

# Central Coast 4WD Club



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## CLUB MEETINGS

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

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

## MAGAZINE INFORMATION

Any information or articles of interest are welcomed by the editor and can be emailed to [editor@cc4wdc.org.au](mailto: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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Neale Simpson

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# President's Report

Congratulations and thank you to the members who voted on the special resolution to change the Club Constitution and Bi Laws. The members present at the June meeting voted unanimously in favour of all recommendations being implemented without change. The committee sees this as a very strong message from the members that we are headed in the right direction and we are very much unified in our beliefs that the committee is steering the club in a way that the members approve of. It's great to see some rewards for the effort put in on these initiatives and also the positive feedback is very reassuring. We now have to lodge our application to change the constitution with the department of fair trading.

We paid our Clubs combined Association affiliation fees and public Liability insurance in June. The cost was \$4052.70 based on our membership numbers of 171 members. This figure represents a saving of \$800.00 on the old process of paying the two fees separately. The committee budgeted for slightly less given that we had just over 50 members who didn't renew last year but the growth has been very strong since then and we are almost back to previous years membership numbers.

The committee has had some discussion around our current process for electing Club Member and Trip Leader of the year. This year we would like to trial something a little different. We would like to extend an opportunity for members to nominate who they feel would be a suitable candidate to receive these awards. When nominating these people please feel free to write a few words to support why you feel these people would be worthy candidates to win the awards. The nominations would then be posted into the August Club magazine and members can vote either by email or in person at the AGM in August. Please email your nominations to secretary@cc4wdc.org.au

Sadly Kym and Brian Ick have decided not to renew their club membership this year. Brian and Kym are very busy with family life at present and don't have time to pursue their interest within the club. Although they have been a little quiet in recent times, during the past ten years both Kym and Brian were very active members and in years gone by have made a valuable contribution to the club. Brian has been Club President, Vice President and editor and has been trip leader of the year on two occasions. Kym was social co coordinator for 2 years. I would like to sincerely thank Kym and Brian on behalf of our members. I wish them well and would love to see them out and about on the tracks.

As I type this around 40% of our member have paid their fees with 3 days till the end of June. That's a big increase on previous years and a positive step towards financial security and good planning for the club. Thank you to everybody who paid on time this year. Your club appreciates the support

That's about it from me except that I am looking forward to seeing everybody at Christmas in July, this is one of the clubs biggest social events and Roz and Neil Simpson are working hard with a group of volunteers to make this great event possible again this year. Please come along for the fun, socialising, four wheel driving and laughs around the big camp fire.

Cheers and thanks for your support

Craig Green

President – Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club

# O Editorial

Hello Ladies, Gents and others who identify as non binary,

It seems that Winter has arrived with a snap, a cold snap that is. It is definitely getting harder to crawl out of bed in the mornings, and shorts and singlets are definitely not on the fashion agenda ( unless you're the president of a club – not naming anyone in particular). It is with this in mind that I would ask you to cast your thoughts toward the end of the month where, as is our custom, the iconic Christmas in July will be celebrated. “What is the connection?” you may ask.

Well, I'm glad you asked.

There are many great aspects to the Christmas in July weekend. There are games for the kids (and adults). There is the chance to catch up with club members you may not have seen for a while. There is the chance to commune with nature. There are flagons of port. There may be some carousing. There will be a campfire - my favourite part (OK, it may be level pegging with the port).

I don't know about the rest of you, but as far as I'm concerned, the best part of camping in Winter is sitting around the campfire, sipping a few quiet ones and sharing stories with friends. It's just bloody brilliant.

To this end I am asking members to put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard) and send in your most memorable campfire stories. I'm looking for the funniest or most dramatic or even most romantic fireside happenings that can be published. Any that are too risqué to publish will still be accepted, but they'll be kept out of the magazine. I might even organise a small prize for the best story that I publish, so get typing. (Note to President: Greenie, is it OK if I offer a prize for the best story?)

Anyway, I hope to see you all around the campfire at the end of July.

Take care,

Scott.



P.S. There was a post to our Facebook page recently regarding D shackles. I have added the document relating to this in the back half of this magazine for you to have a look at. It's interesting for what it DOESN'T say.

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**Central Coast Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.**  
**General Meeting**

Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Held at:** Tuggerah Primary School, Tuggerah

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

**Attendance:** As per the Attendance Book

**Apologies:** Scott & Madeleine Sheldon, Glenn and Carissa, Deidre Mudge, Spotto, Heather Brown, Tappy, Paul Fisher

**Visitors:** As per attendance book ,

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the previous meeting of Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 were tabled.

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

**Moved:** Scott Good

**Seconded:** David Brown

**CARRIED**

**Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

1. Nil.

**Correspondence Inward**

Inward - post

1. Bank statement, EFTPOS statement
2. Camp Quality
3. Cancer Council
4. Care flight
5. Central coast council, notice of lease renewal

## Inward – email

1. New member enquiries, renewal enquiries
2. NSW/ACT 4WD Assoc
  - a. Aust National Four Wheel Drive Clubs insurance documents
  - b. 4WD Now June newsletter
  - c. Adventure Super Show June newsletter
3. Hunter Region
  - a. June meeting agenda
4. Convict Trail Project June newsletter
5. Invoice for school hall hire and notice that hall not available for July meeting
6. Port Macquarie 4WD Club May 17 newsletter
7. Advertisers

Nil

## Outwards

1. Responses to membership and new member enquiries
2. Lots and lots of Committee business
- 3.

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

**Moved:**            Tony Clark                      **Seconded:** David Brown                      **CARRIED**

## **Treasurer’s Report:**

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

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

**Moved:**            Simon                              **Seconded:** Bev Fort                      **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: \$

**Moved:** Simon Newton      **Seconded:** David Brown      **CARRIED**

**Membership:**

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

**Moved:** Steve Farmer      **Seconded:** Bev Fort      **CARRIED**

**Presentations:**

President Craig presented new member packs for: Marty and Sherron Crabbe

**Driver Training Unit:**

Certificates presented to:

Stage 1:

Stage 2:

**Advertising:**

**Editor:**

- Keep content coming in

**Merchandise:**

- New jackets, beanies

**Lease Manager:**

**Delegates Report:**

**Last committee meeting held:** 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 at the Woodbury Park Community Centre, 1 Woolmers Crescent, Mardi

Business Arising:

1. No fee increase this year

**Next committee meeting to be held on** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, 7:30pm at the Woodbury Park Community Centre, 1 Woolmers Crescent, Mardi

**General Business:**

- ACT/NSW 4wd Association new insurance policy summarised by Craig Green. Club should save around 600 / 700 per year
- Membership renewals due
- Xmas in just helpers needed, call Neale Simpson
- Special Resolution to update the constitution and bylaws of the club to the new version which has been available on the club website for 45 days  
**Moved By:** Steve Farmer **Seconded:** Bev Fort  
Vote unanimous, proxies for Scott Sheldon and Alan Kerle both in favour
- Vote of thanks for Scott Sheldon for all his work on the constitution  
**Moved:** Steve Farmer **Seconded:** Peter Glendinning

**Social Co-ordinator Extraordinaire:**

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**Trip Master:**

- Nathalie apologies please contact her if you are doing Coolah Tops reccy
- Upcoming trips report

Trip reports:

1. Trip report Jackie Cobbold reported In Return to Lithgow trip.

**Piston-Broke Trophy:** Steve Turdak

**Pissed & Broken Cup:** Matt Core

**Up Coming Trips** As per the calendar

**Upcoming Events** As per the calendar

**Items for Sale**

- Coopers tyres, patrol bits, rubber recovery tracks

**Fun Fines:**

- No badges

**Raffle:**

**Meeting Closed** 8:50 pm

**Next General meeting will be held on** Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

The minutes of this meeting were recorded by: Steve Farmer, Assistant Secretary

**Meeting Chairman**

**President Craig Green**



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“What are they?” you may ask.

Well, they have been provided as a safety aid to prevent people (especially small children) wandering too close to the fire pit and falling in. They can easily be placed around the fire towards the end of the night when people are heading off to bed, so that any little cherubs who get up very early the next morning can't find their way into a bed of smouldering coals.

Please note, though, that supervision is by far the best protection you can give your little ones. Don't assume that “somebody” will watch over them, because it has been known to happen that “somebody” may assume “anybody” is paying attention when, in fact, “nobody” is looking.



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# PRESENTATIONS

Piston Broke trophy to Steve Turdak.



Pissed'N'Fellover trophy to Matt Core.



New Member Packs



## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

WHEN Saturday 29 July 2017

WHERE Casurina Camping Area, Watagan State Forest

WHO All Club members are invited to attend all or part of the weekend, there is no limit to numbers

TIME This is an all weekend event. Camping is available at any time; most members begin arriving from Wednesday 26th July.

Sign in will commence on Friday 28th July 2017

Volunteers are required to collect firewood on Wednesday, Thursday and possibly Friday (details to be released closer to the time)

WHAT'S ON There will be trips of all classifications leaving from Casurina Campground on Saturday commencing at approx. 9.30am. More details will be available when you sign in.

Hopefully there will be a recovery trip leaving Casurina Campground at 10.00am Sunday 30th July 2017

There will be continuous movies for the little ones, in the Association Trailer from about 4.30pm daily. ie. Friday and Saturday

A separate fire-pit will be available for camp oven cooking

There will be various games for both the little ones and for adults during Saturday afternoon and evening

(PLEASE NOTE ONLY THOSE OVER 18 CAN PARTICIPATE IN SOME OF THE ADULT ACTIVITIES.)

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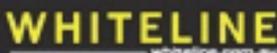
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# Upcoming Trips Guide

Date	Event	Class	Trip Leader	Telephone	Limit
15th July	Watagans Day Trip	C	Tony Clark	0411 090 653	
29th July	Christmas in July	E	Neale Simpson	0404 843 445	No Limit
12th August	Day trip to Stockton Beach	C-B	Richard Smith	0449 090 113	20
12th—13th August	Association Advanced Accreditation	B	Association—Peter Wade	0417 750 150	
19th—20th August	Cells River	C-C+	Tony Clark Faye Goodman	0411 090 653 0423 008 628	8
25th—27th August	Coolah Tops Adventure	C-D	Natalie Duncan	0410697553	12
2nd—3rd September	Bush Cooking Weekend and Working Bee	E	Faye Goodman (Cooking) Craig Green (Working Bee)	0423 008 628 0408 436 727	No Limit
8th—11th September	Abercrombie National Park to Yerranderie Ghost Town	C-D	Scott Horne	0431578142	8
8th—14th September	Yerranderie Ghost Town to Abercrombie Caves- and Lake Wyangala	D-E	Scott Horne	0431578142	8
9th September	Bush First Aid	E	Jackie Cobbold	0401 864 070	
22—24 September	Central Coast 4WD CaravanCamping and Boat Show	E	TBA	TBA	No Limit
7th—9th October	Coolah Tops Adventure	C-D	Natalie Duncan	0410697553	12
13th-15th October	4WD Adventure Show	E	N/A	N/A	No Limit
October-November Dates TBA	Victoria Explorer	C-D	Jaan Oitmaa	4339 7010	TBA
27th December 2017—6th January 2018	Victorian High Country	C-C+	Tony Clark Faye Goodman	0411 090 653 0423 008 628	8

# ***HUMOROUS OBSERVATIONS***

## **Super Dress**

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

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

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

## **Pearl Dream**

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

"You'll know tonight." he said.

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

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

## **Name Warning**

On a street, where the speed is limited to 50 kph the police stop a driver.

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

"Schtrathewisizeski Vocgefastilongchinic."

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

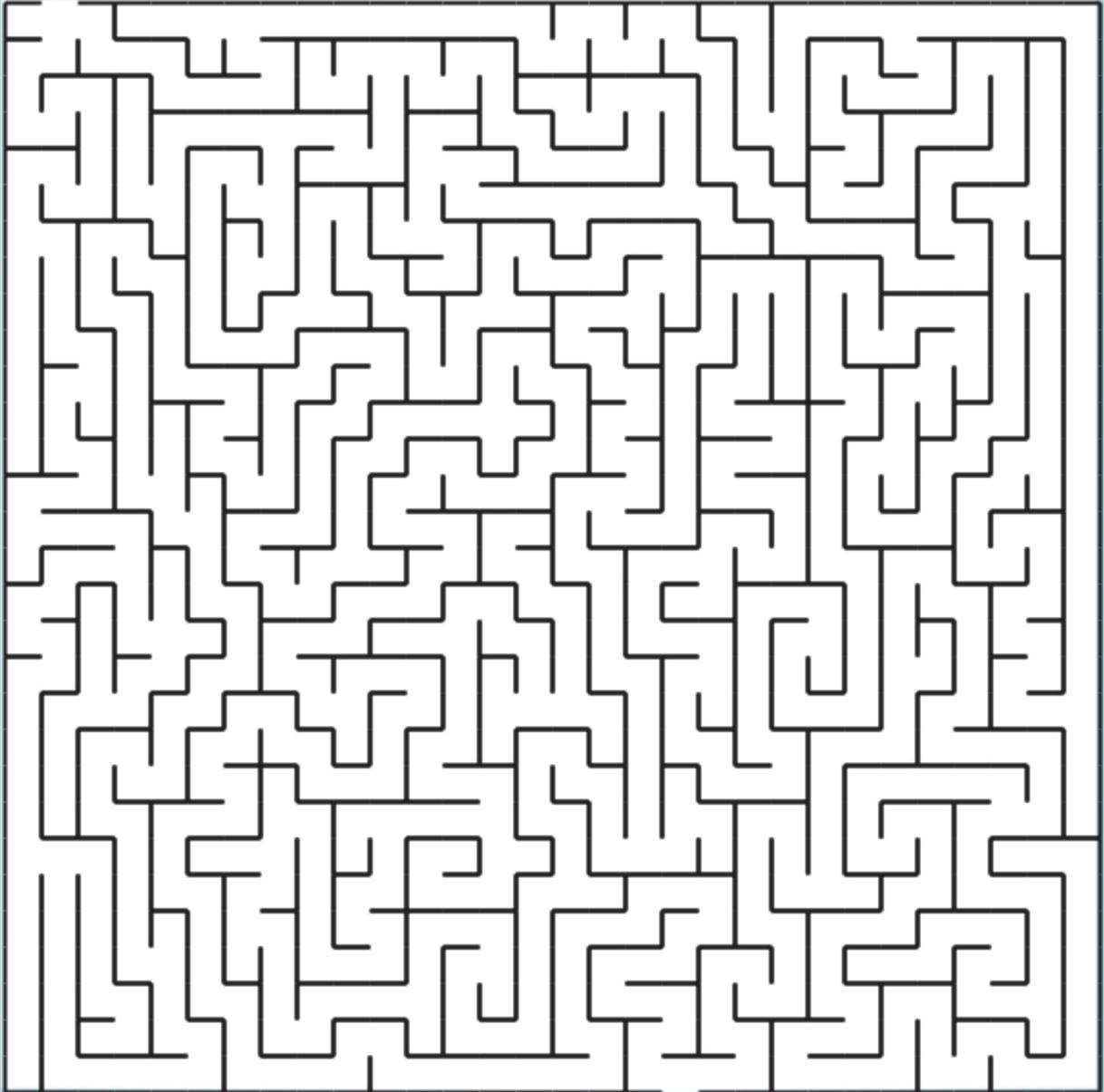
## **Bonus**

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

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

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

# CRAZY MAZE



## Meeting Dates 2017

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- General Meeting
- Committee Meeting
- Membership Fees Due
- Ladies Craft Night

## **TRIP BOOK-IN PROCEDURE**

1. You must personally book in.
2. If you book in early you must confirm that you still intend going no later than two weeks before the trip. If you do not confirm your position will be re-allocated
3. If you are unable to attend please notify the trip leader as soon as possible so that someone else has the opportunity to fill the position.
4. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to contact the trip leader the night before the trip. This will enable you to confirm your attendance, and also check that the trip hasn't been affected by weather conditions.
5. Trips can only be booked once they have been published in the Club Magazine. A sign in sheet will be available at each monthly meeting.

## **TRIP CLASSIFICATION CODES**

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

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

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

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

**E.** This class of trip is considered to be very easy. Little or not four wheel driving will be required and these trips usually consist of easy to reach base camps, scenic tours, social events, etc.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: ALL A, B, AND C TRIPS YOUR VEHICLE MUST BE ABLE TO ENGAGE LOW RANGE.** These classifications codes are A GUIDE ONLY.

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**Saturday 9th September 2017**

The CC4WDC is fortunate to be able to offer “Bush” First Aid Training at a subsidized price to its members for \$120, a saving of \$60.

The training will take place at the lease on Saturday the 15th of September from 9-4pm, with prior completion of an on-line module.

This training is provided by ABC First Aid (HLTAID003), who are a registered RTO provider. This certification is the minimum requirement for workplace recognition.

Please contact Jackie for more information and to register via email: [Jackie.cobbold@hotmail.com](mailto:Jackie.cobbold@hotmail.com) . Mobile: 0401 864 070

Payment will be required on confirmation of registration and receipt of an invoice.

The club has made a \$150 contribution to a BBQ dinner on Saturday night, so make a weekend of it.

# Driver Awareness Training

## Stage One

**Dates for 2017— all sessions start at 8 a.m. and run until approximately 4 pm**

**Sunday 20th August 2017**

**Sunday 15th October 2017**

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

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

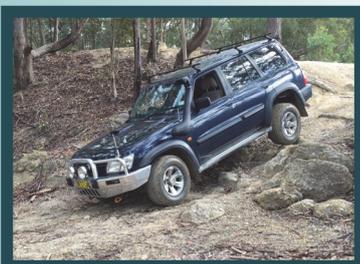
### **What to expect:**

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

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

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

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



# Driver Awareness Training

## Stage Two

Dates for 2017—sessions start Saturday 8 am, with additional opportunities on Sunday

Saturday 15th July

Saturday 16th September

Saturday 18th 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.*

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## **CIRCULAR 0-1-3**

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### **SAFETY CHAIN CONNECTION DEVICES FOR ROAD TRAILERS WHICH ARE UP TO 3.5 tonnes (3,500kg) AGGREGATE TRAILER MASS (ATM)**

#### **1. Scope**

The purpose of this Circular is to provide assistance for owners and operators in selecting an appropriate safety chain connection device for a road trailer of up to 3,500 kg ATM.

#### **2. Introduction**

The Commonwealth's *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* (the Act) requires all road vehicles (including trailers and caravans) to comply with national vehicle standards known as the Australian Design Rules (ADRs) before they can be supplied to the Australian market for use in transport. The ADRs are performance-based standards for vehicle safety, vehicle emissions, anti-theft and to promote the saving of energy.

Once a vehicle has been supplied to the Australian market, matters of in-service compliance, including registration, allowable combination vehicles, roadworthiness and modifications (including the fitting of aftermarket components) pass to relevant state or territory road authorities. Generally, state and territory road authorities require a vehicle to continue to comply with all relevant ADRs as of its date of manufacture (or later), with exceptions to account for special use vehicles and vehicle wear and tear.

The Australian Motor Vehicle Certification Board (AMVCB) provides a mechanism to manage specific issues that may occur from time to time between first supply to the market of a road vehicle and in-service operation. In this instance, the AMVCB has agreed to provide guidance material to assist owners and operators of light road trailers in selecting the appropriate safety chain connection device for a road trailer of up to 3,500 kg ATM.

This guidance material was developed with the agreement of state and territory regulators in order to provide a uniform approach in Australia to the use of safety chain connection devices. Since there is no legal obligation to comply with this guidance material, if an individual or a company chooses not to follow this material, it is the responsibility of the person or the company to demonstrate to state or territory road authorities that a particular safety chain connection device is appropriate for the combination vehicle.

#### **3. Background to shackles as safety chain connection devices**

Bow-Shackles and D-Shackles that comply with Australian Standard (AS) 2741 are rated for lifting applications and have a breaking load marked on the shackle that is higher than the Working Load Limit (WLL). Since the loading on these shackles is different when used to attach a safety chain to a road vehicle as compared to when used in lifting applications, a road trailer may be towed that is heavier than the shackle's WLL.

The relationship between WLL and towing capacity is given in Table 1. Typical shackles recommended based on trailer ATM.



#### 4. Safety chain connection device recommendations

Safety chains may be attached to the towbar attachment points with a Bow, D or Pin-Shackle. As they are considered integral with the towbar, safety chain attachment points on the towbar that include a Pin-Shackle or bolt for attaching the chain are subject to performance requirements as per ADR 62/01 or 02 - Mechanical Connections between Vehicles.

Shackles used to attach safety chains to towbar attachment points should at a minimum exceed the required rating of the safety chain, as determined by the ATM of the road trailer. Additionally, the shackle should be fit for purpose and compatible with the safety chain in terms of strength and size. This may be fulfilled by:

- a) The use of a shackle that is compatible with the safety chain and complying with AS 2741. In this case, the shackle must have appropriate markings, as identified below:
  - Manufacturers Identification;
  - Quality or Grade as M or 4, or S or 6;
  - WLL, the maximum load that may be applied to the shackle; and
  - Identification marking to trace the shackle to a test certificate.

Trailer ATM (kg)	For Bow or D-Shackles complying with AS 2741			
	Minimum shackle Working Load Limit (WLL) (kg)	Minimum size of shackles (Body diameter, not pin size)		
		Grade M (or 4) D-Shackle (mm)	Grade S (or 6) D-Shackle (mm)	Grade S (or 6) Bow-Shackle (mm)
0-1,000	250	6	6	5
1,001-1,600	400	10	6	6
1,601-2,500	625	13	8	8
2,501-3,500	875	16	10	10

Table 1 – Typical shackles recommended based on trailer ATM

- b) Alternatively, the use of a shackle that is compatible with the safety chain and is of a reputable brand. In this case, the shackle will have appropriate markings to show the brand and or part identification sufficient to trace its brand and strength back the original manufacturer.



## 5. Definitions

For definitions used in this Circular, refer to Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule Definitions and Vehicle Categories) 2005, as well as the following:

**AGGREGATE TRAILER MASS (ATM)** - the total mass of the laden trailer when carrying the maximum load recommended by the *'Manufacturer'*. This will include any mass imposed onto the drawing vehicle when the Combination Vehicle is resting on a horizontal supporting plane.

**AUSTRALIAN MOTOR VEHICLE CERTIFICATION BOARD (AMVCB)** – A consultation forum that consists of representatives of government (Australian, state and territory as well as the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator and the National Transport Commission), with its primary role being to facilitate the first supply of vehicles into the Australian market.

**AUSTRALIAN STANDARD 2741-2002 "SHACKLES" (AS 2741)** - Specifies requirements for forged shackles.

**AUSTRALIAN STANDARD 4177.4-2004 "CARAVAN AND LIGHT TRAILER TOWING COMPONENTS - SAFETY CHAINS UP TO 3,500KG CAPACITY" (AS 4177.4)** - Specifies requirements for safety chains.

**BOW-SHACKLE** – "O" shaped body that is enclosed at the end by either a threaded clevis or cotter pin and used to connect a safety chain between a road motor vehicle and road trailer.

**CARAVAN** - any enclosed road trailer designed primarily for human occupation whilst stationary.

**COMBINATION VEHICLE** - a combination of a road motor vehicle and one road trailer.

**D-SHACKLE** – "U" shaped body that is enclosed at the end by either a threaded clevis or cotter pin and used to connect a safety chain between a road motor vehicle and road trailer.

**PIN-SHACKLE** – a device integral to a tow bar, which may consist of brackets and a bolt, clevis or cotter pin and used to connect a safety chain between a road motor vehicle and road trailer.

**ROAD MOTOR VEHICLE** - a motor vehicle designed solely or principally for the transport on public roads of people, animals or goods or a motor vehicle that is permitted to be used on public roads.

**ROAD TRAILER** - a vehicle without motive power designed for attachment to a road motor vehicle; or a piece of machinery or equipment that is equipped with wheels and designed to be towed behind a road motor vehicle.

**SAFETY CHAIN** – a chain, which is attached between the towbar of a road motor vehicle and the drawbar of a road trailer and, which for a road trailer with a ATM of up to 3,500kg meets the requirements of AS 4177.4, or is a cable which is appropriate for the application; and for a road trailer with a ATM exceeding 3,500kg a steel chain with a minimum of 800MPa breaking stress that conforms to the mechanical properties of Grade T chain.

**SAFETY CHAIN CONNECTION DEVICE** – a device that connects a safety chain to the towbar (mechanical connection) of a road motor vehicle, for example a D-shackle, Bow-Shackle or Pin shackle.

**TOWBAR** - a device attached to a road motor vehicle provided for connection of a road motor vehicle to a *'Coupling'* for the towing of a road trailer.

**WORKING LOAD LIMIT (WLL)** – the maximum load that may be applied to a Bow, D, or Pin-Shackle.

# YERRANDERIE GHOST TOWN to ABERCROMBIE CAVES and LAKE WYANGALA.

WHEN: Friday 8th to Thursday 14th September 2017.

TRIP LEADER: Scott Horne Mobile 0431578142.

CLASS: E to D.

VEHICLE LIMIT: 8 Camper Trailers & Tents only.

MEETING TIME: 8.00am for 8.30 am departure.

MEET: Hawksbury rest area M-1 at 8.00am and depart 8.30am.

Day 1 Travel Great Western Hwy and regroup at Little Hartley Historic Village around 10.45am for morning tea. Then head via Hampton and refuel at Oberon. Around 2 hrs 45 minutes drive to Yerranderie via Black Springs.

2 night stay at Yerranderie Private Town \$14 per person per night, Free fire wood, Hot Showers & Flushing Toilets.

Day 3 Head over to Abercrombie Caves 2 Night Stay. \$15 per person per night. Hot showers & Toilet amenities block. Barbecue facilities. 60 unmarked sites no pre bookings available.

Day 5 Head over to Lake Wyangala. Darbys Falls River Reserve (beside Lachlan river) toilets only free camp. 2 night stay.

Explore local areas Lake Wyangala Cowra etc

Day 7 Head home via Bathurst. Note: Those wishing to finish trip and head home via Great Western Hwy or optional head home via Sofala, Bylong Valley over to the Golden Hwy. Extra night stay at

Ration Point camp ground beside river, 3 km east of Sofala , toilets only, free camp.

WHAT TO BRING: Spare fuel containers, food, drinking water, good walking shoes, head lamp, bag of fire wood.

# *Bush Cooking Weekend and Working Bee*



- Trip Leader:** Faye Goodman 0423 008 628 (Bush Cooking)  
Craig Green 0408 436 727 (Working Bee)
- Where:** We-Leaser
- When:** Saturday 2nd September—Sunday 3rd September 2017
- Meet:** Arrive whenever suits you
- Class:** E—social
- Bring:** Food and drinking water for two days, camp oven, cooking ingredients. Optional—Formal opp shop outfit.

Come along for a fun social weekend and an opportunity to swap campfire cooking ideas and show off your skills.

There are some jobs that need to be completed at We-Leaser, so we thought we would combine the bush cooking weekend with a working bee on Saturday morning.

On Saturday afternoon, we will stoke up the fire and get some bush cooking happening. Prizes will be awarded in four categories. Enter as many categories as you want!

Best Plain Damper

Best Fancy Damper

Best Cake or Slice

Best “anything goes” recipe

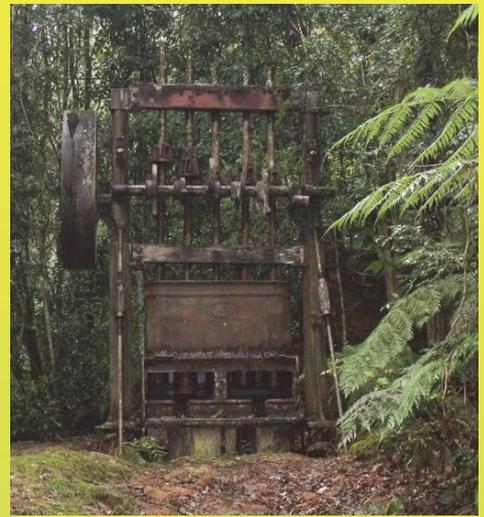
Bring along your ingredients for a camp oven dinner on Saturday night and optionally your best “Op shop” formal clothing for an evening at the 5 million star “Rosebud Café”

If you are in need of some inspiration, here is a link to a some great [camp oven cooking recipes](#)



# Cells River

**19-20 August 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 19th August, 2017—Sunday 20th August, 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—Not suitable for camper trailers.

## **Minimum**

**Requirements:** All terrain or mud tyres, Stage 2 awareness or equivalent experience.

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 traverse the steep (and often muddy) Cells Jeep Track past some interesting gold mining relics, through four crossings of the Cells River and then back up the steep and rutted Eagle Hawk Track. We should be in camp in time for happy hour at Maxwell's Flat Campground, a basic campground with drop toilet and a creek nearby. Sunday we will 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 home via Wingham and Taree.

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



# Victorian High Country

**27 December 2017-6 January, 2018**

- Trip Leader:** Tony Clark 0411 090 653  
Faye Goodman 0423 008 628
- Where:** Alpine National Park, Victoria
- When:** Wednesday 27 December, 2017-Saturday 6th January, 2018
- Meet:** 8.30 a.m. Corryong Bakery, 27 Hansen Street, Corryong
- Class:** C-C+ This trip is not suitable for camper trailers
- Bring:** You must be fully prepared for remote area travelling with sufficient food for ten days, drinking water, winter and summer clothing, recovery gear, shower tent, toilet, snorkel or car bra and at least 100 litres of fuel.
- Limit:** 8 vehicles

The Victorian High Country is home to some of the most challenging, interesting and famed four wheel drive tracks in Australia. The breathtaking [Alpine National Park](#) is the realm of towering mountains, mighty rivers, high-altitude meadows filled with stunning wildflowers, historic huts and a great diversity of wildlife.

Our trip will commence from [Corryong](#). We will first explore the Eastern side of the High Country, travelling the Davies Plain Track and climbing [Mt Pinnibar](#), Victoria's highest mountain and the highest driveable place in Australia. We then plan to travel through [Omeo](#) to [Dargo](#) where there will be an opportunity to refuel.

Next we will make our way through the Western side of the high country exploring some spectacular places. Depending on weather conditions we plan to travel through Kellys Hut, Dingo Hill, Caledonia River Track, Howitt Plain, King Billy, Bluff Hut and [Craigs Hut](#). Or we may incorporate the Wonnangatta Valley and Zeka Spur in place of the Caledonia River Track if the weather is hot. We hope to spend our last night at [Lake Cobbler](#) and will aim to exit the high country at [Myrtleford](#) on Saturday, 6th January, 2018.

The route will be flexible and may change at any time due to track and weather conditions. It is a rolling trip so you must be prepared to pack up and be on the road early most days. Please feel free to call us if you need any more information. We will be holding an information sharing session in October for participants to run through the agenda and vehicle preparation requirements in more detail.

**Note:** This trip notice contains a number of hyperlinks, just click on anything that is underlined to take you to a website with more information.

# WATAGANS DAY TRIP

- Trip Leader:** Tony Clark            0411 090 653
- Where:**            Watagan and Olney State Forest
- When:**            8.30 a.m. Saturday 15th July 2017
- Meet:**            Twin Servo Nth Bound M1 Hwy Wyong. Truck parking area out the back.
- Class:**            C
- Bring:**            Morning tea, lunch, usual recovery gear, All Terrain or Mud tyres.

This day trip is a great opportunity to check out a few tracks prior to the upcoming Xmas in July gathering.

After leaving the meeting point we'll head up Cut Rock road, taking some rutted diversion tracks to Casuarina Campground for morning tea.

We'll then head down "Pink Ribbon" track for lunch and, just because we can, go back up again to look at some unusual rock carvings.

Home via The Basin through Yarramalong Valley.

This is a great trip for new members to experience some interesting tracks and terrain.

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



## Coolah Tops Adventure

**Trip leader:** Natalie Duncan Mob. 0410697553

**Meeting place:** Northbound Caltex servo. Olivers carpark.

**Meeting Time:** 9:30AM

**Dates:** 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> August and 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Trip grade:** C-D

**Number of vehicles:** 12

Hello all. Come along on a scenic and historical trip around this wonderful park. Enjoy the views of the Liverpool ranges and water falls, the largest native grass trees, home to the tallest snow gums and stringy bark gums and the array of wild life. We will be doing some driving and some bush walking to a view.

Most of the walking is easy, except the trail to the Lava caves (Lava caves only done if group wish to).

We will be staying at the barracks camp ground which is free, and camping trailer friendly.



# VICTORIA EXPLORER

Leader: Jaan Oitmaa 4339 7010

Dates: 2 weeks in Oct. – Nov. (dates to be finalised)

The trip will explore diverse parts of Victoria and will include 4 of the designated 'Victoria's Iconic 4WD Adventures' ( see [www.iconic4wd.com.au](http://www.iconic4wd.com.au)). The first few days will be on the Murray, in the Echuca area, with the River Red Gum drive. From there we will head to the Grampians to explore some of the drives there. Next will be the Otways area, including the Great Ocean Road and tracks in the Great Otway National Park. Heading home we will take the Snowy River Rd. through Buchan, with a side trip to the McKillop's Bridge area. The tracks are generally rated easy.

Vehicle Limit: 6, caravans/camper trailers OK, except for the last part, where trailers may need to be left at Buchan.

Class: C-D

There will be some 4wd driving, but the main focus is exploration and photography.

For more information phone me, or send me an email at

[j.oitmaa@unsw.edu.au](mailto:j.oitmaa@unsw.edu.au)

# Day Trip to Stockton Beach

## The day of the trip

The trip will start from the Metro servo at Lavis Lane, Williamtown at 8:30am on 12/8/2017. We will make our way to the beach and go to:

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And to the world war 2 tank traps

Play on the Dunes

I encourage new members for this trip

## Cost of permits

The cost of the permit is \$10 for 3 days or \$30 for 12 months

## Food and Drink

Bring your own food and drinks

Must bring water

## Recovery Gear

Must bring own recovery gear, E.g. snatch strap and MaxTrax

Must have a working uhf radio

## Trip grade

The trip grade for this trip is C, but could become B

Maximum number of vehicles— 20 is the limit.

# Club Merchandise For Sale

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

Contact: Allan Booth on 49732249

<b>Jacket</b> (polar fleece with emblem)	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>Green sleeveless vest</b> (polar fleece with emblem)	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Club Shirt</b> (with Embroidered Club Logo)	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Long Sleeve Bisley Shirt</b> (with Embroidered Club Logo)	<b>\$55.00</b>
<b>Optional Extra</b> (with first Name only)	<b>POA</b>
<b>Wet Weather light-weight Jacket</b> (with Embroidered Club Logo)	<b>POA</b>
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<b>CC4WD Club Windscreen Stickers</b> Short	<b>\$8.00</b>

Our windscreen stickers are made by one of our club members, Chris Newbold and donated to the club. Thank you Chris!



## OUR CLUB WEBSITE

Click here to visit our club website [www.cc4wdc.org.au](http://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](mailto:publicity@cc4wdc.org.au)

## CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE

Find us on 

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

## CLUB FACEBOOK MEMBERS GROUP

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

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

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

## FOUR WHEEL DRIVE NSW & ACT ASSOCIATION

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

- Click here to go to [www.4wdnow.com](http://www.4wdnow.com)
- Find the "login" option on the left of the page
- Register your details
- Once verified by our club you will have access to the members area



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