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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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Any errors or typos are deliberately included for the purposes of authenticity and realism.

President's Report



There is quite a lot of exciting things going on at present with many worthwhile projects progressing quickly. Our CC4WDC Pink Ribbon Chicks are well on the way to producing their 2017 Calendar which will be sold to raise fund for the Breast Cancer Foundation. What these ladies are doing is amazingly brave and they fully deserve our support. This is a very worthy cause and a great initiative for our club. I personally will be purchasing a calendar and I encourage everybody to do the same. The target of \$10,000.00 is very achievable if we all get behind them and help.

As a result of our efforts to clear Slippery Rock rd., we are now part of a regional project where Hunter Region clubs have a key which gives them exclusive restricted access to that track. This has been done under the volunteers program and we have 12 months access as a starting point. I have been invited to participate in a 5 member management group which has been created to form strategies to work more closely with Parks and Forestry. Our aim is to grow the relationship and trust which was formed from the Slippery Rock Project. As a part of this we will be applying to the NSW Association for funding to provide accredited chainsaw, first aid and chemical weed spray training for our members. One Hunter Club has continued to build on the work we started some years back and is already having input into management strategies. Hopefully we will soon be on the front foot with them. With the changes to National Parks management structure it is imperative that we work more closely together to maintain access.

Another initiative we are working on is our ability to budget and forecast a 12 month financial result.

Hopefully we can implement an accrual system which will see all financial transactions allocated to the relevant financial year that they belong. This will be a first for the club as historically funding and payments have simply fallen into the month the funds were processed. This will give us a much more accurate understanding of our finances. We are also about to finalise electronic banking access with the same security and payment approval process that currently exist. All of our past treasurers seemed to have added value to improve our processes and this is continuing.

For those that aren't aware this will be the last month that we produce the club magazine in printed copy. The vote at the general meeting was overwhelmingly in favour of changing to a new electronic media process. I would like to thank past and present editors for the huge amount of work they have put in to produce the magazine for the benefit of our club. I am excited about where our magazine is headed and the amazing things the team are working on. Based on current magazine costs I have estimated we can now deliver a \$1700.00 surplus to the clubs finances this year.

Anybody who goes onto our clubs Facebook members group will notice that Neil Simpson is working hard at re vitalising the Clubs DTU. It was very rewarding to see the trainers and participants performing a recovery as part of a live situation. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CentralCoast4WDClubmembersgroup/> to see the guys in action. Neil also has plans underway to organise a much larger variety of training opportunities for our members in the New Year. There's plenty of other stuff happening but I only have one page so that's it for now. It would be nice to see plenty of people dressed in the Christmas spirit for the December meeting.

Remember "Many of your Facebook friends could be friends for someone who has no friends."

Cheers

Craig Green.

Club President

Support Our **FUNDRAISER**

TOGETHER, LET'S ACHIEVE ZERO DEATHS
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During one of the Club "Ladies Days" outings to the local Watagans State Forest, and Wollombi, for which we had decked our trucks in 'pink ribbons' in support of breast cancer awareness month (Oct) we were inspired to do something more to support our friends and colleagues, past and present, young and old, who's lives have been touched by breast cancer. Hence, the CC4WDC Pink Ribbon Chicks fundraiser project kicked off.

We were influenced by the 1999 Movie "The Calendar Girls" and decided to do a 4WD themed calendar to raise awareness of and fundraise for breast cancer research. Our project kicked off just over a month ago, and in that amazingly short time we have sourced sponsorship, printers, photographer, location and a number of willing, but nervous volunteers. The day of the shoot was a lot of fun, and a valuable team building experience for an amazing group of 'real women'.



Our Calendar celebrates women of all ages who have 'dared to bare' in support of our dear friends, to raise funds for breast cancer research to try and prevent more women and men, dying from this disease.

If you would like to buy one, we hope they will be available to purchase at the DEC Club Meeting or

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ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE NATIONAL BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

Editorial

As we move forward to 2017, we say goodbye to the printed copies of our beloved magazine. But not to worry, there will still be countless way you can not only read the mag but keep up-to-date with all the club happenings, including on the club website, and our private Facebook page.

As we move towards a digital format, I thought I would take this opportunity to let you know how the committee works to always keep you well informed and up-to-date.

As the editor, I compile all the club information for the month, add a bit of personal flair and send it out to all you guys from a current members list each month to ensure that no new members are missed. If you continually are missing out on receiving your mag, you must contact Steve Farmer the Assistant Secretary and let him know to update your contact information. If you email me, I will happily, flick across any that you may of missed out on, however it becomes very messy if my members list is different from Steve's.

Faye is our Public Relations Officer, who is working to help promote our club and all the great things we do, both as the contact for local businesses and advertises, but also working to maintain all our public profiles (website, Facebook information page) and our private

group just for members. If you wish to be a member of the Facebook group, please search for CC4WDC Members Group, and request to be come a member. Only financial members will be added to the group by either Faye or Myself. Bev works as the Trip Mistress, if you do wish to put on a trip, please email both of us your trip notice and your trip reports!

A few people wanted to know a little bit more about my ramblings at club meetings about hash tags. Put simply, if you are posting any online content that you want to share on your own facebook, insta, vimeo, youtube etc, you can add the hashtag #CC4WDC, this means that people who are interested in things that we do, may be able to easily see all the great things we do as club. If you are not really sure and you are a bit sceptical, you don't have to use it. Hashtags are used to group information together, as an advertising tool and as way of describing likened items. We can use them promote what we do, and we love it.

I will aim to have a full social media policy out in the new year, this will not only give everyone guidelines on what is deemed appropriate but also some helpful pointers to those that want to give it a go!

So to all the #CC4WDC members, I hope you have a happy summer season, and see you all in Feb!

Amber Evans

When going away with the CC4WDC, what is one thing you can't go camping with out?



Some of the Facebook users of the "CC4WDC Members Group" had a bit of fun this month voting on the question *When going away with the CC4WDC, what is one thing you can't go camping with out?*

The winner being their camp chair! Closely followed by "other" with people not being able to go with out items including, their fridge, shower tent or even their partners in crime

Keep an eye out for more fun Facebook things in the new year!

Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.

General Meeting

Thursday November 10th, 2016

Held at: Tuggerah Primary School, Tuggerah

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

Attendance: As per the Attendance Book

Apologies: Jackie Cobbold, Tracey Murray, Peter Glendinning, Trevor Banks, Ben Gall,

Visitors: As per attendance book

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting of Thursday, 13th October, 2016 were tabled.

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

Moved: Clarissa Bright **Seconded:** Steve Murray **CARRIED**

Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil.

Correspondence Inward

Inward - post

Bank statement, EFTPOS statement, new cheque book
VKS Network Winter newsletter

Inward – email

1. Member renewals, address changes and Xmas party payments
2. New member enquiries
3. Emails regarding guidelines of the National Breast Cancer Foundation for the girls of our Club to do a fund raising calendar
4. NSW/ACT 4WD Assoc
 - 4WD Now Issue #10
 - HRFWDC August quarterly meeting minutes and Oct meeting agenda
 - Association looking for feedback on Club's special events for an article they want to write
 - Another thank you email to our members who did such a great job in helping to finish clearing Slippery Rock Rd
 - Announcement that funding from the State Government has been received for the Greater Lithgow 4x4 Tourist Trails Project. This project will identify and sign post the major tracks and key points of interest on the 4WD trails of the Newnes Plateau.
5. Invoice from NSW Public Schools for hire of hall (and they've invoiced us incorrectly again!)
6. Response from Arthur J Gallagher (our insurer) responding to some questions we raised.
7. Port Macquarie 4WD Club Oct newsletter
8. Sydney 4WD Adventure Show post visit survey
- 9 Wyong Council confirming community hall hire dates for 2017 Committee meetings
- 10 Advertisers
 - Special advanced screening tickets for Rough Stuff movie – the world's first 4WD centred movie (so the blurb says)
 - Outback Travel Aust Nov newsletter
 - Powerful 4WD specials
 - Careflight newsletter
 - Convict Trail Nov newsletters
 - CCIANSW space application for the Newcastle Show and the Sydney Super Show for 2017

Outwards

Responses to membership renewal and new member enquiries

Lots and lots of Committee business

Wyong Council for community hall hire

Arthur J Gallagher re questions about our insurance policy

Various emails to the Assoc about the upcoming AGM and our 40th Anniversary celebration

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

Moved: Heather Brown **Seconded:** Trevor Whittington **CARRIED**

Treasurer’s Report:

Treasurer Jim O’Donoghue tabled the Treasurer’s report.

Motion: **“That the Treasurer’s Report as presented be accepted.”**

Moved: Sue Pomare **Seconded:** Ken McDonald **CARRIED**

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

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

Bills tabled were: Raffles \$113.99, Supper \$90.37, hall hire for committee meetings \$40, magazine printing \$465

Moved: Sue Pomare **Seconded:** Ken McDonald **CARRIED**

Membership:

Assistant Secretary Steve Farmer requested the meeting’s endorsement of the following applicants for membership to the Club: David Williams, Jennifer ?

Moved: Steve Farmer **Seconded:** Barry Vines **CARRIED**

Presentations:

President Craig presented new member packs to those who were present at the meeting.

Tony Clarke & Faye Goodman Trip Leader of the Year. Would you believe we gave them two one for 2016 and one for 2015! Not sure what happened there!

15 Year: John & Helen Smyth,

Driver Training Unit:

1 space left in the winch awareness course this Sat 12th Nov

Next Stage 2 on 19th & 20th Nov has vacancies

Next Stage 1 in Feb 2017 has vacancies

Stage 1 certificates were presented to: Bob Hopkinson, Graeme Rollings, Neil White, Adam Moody, Mark Smith

Editor:

Keep using the #CC4WDC when you post stuff

Remember that the last Thursday of the month is the close date for articles for the magazine

New magazine is available on the Club website and Facebook

Merchandise:

Alan gave his first presentation with the special orders of the 40th Anniversary shirt being the big point and the models showing off the new jackets, vests and jumpers.

Delegates Report:

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Last committee meeting held: 24th October, 2016 at the Woodbury Park Community Centre, 1 Woolmers Crescent, Mardi

Business Arising:

We have an opportunity to renew our constitution and submit this to NSW Fair Trading for no fee. This must be completed by Sep 2017

EPIRB now transferred ownership to the Club

EFT payment of bills progressing

Please don't use plastic bags in the Café as they attract the goannas and often get left behind

Mingara 2017. Trevor won't be around to lead the organising of this so we are looking for someone else to volunteer

The ladies of the Club sought the Committee's approval to support them in their application to the National Breast Cancer Foundation to produce a fundraising girls calendar. Monica spoke to the general meeting about this initiative as a recognition to our fellow members who are or have experienced breast cancer. The Foundation provides guidelines and principles on how a calendar is to be done – discreet, tasteful, not disrespectful to breast cancer, not promoting nudity etc. Professional photographer and location set with issue date of prior to Christmas. Central Coast Pink Ribbon 4WD Chicks. All profits raised from the sale of the calendars go to the Foundation.

Motion: "That the money raised from the fun fines for next 6 months go to National Breast Cancer Foundation."
Moved Shane Tapscott. Seconded Steve Farmer CARRIED.

Next committee meeting to be held on Monday 21st November, 2016, 7:30pm at the Woodbury Park Community Centre, 1 Woolmers Crescent, Mardi

General Business:

Production of the Club magazine. Faye's enquiries seem to indicate that we won't lose many of our advertisers. Still to confirm what the new advertising policy will be in terms of pricing and what they get for that pricing. Anyone who goes to our website will have access to the magazine which will provide greater exposure for our advertisers. Plus, we are also looking at sending copies to the other Clubs. Amber enquired with the printers about a black and white copy and it was not a workable solution.

Motion "That we cease printing the Club magazine at the end of the calendar 2016 and issue electronic copies to members from the February 2017 issue onwards". Moved: Scott Good Seconded Glenn McCreadie. Carried by show of hands with only 2 people objecting.

We will need a social media policy particularly around use of photos taken off Facebook etc.

Investigating the option of producing a printed annual year book

Will be producing a printed brochure to hand out to visitors in lieu of the magazine

Slippery Rock road clearing has been completed.

Focus group formed within the Assoc on how to work more closely with National Parks and State Forests. President Craig has been asked to join this group.

Social Co-ordinator Extraordinaire: Jo Kelly

Jo not here but Xmas Party is coming up soon.

Trip Master: Bev

The Club's EPIRB is now in the trip masters name with Craig and Amber as the emergency contacts supporting Bev. A guideline on how to access and use this device and the forms that need to be completed has been drafted and we have looked at applying a priority system if there are requests that overlap. Bev summarised how this will work to the members present.

We could do with more trips in the calendar. The tripmaster is here to help you with how to run one so just give Bev a call.

We need to fill out the Association's track report form as well as this is how we can notify the land managers of the status of these tracks.

Trip reports:

Non 4WD weekend trip train and plane spotting on the South Coast that also included an overnight stay in the Belangalo State Forest! – Wombat

Ladies Pink Ribbon 4WD Day – lots of fun and laughs and \$230 raised – Clarissa

Nundle – Tappie who fell for the old turn up on time trick only to be the last one and thus was giving this verbal report

Piston-broke Trophy: Bev Douglass for backing the Patrol off the boat ramp into the water and yes, the boat was still attached!

Pissed & Broken Cup: Heather Brown who claimed still only drank as much as Yvonne! (a cheap drunk was the comment coming from the floor)

Up Coming Trips As per the calendar

Upcoming Events As per the calendar

Items for Sale

4ft awning that goes off the back of the vehicle \$80

5 x 265x65x17 BF Goodrich All Terrains with 5mm tread left \$90 ea

Fun Fines:

No badges

Editor – there is a picture of gorgeous George in the magazine but with Dave Brown's name against it!!

Wombat – for sitting on the replica of the Southern Cross II wing and breaking it!

President Craig for filling the work ute (Ford Ranger) with E10 instead of diesel

Barry Vine for bringing along a bone because he had a bone of contention to pick

Joyce Hollins – for losing her sense of direction in the dark at the Belangalo forest and missing the toilets.

Raffle:

Tools, window sun screen, cleaner, wine and a cryovac machine .

Meeting Closed 9:45pm

Next General meeting will be held on Thursday, 8th December 2016.

The minutes of this meeting were recorded by: Scott Sheldon, Secretary

Meeting Chairman

President Craig Green

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
Happy Birthday Dear
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Braydon Keegan

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Riley Walters

Blair Britton

Riley Enraght-Moony

Aleera Seaburn

Rachel Barr

Angus Lally

Seanna Lally

Baily Gall

Koa Hampson

Rachel Thorn

Rachel Thorn

Koa Hampson

Baily Gall



WANTED

DTU TRAINERS

We need to increase the number of trainers in the DTU so that the trainers do not have burn out.

Training is not only for Males we have a need for Female trainers also.

Min Requirements -

- a) a willingness to impart gained knowledge in a controlled environment.
- b) having obtained or the willingness to obtain a Statement of Attainment in “Drive and Recover a 4 Wheel Drive Vehicle” SRODRV001B
- c) we only carry out training once a month with the exclusion of December and January where there is no training scheduled.
- d) if you would like to join the DTU team contact me the DTU Officer, we will be holding a DTU development day in February.

Neale Simpson

DTU Officer CC4WDC



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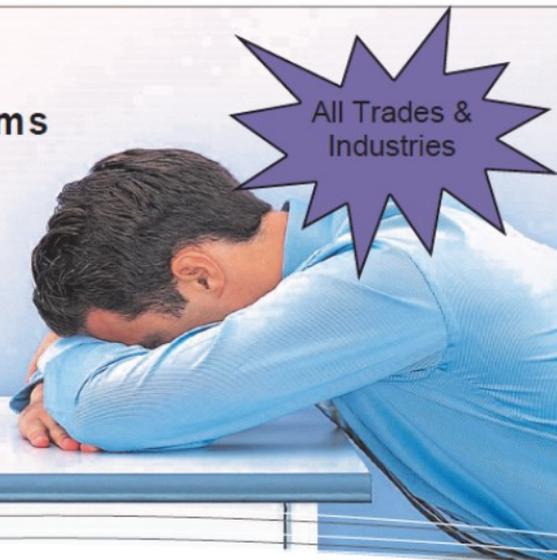
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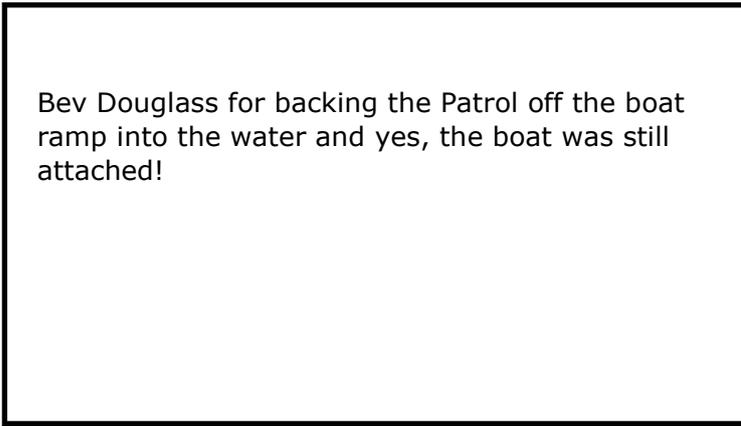


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Presentations



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Bev Douglass for backing the Patrol off the boat ramp into the water and yes, the boat was still attached!



TC accepting his Trip leader of the award after being away on his own trip for quite a little while.



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Jon and Philip collecting their members
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Anne Beadell Plus—“Part 1”

By Allan Booth

Travelling west, the Anne Beadell Highway traverses the Great Victorian Desert extending from Coober Pedy in South Australia to Laverton in Western Australia some 1,300 km. The highway origins date back to the British atomic testing of the 1950's where access to the remote desert areas was required. Surveyor Len Beadell and what became known as the Gunbarrel Construction Party surveyed and built the highway and is still used today for Defence purposes. For entirely different reasons and with approval from the Aboriginal Communities and the Department of Defence, 4 wheel drivers (and anyone for that matter) are able to travel on this highway providing access these desert areas and possibly have the trip of a lifetime.

The origins of our trip started about 2 years ago with Trevor watching TV, that showed other people travelling on the highway and he thought, “I'd like to do that”.

Following extensive planning and preparation, (about 2 years) the trip was posted, invitations were sent and accepted and on the 28th August 2016 the willing participants grouped together under the big sign at Coober Pedy for an 8.00am departure.

Trevor and Sheryl	Patrol (the fat patrol)
Bev	Prado
Sue & Cherrie	Land cruiser
Ray & Lorraine	Prado (and Ultimate camper)
Simon & Cheryl	Mazda BT50 (Red Dog)
John & Helen	Prado
Frank	Prado
Steve	Ranger
George	Troopy
Alan & Reanna	Patrol

Day 1 Coober Pedy – Tallaringa Well

With a little apprehension day 1 found us “dipping our tires” to test the highway conditions and to our surprise having been recently graded it was not too bad. However, let's be frank here and stop calling it a highway. It is a dirt track extending through a desert complete with pot holes, lumps, bumps, stones,

ruts, washouts, bush debris and of course corrugations, (lots of them). Several sections were bypassed by chicken runs. In some cases the chicken runs were just as bad as the track and also included trees and shrubs to get around. This track is definitely “4WD only” and in wet weather conditions I doubt if you could travel along it at all.

As the day progressed the change in the flora and the red sand showed some indication of a desert but due to the unusual amount of rainfall this year the flora especially the wild flowers were everywhere and in full bloom.

To be honest it just didn't look like a desert, or not to my expectations. With everything being so green and fresh it really presented itself as just “Aussie bush”. We continued our journey always heading west enjoying the fantastic land scape and scenery.

While stopped for lunch to our surprise 3 other trucks came up behind us also heading west. The first night found us setting up camp at Tallalinga Well and it started to rain however we all managed happy hour thanks to Steve's awning, made our own tucker and finally settled down for the night.

Day 2 Tallaringa Well -- Emu

Day 2 started with the mob packing up, cooking breakfast and when setting off in search of the well. As it turned out it was close to our camp but the well was all dried up and very shallow, you could only imagine the benefits of the provision of a water supply in this remote area, it is documented with all the early explorers, there is just nothing else out there. Travelling through the bush seemed easy enough with the track being recently graded but the corrugations were always there and sometimes so bad it would take all the energy and forward motion out of the truck and virtually stop you. Part of today's schedule was to take a look at the Obelisk monuments marking the ‘ground zero’ locations of 2 atomic bomb test sites. I have to say that for me this was not a highlight as it only signifies how silly mankind can be.

The desert scenery was simply stunning. The red sand together with green vegetation of all sorts topped off with layer of wild flowers provided a false

The desert scenery was simply stunning. The red sand together with green vegetation of all sorts topped off with layer of wild flowers provided a false reality. It was really hard to believe that we were in a desert. This place just looked like bush, but with red sand. The bush camp tonight is located adjacent to a place called Emu where originally the Gunbarrell Construction Party made an air strip alongside a natural clay pan.

Day 3 Emu -- Vokes Hill Corner

I for one was getting use to the remote bush camping and the life style. I'm not sure what is, but the desert does have an attraction that is captivating. With every passing day the scenery was constantly changing, One minute we would be travelling through a field or swale between 2 sand dunes predominantly covered with low lying spinnafix grasses and the then over a dune to find tall bushes and trees, truly amazing. The weather has so far been very kind to us with mild temperatures, gentle winds and little or no rain.

It wasn't long before this desert magic started to broaden the powers of imagination. Not sure if it was day 3 or 4 but somewhere along the way Bev shared her thoughts on the funny little thickets of bush and likened them to little Nome hats potentially hiding the Nome's below. We all recon she must have eaten something strange but she claimed that she only had apples – so everyone wanted some as they were potentially better than the sundowner drinks haha.

[Photo xii and yet another view of the Spinifex and the general beauty of the desert](#)

Day 4 Vokes Hill Corner -- somewhere (NM-/160 one of the many survey markers along the



track).

The trick for today was to travel far enough to be able to set up camp where permitted. The Aborigine communities restrict access to many areas of this desert and permits must be obtained prior to travel through the areas. It is unfortunate that we

did not visit the communities but access to these areas is controlled with entry granted only to people who have business are allowed.



[Photo xv desert landscape](#)

Day 5 leaving the Mamungari Conservation Park and South Australia -- Ilkurlka Road House and Western Australia

Driving the track today provided more of the fantastic scenery and one highlight for me was the view over and crossing Serpentine Lakes. On our trip the lakes had some water in them and you could imagine the area in flood with the swale full of water. Surprisingly we passed two travelers heading east each travelling independently but about 2 km apart. It was good to talk with other travelers and with a revised track report we headed off enjoying the day. Ilkurlka Road House sits roughly in the middle of nowhere and provides a support hub for the Aborigine Ilkurlka Community also known as the Spinifex People. Once again access to this community was limited as we did not organize any guides as this was not our focus, for us it was a milestone that provided showers, fuel and provisions to enable us to carry on. The afternoon and evening was spent avoiding the weather as a cold front moved in it was really wet, windy and freezing. Lighting the "donkey" (wood fired hot water system) to provide hot showers was interesting and so were the showers.

Day 6 Ilkurlka Road House -- Neale junction

We woke to beautiful sunshine and warmer temperatures and prepared for the day and with everybody fueled up (@ \$3.00/l) the group left the relative civilization and headed for the desert. On today's schedule we took a side track to visit the remains of a plane wreck where the story goes that the pilot and crew survived the crash and then walked a considerable distance to finally get rescued, truly amazing.

The track today provided much of the same but it was fantastic travelling and the weather was just superb. As we were heading west every afternoon the sun would shine through the windscreen just starboard off the bow similar to a yacht at sea. It was amazing to travel on land and experience this same pattern over continuous days it just goes to show how far we are travelling. Calling into Neale Junction we prepared for another bush camp complete with a lovely camp fire sundowner drinks and more.

Day 7, Neale Junction -- Yeo Lake homestead

With a beautiful morning the mob got going early with a big day of driving ahead. At lunch time Trevor put forward the option of taking a side track out to see Yeo Lake and cut back to arrive at our night's scheduled camp at the abandoned Yeo Lake homestead. We all agreed. We turned off the track and after about 20 minutes of 'bush bashing' we were a little dismayed at the track and our possible survival. It was severely overgrown, barely visible and we began to doubt if it actually went anywhere but there were tire tracks indicating that it did. We regrouped, discussed options and Cheryl, Simon, John and Helen decided to turn back, the rest of us continued on with a plan to meet at the homestead. After about 1 hour travelling through the scrub we did find the Lake which did contain water and a lot of mud. We proceeded onwards through more scrub and bush only to find a large clay pan the appeared to block our way. The time was about 4.00pm. Trevor proceeded and confirmed the path was safe and some of the mob got through. Frank however was blinded by the sun, veered off the track and became bogged, very bogged. Steve turned back along the track to provide assistance and an attempt to turn around found Steve bogged as well. The time was about 4.20pm. Trevor turned back to help Steve and I hocked up Frank and two (2) successful recoveries were completed but we were covered in mud. Meanwhile Sue and Cherrie found a way around the clay pan so all other vehicles followed to get to the other side, almost. The other side still provided some challenges and while crossing a small ditch Ray and Loraine got stuck, well the camper did anyway. The time was about 5.00pm and getting dark. Trevor maneuvered his truck to make another

recovery and after some pushing and pulling Ray, Lorraine and the camper was free and towing the camper covered in a thick layer of mud. The time about 5.40pm and getting very dark.

I am not going to say anything about the 2 Patrols saving the 2 Prado's and 1 Ford thingy I'm sure everyone has heard these stories before.

As we were now basically lost we sort of followed our noses and with headlights blaring (time approximately 6.30pm) we did arrive at our scheduled camp site, set up for the night and had some good stories to tell around the camp fire. There was a notion that because we detoured about 40km's off the Anne Beadell track that on reaching Laverton we would not be able to say we drove the Anne Beadell as a section of it was not travelled, but who listens to notions.



Photo xxiii Remains of the Yeo Lake Homestead

Day 8 Yeo Lake -- Laverton

A sad day today as with little of the track left to traverse we would be in Laverton tonight. The bush track soon gave way to a very smooth graded road and while stopped for morning tea we got talking to a worker filling his water kart and he advised us the mining companies were opening up the area due to good amounts of gold being found. There was still some fantastic scenery to be had while passing White Cliffs, Point Kidman and Hammer Hill, and once again the landscape is changed completely.

With this section of the trip completed, George was off south to see family and the rest of us were looking forward to the next part of the trip. This trip just keeps on giving.

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Date: 16th - 20th November 2016

Participants

John and Helen Smyth - Trip Leaders - Toyota Prado

Bev Fort - Toyota Prado

Ian and Kathy Mellross - Colorado

Kay Smith and Joy Packer - Suburu Forrester

We all met at Dunns Swamp on the Wednesday. Due to several late withdrawals just before the trip there was only a small group this time around. It is a shame because, as usual, it was well organised by John and Helen. Anybody who has been there before would know what a beautiful spot it is. Anybody who has not been should put it on their "to do" list.

We had great weather for kayaking, swimming and bush walking. Bev gave a demonstration of how not to get into a kayak—not all of us witnessed it though. As usual, there was plenty of Finska played every afternoon with John and Ian taking out the Men's Championship and then Helen and Ian the Mixed Doubles. John's friends, the possums, kept him busy most evenings. John took Kay and Joy for an early morning walk where they sighted and then photographed a pair of Lyre birds. Also did a walk down to the river gauge, which records the river levels during flood periods, which was very interesting and we had not seen on our previous 2 trips. A good and relaxing time was had by all and our thanks, again, to John and Helen for a wonderful trip.

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DT2: SATURDAY 19/11/2016

By Mark Antha

WEATHER: CLEAR 24-30 DEGREES

The group met under the camp kitchen and common area with a wake up coffee and a few stretches. The training began with general discussions about the days events, and the relevant paperwork completed. The first session consisted of a three group station session, consisting of tyre change procedures, pre-vehicle inspection and a creek crossing. All of the trainees completed this session with relevant issues addressed to individual concerns. Morning tea was then on the agenda good brew, and a sugar hit. Continuing the training, going into discussions in relation to points of attachments, equalizing straps, towing straps, strap maintenance and correct procedures for live mechanisms. A practical component, then followed by attaching the appropriate straps to the correct points, distances from live straps discussed and implemented. Questions and responses concluded the session. The next session was re-visiting driver training one, being

the stop start stalls and driving through reverse braking. Three attempts were to be completed by each trainee. The group then continued to complete a series of snap strap recoveries, with each trainee hooking up and checking the required safety protocols, distance, emptying vehicles of passengers, and horn checks. An issue arose as one vehicle seemed not to have any recovery points, this issue was addressed with a group discussion, a plan put into place and training continues, with all trainees completing the session. Lunch time, General Discussions. Afternoon session, Bush driving, Tyre deflation as directed 20 to 22 psi. Trainers decided to use the back gate trials for this session. Each trainee had a trainer next to them in the trainees vehicles. The group proceeded into the forest, passing the rural fire brigade who were carrying out work on the trials. The trainees were being given instructions of vehicle placement on the trials as required. Communication through UHF Channel 10, by the trainers off left and right turns, issues in the trials, consisting of last car through, which gave a good inside of correct procedures. As the trials seemed to get progressively worse,

we did have some issues at a certain point, which I think is known as Craig s Hill. I think from memory. We had three vehicles had to be towed. I am unsure, but I think one of the vehicles four-wheel-drive rotation button failed. One of the tows had to incorporate joining the tow straps, as shown earlier in the morning, this gave us 40 m of strap connected to the equalizer. All vehicles were retrieved, and no damage was inflicted. Continuing on for approximately 20 minutes, the lead vehicle stopped and the trainer got out of the vehicle and pointed to the passenger side tire on the car behind him indicating something was wrong. The driver of the vehicle in question got out of the vehicle to investigate, and was informed that tyre flat. After completion of the tyre change, we continued along the tracks until we came to a large tree, which at some point had been blocking the track. One of the vehicles went up and around, and while this was happening, a large bang occurred, which was **thought** to be the vehicle hitting something. It was found to be the suspension bags had blown in one of the vehicles. After a group discussion about the situation, it was decided that the group was to proceed with extreme caution. Arriving back at the lease at approximately 4:30 PM. The campfire was in full form. Thanks to the other members efforts, while we were gone. We all had a light beverage, and had a debrief on the drive and continued on with some questionnaires and relative documentation. It was determined to go on a night drive. After dinner, at approximately 7:30 PM. After dinner, which was cooked by the trainers and supplied by the club, we proceeded on our night drive. No issues arose on the night drive, and we arrived back at the lease for a general discussion and beverage around the campfire with the other members of the club. The training ended. On Behalf of the trainees:

A great experience, and thanks to the trainers for their knowledge and patience with the trainees

Merry Christmas!



So my Xmas present from Santa on the weekend was to write the report for the Xmas party. Hmmmm must of been on the naughty list.

So here's goes Neale and I , my 2 kids my daughter in-law and my 6 grandkids arrived at the Lease on Friday to a very hardy welcome. This event is special to me as it marks the beginning of Xmas .

We were not disappointed . It was the most amazing fun-filled weekend ever. I just read my daughter Jess's post on Facebook . Her first time camping at the lease with her 4 kids . This is a copy of her post .

"Had an awesome weekend with the Central Coast 4WD Club kicking off our Chrissy celebrations for 2016. Big thanks to the club for their hospitality, kids had a blast as did I. Can't wait for next year 🎄🎁🍷🍷" .

My son Daniels comment "Awesome weekend Mum kids had a ball looking forward to next year"

Tyler asked how long for the next one, he was a little disappointed when I said 12mths. Think that says it all.

A big thankyou goes to Jo and Paul ,and all the people who made it possible.

New friendships made , old ones rekindled.

I will let the pics tell the rest of the story.

Cheers Roz and a very merry xmas

Coming Events Guide

Date	Event	Class	Trip Leader	Telephone	
8th December 2016	Club Meeting			8pm Tuggerah Public School , School Hall	No Limit
17th December	Ourimbah State Forest Day trip	C	Tony Clark	0411 090 653	10
28 December 2016-8 January 2017	Victoria High Country	C	Bob Montgomery	0403 800 959	No Limit
4 + 5 February 2017	Trainers Development Weekend	B	Neale Simpson	0404843445	No Limit
18th + 19th February 17	Cells River	C– C+	Tony Clark Faye Goodman	0411 090 653 0411 090 653	8
19 February 2017	DTU 1	C	Neal Simpson	0404843445	
26th January 2017	Bendethera	C+	Tony Clark	0411 090 653	10
19 March 2017	DTU 2—Driver Awareness	C+	Neal Simpson	0404843445	
26 August 2017 (8 Weeks)	The Western Wonders Adventure	D	Scott Horn	0431578142	12

For any trip rated C or higher, you must have first completed DTU Stage one . If you haven't, it will be up to the trip leader's discretion.

Contact: **Trip Mistress - Bev Fort on: tripmaster@cc4wdc.org.au**

Ourimbah State Forest

- Trip Leader:** Tony Clark 0411 090 653
- Where:** Ourimbah State Forest
- When:** Saturday 17th December 2016
- Meet:** McDonalds Lisarow (cnr Pacific Hwy and Parsons Road,
Lisarow
- Class:** C
- Bring:** Morning tea, lunch, usual recovery gear

This day trip is a great opportunity to escape the Christmas shopping and play in Ourimbah State forest, where there are some interesting tracks and terrain.

We will proceed from Palmdale up Red Hill Road, before taking some steep diversion tracks through the forest.

We will have morning tea and lunch along the tracks and should be finished by around 3 p.m.

The Western Wonders Adventure

9am—5th August 2017

TRIP LEADER: SCOTT HORNE—0431578142

WHERE: OUT BACK NSW, SA AND SOUTH WEST WA! APPROXIMATELY SEVEN TO EIGHT WEEKS (11,00–12,00 KM RETURN TRIP) TO CENTRAL COAST VIA VICTORIA

MEET: WATTARA REST AREA 15 NEWCASTLE HUNTER FREEWAY

TRIP CLASS: D/E (MAYBE A C TO BUSH CAMPING AND COASTAL AREAS)

LIMIT: 6 VEHICLES, CAMPER TRAILERS AND SMALL CARAVANS WELCOME.

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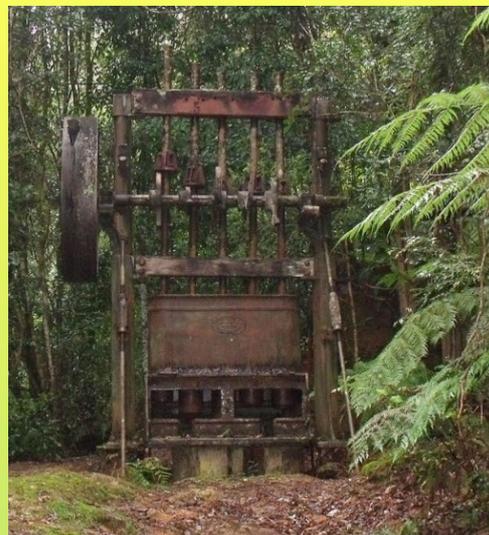
BUSHWALKS, SCENIC LOOK OUTS, MUSEUMS, BEACH FISHING AND CAVE TOURS!

A MORE DETAILED NOTICE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN MONTH COMING . IN THE MEAN TIME EXPRESSION OF INTEREST WELCOME, INCLUDING THOSE WHO MAY ONLY WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN SECTIONS OF THE TRIP. AFTER WE HAVE NUMBERS THERE WILL BE A MEETING 2017 FOR MORE DETAIL!



Cells River

18-19 February 2017



- Trip Leader:** Tony Clark 0411 090 653
Faye Goodman 0423 008 628
- Where:** Cells River (Doyles River State Forest—South West of Wauchope)
- When:** Saturday 18th February, 2017—Sunday 19th February 2017
- Meet:** 9 a.m. Carpark, cnr Church and Denison Streets, Gloucester
- Class:** C—C +
- Bring:** Food and drinking water for two days, usual recovery gear. Bag of firewood, full tank of fuel at meeting point
- Limit:** 8 Vehicles
- Minimum Requirements:** All terrain or mud tyres, Stage 1 awareness

Leaving Gloucester, we will travel through rolling countryside around Bakers Creek, stopping along the way to visit the scenic Blue Knob lookout and the picturesque Tapin Tops picnic area. We will then set up camp at Maxwell's Flat Campground, a basic campground with drop toilet and a creek nearby. We will then traverse the steep (and often muddy) Cells Jeep Track past some interesting gold mining relics, through 4 crossings of the Cells River. Back up the rutted Eagle Hawk Track and loop back to camp for happy hour. Sunday we will be head back to the Cells River via the Corn Cob trail for some more interesting four wheel driving in the area, after packing up camp we will head home via Knodingbul Road and the scenic and rain forested Potaroo Road, then back to Gloucester.

Note: this area can become treacherous in wet weather, so if we do encounter bad weather we may have to re-route some parts of the trip.

Driver Training

Stage One

Dates for 2016— all sessions start at 8 a.m. and run until approximately 4 pm
Sunday October 16

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.

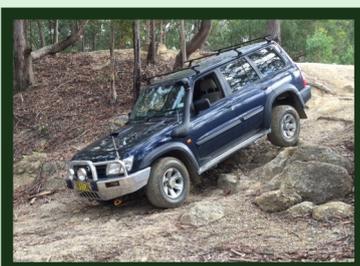
What to expect:

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 Training

Stage Two

Dates for 2016—sessions start Saturday 8 am, with additional opportunities on Sunday

Saturday 17 September

Saturday 19 November

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.

Bendethera

Australia Day 2017



- Trip Leader:** Tony Clark 0411 090 653
Faye Goodman 0423 008 628
- Where:** Deua National Park, Buckenbowra State Forest
- When:** Thursday 26th January 2017– Sunday 29th January 2017
- Meet:** Mobil service Station, Cnr Wallace and Solus Street, Braidwood
- Class:** C+ This trip is not suitable for camper trailers
- Bring:** Food and drinking water for four days, (camps are by rivers)
- Limit:** 10 Vehicles
- Minimum Requirements:** Good all terrain tyres, Stage 1 awareness training. Standard tanks

This trip will take us to the wilds of Deua National park, where the tracks are steep and tortuous, and the views are spectacular. This area is synonymous with the legendary Merricumbene Firetrail which forms a part of this trip. We will also travel the lesser known, but equally challenging Mongamulla and Yellow Flower tracks.

After leaving Braidwood We will spend the first two nights base camped in the picturesque Bendethera Valley, a wide lush expanse of pasture on the banks of the Deua River. Here there will be plenty of opportunity for an Aussie day swim.

Friday's agenda is an interesting day trip around the valley perimeter with some interesting and varied track conditions. Or if you prefer you could stay in camp, have a swim or take a walk to the Bendethera caves.

Saturday we will pack up camp and proceed northwards along Merricumbene Firetrail and our third campsite will be at Dry Creek, a lovely spot on the Deua River.

On Sunday we will make our way homewards via the Monga National Park—which is in itself an amazing wonderland filled with tree ferns and majestic trees. The trip will finish at Braidwood, from where you can make your way home via the Hume Highway.

Victoria High Country

Talbotville

New Year 2016-17

Dec 28th 2016 – Jan 08th 2017

5 years ago this club had a very successful trip into the Victoria High Country, 20 trucks spent 2 weeks base camped in the Wonnangatta Valley.

This year is the clubs 40th anniversary and to celebrate I'm running a similar trip, we will be base camped at Talbotville for 12 days and run day and overnight trips from there.

All Club Members Invited – No Limit

Talbotville is a large camp area on the Crooked River and is centrally located and offers numerous options for day/overnight trips to some of the High Country's most spectacular scenery and iconic tracks, Blue Rag, Billy Goats, and Wonnangatta Valley etc.

Talbotville is easily accessible by a 2wd gravel road for those who wish to tow in caravans, and Dargo is 33 kilometres away for fuel and basic supplies.

Requirements: Your trucks cooling system and brakes need to be 100%, a suspension lift is recommended but not essential, good All Terrain Tyres are a minimum, a snorkel or water blind is essential, club rules stipulate rated recovery points front and rear and you should carry at least basic recovery gear, tools and basic spares for your truck are advisable. As for yourself, pack for remote area camping.

Trip Class: C

Most trips will be classified as a "C" on the clubs classification; notification will be given if conditions change that. This is a remote alpine environment, conditions change rapidly.

There has been huge interest for this trip; I look forward to meeting you all in Talbotville.

Any Questions call me, leave a message I will get back to you.

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