

Central Coast 4WD Club



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CLUB MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

MAGAZINE INFORMATION

ALL articles and photos 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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Presidents report

G'day everyone,

On behalf of everyone in the club - a huge welcome to all 35 families that joined the club this month. We had an amazing response to our meet and greet day at Kings Supa Centre. It was awesome to see so many of you sign up to join the Central Coast Four Wheel drive club family. You should all have received a welcome email from me with lots of helpful information. If you're able to come along to the meeting this month, we'd love to see you and present your new member pack in person, but if you can't make it, please let us know and we will post it to you. We hope you all enjoy your time as members and remember, its your club now. We love having new ideas and suggestions, so if you have any skills you think we could use, you want to run a trip or have any other ideas, please don't hesitate to contact any committee member.

Now that our numbers are getting back to "normal" after all the challenges of 2020, we need lots of trips – lots and lots of trips! If you've been a member for a few years, I am sure you can remember how excited you were to be joining a club and getting out on the tracks, and I'm sure you were grateful to the members that took you along on your first trips. So, here's your chance to give back and ensure our new members have the same experience. To help you out with this, the club is going to reimburse your fuel costs up to \$100 when you run a club trip. More details on page 22.

The committee has been busy this month doing lots of tasks to ensure our new members are being looked after. A huge thank you everyone that helped out at the Kings day – especially Tracey Hughes and Damien Erickson for all your work organising the Kings day, and a massive thanks to Cherrie Pandich for processing all the new memberships and to Mark Roper and the rest of the DTU team for taking on the big job of getting everyone trained up.

The committee has also been busy this month organising some exciting events for members.

As we discussed last month, we're going to have a shindig at the lease with music and pizza just for fun. More details on page 30.



And Xmas in July is back this year with bells on! We have investigated getting wood delivered, but the cost is really high (\$1000 wouldn't get us enough wood) so the consensus is that we should collect it ourselves as we have in previous years. This can be a big and physically demanding job when we only have a few volunteers but one that can be really easy and fun if a lot of people pitch in to do their bit. So if you can spare a few hours in the week prior to 24th July, please contact Trevor Banks. Full details on page 28.

See you all out on the tracks,

Cheers, Faye

From The Editor

Hi everyone and welcome to the May edition of our Clubs newsletter.

Can you believe its May already??

Included in this months edition, you will find a cheat sheet of UHF channels and their intended usage. Please familiarise yourself with them, and only use the channels specified for our use. There are hefty fines involved if you're caught misusing the channels.

There will be more on radio etiquette in next months magazine.

As always, any stories, photos or tips and tricks about 4WDing or camping from our members are welcome.

Till next month.

Happy Days!

Cheers, Claire



Mick and I were lucky enough to join Fay & TC's Bendethra trip over Easter. This is definitely one of our favourite trips. Deua National Park never fails to delight, and driving the Mighty Merricumbene track is always SO much fun! Of course, there were the usual shenanigans that always seem to occur on a trip with Faye & TC! The trip report for Bendethra is on page 16.

Thought I would include a photo of Mick enjoying an icy cold one, straight from the esky & under the shade which Maggie provides us.

Piston Broke Trophy

Goes to our VP Damien for having an accident in Stormy. We hope no one was injured and we'll see Stormy back on the tracks soon!



Photos from Aprils Club Meeting

Damien advised that he has arranged a donation from the manager of Kings for our raffle.



Alan Blowerman received his DTU1 certificate from DTU Head, Mark Roper.



Jane spoke about their upcoming trip to Wombeyan Caves area.



VP Damien and new Publicity Officer Tracey discussing the Kings BBQ arrangements.



Social Coordinator Jo telling the meeting about the upcoming party at the lease in September



Matt Corp gave the NSW Association report.



Lease manager Spotto reporting on the Lease working bee.



Trev speaking about upcoming club trips.



Mysteire gave the trip report for Tony and Faye's trip to Bendethera Valley whilst also sporting one of the new style Club shirts



Next General Meeting is on May 13th 2021

8pm—Arthur Lake Room
The Entrance Leagues Club
3 Bay Village Road Bateau Bay



You can attend by Zoom if you wish



Zoom meetings are free and you can join from your computer, phone, iPad or other tablet.

If you are joining by phone you will need to get the Zoom app before you can join a Zoom meeting.

- For iPhone or iPad, go to the App Store.
 - For other phones or tablets, go to the Google Play Store
- The app you need is called **“Zoom Cloud Meetings”**

Once you have the app, click on the meeting link below to join a meeting.

If you are joining from your computer, you can just click on the meeting link below and follow the instructions on your screen

Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club

General Meeting

Thursday 08th April 2021

Meeting; General meeting and AGM meeting held at The Entrance Leagues Club, 3 Bay Village Drive Bateau Bay the meeting was also presented on ZOOM. Meeting started at 8.00pm.

All members and guests are welcome to the meeting.

Attendance; As per attendance book, and those on ZOOM.

Apologies; Ros, Frank Adams, Pete Glendening, Paul Fisher, Bev & Greg Douglas, Simon Newton, The Browns, Dianna & Bill McConville, Lachy Thomas.

Visitors; Nil tonight.

Minutes of the previous meetings.

Motion	That the minutes for the General Meeting held on the 11 th March 2021 as published in the magazine be accepted.	
Moved; Spotto	Seconded; Tracey	Action; carried

Noted corrections; Central Coast Leagues Club to The Entrance Leagues Club, apologies.

Secretaries Report; by Alan

Correspondence, emails received – 11th March – 8th April as tabled.

From	Subject	Response
Fiona Fisher	Letter of appreciation from Hunter 4WDNOW for the CC4WDC	Meeting
Hunter 4WDNOW	Closure of Kylie Beach	Meeting
Steve Farmer	Domain name registration	Meeting
Treasurer	Sheds & Homes Invoice	Meeting
Treasurer	Invoices to Advertisers	Meeting
4WDNOW	Delegates Cheat sheet- February	Meeting
4WD Touring Australia	Australian Travel bible 2021 Part 2 Queensland	Meeting
Hunter 4WDNOW	Weather Alert	Meeting
Club 4X4	Payment made \$250.00	Meeting
President	Cancellation of hall hire for General meetings	Meeting
Australian 4WD And Adventure	4WD Shows	Meeting
Claire Campbell	Meeting minutes hurry-up	Secretary
CCIANSW	Applications are open for the Illawarra Expo	Meeting
4WD Touring Australia	Australian Travel bible 2021 South Australia	Meeting
The Convict Trail Project	CTP newsletter	Meeting
Hunter 4WDNOW	Media Release Flood Closure	Meeting
PM4WDClub	March Minutes	Meeting

Hard copy correspondence: Account statement from the bank

Aus. Gov Woomera Prohibited Area.

Invoice Onya Visuals recorded by treasurer

Outward Correspondence Tabled above.

Motion	That the inwards and outwards correspondence as presented be accepted.	
Moved; TC	Seconded; Steve Turdak	Action; Carried

Treasurers Report; by Craig

Craig presented the following report at the General Meeting to be captured in the meeting minutes and printed in the Monthly Magazine.

Opening Balance	\$19,183.67
Deposits	\$1,946.84
Monthly Expenditure	\$4,200.10
Account Balance	\$16,930.41
Investment	\$10,297.96

Bills For Payment

Bev Fort Flowers	\$102.95
MYOB	\$46.75
Onya Visuals	\$96.70
Joyce Hollis Raffle Prices	\$73.00
Tracy Hughes Kings	\$87.00

Fun Fines Collected \$30.25, thank you.

Motion	That the Treasurers report and bills of payment as presented at the meeting and reported above be accepted.	
Moved; Trevor	Seconded Tappy	Action; Carried

New Members; Cherrie

Motion	No new members for this meeting.	
Moved;	Seconded;	Action; carried

New members packs; Brent and Catherine Le Delle and Kevin and Jenna Dries

New Brochures are available from Cherrie and the table.

Vic President; Damien

On Schedule for 7.30am this Saturday 10th April. Assistance required to help with the cooking and meeting-greeting.

4 Wheel Drive Super Centre Kings promotion day proceeds to go to the Flying Doctors.

Motion	That an extra \$100.00 be given as prize money with all monies raised on the day be donated to the Royal Fling Doctors	
Moved; Jane	Seconded Bev	Action; carried

Editor; Claire

The message from Claire is - KEEP the photos and stories coming as all is welcome. Some photos did not make it due to ongoing covid-19 restrictions. The magazine a great read, thanks to all.

Assistant Treasurer; by Michelle

Nothing new to report

Lease manager; by Spotto

A great working bee over the easter weekend with new boards in the mower shed, plus the lawns done. Whipping snipping was excellent, timber at the bottom of the café was replaced. The lease is looking sensational, thanks to all the hard work.

DTU Report; by Mark Roper

The following members have all participated in the Stage 1 DTU training and the certificates are ready for collection, congratulations.

Scott Hines

Michael Ellis

Catherine Call

Bret Call

The 2021 training will continue as programmed, so we are back in business, refer to dates posted in the magazine.

Trip Leader Report; by Trevor Banks

Trip reports,

2 main events over the last month;

Working Bee at 'we Leaser'

Bendethera Valley trip run by Faye and TC

Mysteire presented a great verbal account of the Bendethera Valley trip, and it sounds like everybody had a great time. Thanky ou to Faye and TC for yet another great Trip.

Upcoming trips:

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| May | "Bad Ass Babes" in the Barrington's |
| May | Ray puts on another great trip up to the Settles Road |
| April | Deua River Trip 3 spots left. The whole easter break 3 days. |
| April | Rose Hill Caravan show |
| May | Quambone, see Ken and Yvonne |
| May | Ray Watagans 22 nd May Meeting at Cooranbong |
| June | Glenreagh to Dorrigo |
| June | Steve and Jane Teralba and Wombeyan Caves |
| June | Smoke and Broke tickets are on the rise to \$49.00 a great weekend to be had. |
| August | Christmas in July |
| August | short drive to Winton, 3-4 week trip |
| August | Gem feast, see Steve and Jane |

Keep an eye on the magazine and Facebook pages for conformation of dates, and new trips being posted.

Public Relations Tracey

The club is ready for the Kings Day this Saturday.

NSW/ACT Association

Mark refers to the Facebook entries which is all to report.

General Business.

Due to the profit gained for the year we have some options and the most popular is a function at the lease. Preliminary work is under-way and the 11th September social weekend including a pizza truck from Newcastle and pub band with 70's-80's music.

Rent for We Leaser is going up and decided a 5% increase \$,900.00 an increase of \$90. This essentially just pays for the rates.

Certificate to Al Bowerman. Congrats

Coola camp oven cook-off June long weekend see Matt. Stockton beach is closed due to flooding and steep drop-offs

For Sale

Nothing this month.

Piston Broke Trophy

Damien wins the coveted trophy this month, congrats. The story goes that he was in an accident with an MG.

Club person of the month, this month goes to Tracey for putting up her hand and for organising the Kings weekend.

The Committee meeting will be held on the 19th April, all welcome to attend.

The next general meeting will be held on Thursday 13th May 2021 at The Entrance Leagues Club and ZOOM.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm Minutes by Alan Booth

President Faye Goodman

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

due 30th June 2021

General Membership

\$90 per annum

Gold Membership

\$50 per annum

Gold membership applies after 15 years of consecutive membership

Please make payments to:

Account name: Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club Incorporated

BSB: 082 620

Account: 622 378 649

Description: Your name OR membership number and the word RENEWAL

Please include these details in the payment description otherwise it is very difficult to reconcile payments received.

If any of your other details have changed, for example:

- home address
- email address
- contact number
- car details

Please email membership@cc4wdc.org.au with the new details

UHF Radio Channels Australia

Which channels to use & avoid

UHF (Ultra high frequency) radios are a commonplace accessory the vast majority of 4WDers use for general convoy communication on highways and tracks. It is important to remember that UHF transmissions are not private communication and anyone within range will hear your conversation so some simple etiquette is important.

The UHF radio is a must have when going on 4WD trips. Below are the list of channels you should and shouldn't be using.

Acceptable UHF channels and their usage:

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

Channel 10: 4WD Clubs or Convoys and National Parks

Channel 18: Caravanners and Campers Convoy Channel

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

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

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

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

Legally restricted channels

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

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

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

Channel 61, 62 and 63: reserved for future allocation and transmission on these channels is not permitted

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

These penalties are set to increase every 3 years from 1 July 2020.

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

Moruya/Deua River/Bendethera Trip

2nd – 5th April 2021

Fiona Fisher

Faye Goodman and Tony Clark, Bev Fort, Ian and Fiona Fisher, Ray Kaltenbacher, Frank Adams, Sean Du Toit and Mysteire Jones & Max (the firemaster), Mick Ellis and Claire Campbell

We met in Moruya on Friday morning. Then drove out of Moruya up to Wandera Lookout. We had a nice drive through the Gollaribee Mountains and seeing lots of lovely changes to vegetation. We came through the Monga National Park and stopped for a quick lunch at Quart Pot Creek. After stopping at Dry River to check out our river crossing for the next day, we found out we would not be able to get through. The park had only been opened the day before after being closed for a long time due to bushfires and now floods.



We camped overnight at the Araluen Camp site. Around the campfire at night we had poetry reciting from Ray and Faye. Packing up the next morning and headed to Braidwood.



After crossing the flowing water going into our next campground at Bendethera , Ray lost his rear bash plate – well it turned into a crumpled pile of metal!! Aunty Bev was quick to hand on the Piston Broke trophy. “It will buff out” “Frank is all over it” said Bev – “or in this case under it”. A bit of deconstruction happened by the side of the road.

We were able to continue with lots of ups and downs – over Whoop de Doos – 109 of them to be exact according to Mick and Claire. I don’t know how they counted them – not that many fingers and toes!! We also discovered Mick and Claire had lost one of their number plates probably in a river crossing. It was returned to them the next day from someone else at the next camp site.



Sunday – we had an early start after a cool and frosty morning. Driving out through a deeper river crossing. After a check of the river, we managed to drive a wide sweeping C shape a round Faye and Sean in the water. Aiming at them, then around them!!





Drove up to the Bendethera Mountain Trig for morning tea. There was a tree down over the road at the bottom of hill. TC to the rescue with his chain saw with lots of helpful advice from all of us watching!!

Now to Track clearing no. 2, then on our way again – shortly after – clearing no. 3. The last one was mostly the top of the shrub this time.

We came to Merricumbene Trail, Oulla Creek for our lunch stop and our turn around point.



TC managed to play pick up sticks on the way back. They insisted and persisted to stay with his car. He cut it out and brought it back to the camp site. Got back to camp about 4.30.

Easter Sunday bright and early, the Easter bunny managed to find us and delivered some tasty treats to all.

Monday – left about 9.30 heading back to Braidwood via the Damper Mountain Fire Trail and the trip is formally over. Airing up just out of town, then fill ups at the petrol station and we went our own ways. Some staying down in the area for another night.



A weekend in the Barrington Tops

Trip report by Sean Du Toit

Sean & Mysteire, Jo & Spotto, Jeanette & Warren

There was not a lot of planning involved in the weekend as our original plan had been cancelled under the guise of covid restrictions. Mysteire and myself had already applied for leave so decided to make the best of the time off. I put a message up on the 4WD Facebook page to see if anyone could join us at late notice, I was pleasantly surprised when two other couples answered that they would come along.

After some messenger chat, it was decided to book at The Steps Barrington, a slightly more expensive option but there are good facilities at the park. The Barrington River runs past the campsite and it is a very beautiful campground. The river is even worth a swim if you can brave the chilly mountain water. We had stayed at The Steps Barrington late last year but clearly there had been some significant flooding recently during the big rain event. Another bonus is that the campsite caters for tents, camper trailers and caravans accommodating for all types of campers.

It was decided to order a ute load of firewood and split the cost. This had proved to be a great idea last winter, the reaction to this delivery was less enthusiastic as it seemed to be anything but a generous quantity. The firewood was extremely hard and not very dry so took a lot of effort to burn effectively, but the campfire was still enjoyable and resulted in many happy hours of chatting, socialising and getting to better know some of the club members. The weather was beautiful, we really could not have asked for more and the night sky was incredible.

On sat morning we departed at around 9:30 to attempt to navigate our way via Woko up to The Barrington Tops. The main road from Gloucester had been damaged in the storms and was closed so that route was not an option. In August 2019 we had done a trip along the Woko route and I had decided to test my navigation skills by using this route while making the trip interesting and scenic. I contacted some of the very experienced club members for assistance and received some great support and encouragement with my plan.



Manning River
Campground – the
lunch stop

The trip took a little longer than expected which resulted in a lunch stop at the Manning River Campground and then returning using the same route. The original plan was to attempt to get to the Polblue campground but I didn't fancy trying to make my way back down the tracks in the dark. We got back to The Steps at around 4pm. It was a very enjoyable drive and the scenery did not disappoint. Due to the rain over the last year the tracks were much more overgrown than 2019 and there was even some mud to play in. It turned out to be a great day and my navigation skills were tested at times but proved to be adequate under the circumstances, a success on all fronts. Better navigation tools are definitely a future requirement for safety and reliability reasons.

The Barrington area is extremely vast and beautiful, there are hundreds of different routes and areas to explore with many varied camping options. This trip has given me the confidence to plan future trips to the area and hopefully get some more members out there to enjoy and appreciate another one of the stunning areas of our wonderful country while respecting the environment.



Our campsite at The Steps before everyone else arrived.

Would you like to run a club trip but need a helping hand?

We have lots of new members and we need lots of trips on the calendar.

For a limited time, if you run a club trip, the club will reimburse up to \$100 of your fuel costs.

How it works:

- **The trip must be an official club trip—that is, it must be advertised either in the magazine or on the Facebook group and it must have club member attendees in addition to the trip leader.**
- **You'll need to submit a fuel docket to treasurer@cc4wdc.org.au, along with the bank account details for the account you want the reimbursement paid to**
- **The committee will review your request based on the distance covered in your trip and pay to your bank account once approved**

Running a club trip is lots of fun and you'll be sure to make some new friends

[Here's a link to the step by step guide about how to run a trip](#)

Upcoming Events in 2021

Refer to following pages for detailed trip notices

Date	Event	Class	Contact	Telephone	Limit
13 May	May General Meeting The Entrance Leagues Club	Social			
15-16 May	DTU Stage 2, We-leaser	C	Mark Roper	0420 978 784	FULL 6 vehicles
22-23 May	Badass Babes of the Barringtons	C	Faye Goodman	0423 008 628	8 vehicles
22 May	Watagans National Park	D	Ray Kaltenbacher	4342 7521	10 vehicles
10 June	June General Meeting The Entrance Leagues Club	Social			
Long weekend 11-14 June	Taralga Trip	D	Steven Jane	0452 249 879 0422 021 179	6 vehicles
Long weekend 12-13-14 June	Ghosts of the Dorrigo Line	C	Tony Clark Faye Goodman	0411 090 653 0423 008 628	8 vehicles
20 June	DTU Stage 1, Cooranbong	C	Mark Roper	0420 978 784	FULL 8 people
8 July	July General Meeting The Entrance Leagues Club	Social			
17-18 July	DTU Stage 2, We-Leaser	C	Mark Roper	0420 978 784	FULL 6 vehicles
24-25 July	Xmas in July Casuarina Campground Olney State Forest—Watagans	Social			No limit
12 August	August General Meeting The Entrance Leagues Club	Social			
15 August	DTU Stage 1, Cooranbong	C	Mark Roper	0420 978 784	8 people
18 August—8 Sept	Dinosaurs to Dinosaurs	E/D	Trevor Banks Roger Carrodus	0428 972 763 0416 298 323	8 vehicles
11 September	CRUZ-in to the 80's	Social	Jo Kelly	0448 271 064	No limit
18-19 September	DTU Stage 2, We-Leaser	C	Mark Roper	0420 978 784	6 vehicles
17 October	DTU Stage 1, Cooranbong	C	Mark Roper	0420 978 784	8 people
21-22 November	DTU Stage 2, We-Leaser	C	Mark Roper	0420 978 784	6 vehicles
27-28 November	Christmas party at We-leaser	Social			No limit

Trip to Watagans National Park

Saturday 22nd May 2021

Ray Kaltenbacher 4342 7521 (rayandberyl15@bigpond.com)

Meet at the corner of Freemans Drive & Martinsville Rd 8:30am

The trip is along Martinsville Rd; Watagans Forest Way visiting Boarding House Dam and some lookouts along the way exiting via Mount Faulk Rd

10 vehicles max

This will be a good introduction day to the Watagans



BADASS BABES OF THE BARRINGTONS

22-23 May, 2021

- Trip Leader:** Faye Goodman 0423 008 628
- Where:** Barrington tops – camping in Manning River Campground
- Meet:** Carpark Denison Street Gloucester, just in front of the park 9.30 am
- Bring:** Camping gear, recovery gear, food and water, bag of wood
- Limit :** 8 cars **This trip is not suitable for caravans or camper trailers**
- Min requirements:** Stage 1 driver awareness training or equivalent, good all terrain tyres, UHF radio, full tank of fuel at meeting point

It's time for the "babes" of the club to run amok again! This is a drive through the beautiful, scenic Barringtons that will see you driving some "C" grade tracks that will require your technical skills whilst not being too terrifying. We will meet in Gloucester before taking the Barrington Tops road across to the tops. There are some great lookouts along the way. We'll then be tackling some of the iconic trails of the area, including Barrington trail and Wrights trail before making our way into camp at Little Manning camp area, which is situated in the up waters of the Manning River and has pit toilets. There we'll have a nice campfire (restrictions permitting) and maybe a glass or two of liquid refreshment. On Sunday we will explore some more trails and waterfalls before heading west through the Dingo gate and home via Moonan Flat, Scone and the New England Highway.

Boys (and kids) can accompany the babes but we'd like the babes to take this opportunity to do all the driving and camp set up this weekend. If you're a babe that's coming alone and you haven't been four wheel driving much alone before, don't worry as there will be lots of help if you need a hand letting your tyres down or setting up camp.



Taralga Trip

Friday June 11th— Monday 14th

Caravan Friendly

Trip Leaders: Steven & Jane
Phone: 0425 249 879 & 0422 021 179
Where: Taralga
Meet: 4.30PM at Ourimbah rest stop
Limit: 6 vehicles
Class: D (minimum requirements Stage 1 driver awareness training)
Cost: No camping fees but there are fees for cave tours (see below)
Bring: Warm clothes, usual recovery gear, food and supplies for 3 days, working UHF radio, full tank of fuel at meeting point plus 1 x full jerry can for 4x4's without long range tanks.

TRIP DETAILS:

Day 1—Meet 4:30PM at Ourimbah rest stop. For those that cannot travel on Friday you are welcome to join us on Saturday. Please contact Steven or Jane for camp site address as we will be camping on a friend's property. Flushing toilet available. Own showers required as property is on tank water.

DAY 2—Day out to Wombeyan caves (prices below). Depending on weather campfire night.

Day 3—Explore surrounding areas, the old gold mining sites and stone hut. If anyone interested, dinner at the pub.

Day 4—Head home.

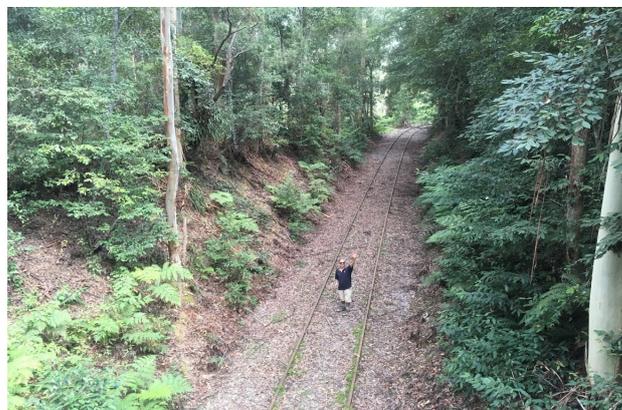
Wombeyan Cave Tour Prices

Adult	\$24
Children	\$19
Pensioner	\$19
Senior	\$22
Family	\$60

Ghosts of the Dorrigo line

June long weekend

12-13-14 June, 2021



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

Where: Dorrigo plateau to Glenreagh

Meet: Dorrigo Showground, 4180 Waterfall Way, Dorrigo 2453
12 noon Saturday 12 June, 2021 (about 5 hours from the Central Coast)

Limit: 8 vehicles

Class: C

Cost: \$25 per night per couple (showers are \$1 for 4 min). Payment to be made prior to arrival (we will give you the details)

Bring: Warm clothes, usual recovery gear, food and supplies for three days.
Working UHF radio. **Caravans or camper trailers are welcome.** Full tank of fuel at the meeting point.

Min requirements: Stage 1 Driver awareness training

After meeting up on Saturday and getting setup at the showground, we will look at some of the sites around Dorrigo township, including the Gondwana Rainforest lookout, Dangar Falls and a peek at the massive collection of steam locomotives and wagons near Dorrigo Station. We will be base camping for both nights at the showground, which has powered sites (so you can bring a heater!) and it is a walk to Dorrigo township.

On Sunday, we're going to trace the course of the Dorrigo to Glenreagh railway line which has been dis-used since the 1970's. The railway line was one of the steepest in Australia, and there are still many bridges, stations and remnants of the line to explore. During the course of the weekend we will traverse the stunning Dorrigo Plateau with its World Heritage rainforest, wild rivers and waterfalls. Most of the trip is on good forest roads but there will be a couple of good tracks where you can get your truck into low range.

[Here's a link to a video about the line that was made back in 1984](#)



Xmas in July

24-25 July 2021

It's on again! Our annual Xmas in July in the Watagans is a lot of fun. You can camp for the whole weekend or just come up for the day. We'll have drives of different grades to suit all members, a roaring fire, and fun and games for kids and adults.

Where: Casuarina Campground, Olney State forest—From Morriset take Freemans Drive to Cooranbong, Turn left into Martinsville Rd. 4.5 km later turn left into Watagan Forest Rd. After 11km, turn right into Casuarina Camp Ground keeping to the left fork on the road.

Bring: Tent, camper or caravan suitable. Bring your Xmas dinner ingredients and camp oven, some Xmassy clothes and Xmas themed table decorations. Bring your usual recovery gear etc. if you're planning on joining one of the drives.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To make this event a great success as in previous years, we need people to come up before the weekend to help out with the following:

- **prepare the camp oven area**
- **help cut and cart firewood**
- **arrange games or projects for the kids, big and small**
- **run trips on Saturday & Sunday**

Please contact Trevor Banks on 0428 972 763 to let him know what you will be able to assist with.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dinosaurs 2 Dinosaurs



16 August to 8 September 2021

Trip Leaders : Trevor Banks 0428 972 763

Roger Carrodus 0416 298 323

Grade: D/E

Limit: 8 Cars

Trip is to travel to Gunnedah for Agquip then proceed to Winton Queensland for the Dinosaurs then proceed south to home via Quilpie, Cunnamulla and Lightning Ridge.

For those interested please contact the above for more details

If members do not wish to do the trip but are interested in going to Agquip they are invited to tag along and then proceed home by their selves



Cruz-in to the 80's

We're throwing a party and you're all invited!

It's time to get your best leg warmers out and partay! We're having a pizza truck onsite and dancing (and singing) to the songs of an '80s style band—Cruz—at We-Leas-er. The party is on Saturday afternoon/evening but you can stay all weekend or as long as you like!

Organiser: Jo Kelly 0448 271 064

When: Saturday 11 September, 2021

Where: We-leas-er

Dress: Your best 80's gear

Bring: Drinks and nibbles

Cost: \$25 per person for pizza

Limit: No limit but you'll need to let Jo Kelly know you're coming for catering purposes





Annual Club Christmas party

27th—28th November 2021

We-Leas-er Dungog



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

TRIP CLASSIFICATION CODES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Driver Awareness Training

Stage One for 2021

Sessions start at 8am on Sunday and run until approximately 4pm

June 20th (FULL) — August 15th— Oct 17th

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

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

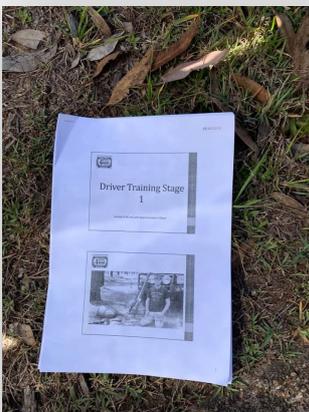
What to expect:

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 for 2021

Session starts at 8am on Saturday, with additional opportunities on Sunday

May 15th 16th (FULL) —July 17th 18th (FULL) —Sept 18th 19th—Nov 20th 21st

Where: Club Lease 'We-Leaser' Dungog

What to bring: Food and drink for the two days, however, dinner is provided on the Saturday night. A hat, sunscreen and your vehicle checklist from Stage One training, 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.

Club Person of the Month

Tracey Hughes

for stepping up to fill the Publicity Officer's role and also arrange, with Damien's assistance, all the supplies for the Kings BBQ day

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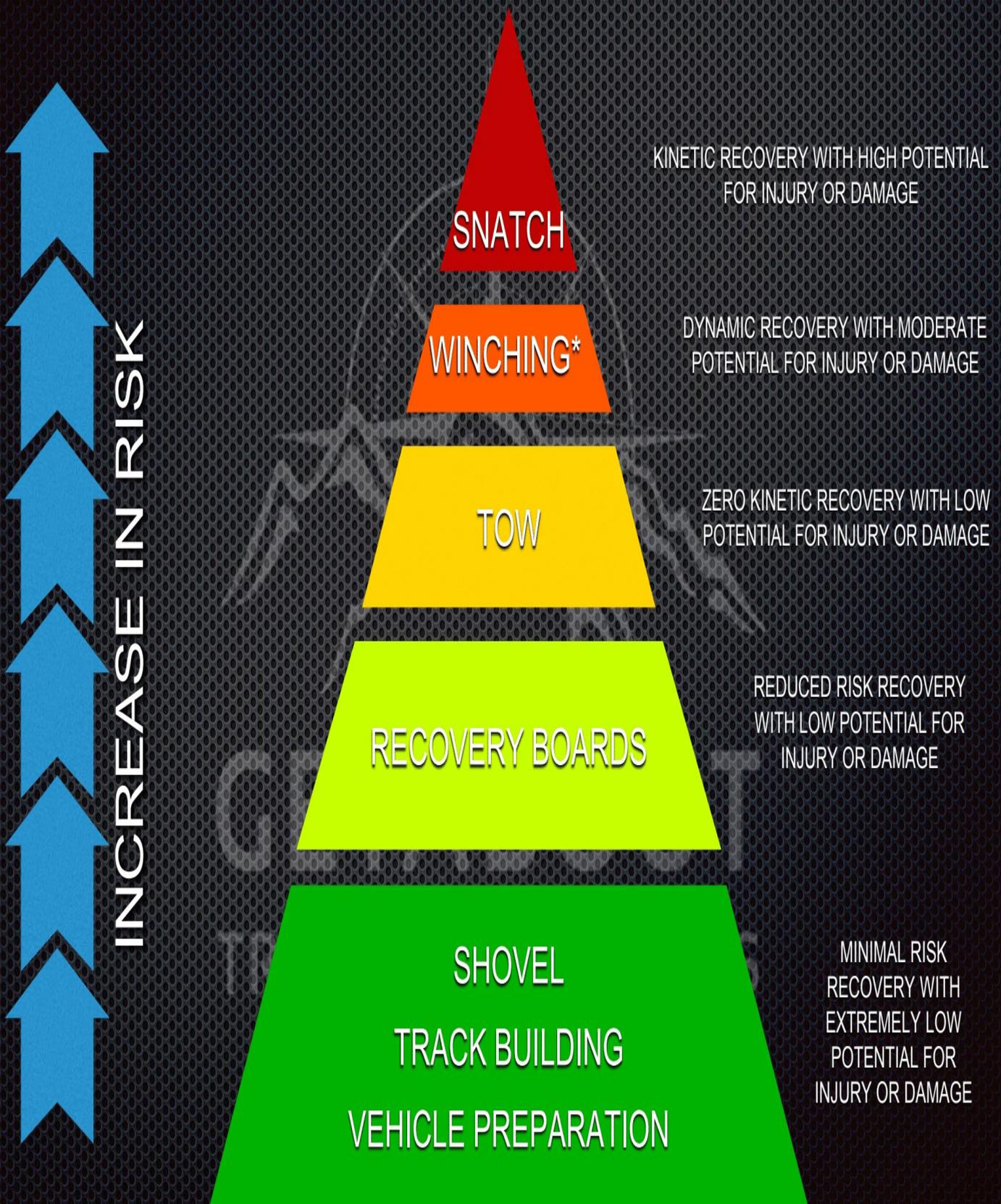


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Please follow the guidelines set out in the Covid 19 policy on the following pages, including signing in and out on the forms provided in the café.



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



COVID 19 POLICY

This policy has been developed in response to the recent Covid 19 Pandemic which has had a major impact on the Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club activity today and in the future.

The Committee has met and developed the following controls to be applied to all Club Activities. This policy is to be read, taking into consideration what is “reasonably practicable in the situation”.

We Leaser Guidelines

Do not attend the lease if you or any of your family are unwell – Stay at Home.

Do not attend the lease if you or any of your family have been exposed to Covid 19 in the past 14 days.

Do not attend the lease if you or any of your family have returned from overseas in the past 14 days.

All people attending the Lease MUST sign on. The Sign on Sheet is located in the café in the metal box.

Social distancing of 1.5 metres MUST BE maintained at all times including in the café and around the camp-fire.

Please no sharing food during Happy Hour.



You are encouraged to download the Covid Safe app to your phone

Wash hands regularly with soap and water or hand sanitiser

Bring your own cooking utensils and use Non Stick Baking Paper on the BBQ. Please disinfect BBQ, the sink, tables and surfaces after use.

You are encouraged to bring your own cooking facilities to help prevent the risk of transmission of Covid 19.

Camp site set up—ensure that there is a minimum distance of 5 metres away from the next campsite.

The shower is closed until further notice.

Pit toilets are still open. Before and after use please wipe down the toilet seat, door handles etc. Parents/ Carers please accompany your children to the toilet to make sure that the facilities are disinfected.

The Club has supplied Earth Choice – Antibacterial Surface Cleaner which is suitable for use in the pit toilets for cleaning. **Do not put disinfectant wipes in the pit toilet.**

Please bring your own grey water friendly Antibacterial Surface Cleaners for use in the pit toilet.

It is encouraged to bring your own porta potty or to help prevent the spread of Covid 19.



COVID 19 POLICY

Club Trips /Training Guidelines

Do not attend the trip if you or any of your family are unwell – Stay at Home.

Do not attend the trip if you or any of your family have been exposed to Covid 19 in the past 14 days.

Do not attend the trip if you or any of your family have returned from overseas in the past 14 days.

All people attending the trip MUST sign the Trip Sign On Sheet provided by the Trip Leader.

During the trip if you or any of your family begin to feel unwell, please notify the Trip Leader IMMEDIATELY.

Social distancing of 1.5 metres MUST BE maintained at all times including around the campfire.

Please no sharing food during Happy Hour.

Wash hands regularly with soap and water or hand sanitiser

Camp site set up, ensure that there is a minimum distance of 5 metres away from the next campsite.

Bring your own cooking & toileting facilities to help prevent the risk of transmission of Covid 19.

Please supply your own hand sanitiser, disinfectants and soap.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping the members of our great club safe.

Australia is open, so let's explore

In the past, the club has run trips to the Simpson Desert, Victorian High Country, The Anne Beadell Highway, Cape York and Western Queensland. If you want to do an epic trip, taking some club members along means you'll have company and support all the way.



How to run a club trip the easy way!

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

The club website has lots of information about how to lead a great trip.

[Click here to see the full document](#)

Did you know that the club website has a member's only page with documents and information for club members only?

Contact any member of the committee for the password.

Past Trips— 4WD and Social

Yalwal Circuit	Finchley Lookouts and Carvings
Polblue	Fort Scratchley
Crowdy Bay National Park	Maitland Gaol
Coolah Tops National Park	Cockatoo Island
Lithgow / Turon River	The tunnel systems Sydney
Cells River	St Albans / sections Great North Walk
Talwahl / Myall Lakes	Blue Mountains National Park
Watagans day trip / Weekend	Hill End
Victorian High Country	Ophir
Back Road to Bilpin	Nundle State Forest
Back Road to Cedar Creek	Coffs Harbour and Hinterland
Patonga	Yerranderie - Wombeyan Caves
Bendethra	Pilliga National Park
Swans Crossing	Farquar Inlet
Woko via the Barringtons	Point Plomer
Western Wollemi / Dunnes Swamp	Glen Davis
Newnes	Agquip
Wadbilliga	A social evening of bowls
Dungog Day Trip	Darling River
Stockrington State Conservation Area	Victoria National Park
Caves to Caves – Jenolan to Abercrombie	Flinders Ranges
Ourimbah State Forest Day trip	Border Ranges
We-Leaser Weekend trips via back gate	Moreton Island
Awaba	Fraser Island
Knorrit Flats	Cape York
Upper Colo Reserve	The Simpson Desert
Mount Sugarloaf	The Kimberley's
Yengo National Park	Googs Track South Australia

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mud and battled the bulldust.

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for the night, or maybe two –
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and the rooftop tent is ready
to lay your head later that
night. The campfire is roaring
and the Milky Way is beaming
down at you. This is what it's
all about right? Well you're
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yourself in this setting and
considered what you would
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payout allow you to rebuild
this dream? If your rig burnt
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for? If you had an accident
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If purchasing by email:

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

Sean will advise availability and cost.

Contact Sean— 0414 158 412

Email— skdutoit@yahoo.com.au

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

The club bank account details are:

Account name: Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club Incorporated

BSB: 082 620

Account: 622378649

See the full list of merchandise on the following page.



Club Merchandise For Sale

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

Contact: Sean Du Toit – email—skdutoit@yahoo.com.au

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)	\$45.00
Optional Extra (with first Name only)	POA
Wet Weather light-weight Jacket (with Embroidered Club Logo)	POA
Extra name plate badges (new style)	\$10.00
Baseball Caps (with Embroidered Club Logo)	\$15.00
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Fires Near Me NSW

(there are equivalents in other states if you are venturing further afield)

Google Maps

Shows you where you are while on designated roads and can also show you traffic conditions but will not be reliable once you are in the bush

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(there are equivalents in other states)

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- **Next you you'll need to obtain your "official" Basic training certificate offered by the NSW 4WD association. You can also go on to do the Advanced Recovery certificate.**
- **The club can assist with the cost of these certificates and they are recognised Australia-wide qualifications.**
- **Although there are training sessions most months, you don't have to attend every single session.**

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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

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

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