of the guides, tripped and fell, breaking his wrist.

He went to the hospital, and as he sat waiting in the emergency room, a policeman walked by.

Doing a double take at him in his 18th-century garb he asked, "Just how long have you been waiting?"

Pearl Dream

After she woke up, a woman told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for our anniversary. What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight." he said.

That evening, the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife.

Delighted, she opened it to find a book entitled "The Meaning of Dreams."

Name Warning

On a street, where the speed is limited to 30 mph the police stop a driver.

"Not only have you been driving too fast, you've been passing cars where it is not allowed. Your lights don't work, your tires all completely worn out. This is surely going to cost you a lot. What's your name?"

"Schtrathewisizeski Vocgefastilongchinic."

"Well, I'll let you go this time but don't do it again."

Bonus

Here's hoping there is no one like this at your workplace.

Faced with hard times, the company offered a bonus of one thousand dollars to any employee who could come up with a way of saving money.

The bonus went to a young woman in accounting who suggested limiting future bonuses to ten dollars.

HUMOROUS OBSERVATIONS

They call it a "selfie" because "narcissistie" is too hard to spell.

Not to get technical...but according to chemistry, alcohol is a solution.

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

FROSTBITES – A trip to Kosciusko National Park

Saturday June 9 and Monday June 11

Trip Leader – Lachy Thomas

Vehicles on the trip
Lachy and Liz – Patrol
Wombat and Natalie – Navara
Matt and Carole – Land Cruiser
Jason and Huey (Jason's 4 year old son) – Patrol
Dave – Prado
Mick and Clare – FJ Cruiser
Emma – FJ Cruiser
Glen and Clarissa – Patrol
Steve – Land Rover Discovery

We met at 9am on Saturday at Cooma McDonalds on a bright sunny morning. After fuelling up on coffee and brekkie we set off.
Lachy said that he had booked some good weather for us so all good there.

After a quick chat about where we were going and where we would be camping over the next couple of nights we set off.

Our first stop was at Kiandra Gold Fields, its name comes from an Aboriginal Glanderra for sharp stones for knives. It was earlier called Gibson's Plains, named after Dr Gibson a settler in the district in 1839.

We then jumped back into our trucks and headed off through the spectacular scenery of the Selwyn Snow Fields. Such beautiful views and countryside reminded Matt and I of the Victorian High Country.

Along Lobs Hole Ravine Road we stopped at Old Jounama Homestead Site home of Bob Gibbs c1900
After a quick explore and a bite to eat we headed off.

From there we picked up the The Long Plains Road and pulled in to look at Long Plain Hut which has stood proudly for more than 100 years.

We than took to the tracks again and headed for Cooinbil Camp Ground which would be our camp for the night.
Wombat entertained us around the campfire with jokes and showed little Huey the art of magic colours in the fire (courtesy of Anaconda)!!!

After a cool start, we left camp at around 9am on Sunday, we were heading off to see Coolamine Homestead off of Long Plain Road.
There was the cheese hut and the Coolamine Homestead which were built in the 1800s.
The Homestead walls held great interest with old newspaper cuttings which had been put on the walls with advertisements from the 1920s and 1930s some of which were quite raunchy. They certainly had Emma and myself in fits of giggles.

Then it was back in the trucks and we headed down Powerline Road, this track was very muddy, Lachy went down first and then guided everyone else down.
We decided to mix it up a bit and ended up doing most of the downward descent sideways. Glen and Clarissa have the evidence on their dash camera.

Once everyone was down we headed to Brindabella for lunch, a lovely spot by the river. Huey loved it playing by the water. He was such a lovely boy making friends with everyone on the trip.

Camp that night was at Lowells Flat. Another lovely spot, we camped right by the water.

It was certainly colder that night, woke up on Monday morning to find the zipper on the tent frozen and ice on the inside of the tent.

Once everyone had defrosted and packed away we headed out onto Mackintyres Trail and then turned onto Waterfall Trail. It was at this point that our convoy was halted by 3 cars in front of our party. They were setting up a recovery, one of their guys had a broken diff and transfer case. (Don't envy their job getting back home).

Our next stop was at Mt Coree Sumit, with an elevation of 1,421 metres. Amazing views at the top of the Cotter Dam, you feel like you are on top of the world.

We then drove to the Cotter Dam which was where everyone aired up and the trip finished.

This was a wonderful 3 day trip with great company along the way.

Thanks Lachy and Liz for a great long weekend.

Matt and Carole Corp

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE NSW & ACT ASSOCIATION

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 collobarative 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

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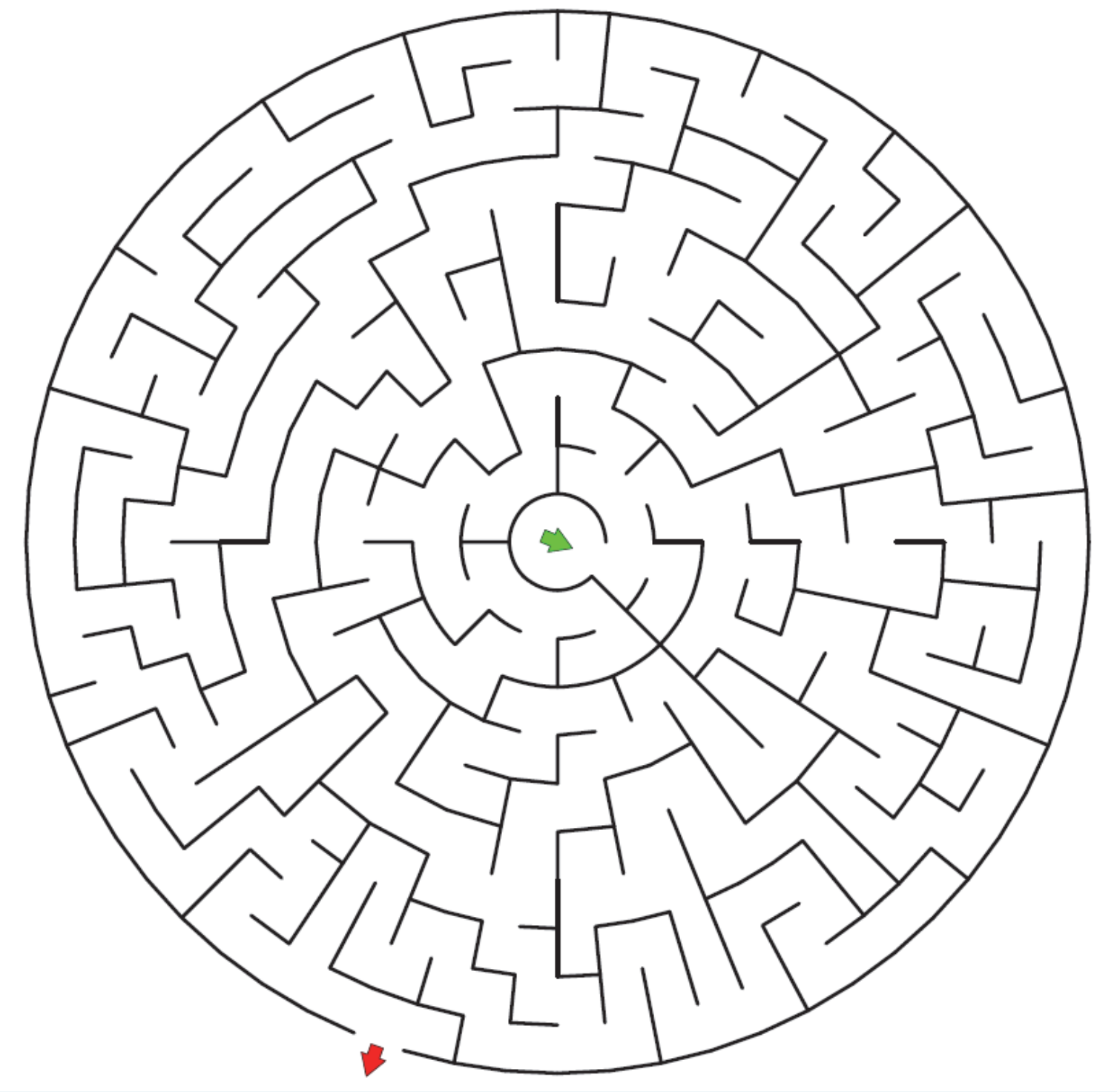

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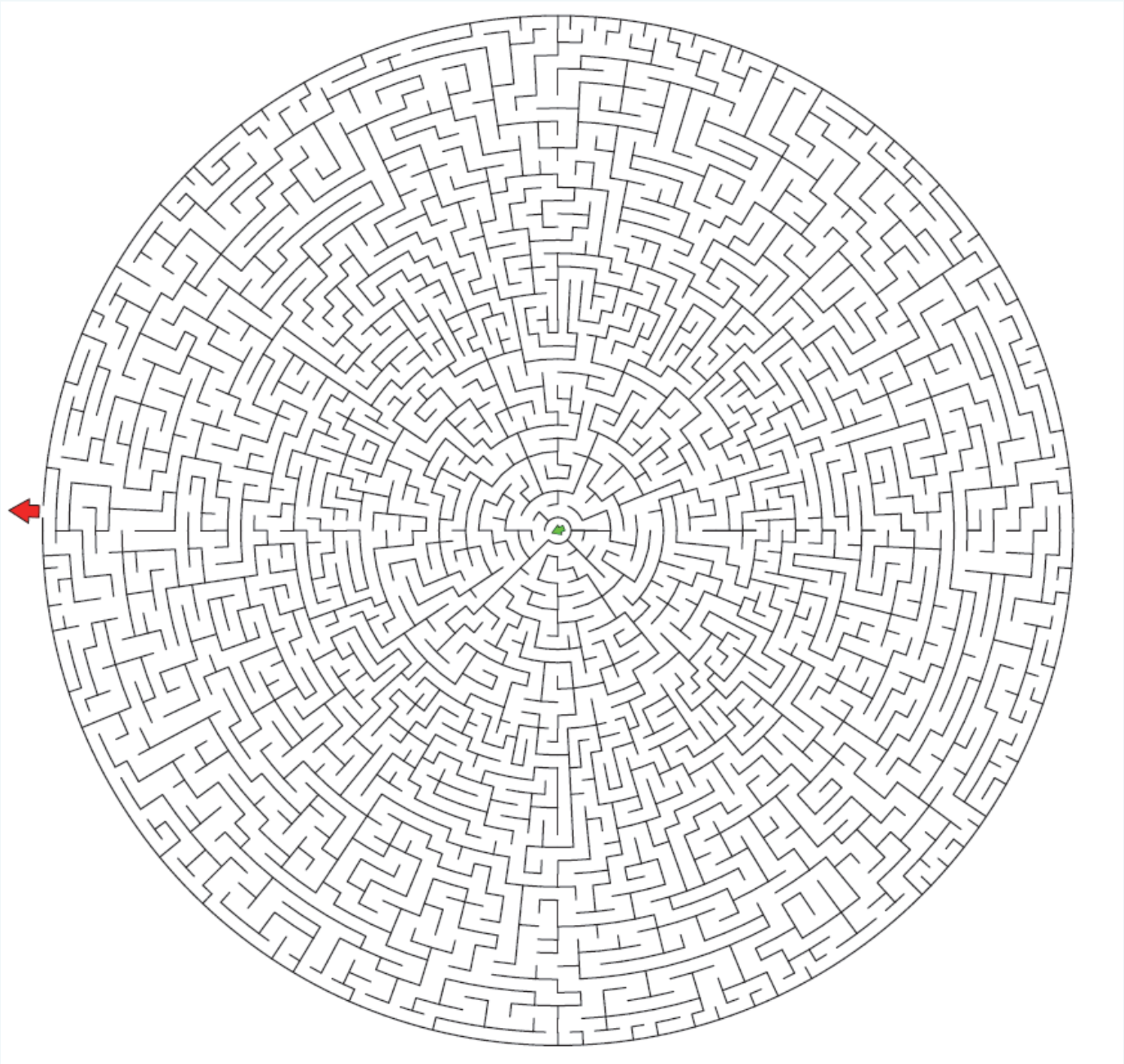

A REQUEST FOR HELP

As has been mentioned before, we are trying to attract some more families into our club to keep it balanced and fun for ALL age groups. We are looking for ideas that will assist us to attract more families with kids to the club and also to get more of the members with kids to participate in more activities. Please put your thinking caps on and let us know via email or Facebook if you have any ideas, or if you are a family with kids, what sort of events would you like to see. It doesn't have to be four wheel driving, any event that gets us together and having some fun is all we are looking for.

So please, give it some thought and let us know. The committee's email addresses are all on the second page of this magazine.

DON"T FORGET

Nominate now for a committee position.

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. In 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

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 assents, descents and basic rock steps.

Driver Awareness Training

Stage Two

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

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.

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

Contact: Allan Booth on 0404 729 704

Jacket (polar fleece with emblem)	**$35.00**
Green sleeveless vest (polar fleece with emblem)	**$30.00**
Club Shirt (with Embroidered Club Logo)	**$30.00**
Long Sleeve Bisley Shirt (with Embroidered Club Logo)	**$55.00**
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!

GREAT NEWS !

CLUB STICKERS

Hello All Club Members !
It has been bought 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 arange for a new one to be collected from our monthly meeting.
Send to chris@demonindustries.net

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OUR CLUB WEBSITE

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
- Register your details
- Once verified by our club you will have access to the members area

Happy Birthday

Illyssa Roper

Samuel Bidwell

Charlotte Carlin

Spencer Brightmore

Jamie Deaves

Logan Ford

WANTED

Donations are requested to assist with the club raffles at our monthly meetings. If you have anything you think may be suitable please contact our lovely raffle coordinator (Joyce) on 4392 3878 or see her at the meetings to discuss.

THANK YOU

To all the kind and generous people who have donated items for our raffle. Your donations are very much appreciated.

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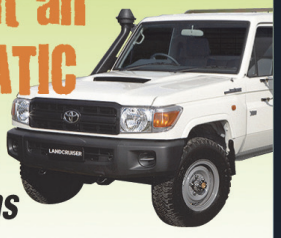

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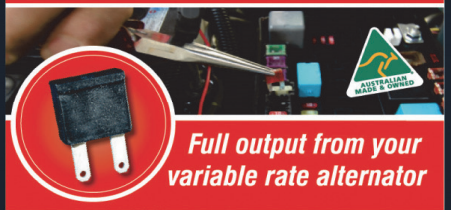

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